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CROWN HEIGHTS United Methodist Church

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST –

Give Me That Old Time Religion

August 5:

Pool Party for the Children at Judge Amicks – noon – 3pm

August 6:

Trustees Meeting - noon
Supper Club - 2-5pm
Pool Party at Tiffany's

August 13:

Administrative Council Mtg. - noon

August 15:

Tuesday, Ladies' Day Out - 11am

August 20:

Youth event - ColorFest, 2:30 - 6pm

SEPTEMBER –

Journey through Exodus

September 10:

Homecoming Sunday, Reception on Portico - noon

September 13:

Wednesday, Ladies' Day Out - 11am

Revival at Crown Heights

Back in seminary at the start of each class for Christian History, we sang to the theologian we would study that day. The song was always the same, the name in the verse would change. For example:

*Give me that old time religion, give me that old time religion,
give me that old time religion, it's good enough for me!
It was good enough for Augustine, it was good enough for Augustine,
it was good enough for Augustine, it's good enough for me!*

I loved being reminded that we find ourselves in a long tradition of faithful people. Their faith teaches us and supports us in our faith.

Throughout the month of August, we will be celebrating That Old Time Religion with a revival feel in our worship. We will be singing some of the old songs, and I will provide the history of how those songs came about. Below is the story of The Doxology. Our scripture lessons will each be about a little known biblical character. From Ehud and Samson, to Mephibosheth and Rhoda— these almost forgotten stewards of faith have something to teach us. So let's gather 'round and hear these old stories!

As we worship together this month, I hope we get washed over in the spirit of a revival, where the songs and scriptures lesson will come to life for us, and we will celebrate That Old Time Religion once again!

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Before Charles Wesley or Isaac Watts there was Thomas Ken who has been called "England's first hymnist." He was born in 1637 in Little Berkhamstead on the fringes of greater London. When his parents died, he raised by his half-sister and her husband who enrolled him in Winchester College, an historic boys' school. Thomas was later ordained to the ministry and returned to Winchester as a chaplain.

To encourage the devotional habits of the boys, Thomas wrote three hymns in 1674. This was revolutionary because English hymns had not yet appeared. Only the Psalms were sung in public worship. Ken suggested the boys use the hymns privately in their rooms.

One hymn was to be sung upon waking, another at bedtime, and a third at midnight if sleep didn't come. His morning hymn had thirteen stanzas, beginning with:

*Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise, to pay the morning sacrifice.*

His evening hymn, equally meaningful, included this verse:

*All praise to Thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light!
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath Thine own almighty wings.*

All three hymns ended with a common stanza, which has since become the most widely-sung verse in the world.

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

In 1680, Thomas was appointed chaplain to England's King Charles II. It was a thankless job, as Charles kept a variety of mistresses. Once the king asked to lodge a mistress in the chaplain's residence. Thomas rebuked him saying, "Not for the King's Kingdom!" Afterward the king referred to him as "that little man who refused lodging to poor Nellie."

During the reign of the next king, James II, Thomas by now a bishop, was sent to the Tower of London for his Protestant convictions. After his release, Thomas retired to the home of a wealthy friend where he died on March 11, 1771. He was buried at sunrise, and the Doxology was sung at his funeral.

UPCOMING EVENTS - CONTINUED:

October –

Putting Others First through Service and Giving

October 1:

Sunday at Worship- Bring cookies and bread to church (to benefit the youth, homebound members, receptions, and first-time visitors).

October 8:

Saturday, Church Workday, with UCO 9am-2pm

October 15:

Wednesday evening, Dinner for Eight at member's houses with a service project

October 22:

Wednesday evening, Work at the Food Bank October 25

November –

November 11:

Saturday, Charge Conference 10am-2pm

Proposed Structural Change for Crown Heights UMC

In Reggie McNeal's book called *Kingdom Come*, he reminds us Christ came to build his Kingdom on earth and the church is a tool to do that work. But we must remember Christ didn't come to save the church but the world. McNeal tells the story of an attorney in a church, who served the church faithfully. He served on every lay committee. But all the while, the man wanted to truly engage with the mission of God. Too often when people enter the church to serve God, we are only able to help them serve the church.

Crown Heights United Methodist Church is looking at changing our church structure so that we can better serve the Kingdom of God. We want mission and ministry to drive our church. This is where people find Christ. Of course, we still need people to commit to the administration of the church, as well.

Being proposed is a single board model. We propose a Ministry Resource Team (consisting of 13 people) be charged with resourcing and supporting the vision and mission of our church. Their job is to oversee the finances, facilities, staff, and all administrative workings of the church. A Nominating Committee is to name members to the Ministry Resource Team. Task force groups will support the Ministry Resource Team with the work of overseeing finances, improving our building, and implementing ministries programs.

The details of the proposed structure will be distributed through Admin Council or the church office. If you have interest in how we better organize, read what is proposed for our church. Share your comments with Julie Williams, Janet Basler, or Trina Bose North. We are doing this work hopefully to enable more people to do ministry, while preserving the integrity of our operations.

August Sermons

Give Me that Ol' Time Religion

August 6

Judges 3:12-30

The Story of Ehud
"007 Meets God"

August 13

Judges 16:4-21

The Story of Samson
"Stop Making Me a Fool and Lying to Me"

August 20

2 Samuel 9:1-13

The Story of Mephibosheth
"A Generation Later"

August 27

Acts 12:13-16

Guest preacher, Rev. Derrek Belase, Director of Discipleship

The Story of Rhoda
"Forgetting Something?"



Accountable Leadership

Administrative Council = Role is governance

Missional Council = Role is vision

Minister = Role is leading

Staff (paid & unpaid) = Role is managing

Members = Role is ministering

Membership Updates

Jay Acquaviva joined May 7

Tiffany Eichner joined July 2

Tom, Cindy & Edie Krone transferred their membership on July 23

Looking Ahead to September

2017 Apportionments

		Unpaid Balance
Africa University	\$139.00	\$120.00
Black College Fund	\$619.00	\$538.00
Board of Ordained Ministry	\$538.00	\$433.00
Camps and Conferences	\$680.00	\$547.00
Campus Ministries	\$1,639.00	\$1,425.00
Circle of Care	\$1,586.00	\$1,378.00
Cookson Hills Center	\$156.00	PAID
Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries	\$850.00	\$513.00
Hispanic Ministries	\$326.00	\$283.00
Lydia Patterson Institute	\$182.00	\$159.00
Ministerial Education Fund	\$1,553.00	\$1,351.00
Neighborhood Services Organization	\$28.00	\$1.00
New Faith Communities	\$2,499.00	\$2,172.00
New People/New Places	\$3,045.00	\$2,647.00
Office of Mission	\$878.00	\$763.00
OK Indian Missionary	\$340.00	\$296.00
Oklahoma City University	\$1,947.00	\$1,693.00
Project Transformation	\$14.00	PAID
Restore Hope	\$212.00	\$185.00
Skyline Urban Ministry	\$212.00	\$185.00
St. Paul Seminary	\$609.00	\$174.00
World Service Fund	\$6,478.00	\$5,624.00

SEPTEMBER SERMONS

Journey through Exodus

September 3 Exodus 2:1-10
"Ordinary Becomes Extraordinary"

September 10 Exodus 3:1-15
Homecoming "God-Sightings"

September 17 Exodus 12:1-14
"God of Israel and Beyond"

Special Music:
"Oh Mary, Don't You Weep, Don't You Mourn"

September 24 Exodus 16:2-15
"Manna and Quail"

Guest preacher, Rev. Elizabeth Horton-Ware,
 Director of Student Life at OCU

Mission Trip

December 26-30, 2017 to Sunflower, Mississippi



Five years ago, Rev. Veronica Pritchard was appointed to a tiny church in Sunflower, MS. She was there to close the doors; they were just too small. But when she arrived, Veronica saw the needs of the poor community surrounding the church and got to work instead. She helped transform her church into a center where mission teams come to work on the homes in their area. Veronica says, "Delta Grace is a year-round mission hub that provides beds, showers, kitchen facilities, and mission opportunities for mission teams. Teams work on homes of many who have lost hope and do not know what tomorrow brings. Our purpose is to match mission teams with mission work within an hour's drive. Our prayer is that the volunteers will transform the lives of those they serve and in turn have their lives transformed." Check out their website at deltagrace.org.

Crown Heights UMC is looking into forming a mission team to go to Sunflower, Mississippi. We will leave Tuesday December 26, returning Saturday December 30, 2017. We will drive to Mississippi and stay in the Delta Grace dorms. We will do light construction work for three days before returning home. The cost person is \$325. All ages are welcome.

If you would like to join us, talk to Trina Bose North for additional information. Team need 6, plus Trina & Justin North, to make.



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Save your travel size shampoos and bring them to the church. Free shampoos!

It's summer vacation time! As you are traveling this summer, keep in mind the complimentary toiletries from hotels can be useful to others. Please bring any unused toiletries items to the Garden Room. There is a box to collect any donations (right next to Skyline Eye Clinic donation box—hint! hint!). We will organize what we have into hygiene kits for NSO or Skyline.

Thank you.

Arts Academy by Janet Basler

ARTS ACADEMY AT CROWN HEIGHTS SERVING CHILDREN FROM PUTNAM HEIGHTS SCHOOL FOR 10 YEARS

WHAT A CONCEPT!!

1. Giving at-risk kids the chance to explore and develop their artistic sides.
2. Giving high school artists & musicians the chance to share their talents with younger students.
3. Putting wonderful, role models with younger kids looking for someone to 'be like'.

AND DOING IT ALL IN GOD'S NAME!!

The Arts Academy offers Putnam Heights Elementary students (for a small fee):

Individual: Piano, Guitar, Violin, & Drum Lessons
Small Group: Singing, Drawing, & Sculpting Lessons
A Bible Story and snack each week

Lessons are taught by students from 5 area High Schools.

THIS HAPPENS WHEN?

Every Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 pm
September to May (with school calendar breaks)

THIS HAPPENS WHERE? At the church.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Write encouraging letters to art students and teachers.
- Monitor the children during their music and art lessons (walk around the halls)
- Sit down, talk, and share a snack with parents as they wait for their children.
- Ride in the van as children are transported to the church and back home.
- Provide small snacks.
- Agree to be in prayer at the church during the times the kids are there.
- Attend the RECITAL/ART SHOWCASE at the end of the school year, and clap enthusiastically.

WHO CAN YOU CALL TO TALK TO ABOUT HELPING? Janet

Whiz Kids Begins 16th Year by Janet Basler

RJ and Jeremiah are two boys who were friends for a long time. When they were younger they played active games together anytime they could get away from the adults in their lives, and sometimes even around the adults in their lives.

Neither one had a male role model in their lives, but they enjoyed being little boys together, doing little boy things like running, and laughing, and making up stories, and getting into a little trouble here and there.

At school neither one could read very well. They acted up during times when they were expected to read. Then they were introduced to two adults who gave their time to Whiz Kids.

On Thursday afternoons, RJ and Jeremiah were each the center of attention for one adult. They were accepted for the little boys they were, and they had a chance to figure out what they could actually read, and learn more. Sometimes it meant walking around the building just writing down what they saw, then reading those words over and over. Sometimes it meant listening to a soothing voice read an adventure story. The one thing they knew was - they were important enough for an adult to spend time with them. They also had a chance each week to learn about God and Jesus during their small group Club Time. They asked many questions, and learned those wonderful stories by heart.

Eventually they outgrew Whiz Kids, and their tutors moved on to love other Whiz Kids. RJ & Jeremiah became model students in middle school. One still struggled with school, while one did well in honors classes. They remained friends, laughing, and playing around. But they also became well respected people in their school, taking on many responsibilities, and carrying them out with smiles and success.

They both remembered being Whiz Kids and asked to be able to come back. Hopefully, they will be able to do just that, as tutors, in a few years. It happens with Whiz Kids. They know the value of an older person being there week after week for them. They know what it is like to be cared for, no matter how well you read. And they know how much it helps to have someone help, just you, with one of the hardest things you have to learn.

Can you be a Whiz Kids tutor this year? I hope so. It takes 2 hours on Thursday afternoons, and the willingness to be there for a kid. Call Janet, to talk about the possibilities.

Summer Highlights

This has been another child-focused, fun-filled summer at Crown Heights UMC!

Vacation Bible School was June 19-22. Our theme was Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose. We had just over 50 children and youth attending. We had the best leaders working with the kids providing yummy meals, making thoughtful crafts, doing cool science projects, playing fun games, and learning exciting Bible stories. Many thanks to all who helped with VBS!



Crown Heights UMC sent 7 youth to Camp Spark (District Camp). We spent the week at Camp Canyon, hiking, swimming, worshipping, and small grouping. Each one of our youth had a good experience.



After church on July 23, we took 14 kids and youth to the splash pad at Memorial Park. It was a good time watching our kids run around and play!



Movie Night

Our immigration series continues with...

BIG CITY (1937)

starring Spencer Tracy and Louise Rainer

Saturday, August 26 @ 6:00pm



A turf war between union and independent taxi drivers complicates the lives of a New York cab driver and his immigrant wife during the Depression. An appealing combination of dramatic action and cute romance, this frantic film features cameos by several professional athletes of the era, including Oklahoma's own Jim Thorpe. Appropriate for ages 10+. Drinks and popcorn are provided. Other pot-luck movie snacks are welcome. RSVPs are helpful, but not required. Join us!

CHURCH STAFF

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May Highlights



Independence Day — Our children put out flags for the July 4th holiday. We appreciated the help in showing our festiveness to our neighbors!

A big thank you to Tom and Carol for all they have been doing around the church. Carol has been busy working on the landscaping, especially in Draper Garden. Take a look at the beautiful flowerbed in the center of the Garden. And Tom's green thumb has kept our church garden alive in this heat. Tom harvested enough spinach for Brigitte Gean to cook for Mobile Meals one week. Thank you, Tom and Carol Weaver!



Ladies' Day Out- July 19th we went to Stone Sisters Pizza for lunch. Each month we try a new place around town. Anyone is welcome to join— next month, mark your calendar for Tuesday August 15 at 11am.