



CROWN HEIGHTS United Methodist Church

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Time for a Good, Old Fashion Hymn Sing

by Trina Bose North

Here is the last verse of "How Firm a Foundation:"

*The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.*

This is one of my favorite hymns because of its beautiful theology. God is our foundation; God will never desert us. This is a hymn I learned as a teenage at a youth event. I still remember the person who brought these words to life for me.

What is your favorite hymn?

I know there's a lot packed into that question. Hymns can comfort us when we are scared, or sing our praises when we are filled with joy. We have sung different hymns at different times of our lives. And certain hymns remind us of special people. So I understand it's a difficult question.

A clergy friend of mine recently surveyed his church on their favorite hymns, and he posted the results on Facebook. He had a list of hymns 2 columns deep, and each one had 1 vote next to it! Goes to show, everyone has their own favorite hymn. That's why I asked for three choices on our church survey. Mariann and I are asking about your favorite hymns, so we can fill the beginning of September with preferred hymns from the congregation. Thank you for filling out your survey. We truly will do our best to choose songs based on the church's response.

September 2 is Labor Day Weekend. That Sunday, we will sing our way through worship, singing more than usual.

September 9 we will be back to our regular order of worship, but still singing favorites.

September 16 is our Homecoming Sunday! And of course, we want to sing the songs the church loves most!

Wesley's Directions for Singing

John Wesley wrote instructions to his congregations about how to sing. They are printed in the front of each United Methodist Hymnal.

1. Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.
2. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.
3. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can...
4. Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.
5. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.
6. Sing in time. Whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it...
7. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing....

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September & October Dates

September 2— Youth swim party
 September 9— SPRC meeting, after worship
 September 16— Homecoming 2018, Reception on portico
 September 19— Wednesday Ladies' Day Out at 11am
 September 29— Saturday Church Workday (9:30am-2pm)
 September 30— Reconciling Group, 4pm

October 9-12— Fishermen Class Mission Trip to Las Vegas
 October 16— Tuesday Ministry Resource Team meeting, 6pm
 October 17— Wednesday Ladies' Day Out at 11am
 October 21— Dr. Matthew Fox preaching in worship
 October 24— Wednesday volunteer at Food Bank
 October 28— Youth Bonfire, 5-8:30pm

HEADS UP FOR NOVEMBER

November 3— Charge Conference
 November 4— All Saints' Day
 November 11— Pledge Sunday
 November 18— Thanksgiving Grocery Bags due

Monthly Missions

August Putnam Heights Elementary School Teacher Care Bags
 Thank you to everyone who helped fill 45 teacher/staff care bags. We delivered the bags on August 24 to an appreciative principal!

September 29 Saturday Church Workday (9:30am- 2pm)
October 24 Wednesday volunteer at The Food Bank
 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
 Sorting/Packing Food

- You must be at least 8 years old to volunteer.
- Volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Volunteers under 18 must bring a signed Parental Consent Form.
- Please wear close-toe shoes! For safety reasons, you cannot volunteer in open-toe shoes.
- Please do not wear loose, revealing or offensive clothing.
- Please arrive 15 minutes before your shift is scheduled to begin.
- 3355 S. Purdue Ave. Oklahoma City, OK 73179

November 18 Thanksgiving Grocery Bags due

December 9 Christmas Caroling our homebound members

OUR COMMUNITY

New Members:

- Kathy North
- Celia Roye

Baptisms:

- Lyric Roesler, daughter of Bryan & Brook Roesler

New Babies:

- Lailah Krone, daughter of David and Lawren Krone
- Alexander William Coles, son of Todd & Stephanie Coles

Marriages:

- Walter & Barbie Vann were married in July.
- Trever Winfrey and Moriah Miller will wed on Sept 1.

Creation Spirituality is Coming to Crown Heights UMC

HOLLAND LECTURE – MATTHEW FOX

Our church will host Dr. Matthew Fox on Sunday October 21, 2018. Matthew Fox is a notable, systematic theologian, often taught in seminary. His creation theology expands our understanding of God and Christ to include the cosmos more clearly. He worships a big God, yet points to God in the tangible things in front of us (transcendent and immanent).

The Journey Sunday School class will be reading Dr. Fox's book Creation Theology from September 23- October 21. Anyone is welcome to join them. Also, Dr. Fox was a speaker in the Painting by the Stars series. That is a 6 video series, discussing science and theology. If any Sunday School classes or individuals would like to borrow this series, let Trina know. She has a copy in her office.

To prepare us for Matthew Fox's visit, we will focus on Creation Theology from Sept 30- October 20. Rev. Dr. Mark Davies will start us out, preaching on September 23, on his environmental theology. Each week we will focus on a different aspect of creation.

- September 23 - Forest Sunday, Genesis 2:8-9, Rev. Dr. Mark Davies preaching
- September 30 - Wilderness Sunday, Genesis 4:1-11
We will light our Lights of Hope candles for cancer research in worship.
- October 7 - World Communion Sunday, Land Sunday, Genesis 3:14-19
- October 14 - River Sunday, Genesis 2:10-14
- October 21 - Creation Spirituality, Dr. Matthew Fox preaching

Beyond Our Walls

by Julie Williams

Longtime member of Crown Heights UMC, Evelyn Phyffer moved to Las Vegas almost 2 years ago to be near family. Evelyn was a regular at the 8:30am service, participated in the Fishermen Class, is a lay speaker, and led many mission trips (local and international). The Fishermen's Class has organized a trip to Las Vegas to visit our dear friend, Evelyn Phyffer, and engage in a hands-on mission project while we are there. Evelyn's son, John, has adopted his mother's love of mission work and has spent many afternoons delivering meals to the homeless on the streets of Las Vegas. Our group, which includes Edna Niles, Gay Abarr (from Wesley UMC), Kitty Ogburn, Julie Williams and Trina Bose North, and of course, Evelyn and John, is planning to prepare sacked meals and deliver them, bringing our Crown Heights UMC hospitality to some of the homeless in Las Vegas. We are very excited about seeing our dear friend and getting the chance to catch up with her, but we couldn't imagine seeing her without being armed with plans for a mission project! Once again, Evelyn is the inspiration for mission beyond the walls of our church. Please keep this group in your thoughts and prayers during the dates of October 9-12, 2018.

Celebrating with our Habitat Families



Two of our member families received Habitat Homes. Nay Paw and Tha Day's AND Paw Shee and Tam Wah's homes are beautiful. We celebrate their joy!

Our church worked to help furnish and decorate their homes. Thanks to everyone who gave items for the houses, especially Kyle and Robert Hicks for coordinating that effort.



Arts Academy & Whiz Kids Start Up!!!

By Janet Basler

For over 15 years Crown Heights UMC has been in ministry to the children from Putnam Heights Elementary School 4 blocks from the church.

First came Whiz Kids where tutors meet their Whiz Kid each week to read together, hear a Bible story, and eat a meal together. The 4th week in August we plan to train 4 new tutors. The next week about 20 Whiz Kids will join their tutors for a year-long adventure in reading and getting to know each other.

Then came the Arts Academy where teenage musicians and artists from area high schools teach young students how to play instruments like violin & piano, saxophone and drums, and how to create art using ceramics and pencil drawings. The 4th week of August we will meet our new teachers who will begin their journey of teaching the following week with their young learners.

The children of our neighborhood have been a ministry priority for a long time at Crown Heights. It continues this school year. You can be a part of this wonderful, goose-bumpy ministry in the following ways:

- Pray for the tutors, teachers, and kids,
- Become a Whiz Kids tutor or substitute tutor,
- Help prepare and serve the Whiz Kids meals,
- Help prepare the Christmas family dinner for Whiz Kids in December,
- Drive or ride in the van for Arts Academy,
- Attend the Arts Academy recital in April to encourage the young performers,
- Help host the Arts Academy Recital in April.

The Arts Academy meets on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30. Whiz Kids meet on Thursdays from 2:45-5 pm. Call Janet at 229-3041 for information.

You are invited to stop by to see what is going on at the church during these times. You will be blessed by what you see happening each week.

Vacation Bible School Highlights

To Space and Beyond! VBS was July 9-13, 2018, and it was a success. Each night we taught the kids that there is no limit to how much God loves us.

We had 65 kids and youth attend.
And we were ready for them with about 30 adult volunteers!
No small feat!



How much does
God love us?
**TO SPACE AND
BEYOND!**

Girl Scout Update

July 24—Girl Scouts at Camp Ekowah
August 12—Swim party at Judge Amick's house
August 26—Boating Regatta

*This church is so pleased with all the fun and
friendship experienced by these girls!*



Youth Update

The Youth enjoyed a full summer. We sent 7 youth to District Camp Spark. They had their own class at VBS, working on service projects each night. And they participated at the district event called Colorfest.

Each week the youth have Sunday School taught by Kalen Hancock. She is getting married on November 3, 2018. We are looking for a second youth teacher for Sunday mornings.



Youth Schedule

September 2—Swim party at Judge Amick's house,
following the 11am service
October 28—District Bonfire, 5-8:30pm

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Summer Highlights



June 24-- The Reconciling Group from our church cheered on the Pride Parade. Love for everyone! The next Reconciling Group meeting will be Sunday September 30 to study the Bible and discuss the upcoming General Conference. All are welcome to attend.



August 20—The Ladies' Day Out included Kitty, Edna, and Trina. We had such an enjoyable lunch at the new Hideaway! Next month, join us on September 19 at 11am for the next Ladies' Day



A Goodbye dinner-- Aurora is moving to Puerto Rico. She wants to become fully fluent in Spanish and to do humanitarian work for people who still need assistance after Hurricane Maria. We gathered at Whiskey Cake on Sunday August 26 to send Aurora off with love. Buena suerte, Aurora!

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