



CROWN HEIGHTS United Methodist Church

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Coming Home

by Rev. Trina Bose North

My family lives in California, and each December I miss being home. My sister decorates a beautiful tree, filled with bright Radko ornaments. My dad puts up a lighted Christmas tree in the backyard. I miss my parents' reminiscing of years gone by. I miss the joy of watching my nephews open the gifts I bought them. This is where I long to be for Christmas.

There is something special about being at home for Christmas. "I'll be Home for Christmas" and "There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays" are two of the most popular holiday songs, year after year. Christmas movies and television shows regularly feature stories of people going home over the holidays.

Throughout Advent, our theme will be "Coming Home." Home is the place we all long for at the holidays. It is where we are known, appreciated, and loved. It is where we can let our guard down and be our true selves. Home is where we breathe deep and have peace. This is how God feels. God is our true home. So this year, let's *come home* for Christmas!



Coming in Advent

We will make extra efforts to bring joy to our hearts and homes this season. Every Sunday in December, we will try to experience the season to its fullest so we can share it with others.

Join us on **Sunday December 2**. We have a 4 piece String Quartet playing for us in both services. They will be playing "I'll be Home for Christmas" and a few other songs to get us in the holiday spirit.

On **Sunday December 9** at the 11am service, our children will perform their program called "Coming Home," written by Madison Rubino and Trina Bose North. The kids are working very hard, learning their parts.

That afternoon from 4-6pm, all are invited to go Christmas caroling. We will go to a few of our homebound members' homes and share our Christmas joy.

Wednesday December 12 at 6:30pm, we will have a Blue Christmas Service. This is a service to sit in darkness and pray for light. The holidays can stir the grief or hurt we carry in our lives.

Join us to allow all the feelings of the season to have their place. Dr. Rev. Sharon Betsworth and Rev. Trina Bose North will lead this worship.

Sunday December 16, our theme is "Joy is Our True Home." During the 11am service, the youth will share where they find joy, and our children will sing *Joy to the World*. We will have special music in both services.

From 2-5pm everyone is invited to Trina and Justin's Open House.

Sunday December 23, join us to sing some of our favorite secular Christmas songs. A soloist will sing *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. These songs remind us how Christmas feels, which is how God feels as well.

Christmas Eve is **Monday December 24**. All are invited to our Christmas Eve Service at 7pm. We will read the Christmas story, according to Luke (Luke 2:1-20). We will sing Christmas carols and light candles. Nursery is available.

December Calendar

- 12/9 Children's Program during the 11 am Service, Christmas Caroling at 4pm
- 12/12 Wednesday, Ladies' Day Out at 11 am
Blue Christmas Service at 6:30 pm
- 12/15 Saturday, Movie Night
- 12/16 Open House, Trina and Justin's House 2-5 pm
- 12/21 Friday to Saturday, Youth Lock-In
- 12/24 Monday, Christmas Eve Worship at 7pm
- 12/26 Wednesday, Un-decorate the Church at 9 am
- 12/30 One Service at 10 am,
led by Rev. Leroy Thompson

Poinsettias - 2018

We are now taking orders for the Christmas poinsettias that will beautify our sanctuary. Purchase one or more to honor or remember relatives and friends.

The plants this year are \$12.00 each. Please complete the form below. You may put your order form and check in the offering plate. (Please mark your check "poinsettias")

The information below will be listed in the bulletin. We welcome you to take flowers home following the services on Christmas Eve. Deadline for your order is December 9th.

This is a fundraiser for our church. We will buy poinsettias for our sanctuary and decorate for Christmas with the extra money.

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Please print the information as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

Yes, I would like to give _____ Poinsettias.

Given by: _____

☐ In Memory of: _____

☐ In honor of: _____

☐ Other: _____

☐ To the glory of God.

New or Gently Used Blankets

Throughout the month of December, we will be collecting blankets for the homeless. There will be boxes in the back of the Sanctuary and the Garden Room. New or second-hand is fine, as long as it is in good shape. We will give them to Ice Angels Homeless Ministries to give them out. Thank you.



Coming in January

Just after Christmas, Trina Bose North and her family will leave for a month long vacation in India (12/27 to 1/24). They will visit Trina's extended family. While she's gone, the church is left in very capable hands.

Worship will be led by:

- 12/30 10am ONE SERVICE - Rev. Leroy Thompson will lead the church in the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer
- 1/6 Rev. Bill Todd will lead worship. Bill and Reese Todd went with our church on the mission trip to Mississippi last December.
- 1/13 Rev. Kathy Leithner will celebrate Baptism of our Lord Sunday. Remember your baptism, and be thankful!
- 1/20 Dr. Rev. Sharon Betsworth will lead worship. Sharon affiliates through our church and is a religion professor at Oklahoma City University.

If there is a pastoral emergency, please call the Church Office at 405-524-8428 or Julie Williams. They can add your concern to the prayer chain or connect you with a local clergy.

In case of bad weather, we should post church canceling information on the Facebook page and send out an email.

Finance Committee Update

by Lee Endicott

By now, everyone should have received their letter regarding pledging to the church for 2019. Thanks to everyone who has returned their pledge cards. So far, we are having a good response. If you haven't had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so at your earliest convenience. This not only gives the Finance Committee an opportunity to plan for next year, but also gives us a yardstick to see how we are doing throughout the year. Without this information, it is extremely difficult to make decisions on emergency expenditures during the year when we are uncertain as to what to expect in terms of church receipts for the remaining portion of the year.

I also want to thank everyone for keeping their pledges current this year. Although we have had a number of unplanned church repair issues, the congregation's overall financial commitment to the church has allowed the church to have a relatively successful year in terms of finances. Of course, the year is not

over yet and we continue to face the challenges that go with owning an old building. (In fact, we are currently dealing with a sewer line issue that may take several thousand dollars to repair.) As a result, the Finance Committee would be very appreciative for everyone to attempt to keep their pledge current as we close out 2018.

Thanks again for your continuing dedication to Crown Heights United Methodist Church! We couldn't do all we do without you!

Lee Endicott, Finance Committee Chair



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Go to **smile.amazon.com** for your next purchase from Amazon. And select Crown Heights UMC as your choice.

Girl Scout Gift

A church member found a "wonderful" way to support our Girl Scout troop.

Each year, Stewart and Lynda Resnick, owners of the Wonderful Company, fund a program where their employees can make a difference in their community with a program called Wonderful Giving. It's a one-of-a-kind program that donates company money to charities that are close to the hearts of their employees. This year, our Girl Scouts will be the benefactors of one of those gifts. They will be receiving a donation of \$1,000! This is money that can be used however it is needed. What an amazing gift for our troop and leaders. We celebrate this joy with them.

Thank you, Church Member! This gift is so appreciated.

E-Giving

Please remember to use our convenient online option of giving. Through the webpage, members will be able to make one time donations or set up monthly giving.

Just to let you all know how it works—

there is a 2.75% fee for all credit and debit card transactions, and there is a 1% fee for all transfers of money from personal banking accounts. (To transfer money from your account, we will ask you to fill out a form.)

We appreciate any gift, of course. But if it is possible for you to transfer funds, the church would benefit even more!

Thank you.

Ministry Resource Team

Nominations 2019

Trustees

Mary Brooks	2019
Lane Neal	2020
Jared Pickens	2021

Finance

Bill McKnight	2019
Lee Endicott	2020
Sue Fellers	2021

SPRC

Sue Brown	2019
Jay Acquaviva	2020
Nancy Anthony	2021

Church

Spencer Kusi	2019
Julie Williams	2020
Janet Basler	2021

Whiz Kids Christmas Dinner Coming by Janet Basler

December 13th brings one of the most 'goose-bumpy' events in our Crown Heights Christmas season. The Whiz Kids, their tutors, their families and members of our church gather together in fellowship hall for a feast prepared by members of Crown Heights and Mayflower Congregational Churches. Brigitte Gean has graciously agreed to put the feast together again this year. After eating each Whiz Kid will receive a bag of books, new Whiz Kids sweatshirt, and other goodies to begin their Christmas fun. Then we will sing songs together, ending with a ring of people around the hall singing 'Silent Night'.

You can be a part of this festive, wonderful evening by helping to serve the Whiz Kids, tutors and families, and helping to clean it up after they leave. We eat at 5 pm and finish by 6. Or by preparing a cake to serve. Or by helping to cook and set up. Brigitte will be cooking on the 12th and 13th morning and afternoons. Call Janet at 229-3041 and leave a message telling how you want to be involved with this blessed evening.

Whiz Kids Christmas Dinner by Brigitte Gean

Thursday, December 13th at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Did you know that we serve about 165 meals for the Whiz Kids Dinner? It takes an army to pull it off, that's why we need everyone to come help. We need people to set up, Prepare, Serve and Clean up – even if it is only for an hour or two – **WE NEED YOU!!!** Please come volunteer to help make these children and their families feel special.

Decorate Fellowship Hall

Wednesday (12/5) 10am – Noon

Set Up and Decorate Tables

Wednesday (12/12) – time TBA – (probably 4-6 pm)

Meal Preparation

Wednesday (12/12) 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Thursday (12/13) 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Serve Families

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Clean Up

6:30 -8:00 pm (or until finished)



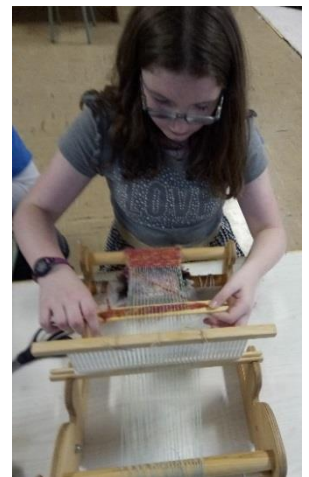
Call me if you have questions or would like to volunteer. Brigitte Gean 286-1396 home or 550-1768 cell.

Arts Academy Weaves Beauty by Janet Basler

This year Dana Morrow, a professional weaver, has been mentoring Abi, a Classen SAS student, to teach weaving to four young ladies. Many smiles and kid-talk is heard each week as their creations continue to grow. The weaving only stops when it's time to change colors. They have completed a bookmark on the looms on loan from the Metropolitan Library. Now they are weaving scarves. The plan is to move from yarn weaving to fabric weaving next semester.



The Arts Academy continues to add music and art to young lives through the teaching of high school artists and musicians. We will begin again in January preparing for our annual Art and Music Showcase in the spring.



Movie Night

THE THIN MAN (1934)

starring William Powell and Myrna Loy
Saturday, Dec. 15 @ 6:00 pm

IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD (1939)

starring Jimmy Stewart and Claudette Colbert
Saturday, Jan. 19 @ 6:00 pm



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

As you are traveling, 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. We will organize what we have into hygiene kits for NSO or Skyline.

Thank you.

Youth Update

Youth Mission Day was November 18th. Our youth put together 80 snack bags during Sunday School. Each bag had a bottle of water, crackers, granola bars, apple sauce, fruit snacks, and a note from the youth. After church, we drove them downtown and our youth hand delivered the snack bags to all the homeless people we saw. Each of them was kind and courteous. They make our church proud!

Our next youth event is a Lock- In on Friday December 21- Saturday December 22. We will spend the night at the church. We are planning on making Christmas ornaments and watching *Elf*. Maybe playing Sardines when it gets dark!



November Mission Project

Thanksgiving Bags — Throughout the month of November, our church collected Thanksgiving bags. Special thanks to our Girl Scouts for making a grocery run for many of our members (pictured eating lunch after shopping). On November 19, 2018, Skyline Urban Ministries picked up 85 Thanksgiving bags that our church collected, each containing a meal (minus the meat) for a family of six. Our church kept about a dozen bags to hand out as well.

A big Thank You to everyone that contributed to this worthy cause!



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Trina Bose North, Lead Pastor
Stacy Gilbert– Office Manager
Libby Campbell -Accounting Secretary
Mario Estrada – Custodian
Mariann Searle – Coordinator of Music Ministry
Madison Rubino – Children/Youth Director
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November Highlights



All Saints Day — November 4, 2018 we lifted up the names of those who passed in worship. We lit candles with our prayers of gratitude.
Leo Villaseca-Cruz taught us how they celebrate The Day of the Dead in Mexico. We all tasted Mexican sweet bread.



Baptism — November 12, 2018 we baptized Baby Alex Coles. This baby woke up for just a moment when the water touched his head, then back to sleep! Clearly he is comfortable in church!



Friendsgiving — November 18, 2018
Jared and Ashley hosted the Young Adult Group for an early Thanksgiving Day meal. We ate and talked around the table, just what the day called for.