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Because of God, I Give

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. I Corinthians 15:10

Because of God, I Give.

These words from I Corinthians were penned by Paul. Paul had a full faith, relying on God's grace to do all things. He truly believed it was through God's love that he was who he was. I appreciate his devotion. It tells me to rest in the grace of God, that God's love is first and last and the rest is put into perspective. This is the kind of grace that flows through us, making us more like our Maker.

All Saints' Day is the first Sunday of November. It's a day to lift up the people whom we loved and lost this past year. We give thanks for the ways God worked through them and us through them. And we pray to live more through the grace of God every day of our lives.

The next week in worship, we will be given the opportunity to make a Pledge to our Church. Knowing all we are and all we have is through the grace of God, we sit with the question of how to give back to God.

Throughout this month, may we be reminded it is only because of God, we have our being. Through God's grace, we have love to share, joy to bring, and gifts to give. May we be generous with all good things.

All Saints' Day

"For all the saints, who from these labors rest..."

On Sunday November 4, 2018 in both the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, we will honor the lives of those who passed this year. Join us to lift their names in memory and gratitude.

We will also remember those connected to our Church with a special candle, giving thanks for **Mary Katherine Munson, Roma Hayes, Emillie Thomas, and Dorothy Hammond.**

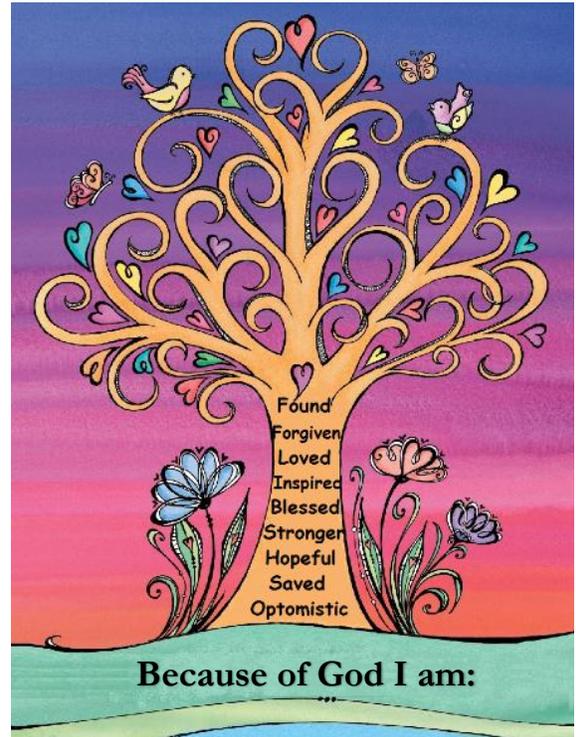
November Sermon Series on Ruth

The second 2 Sundays of November, we will focus on the Book of Ruth. You are invited to read the entire book in preparation of these sermons. There are only 4 chapters, and they are action-packed.

Worship Schedule

November 18— Ruth 1: 1-18 This is the passage where Ruth says, "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay."

November 25— Ruth 3:1-18, 4:13-17 Boaz says, "Praise be to the Lord!" This is our text for this Thanksgiving weekend.



November Dates

- November 3 Charge Conference, New Convent UMC
9:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
- November 14 Ladies' Day Out, Church Office 11:00 a.m.
- November 17 Movie - RAFFLES (1938) at 6:00 pm
- November 18 Thanksgiving Grocery Bags due
- November 25 Noon, decorate for Christmas
- Tuesdays Did you know Crown Heights' front door use to face Western Ave.? Did you know the choir pews originally faced each other across the chancel? Learn more fun facts about CHUMC. **Come volunteer in the Archives on Tuesdays at 4:30pm**

November Mission

We are helping provide Thanksgiving meals (minus the turkey) to families through Skyline Urban Ministry. Please, shop the list below, bringing items in one bag back to Church. We need all bags by Sunday, November 18, 2018. Bags will be picked up Monday November 19th.

2018 Grocery Shopping List

- 2 boxes stove top stuffing
- 2 box scalloped potatoes
- 1 box pancake / baking mix (for biscuits)
- 2 cans green beans
- 1 can sweet potatoes
- 2 cans corn
- 1 package cookie mix
- 1 box cake mix
- 1 can prepared frosting to go with cake mix

Total cost per bag \$18

Whiz Kids Gets Great Start by Janet Basler

Whiz Kids began their first Thursday afternoon meeting time with 18 tutors and 18 Whiz Kids. Then more tutors asked to be trained and we added 4 more tutors and kids. Then 3 more tutors were trained, then 1 more. We now have 26 tutors and 26 Whiz Kids working weekly. AND 3 more tutors waiting to be trained after the fall break!!! We will probably be providing mentors/buddies/caring adults for over 30 kids this year. That means over 30 kids will hear a Bible story, eat wonderful snacks, and spend 45+ minutes reading with an adult each week. No wonder our Whiz Kids do well on their achievement tests at school, and many eventually learn to love to read.

There are more kids who need help with their reading, and would love to be a Whiz Kid. Could being a Whiz Kid tutor be in your future this year? Call Janet at 229-3041 to talk about it.



Christmas is Coming!

Our theme for Advent and Christmas is "Coming Home." We will focus on *home* as we prepare for Christmas to come. Home is the place we all long for at the holidays. It is filled with everyone we love and the joy we shared. This is how God feels. God is our true home. So this year let's *come home* for Christmas!

If you can help **decorate** the Church, please join us:

Decorate — Sunday November 25 at 1:30pm

Un-decorate — Wednesday December 26 at 9am



Special Need — Does anyone have an electric, stand-alone **fireplace** we can borrow for the month of December? It sure would add a little "home" to the sanctuary.

Please, mail the Church your family **Christmas cards**. We want to display them.

Advent Schedule—

- 12/2 Christmas Special Music with a String Quartet
- 12/9 Children's Christmas Program,
Christmas Caroling at 4pm
- 12/16 Youth Joy Presentation, Open House at Trina's 2-5pm
- 12/23 Soloist
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Worship 7pm

Arts Academy Sounds by Janet Basler

Arts Academy sounds resound in our building each Wednesday afternoon. There is a saxophone going strong downstairs, drums nearby getting more rhythms down, and pianos playing more and more complicated music right near where the guitarists are strumming new chords each week. Then there are the sounds of weavers 'ooing' and 'ahhing' about the designs they see coming out of their looms, discussions on how to shape cups and medallions to hold their shapes in clay sculptures, and new ideas thrown around for drawing futuristic things as pictures come alive on the artists' paper in another class.

The students have been very consistent about attending classes and persistent in practicing their music at home. The teachers have planned well for each week. The van drivers and riders are so faithful to be there for our kids, even in the rain. The sounds of the Arts Academy say 'All is well at the Arts Academy' in a big way. You are invited to come listen and see for yourself how this wonderful ministry is producing some truly awesome sounds.

Trustees – Organ Repair

Dear Crown Heights Church,

It was an honor to restore the church organ to the joyous sound it once was. We at C. Bobsin Organs wanted to share this process with you.

The process began with removing the affected portions of organ. There was extensive water damage and several components and in order to restore them properly they needed to be taken to our "organ emergency room", the organ shop.

After carefully packing the organ pipes in handmade trays to house the individual ranks of pipes (the portion of organ removed had 12 ranks of pipes), we removed the 2 main chests and other components. These chests play the multitude of pipes and other components control things such as the shade motor, (controls the volume of sound allowed into the room).

Upon arrival in the shop each component to the organ was taken apart, cleaned and releathered.



Other tasks included wiring over 500 brand new direct electric valve actions to a solid state computer. These replaced the older, damaged leather actions. All was tested properly before returning back to its Crown Heights home. Upon our return we removed the settled dust and gave the room a generous cleaning while releathering the wind reservoirs (bellows) that hold the air for the organ pipe chests.

As they say what goes up must come down however, in this case it was time to return the organ from the balcony from which it came. We carefully lifted the organ back into its original location and wired the chests and actions to the downstairs organ console. The rest was a cinch in a cleaning of the organ console downstairs and a good tuning.

Thank you all for trusting us at C.Bobsin!



Mission Trip
by Rev. Trina Bose North

The Fishermen Sunday School Class planned a special mission trip to Las Vegas. Not only did we pass out lunches to the homeless, we did something else equally important. We visited a dear member of our church, Evelyn Phyffer, and shared the congregation’s love with her.

Julie Williams, Kitty Ogburn, Edna Niles, Gay Abarr (Wesley UMC) and I went to Las Vegas October 10-12, 2018. On our first night, we enjoyed a home cooked meal by Evelyn’s son, John. After dinner, we packed up 40 lunch bags to hand out. The next day we handed out the meals near the City Rescue Center and then ate a delicious lunch at Evelyn’s favorite soul food restaurant. That evening we hit the Strip for a *Cirque de Soleil* show called *Love*.

While at Crown Heights UMC, Evelyn always encouraged mission. It seemed so right to make this trip a time to give of ourselves and share the love of God. And it turns out when we give of ourselves in service, we are twice blessed!

As for the rest-- what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!



Reconciling Group at CHUMC

Our new Reconciling Group wants our Church to be a place that affirms all people, namely LGBTQ persons. Please, read the Statement below, and if you would like to name your name to it. Contact Todd Coles at colest@gmail.com. There are 34 of us who support inclusion in this way and invite others to join us!

Statement of Inclusion

Crown Heights United Methodist Church’s Reconciling Ministries Group is dedicated to personifying “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.” We welcome and affirm people as they are, of any sexual orientation, gender identity, age, race, class, nationality, faith, mental or physical ability to be in ministry with us. We want our community to recognize Crown Heights UMC as a safe haven where all people are valued, loved and supported by the members of our congregation. We call our church members to be the extended hand of God.

Ephesians 4:4-6 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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September and October Highlights



Workdays — Our church was blessed by two work groups from OU and UCO on September 28 and 29, 2018. They painted the curbs in the west parking lot, detailed the church vans, and worked in the yard. We are so grateful to these workers!

Homecoming — We celebrated Homecoming in worship on September 16, 2018. Kacie Roesler, Jamie Gross, and Sally Hayes shared why they love this church in worship. Brigette Gean outdid herself hosting a reception on the west portico.



Food Bank — October 24, 2018, we sent a group of 30 to volunteer at the Regional Food Bank. We were thrilled 13 of our children and youth joined us. We worked hard and had a great time, packaging over 3,000 meals for Oklahoma's children.



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