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Our 90th Anniversary

by Rev. Trina Bose North



CROWN HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

90TH ANNIVERSARY

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September 8th during 8:30 or 11 am services

Join us for activities, cake and brunch from 9:30-11:00 am.

Breakfast served by Crepe Brewers food truck.

In worship on **September 8**, Rev. Trina Bose North will preach; we will light candles of gratitude for the people who laid the foundation of our faith; and Dr. Sharon Betsworth will reflect on where the Methodist Church was in 1929. When you hear the state of our denomination back then, you will see history does repeat itself!

Between services (from 9:30-11am), join us for crepes, cake, coffee, music, crafts, and a mission project! We will enjoy a time of fellowship on our beautiful church grounds.

Crown Heights UMC History

The inception, first meeting, and ensuing development of Crown Heights United Methodist Church began in **June of 1929** at the home of a founding member.

Soon, a location was procured with the assistance of St. Luke's Methodist, at 30th & Shartel. Member growth was steady, reaching approximately 200 people by 1932. That location did not provide the space the congregation needed, so, fortuitously, a new neighborhood was being built just to the north. This neighborhood, along the location of the Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club, was sold to and was being developed into homes by G.A. Nichols. Crown Heights was just beginning to take shape when the church made a deal with Mr. Nichols to trade their old space on 30th with vacant space on 37th & Western. While they awaited the building of their new church home, they moved to an unfinished storefront at 36th & Western.

A few years went by and the congregation swelled up to 800 members. By 1941 the sanctuary, educational building, and a parsonage had been completed in the new neighborhood. Notably, the youth activities building was completed in 1965 and highlighted the importance of the youth programs that continue to present day. 1965 was also the year that Skyline Urban Ministries opened, with assistance from Crown Heights Methodist Church, to help the residents of the urban core.

To this day, missions at home and abroad remain the cornerstone of the building and the people attending this the church. In about 1970, Crown Heights United Methodist Church began serving meals through Mobile Meals, every Monday—rain or shine. In 2003, Whiz Kids tutoring was offered through our local elementary school, and in 2007, Arts Academy was added to expose our children to the arts. Because of our community engagement, the church was awarded the Small Church Award at the 2015 Oklahoma Annual Conference.

In the spring of 2019, Crown Heights United Methodist Church voted to affiliate as a Reconciling congregation, affirming that the church seeks to share God's love with *all* in our community.

And so, we pause to give thanks for the ministries of this church for the last 90 years, and pray God's blessings on our future together. May Crown Heights United Methodist Church continue to worship and serve this community in the years to come.

(History gathered from the 75th anniversary notes w/ additional information by Trina Bose North.)

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September-October Calendar

September 1— Dolph's 90th birthday, 9:45 with Pyramid Class

September 8— 90th Anniversary Celebration—Worship, brunch, activities

September 11— Wednesday-Ladies' Day Out, 11am

September 15— Bake Sale for Ari

October 6— Family Meal on World Communion Sunday, noon

October 8— Tuesday-host PFLAG potluck, 6-8pm

October 16— Wednesday-Ladies' Day Out, 11am

October 23— Wednesday-Ministry Resource Team, 6pm

October 26— Saturday-Church Workday at UCO, 9:30am-2pm

October 27— Worship, Pledge Sunday
District Meeting at Quail Springs UMC, 1:45-4:30pm

November 3— All Saints' Day

Mobile Meals

by Anita Roesler

For almost 50 years CHUMC has provided an important ministry to the community through **Mobile Meals**, a home delivered meal program for the elderly and infirm.

We are now looking for a few good folks to help cook meals. It requires time in the morning to prepare the meal either at home or in the CHUMC kitchen and fill the trays for volunteer drivers to deliver from the church. You will be reimbursed for any money spent. We have a pantry and a designated MM freezer that Trina keeps stocked. Currently, volunteers each cook once a month for 15-18 people on Mondays, but the more cooks participating, the less often your services will be required.

Call Susan at CHUMC (524-8428) to tell her you want to participate in this mission.

We need some people willing to cook—on a regular basis or as a substitute. Any help you can give would be appreciated! Thank you for your help and caring!

LOOKING FOR A SUBSTITUTE COOK for Monday, December 23!

Thank you-- In the last 2 months, we have had quite a few substitute cooks fill-in. Thank you for stepping up and giving our regulars needed weeks off. And thank you to all the cookie bakers. Your desserts save our cooks a little effort. They certainly appreciate the "sweet" help!

Monthly Mission Projects

Sept 15— Bake Sale for Ari

We will have a church Bake Sale in support of one of our youth, Ari Nanne. Ari is a Girl Scout in our church troop and is a part of our youth group. After volunteering for VBS on June 17th, Ari left CHUMC and was in a car accident on her way home. Ari was treated at the ER for minor burns and a sprained wrist. Her car, which she paid for with money from her job at Target, was totaled. Although Ari is getting \$2500 from the other driver's insurance, this is not close to what she paid or needs for a safe, dependable car to get her to/from her Senior year of high school and, very soon, college.

Please join us on September 15 between services and at noon when Ari, our troop, and others from the church will have baked goods for sale. All proceeds will go to help Ari replace her car. Thank you!

Oct 26— Workday UCO Little Event

We are looking for church volunteers to host the students from UCO and supervise them in a few work projects. Talk to Lane if you are able to help.

Save the Date- Mission Trip late July 2020

We are looking for a construction project within driving distance of OKC. There will be work for everyone— from construction work to errands to meal prep to morale boosting! If you are interested, talk to Trina about attending.

Neighborhood Services Organization



On July 21, Stacey Ninness of NSO came and spoke in both worship services. We celebrated the wonderful ministries of NSO and its Methodist roots. We collected over \$500 to be given to NSO's dental clinic and housing programs for those vulnerable to homelessness.

Joy of New People Coming

by Julie Williams

Every Sunday, there are new visitors, many with children, coming to see what we have to offer. The great news—we are offering LOVE to everyone who enters our doors! We are still the same people, the same community, but we are becoming clearer on our own identity and our willingness to share God's love. Our church does a very good job welcoming visitors. I see our long-time members passing the peace, greeting visitors, and staying after service to get to know new people. Well done!

There is something called the **5-10-Link**, a hospitality tool. It's a reminder to church members that:

- The **5 minutes** *before and after* the service are the most important to greet the people around us.
- We are responsible to greet everyone **within 10 feet** of us;
- And the trick to good start up conversation is to ask a lot of questions. Ask questions until you find what you have in common—your **link**!

Let's continue sharing love and find new ways to reach others in our community! The sky is the limit!

Fall Worship Series

by Rev. Trina Bose North

Distractions are everywhere. In this postmodern age of seemingly endless consumer choices, 24-hour news cycles, and shiny new devices ever in our possession, the notion of being redirected, refocused, or reoriented toward anything other than our idols of instant (and fleeting) gratification may seem far-fetched.

Enter the God of Israel whose love for us is so deep so as to continually reach out and capture our attention, imagination, and faith. As God has moved through history, time, and space, the constant center of human fulfillment and joy has ever been God alone who has so often come as a divine interruption meant to refocus us—to “altar” us—from the inside out.

As we focus on “altaring” our lives toward God, we will talk about how to alter our thinking, actions, and giving to make our lives more holy and meaningful. We will be asked to commit our prayers, presence, gifts, and service to God.

Updates from the Trustees

by Lane Neal

After the spring rains finally let up, the aging fence on the north side of the parking lot off Western was replaced.

In addition, the trees around the garage and the west parking lot, which had benefitted from the rain, were trimmed back.

The church was outfitted throughout with a re-keying of all exterior and many interior locks.

Last but certainly not least, has been the improvements to the west portico with help from **Carol Weaver and her grandson Jacob** with the cleaning and painting, the addition of the bench and urns with plants, and **Jim Rust** with the electrical work.

Thank you so much for your efforts. The portico looks beautiful!

We are looking for church hosts and work leaders for the Workday on Saturday October 26 from 9:30- 2pm.



Whiz Kids Changes

by Janet Basler

We know something GREAT is happening when kids want to come back even when they've changed schools and are soon to be teenagers! We only have three out of twenty-five who feel they've outgrown Whiz Kids. When we begin this year we will have former Whiz Kids from at least eight different schools around OKC. New kids will also be coming from the Boys & Girls Club near the church.

WE DO KNOW there is a special bond between a Whiz Kid and their tutor. It is something kids remember for a lifetime.

WE DO KNOW it helps improve reading scores, grades, and confidence levels to have a Whiz Kid tutor. Eight of last year's Whiz Kids are attending Classen School of Advanced Studies this year.

WE DO KNOW that tutors are blessed beyond measure by their Whiz Kid. Just ask Bruce Pitts, Sue Fellers, Anderson Obregon, Taffy Fellingham, and Joe Whitaker from our church. They will tell you it is a wonderful experience to be a Whiz Kid tutor.

WE DO KNOW the need for tutors is great. Each child gets one tutor for the entire school year. Our church can accommodate up to forty Whiz Kids. Currently we have about twenty tutors ready for this year. We would love to have twenty kids from the Boys & Girls Club being loved and learning in our church each week.

WE DO KNOW you might be able to be a Whiz Kids tutor. Please call Janet at 229-3041 and talk with her about it. Your Thursday afternoons may be greatly blessed as a Whiz Kid tutor.

Arts Academy—Opportunities to Share Your Gifts

by Janet Basler

Changes are in the works for the Arts Academy this year. We will still be partnering with high schools for some music lessons each Wednesday afternoon—but we feel the art lessons need to be more varied and shorter in length. They will begin later in the afternoon on Wednesdays.

We are looking for adult 'artists' to teach four lessons (in one month) to a group of up to ten kids. We are open to any type of art lessons such as: **ceramics, watercolor painting, sculpting in clay or wood or wire, weaving, knitting or crochet, sewing, cooking, dancing, singing, bell choir, drama, etc.**

You get the idea! Almost any kind of artistic endeavor is what we are looking for this year. We want the students to get a feel for many things. We want busy adults to have a way to share their talents with kids without a long term commitment.

We could also use some volunteers who aren't comfortable teaching, but can help kids do what the teachers are instructing.

We will provide the kids, the materials, the space, and some volunteers to help you, including a nursery if you need it. Please call Janet at 229-3041 to talk about possibilities for classes and times.



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Crown Heights UMC
on Facebook!

You can find our page by visiting
www.facebook.com/CrownHeightsUMC

There you will find news of the church, pictures of recent activities, ways to volunteer, and much more!



August 4— Judge Amick welcomed children to swim in his pool. A big thank you for a fun day!

Children & Youth

New Nursery Assistant

We are so happy to welcome Claire Charles to work in our nursery on Sundays with Andrea. Abby Herring is now working with the children.



Hi! My name is Claire. I am a junior at Choctaw HS. I'm part of the theatre art dept. at my school, where we are the 7-time consecutive state champions. I love working with kids. I'm so excited about this opportunity and I can't wait to get to know all of you!

Youth Dates

Sunday Sept 22, noon— Youth will stay after church for lunch and to work on a resume. Resumes are needed to apply for a job, college and scholarship. Let's make you guys look as good on paper as you do in real life!

Sunday Oct 13, noon— Stay after church for lunch and a mission project. We will put together hygiene bags to be distributed through Skyline. By the way, service hours look good on a resume!

Save the Date!

Dec 20-21 Fri-Sat
Youth Lock-In at the church!



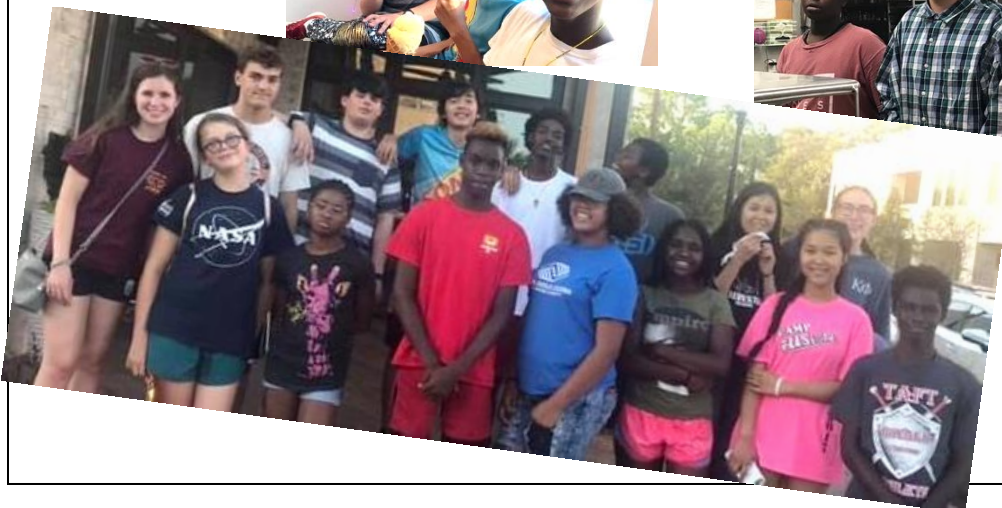
July Mission Trip

by Madison Rubino

This July, Trina, Shelby and I had the privilege of taking thirteen of our 6th-12th graders to Dallas, Texas for our first ever youth mission trip. We were lodged in dorms through "Connect to the Kingdom," a ministry of a Dallas United Methodist church. Their mission finds service opportunities in the community and assigns them to groups like ours. At the dorm, we fellowshiped by playing games, packing lunches and eating lots of cookies!

Throughout the week, our youth learned to share God's love through service. They decorated for VBS at an inner-city church and were helpers in groups at a day camp for children who live in a vulnerable community. It was amazing to see how our youth brought joy to the children they worked with, but also how the children instilled joy in them. We also had the chance to explore and enjoy Dallas by eating at In-N-Out Burgers, finding a local ice cream shop, and visiting the JFK 6th Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. Mission trip was impactful for both the youth and adult leaders that attended.

The youth had so much fun I have already been asked "When is the next mission trip?"



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Highlights



On August 4 during the 11am service, half our communion servers were children. They did a beautiful job, providing us with the presence of God.

Our youth went from church to a pool party to Colorfest on August 18. Colorfest is an annual district youth event, where the youth play with water and color powder. They had such a good time.



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On August 25, many of our Girl Scouts were awarded the *My Promise, My Faith Award* and the *God and Family Award*. To earn these awards, they learned more about their faith and religion. Special thanks to Rev. Glenda Skinner-Noble for volunteering to teach this curriculum.