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CROWN HEIGHTS United Methodist Church

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## Altaring Our Lives

by Rev. Trina Bose North

We fill our lives with so many distractions. We have too much technology for our own good! We have 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. Throughout time, God, the constant center of human fulfillment and joy, 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 have focused on our thinking, actions, and giving to make our lives more holy and meaningful. We are asked to commit our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to God. On our pledge cards, we have listed extended ways to alter our lives toward God. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to “altar” your life for 2020. Additional pledge cards are in the Sanctuary pew pockets or in the back of the church. It would be helpful to have completed cards by November 3, 2019.

## November Missions

### Thanksgiving Bag Shopping List

- 2 boxes stove top stuffing
- 2 boxes 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

Please bring money to the church by November 17, or bring bag with items by November 24.

Our church is collecting bags of food for families in need of a Thanksgiving meal. Our grocery list is all the non-perishable food items needed to feed a family of six, not including the meat. Please shop the grocery list to the left and deliver your bag to the church (office hours or Sunday mornings) by November 24<sup>th</sup>. Bags will be given to *Skyline Urban Ministries* for distribution. Alternatively, you may donate the cost of a bag, which is \$18.



*Nathan and Sue readying Thanksgiving bags for distribution to Skyline Urban Ministries last year.*

## November- December Calendar

**NOVEMBER:**

**November 3**—All Saints' Day, Time Change

**November 13**—Wednesday, Ladies' Day Out 11am

**November 17**—Bibles for Children & Youth  
Noon—Youth Activity

**November 24**—Skyline Thanksgiving bags are due  
Noon—Decorate church for Christmas

**DECEMBER:**

**December 1**— Christmas Contata at 6:30pm at our church with First Christian Church MWC and New Covenant Christian Church

**December 4**—Wednesday, Ladies' Day Out 11am

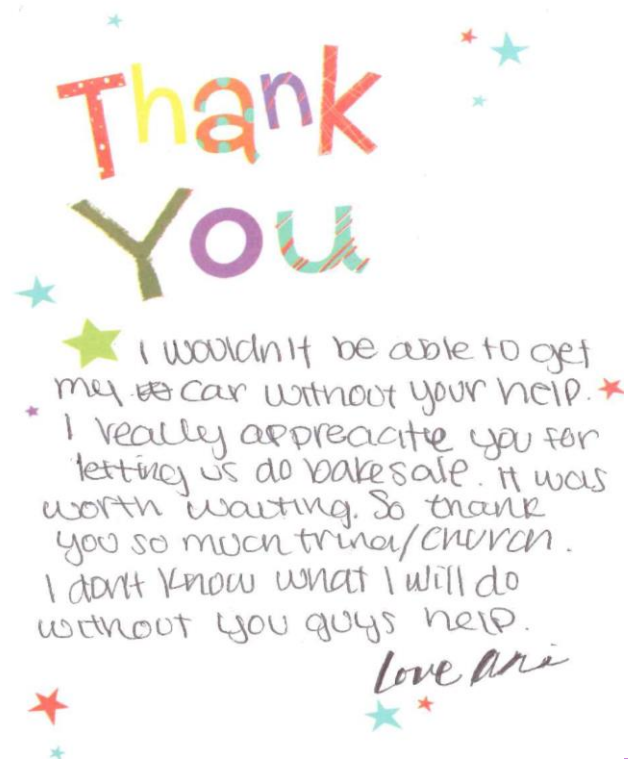
**December 8**—Quartet in worship

**December 15**—Kids' Christmas Program, 11am service

**December 20**—Fri/Sat- Youth Lock-In

**December 24**—Tues, 7 pm-Christmas Eve worship

## Thanks from Ari



## Monthly Mission Projects

**Sept 15— Bake Sale for Ari**

We had a bake sale in support of one of our youth, Ari. Her car was totaled. Although Ari got money from the other car owner's insurance, we added to her fund and helped her buy a safe, dependable car to get her to/from her senior year. Thank you for baking, buying, and supporting this fabulous youth!

**Oct 26— Workday UCO Little Event**

Our church was blessed by the team who came to work from UCO. Thank you to our members who helped supervise their work projects, and special thanks to Lane Neal for organizing the day.

**Nov 24— Thanksgiving Bags**

Again this year we are asking our members to shop for a Thanksgiving meal. (Grocery list is on page 1.) Please bring a bag (or a couple bags) with all the listed items to church by Nov 24. If you would like us to shop for you, please donate money in the offering plate by Nov 17.

**Dec 8— Christmas Candy Bags**

Our youth will put together Christmas candy bags for each of the students at Putnam Heights Academy to be distributed before the students head out for Winter Break.

**Jan 19—NSO Care Bags**

In January we will be collecting items for care bags for the 35 residents of NSO's Palo Duro 1 and 2. They are apartments for adults living on disability. We will be needing these items by January 19:

*Macaroni & cheese/instant mashed potatoes, Canned protein, Socks (men or women, size Large), Kitchen sized trash bags, Matching set of shampoo/ conditioners, Men's deodorant, Pop Tarts (a favorite!), Bags of individually wrapped candies, Clorox Wipes*

**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.

## Two Ministries with Children Going Strong

by Janet Basler

Each week Crown Heights is full of smiles, laughter, reading, music, and love as it has been for over fifteen years. The Arts Academy meets each Wednesday with piano, art and guitar lessons taught by excited, highly competent high school students. Their students are elementary age children eager to become musicians and artists.

Whiz Kids meets each Thursday afternoon. The adult tutors enjoy reading and doing reading activities with their young Whiz Kids coming from the Boys & Girls Club. Add in a Bible story each week led by our pastor, and Whiz Kids cookies & milk from Charlene Jones & Arts Academy fruit and snacks from Charlotte Trobaugh, and these wonderful children are fed spiritually, physically, academically, and emotionally.

Crown Heights reaches out weekly to children in our city in ways we know will make a positive difference in many lives.

**Note**—Whiz Kids and Arts Academy will not meet November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving Break and will begin Christmas Break on December 11 for Arts Academy and December 19 for Whiz Kids.

## Convenient Parking

Let's reserve the first row of the west parking lot for anyone who needs a closer spot. Please know the definition of those who need a convenient spot is loose. If you feel like a shorter walk would benefit you (whether it be because you are sick, pregnant, have children, or are just running late), then park up front!

If you can park farther out, please do, and if you would benefit from a shorter walk, park up front!



## Doughnut Sign-Up Sheet

Between services from 9:30 to 11am, our church offers doughnuts. We are going to try a different system of providing doughnuts and are looking for individuals to sign-up to bring doughnuts for a particular Sunday. Pick a date, bring 3 dozen or 2 dozen with doughnut holes by 9:30am on your Sunday.

Thank you. It is very appreciated!

We have volunteers through Nov 17. If you are willing to bring doughnuts, please sign up on the clipboard on the coffee/doughnut table or come see Susan in the office (524-8428).

## Youth

**Sunday Nov 17, noon**— Youth will make candy care bags for the students at Putnam Heights Academy. By the way, service hours look good on a resume!

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



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**Highlights from the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*We give thanks for the past 90 years,  
for all the worship and new life that has taken place in this space.  
And we pray our doors will remain open  
for as long as we are useful.  
So Lord, make us useful in your name—  
Send us forth to do your work  
as Crown Heights UMC. Amen!*

