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CROWN HEIGHTS United Methodist Church

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JOIN US!

April 1— Maundy Thursday,
Sanctuary Worship at 6pm

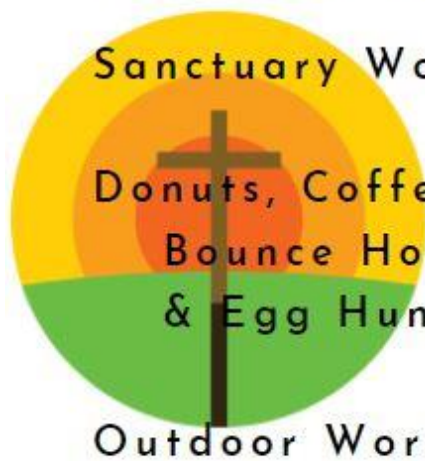
April 4— Easter Sunday,
9am— Sanctuary Worship
(earlier than usual)
10am— Social Time— Visit outside.
Enjoy children hunting eggs.
11am— Outside Worship (bring chair)

We are masking and social distancing.

After Easter, back to our...

Regular Sunday Schedule—
Sanctuary Worship at 9:30am,
Outdoor Worship at 11am

EASTER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Sanctuary Worship	9:00am
Donuts, Coffee, Bounce House, & Egg Hunt	10:00 am
Outdoor Worship	11:00 am

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Where We Are Today

by Rev. Trina Bose North

Just a year after COVID-19 entered the world, we already have access to a vaccine, especially in our county, especially in our state. All Oklahomans (over 16) are eligible for theirs. We can all breathe easier and visit more freely with loved ones. Such reasons to give thanks to God!

At our church, many of us have been vaccinated, but not all. For the time being, I ask everyone to continue to wear masks and social distance. Clearly the time is soon approaching when we will shed these practices, but I don't know when. Public health experts are working on that question right now! As we figure it out, our church continues to offer options to gather people together in safe ways.

A positive to this pandemic is how we have taken full advantage of our beautiful church grounds. Many members are enjoying Outdoor Worship, sitting under our big oak tree in the front. On April 17, we will have another Backyard Concert—this time by Kyle Dillingham. We have another group hike scheduled for May 2, and the youth are even planning a summer camp-out in the backyard.

Last Easter, I stood alone in the Sanctuary and live-streamed worship to you at home. This year we will offer Sanctuary Worship, Outdoor Worship, and a live-stream on Facebook. That is a vast improvement, and a reminder there is always reason to hope. God is always working for better ground. Isn't that exactly what we celebrate each and every Easter?

April and May Calendar

Sunday Worship Schedule—

Sanctuary Worship at 9:30am,
Outdoor Worship at 11am, if weather permits.



April

4/1— Maundy Thursday, Worship 6pm in the Sanctuary

4/4— **EASTER SUNDAY,**

9am Sanctuary Worship

10am— doughnuts and bounce house/ egg hunt for the kids

11am Outdoor Worship

4/10— Saturday 9:30am to 2pm, Church Workday (Big Event with OU students)

4/17— Saturday, Backyard Concert with Kyle Dillingham, 5-7pm

4/21— Ministry Resource Team Meeting, 7pm on Zoom

4/24— Youth Gathering from 3-6:30pm

May

5/2— Picnic Lunch/ Hike, noon to 3:30pm

5/16— Crown Heights UMC's 2nd Reconciling Anniversary

Youth Gathering from noon to 4pm

Maundy Thursday

**Thursday April 1, 2021 at 6:00pm
Sanctuary Worship**

Join for a somber service to prepare us for Good Friday. We will hear the story from Luke of Jesus on the cross, between two thieves. We will celebrate communion. Please let Trina know if you would like childcare.

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

— Luke 23:42

**Sunday, May 2, 2021— HIKE
Lake Thunderbird
Noon— 3:30pm**

Mary and Kurt McDaniel will lead a hike down in Norman. We will leave from the Church at noon and caravan to the Clearbay Trailhead at Lake Thunderbird. The hike will be approximately 6 miles. Bring a sack lunch, water, good/comfortable hiking shoes and bug repellent (recommended). Please join us!

Kyle Dillingham



Backyard Concert

Saturday, April 17, 5-7pm (concert begins at 6pm)

History was made in 2019 at the Grand Ole Opry with an unprecedented debut performance by Kyle Dillingham on a Dolly Parton skateboard!

"Kyle Dillingham has made Opry history. His debut tonight, and the first ever to enter and exit on a skateboard. It is my thought that the fiddler blew the roof off the Grand Ole Opry house tonight!" -Bill Cody, Grand Ole Opry Announcer/Host

Kyle Dillingham has been honored by Oklahoma governor Brad Henry and has played all over the world, including the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington D.C. and the Country Music Awards Festival in Nashville, TN.

Join us in welcoming Kyle on April 17, Saturday evening at Crown Heights UMC when he will play for the church's first Backyard Concert of 2021.

There will be delicious Mexican food to eat and a wonderful time is guaranteed for all!

Need Office Space?

If you are looking for office space, talk to Trina. We are renting out rooms upstairs in the Youth Activity Building. \$350 monthly.

Wifi, utilities, desk, light custodial



Financial Update

by Lee Endicott

The Finance Committee would like to thank the congregation for their on-going financial support of the church. Although we remain in good shape financially, our pledges were slightly down in February. Please remember that if you are unable to attend church on any particular Sunday, you can still make your pledge payment through our website (<http://crownheightsumc.org>) by clicking the donation button in the upper right corner of the opening page.

Crown Heights is also collecting an Easter offering this year. All collections designated for Easter will be applied to our apportionment payments where the funds will be used to support the United Methodist Church's mission both locally and around the globe.

Ford Scholarship

by Colleen Bicket
& Trina Bose North

Back in 1983, the Ford family set up a scholarship endowment through our church. We have the privilege of awarding money for post-high school education. This year we are revising an application form for our students to apply. Disbursement will be based on how many students apply and how much money is available.

Here are the requirements:

Students must be a member of Crown Heights UMC. We show priority based on church participation and individual need. Applications must have a confidential letter of recommendation from a CHUMC member (not the pastor) sent to the church.

The application will be available soon. There will be a link on our webpage (crownheightsumc.org) and a paper form will be available in the Church Office. Applications are due by May 15, 2021.

We are grateful to the Ford family for this gift, and we pray for it to bless the students of our church!

Thanks to Mike Brown!



Mike Brown has served as the chair of our Church's Endowment Committee for the past nine years. We are grateful for his years of service. Mike has been a member of Crown Heights UMC since November

1970. He started coming with his friend, Gene Imke. Sue joined Mike in the early 90's.

Mike has served on many church committees—finance, admin board, trustees, and endowment. He said he has served everywhere, except SPRC (which is funny because that's Sue's area!). Throughout the years, Mike volunteered with the youth group as the softball/ basketball coach, and as an usher.

Mike said his favorite part of church is meeting different people and getting to know them. We are thankful for everything Mike has done for our church. His time and gifts are much appreciated.



On February 22, our church celebrated our **medical professionals** by sending cookies to their workplaces. We appreciate our doctors, nurses, residents, medical students, chaplains, OTs, and hospital administration members so much!

We all need a vacation!

As you travel, please bring back your **un-used hotel hygiene bottles.**

Our youth package them up in bags for the homeless.

Monthly Mission- April

Monthly Mission- May

Calling Volunteers to Get Dirty!

We need church members to supervise and host the OU Big Event Workday on **Saturday April 10**, 9:30am to 2pm. Just show up, we will tell you what to do.

Sometime in late April, we will lay down tile in the Garden Room. We need volunteers to help with this project. We are picturing a **Saturday (maybe April 24)** of church members laying tile. If you might consider helping, talk to Trina or Jim Rust.

Thank you!



For our 2nd Anniversary as a Reconciling church, let's support these two fantastic, life-giving organizations:

Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) equips and mobilizes United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to work for full inclusion within the United Methodist Church.

The Diversity Center of Oklahoma strives to reduce barriers in the Gender Diverse & LGBTQ+ communities by providing quality health and mental health services.

Each Sunday of May, we will collect a Noisy Offering (coins) and divide our donation between these two groups.

Rev. Mary Beth Foye



Our church just brought Rev. Mary Beth Foye on as our Care Minister (very part-time). If you have a prayer concern or would like a card sent to a loved-one, please contact her. She's here to meet those needs.

Tell us about yourself:

I was born in Woodward, OK. When I was one year old my family moved to Oklahoma City where I was raised. I graduated from Putnam City High School. I worked as an ordained deacon in United Methodist Churches in Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana for 17 years. After moving back to Oklahoma City to care for aging parents I worked in the insurance and financial services industry with Woodmen of the World and Farmers. Also, I drove a school bus for Putnam City Schools. Now I work at Costco in their member services call center.

How did you find our church, and when did you start attending?

I had been attending Grace UMC until it closed. At that time I visited several UMCs in Oklahoma City. I started attending Crown Heights in February 2020 and have found it to be a good fit theologically for me. I also have found the people to be very warm and friendly.

What are your interests and passions?

I am passionate about outreach and missions. I enjoy reading, outdoor activities and sports. Currently walking is my favorite thing to do.

How has the pandemic affected your family?

My 91-year-old mother lives in an assisted living facility and during the pandemic I was not able to visit her in person for ten months. Of course that was very difficult and stressful for both of us. Also, I was laid off from my job the end of December due to pandemic related reasons which resulted in being unemployed for two months.

Whiz Kids

by Janet Basler

Social distancing and masks have not slowed down the Whiz Kids and Arts Academy much this semester. Both ministries have been hybrids of virtual and in-person tutoring. Some Whiz Kids are reading better and better each week. Some are in awe of the beautiful pictures in their new story books, and our older Whiz Kids are thoroughly loving The Wild Robot. They all discuss words, characters, settings and relevance to their lives. They draw pictures of characters and use their most dramatic voices to read the conversations between characters. Those kids in person always get a snack, hear a Bible story from Trina, and play games together outside with Nathan North, their favorite new friend.

The Arts Academy has succeeded in having piano lessons this semester virtually and now in-person! Four piano students played recognizable songs after just a few weeks. Two of our teachers are Classen SAS High School piano majors, and two are medical students at OU—one of whom is a former Arts Academy teacher who just wanted to teach again.

Thursdays are exciting around the church each week. God is at work among the kids and the tutors or teachers God has sent to them. Please keep us in your prayers as we finish out this amazing year.



Nathan with a Whiz Kid

Children and Youth Update

Join us on **Easter** April 4 at 10am. We have so much fun planned for you. There will be a bounce house and an egg hunt (Youth—you get your own hunt!). Outdoor Worship starts at 11am. Kids can go to worship or stay in the backyard to play. We look forward to celebrating Jesus with you!

Youth Schedule

April 24 Sunday—

Garden Project, walk to Hideaway

May 16 Sunday—

Painting Service Project

June 11-12 Friday to Saturday—

Camping in Church backyard

Picture— Youth pizza party/ Easter egg stuffing night on March 16



Girl Scouts

by Jamie Cross

Thank you from Troop #584 for your continuing support of our girl scouts! Due in large part to our church family sales and donations, each of the girls made their cookie goals (despite Covid!). This month we've earned our cookie booth patch as we were able to do our one booth sale at the church, and our Faith badge after the girls helped present the service on March 7th. It was a great time, and we appreciate those who attended.

We are working now on our Black History badge, with each girl researching and presenting on a historical figure. We also have planned Zoom meetings with three state representatives to help us earn our Democracy patch.

We are back in action, and as always we remain grateful to our church community for embracing and lifting up our girls!



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February and March Highlights



Meet little Benjamin, our newest member, born early February. Parents Erin and Michael are so grateful for the Church diaper shower and for a home cooked meal delivered to their door. Just so you all know, Michael has helped behind the scenes with all our technology issues and puts our worship videos on a jump drive for Dolph.

On February 26, Mina and Toe bought their first house in the US. LuWayne helped with the paperwork. Laura Neal also played a special role. Trina did a house blessing for this beautiful new home. Congratulations, Homeowners!



March 7 was Girl Scout Sunday. Our girls helped lead worship in the 11am service. They played the piano, gave a prayer, and presented our scripture lesson. They did a great job! We love watching them become comfortable as leaders.

