



# THE TRUMPET

CROWN HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH — LEAD PASTOR: REV. TRINA BOSE-NORTH



## NEXT SEASON OF PROGRESS

BY TRINA BOSE NORTH

One year ago we were relying on Livestream videos for worship. Now we offer two services, and small groups are finding their way back together. Slowly, slowly we are returning to some resemblance of life again.

Maybe this is a good time to pause, to take a breath, and resist the urge to mindlessly slip back into our old routines. The pandemic forced us all to slow down and do things creatively. What lessons shall we carry with us as we move into this next season? Maybe we get to go back to activities we have long missed, maybe we can incorporate new ways of operating into our lives (or church).

Take a deep breath. Let's listen for God's leading as we move forward into this next season. May we follow God's peace and joy in all that is to come.

As a church we are committed to following the CDC guidelines for Covid precautions. Many (but not all of us) have been vaccinated and are feeling more comfortable in public settings. The CDC says vaccinated people can be unmasked outdoors. Because some of our people are waiting for their vaccine, we ask our church to mask before and after Outdoor Worship when greeting people. And please continue to mask in Sanctuary Worship. The CDC says masks should still be worn in congregational settings. It is fine for small groups to not mask if everyone is vaccinated and comfortable unmasking.

In an abundance of caution, our church is moving slowly into the new reality of not masking. We are trying to serve many people's pace and needs while following the best advice. Truly, Crown Heights UMC has been wonderful at masking and protecting one another. Thank you!

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

#### Starting on June 6th-

Sanctuary Worship will be at 8:30 am.

*We are masking and social distancing for the time being.*

Outdoor Worship will be at 10am.

*Masks are needed before and after worship but we can sit without masks.*

Sunday School classes can meet at 11am.

This is our Sunday schedule for the next couple of months. When we move into fall programming, we will move both services inside and go back to our pre-COVID schedule (worship at 9:30am and 11am with Sunday School between).



## FINANCE UPDATE

**BY LEE ENDICOTT**

Our members continue to do a fantastic job financially supporting the church and its ministries. During the month of May, we collected a “Noisy Offering” which will be used to support two great organizations, The Reconciling Ministries Network and Diversity Center of Oklahoma. We have noticed that members’ pledges are a little behind where they should be. With summer coming, there is always concern about low attendance (especially now that people can actually travel). As a result, we really appreciate everyone’s attempts to keep their pledges current. And don’t forget, even when you’re on vacation you don’t even have to leave your hotel room to make your pledge payment through our website (<http://crownheightsumc.org>). To make a payment or to donate, simply click the donation button in the upper right corner of the opening page. The Finance Committee thanks you for all that you do for our church.

## SUMMER CALENDAR

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SANCTUARY WORSHIP AT 8:30AM,  
OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT 10AM (SANCTUARY, IF RAIN)

### June

June 6, Sunday — Graduate Reception, after either service  
(stay for cookies and to sign cards)  
June 11-12, Friday to Saturday— Youth Camp Out at church  
June 13, Sunday— Hearing from our Refugees in Worship,  
beginning of the Ration Challenge  
June 27, Sunday— 11am LGBTQ+ Fellowship Lunch

### July

July 10, Saturday from 11am to 2pm— Young Adult Pool  
Party at Trina’s house  
July 11, Sunday— 11am Experiencing Hinduism, Sanctuary  
July 17, Sunday—Children/ Youth Movie Outing, 11am-3pm  
July 25, Sunday— Frozen Casseroles for Mobile Meals due,  
Youth Pool Party at Trina’s house

### August

August 18, Wednesday— Ministry Resource Team meeting,  
7pm on Zoom



## EXPERIENCING HINDUISM

*Rev. Trina Bose North will give an introduction to  
Hinduism on Sunday, July 11 at 11am.  
It will focus on how the Durga Puja is celebrated  
in her dad’s hometown of Kolkata.  
Hinduism is best understood through experience,  
so come and see how worship happens in India.*

***Sunday, July 11 at 11am  
Meet in the Sanctuary.***



# 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 (\$500 FOR A LARGE ROOM)**

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## NANCY ANTHONY



*Congratulations to Nancy Anthony for being honored as a Good Samaritan by Neighborhood Services Organization.*

Nancy is receiving NSO's award at a virtual luncheon on June 17, 2021. She is being recognized for her work as president of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, which distributes charitable money benefiting countless people in our community.

Our church stands in recognition of Nancy for her work both in our community and in our church. Nancy has been an active member at CHUMC for over 40 years. She and Bob raised their family here and have participated in Sunday school classes and discipleship opportunities. Nancy is forward-thinking and is passionate about our church being relevant in our neighborhood.

## CLARENCE FORD SCHOLARSHIP

**BY COLLEEN BICKET**

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. Disbursement is based annually on how many students apply and how much money is available. We are grateful to the Ford family for this gift, and we pray for it to bless the students of our church!

Earnings from the investment of the original donation are used to fund the scholarships. Recipients are encouraged to contribute up to 20% of the proceeds back to the Fund following graduation.

Thanks to the Scholarship Committee:  
Colleen Bicket, chair, Julie Williams, Lee Endicott, and Jennifer Trent

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

### *Abby Herrring*

*The Crown Heights United Methodist Church Endowment is excited to announce the awarding of the CLARENCE FORD SCHOLARSHIP in the amount of \$1000 to ABBY HERRING. Abby has worked with children, infants, and students at Crown Heights UMC for the past four years. Prior to that she was invited to work with students in the Arts Academy, teaching piano to elementary students. She is currently our church nursery coordinator. During the past year she worked on a COVID floor at St. Anthony Hospital. She credits Crown Heights members for showing her support during this unprecedented time. She will resume her studies at Oklahoma City Community College this summer. CONGRATULATIONS, Abby!*

## *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.

### **OUR GRADUATES**

**Claire Charles**— Claire graduated from Choctaw High School. In the fall, she will be attending Francis Tuttle's Culinary Arts Program. Claire has worked with our church's pre-schoolers for the last 1 year and a half.

**Mu Paw**— Mu graduated from Putnam City Original High School. She will continue working at High Caliper Growing. Proud parents are Thaw Day and Nay Paw.

**Megan Whitaker**— Megan graduated from Choctaw High School and will be attending Rose State College in the fall. She has been working with our children for over a year.

**Hannah Wilkes-Ball**— Hannah graduated from Harding Charter Prep High School. In the fall, she plans to attend Northwestern State University in Alva. Proud father is Doug Ball, grandparents are Rex and Karen Wilkes.

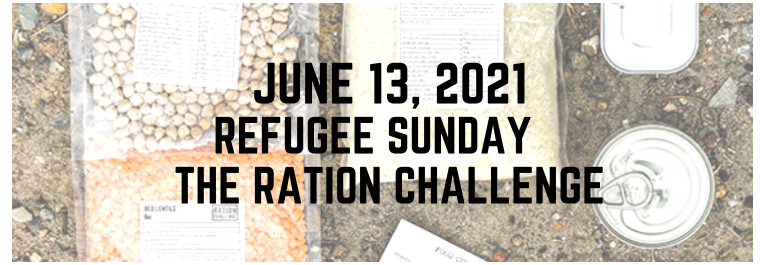
**Sydney Jones**— Sydney has recently started attending our church and just graduated from OU.

**Jay Williams**— In December 2020, Jay graduated from Oklahoma City University with a degree in Religion. He will be attending Vanderbilt Seminary for his MDiv. As he pursues ordination, we are so happy to be his home church. Jay worked with our children and youth about four years ago.

**Sam Endicott**— Sam graduated from the University of Oklahoma's Law School. He plans to pursue a career in criminal defense. Proud parents are Beverly and Lee Endicott.

**Join us for a Graduate Reception on Sunday June 6 (after either service). Please sign cards for each graduate and have a cookie to celebrate!**

### **MONTHLY MISSIONS—JUNE**



Our church is blessed to have refugees from Burma and Ethiopia in our membership. They each have a story about why and how they came to the US. Stories that are heartbreaking— of walking away from their homes, watching their villages burn, and leaving behind family. On Sunday June 13 in worship, we will hear from our refugees. Paw Shee, Nay and Mu Paw will share their experience in refugee camps and what is happening in Burma now. Also, we will hear from those at our church participating in The Ration Challenge through Church World Service (CWS), raising money and awareness for refugees around the world. CWS fill in gaps for emergency food and medical needs and they advocate for humane conditions and permanent homes. There are so many people in crisis, without a country or a home. Come hear the stories of our church family, and let's turn our compassion into action to make a positive difference in the world.

### **MONTHLY MISSIONS—JULY**

This month we ask our members to fill our freezer with homemade casseroles to be used for Mobile Meals. It is so helpful for our cooks to have yummy entrees ready to go. Any kind of casserole works for us. Special thanks to Sofie Trent who made and froze spaghetti casserole, cheeseburger casserole, chicken and pasta casserole, and burritos bowls— all worked great! Please make a casserole in a disposable pan. Wrap well. Write instructions on the lid. Bring to the church's Mobile Meals freezer, and please bring casseroles by July 25. Thank you for helping with this important ministry.





## WHIZ KIDS

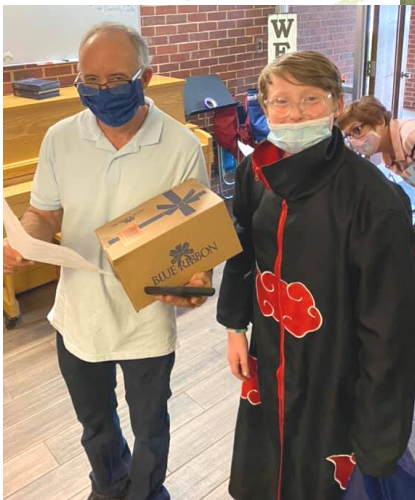
**BY JANET BASLER**

The Whiz Kids tutors and kids have been giving treasures of time, attentiveness, and caring to each other all year.

On May 20th our 14 Whiz Kids and their tutors enjoyed pizza, a special tie-dye cake, and a treasure hunt that had them scouring the church to find wonderful summertime treasures to take home. They received a backpack, joke book, maze ball, a Wimpy Kid Game, and many books and snacks.

Several treasures stand out this year as we worked around Covid to continue tutoring. Three Whiz Kids and tutors were able to sustain virtual tutoring all year, becoming good friends from a distance. They were overjoyed to finally meet each other at the church on May 20th enjoying the treasure of each other. Several kids got really 'hooked' on a book, "The Wild Robot." Some kids enjoyed the company of their new friend, Nathan North, as they played basketball each week before starting with their tutors, and played the craziest hide-and-seek game ever with each other. Several kids creatively illustrated the setting and exciting parts of their books, while others made paper airplanes and other art projects to enhance their reading. One boy, who could barely read at the beginning of the year, filled the journal his tutor gave him in January, writing and illustrating a book report on each of the many books he read.

This Whiz Kids year-end celebration on May 20th was a wonderful treasure for us all to remember the 18th year of Whiz Kids at Crown Heights. We will begin our 19th year in August and hope to more than double the number of kids we tutor. Maybe you can be a Whiz Kids tutor, on Thursday afternoons, from 3 - 5 pm? You could be a treasure for a child, and they for you. Call Janet at 405-229-3041 to talk about it.





## SARAH AND LEO'S DIAPER SHOWER

*The Dawson-Villasecas are expecting their baby to arrive early July.*



*Dear Church family,  
Leo, Catarina and I would like to thank you so much for showering us with diapers, wipes and the teething toy! We feel so incredibly blessed to be a part of this church family and are so glad we decided to stop in about 7 years ago to see what you were about! In this church we feel surrounded by love and friendship and acceptance, and the presence of God shines out - there is nowhere that compares! Thank you!*  
Sarah Leo (and Catarina)

## CHILDREN & YOUTH UPDATE

Mark your calendar for **Sunday July 17--** We are planning a movie outing for our children and youth. We will have sandwiches at the church before we leave, then drive to Tinseltown for a movie. We will be looking for a movie for kids and youth, hopefully the same one!

### Youth Schedule

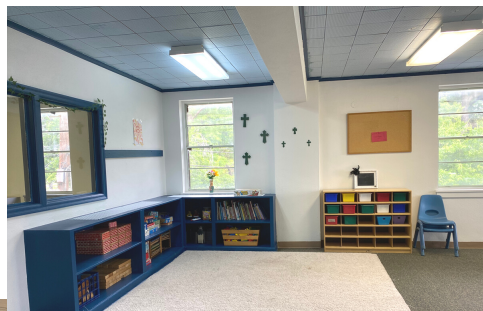
June 11-12, Friday to Saturday—  
Camping in church backyard  
July 25, Sunday—  
Pool Party at Trina's house

Picture below-- Youth painting the nursery on April 26



## KIDS' CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS

We've tried to make good use of our Pandemic time. Our wonderful childcare staff worked to improve their rooms. Claire Charles, Megan Whitaker, and Abby Herring painted the pre-school and nursery rooms. We are also getting new carpet in the nursery. Julie Williams re-organized and cleaned the Children's Library and supply cabinets. We are ready to fill these rooms with kids!





## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Dustin Thomasson** officially joined our church on February 21, 2021. Dustin is the Director of Nursing in a nursing home. Dustin should get an award for inviting the most friends to church.

We sure love that!

**Abby Herring** joined on May 2, 2021. Abby came to us through Arts Academy, where she committed to teach kids music after school.

Abby has worked with our church kids for the last three years.

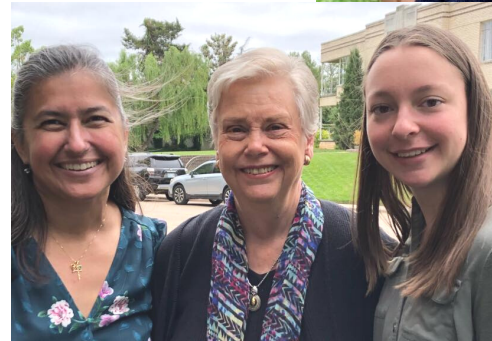
**Karen Wilkes and Hannah Wilkes-Ball** joined on May 9, 2021. Hannah found our church on her own after Grace UMC closed last year. She is starting college in the fall. Hannah's grandma, Karen, grew up at Crown Heights UMC and is married to retired Rev. Rex Wilkes. (Fun fact--one of the UM churches Rex served is St Paul's UMC in Tulsa, a Reconciling congregation!).



**DUSTIN**



**ABBY**



**TRINA, KAREN,  
AND HANNAH**

## JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

For all our LGBTQ+ members, you are invited to a lunch on **Sunday June 27th, about 11am.**

Let's meet following church at the Union, 616 NW 5th Street in their backyard dining area.

Talk to Mark Van Dorn with any questions.

## NOISY OFFERING

During the month of May, we raised **\$547.75** with a "Noisy Offering" of change (and checks) for two wonderful organizations: The Reconciling Ministries Network and the Diversity Center of Oklahoma.

Thank you all so very much!



## RAINBOW SHIRT ORDER TIME!

The church would like to order more rainbow logo t-shirts for our members. This year we will order the church logo on a black shirt. They're perfect for Pride month!

**Email Susan at [susan@crowheightsumc.org](mailto:susan@crowheightsumc.org) with your t-shirt size(s) by June 13th.** Adult, children's, and women's cut sizes are all available. Order a size up from your normal size if you choose a women's cut. **Shirts are \$10 each**—mail \$ to office, pay online, or drop in the offering with the memo line on your check indicating it is for a shirt. They will be ready for pickup before June 24th.



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## APRIL & MAY HIGHLIGHTS



Easter was April 5th. We had Sanctuary and Outdoor Worship with a gathering time in between. The kids enjoyed an egg hunt and bounce house in the backyard. It truly felt like a celebration of New Life!



Kyle Dillingham performed on April 17. On guitar and fiddle, he enchanted us with our favorite country, folk, and original songs.



On May 24, our Girl Scouts enjoyed an afternoon pool party in the rain! They loved it! The girls have been meeting in person for the last two months.