



THE TRUMPET

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



ADVENT 2021

BY TRINA BOSE NORTH

Advent is an intentional time to prepare for the coming of Christ. At church, we will focus on becoming a dwelling place for Christ. We will ask ourselves, how can our church become houses where the Holy will be born anew—offering respite, sustenance and care, opening the doors ever wider to those seeking shelter from the onslaught of life?

Our Inclusivity Statement says, "We want our community to recognize Crown Heights UMC as a safe haven where all people are welcomed, affirmed, loved, and supported by the members of our congregation." Throughout this season, let's do the intentional work of designing and building the kind of church where Christ dwells.

Worship is our starting place. It is in worship where we know God and listen for how God is calling us. Throughout this past year, I saw our church gathering in Christ's love and caring for one another in beautiful ways—and we turned our focus outward. Together we have reached out to those who need God's extra right now—the new Afghan refugees, those who knock on our door for assistance, students at nearby schools, and those who go to NSO or Skyline for help. We have lived into God's love.

We want nothing more than to be a vessel for God's very presence in the world. Let's use these weeks before Christmas to make our church and ourselves places where the Holy is housed and shared with a world in need of God's presence.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 am-- Sanctuary Worship
with weekly communion

9:45- 10:45 am-- Sunday School

11 am-- Sanctuary Worship
with Children's Moment

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Friday, December 24 at 7pm--
Candlelight worship
Nursery available

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SCHEDULE

Christmas Program--

Making a Home for Jesus,
December 19 at 11 am Worship

Nursery is available from 8:30
am-12:15 pm.

Children and Youth Sunday School

is from 9:45-10:45 am.
Meet in the Fellowship
Hall for breakfast then a
lesson.

Children and Youth attend the 11 am Service.

In Worship, kids are
invited up for the
Children's Moment and
Children's Church.

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DECEMBER/ JANUARY CALENDAR

WORSHIP SCHEDULE —

8:30AM AND 11AM—SANCTUARY WORSHIP

9:45-10:45AM—SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

December

Dec 8, Wednesday— Retiree lunch Pizzeria Gusto, 11:30am

Dec 14, Tuesday— Young Adults Fassler Hall, 5:30pm

Dec 15, Wednesday—NSO Christmas lunch

Dec 16, Thursday—Whiz Kids' Christmas Party

Dec 17- 18, Friday-Saturday— Youth Day Lock In, 7pm- 9am

Dec 19, Sunday— Children's Program at 11am Worship,
Christmas Concert, 5pm

Dec 24, Friday— Christmas Eve Worship, 7pm

Dec 26, Sunday— ONE SERVICE at 10am, no Sunday school

January

Jan 10, Monday— Ladies' Night Out, The Eleanor, 6:30pm

Jan 12, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch, 11:30am

Jan 19, Wednesday— Ministry Resource Team, Zoom 7pm

Jan 23, Sunday—DS Rev Sam Powers preaching in worship,
Youth Gathering, noon to 2:30pm

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Each Sunday during Advent, we will have special music in worship.

December 5, Brett Payne will sing Messiah's "Every Valley."

December 12, Steven Stark will bring us our Christmas favorites on the cello.

On **December 19 at 5pm**, Brett Payne and Mariann Searle will bring us a Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary. Join us in person or on Facebook Livestream.



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES ORG

NSO offers housing and support for individuals on disability. Our church has committed to prepare a **Christmas lunch on Wednesday December 15**. **Special THANKS to Laura Neal for baking 75 Christmas cupcakes!** We still need volunteers to cook and serve, and \$400 in cash to buy the food. Be a part of this wonderful day!

Welcome to our New Members

In November, we received 14 people into membership of our church.



Gabriel Malasig has been attending our church since August and has already become a youth counselor. He is in the Air Force at Tinker.

Corinne Henyan is a lifelong Methodist and has been attending our church since last Easter. Corinne's adorable dog is Gus.

Dawn Lieber lives in Perry, OK and watches weekly on Facebook Live. We know she is watching Brett (her son), but she says she loves everything about our church.

Kathrine Hickey has been attending our church since the spring.

She is the children's librarian at the Belle Isle Library.

Linda Newhouse and her daughter's family (the Trents) have been attending our church for two years. Linda is a Whiz Kids' tutor and active in UMW.

Nathan Lamirand and Giovanni Marette wandered into our church and our hearts in June and rarely miss the 8:30am service.

Jeremy Foor found us in early summer and has a willing spirit to serve.

He offices upstairs so say hi when you are here during the week.

Ashley Fitzgibbon, our Youth & Young Adult Coordinator, is the mom extraordinaire of six fabulous kids and is studying to be a counselor.

Kourtney Clayborne and Anna Mann wanted a welcoming church to grow their faith. Anna is an Oklahoma girl, and Kourtney recently moved here from Nashville, TN.

Lisa O'Nan is the mom of Girl Scout Stella (church troop), but by now she has claimed us as her own. Lisa teaches high school literature.

Barak Waters and Mia Scoggins moved here from Texas. Mia grew up Methodist and wanted an affirming church. Barak is Air Force, working at Tinker.

FIND YOUR PEOPLE!**Young Adult Group***20s- 30s+*

Tuesday, December 14,
Young Adults will meet
at 5:30pm at Fassler Hall.

Dress for outside. Bring friends and family! Ask Trina to join the Young Adult Group on Facebook for connection and information.

**Fassler Hall****Gen Xers***born between mid-1960s and 1980+*

Monday January 10 at 6:30pm, ladies are invited to The Eleanor (Champagne Lounge). Address: 317 NW 23rd St
The Xers invite all women to join them!

Retirees*retired or soon-to-be retired*

We are planning monthly lunches on the second Wednesdays of the month. Join us on Wednesdays, December 8 and January 12, at Pizzeria Gusto. Meet there at 11:30am.



The Finance Committee is pleased to accept a **Woodruff Endowment Grant** for \$3,500 for our Afghan Refugee mission. We expect the total cost needed for this mission to be about \$10,000.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Our church offers a convenient online option of giving. Through our webpage (crownheightsumc.org, look for the donate link in the green box), you will be able to make one time donations or set up monthly giving.

Just to let you all know how it works:

There is a 2.75% fee for all credit and debit card transactions, and there is a 1% fee for all transfers of money from personal banking accounts. (To transfer money from your account, we will ask you to fill out a form.) We appreciate any gift, of course. But if it is possible for you to transfer funds, the church would benefit even more!

Please know at the end of the year, reoccurring gifts are stopped. So if you would like to continue to give for in that way for 2022, don't forget to RE-sign up online.

RENTAL ROOM UPSTAIRS**Need office space?**

We have one office available for rent in the administration building. The room rents for \$350 monthly. Talk to Trina to discuss your needs. The room has WiFi, light custodial, and is furnished.

**FINANCE UPDATE****BY LEE ENDICOTT**

Thanks to our members doing a great of job keeping their pledges current and others making generous gifts to assist in the church's missions, our church continues to do well financially. As we enter the home stretch of 2021, we will continue to emphasize our missions and apportionments which are used to help those in need throughout the community, state, nation and world. Please keep up the good work!

We are in the final stages of this year's pledge drive. Your pledges are used by the Finance Committee to prepare Crown Heights UMC budget for 2022. Without information concerning the income the church is expected to receive, we have no way to make plans for the church's activities and missions in 2022. If you haven't returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible or you can e-mail our Financial Secretary, Libby Campbell, at Libby@crownheightsumc.org.

Crown Heights UMC Cares



Our church has committed to staging four homes for Afghan refugees resettling in OKC. Our first family moved into their apartment on November 30. We had all the furniture and household items donated and purchased mattresses and pillows.

As we learn more about our next families/individuals, we will let you all know what is still needed. Any cash donation is appreciated to buy beds, needed items, and rental assistance (if needed).



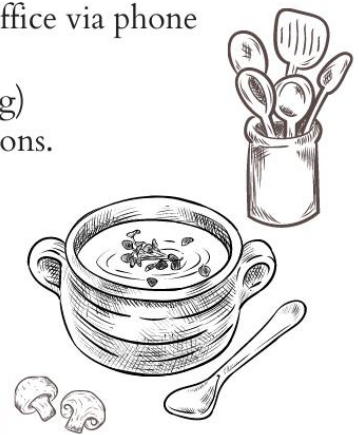
Mobile Meals Help

CHUMC provides approximately twenty meals every Monday to homebound seniors in our community through **Meals on Wheels of OKC**. We have lost a few of our cooks and so we are in need of dedicated folks to lend a hand and keep this ministry going.

There are many ways to help this program:

- bring a frozen casserole to be heated & served
 - contribute a side or dessert
 - come in on a Monday and help in the kitchen
 - schedule a Monday to cook a meal
 - consider joining the rotation and prepare a meal once a month
- Can you come in and prepare the meal on Dec 22?
 - Can you prepare dessert for Dec 29 or Jan 31?
 - Can you make 2 casseroles (any kind) for Jan 17?

Please contact Susan in the office via phone or email (524-8428, susan@crowheightsumc.org) to offer services or ask questions. Thanks so much!



LOOK WHAT WE DID TOGETHER

In October and November, our church served our community in various ways.

We purchased \$200 in bus passes to hand out to people who knock on our door for help. Our church covered a portion of rent (\$388) for a member family needing a little extra help.

Our youth went to a member's house and helped clean out her attic.

We purchased \$400 of Home Depot cards to help one of our families with an emergency.

We helped fix a car (\$140) for a young man with a job but no good transportation.

Our youth shopped at Ikea for our Afghan refugee families.

Our youth handed Halloween candy at the church and greeted each child wonderfully.

Through our Special Giving, we gave \$1300 to support these denominational ministries:

Black College Fund, Campus Ministries, NSO, Restore Hope, and CJAMM.



WHIZ KIDS**BY JANET BASLER**

Our nineteen tutors and their precious Whiz Kids are looking forward to a Christmas Experience on December 16th this year!!! It will include social distancing with the families and tutors in almost every spare room of the church. We hope the activities done together at their decorated tables will bring laughter and joy to each person. We will continue our tradition of singing together *The 12 Days of Christmas* (with the actions of course) and *Silent Night*. Then each family will leave with a hot meal in to-go boxes to enjoy when they get home.

If you'd like to help make this **Christmas Experience** happen for our Whiz Kids, we will need help in putting the meals together, and we'll need pans of frosted cakes brought to the church for the dinners. We could also use some help in setting up the rooms the **morning of December 16** and in cleaning up around **6 pm that evening**. Call Janet at 405-229-3041 to help make this happen.

We have a **special thanks**. When some of our Whiz Kids' tutors heard that a former student was living in a house with no hot water, they banded together with their friends and raised money for the family. For this family, their kindness meant everything.

**ARTS ACADEMY HEARTWARMING TIME**

One little girl drumming her heart out on Thursday evenings really sets the mood for the eighteen other kids at the Arts Academy each week. She is certainly the loudest, but not the only child who is totally immersed in learning to make music. The violins and guitars are beginning to make real music. The pianists have already played through the easy music and are starting to dig into more complicated pieces. The artists are getting into shading, and perspective, and the kids sculpting clay are ready to have several pieces go for firing now. The eleven high school students who teach (plus Jamie Gross who teaches sculpting) and the kids come in each week, have a little sweet snack, listen intently to a short Bible story, then jump up to go for their lessons. It warms our hearts to see what happens with these very special young people. Charlotte Trobaugh, Taffy Fellingham, and Janet Basler feel very blessed to care for these kids, to help make this happen, and to see these future musicians and artists develop more and more each week.

CHILDREN PROGRAMING

The Children's Christmas program, called *Making a Home for Jesus* will be performed on December 19 in the 11am service. They are doing great work on this performance. Kids, try to attend practices on Sundays Dec 5, 12, and 19 at 9:45am. Grown-ups, it's not (ever) too late to get your kid on stage!

December 19 after the Christmas play, the kids and youth will have a Christmas party. Make sure your child is there for the fun.

May your days be

**MERRY
& BRIGHT**

**YOUTH SCHEDULE**

December 17-18 **Youth Day Lock In**, spend the night at the Church. Meet at 7pm, pick up is at 9am. Bring change of clothes.

January 23 **Youth Meeting** from noon to 3pm

November 21- These youth did an **Escape Room** yesterday at Penn Square Mall. Both teams took the full hour and did not escape! But we had a great time!



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER



October 24 was the
Blessing of Animals

Left: Lory and Luke
Kerr (mom and son) with
their 2 adorable dogs

Right: the most well
behaved dogs in town!



Friends



Flower Arranging on
November 6 - Corinne
gave some tips on
flower arrangement.
It was a lovely morning
with lovely people
making lovely things!

November 11 -
The Young
Adults enjoying
Tucker's Grilled
Onion Burgers
and pumpkin
spice shakes!
Fun night.



Retiree Lunch
on November 10.
Bruce said it's
time for other
men to start
attending!