



# THE TRUMPET

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



## *FULL TO THE BRIM*

BY TRINA BOSE NORTH

I love the saying, "God is always writing our next chapter." Isn't it a beautifully reassuring thought that God is at work for something better for each of us and our world? I sure wish I could get my hands on what God is writing for my next chapter. I know it is something far better than I would write for myself.

This season of Lent, we have tried to listen for God's call to live Full to the Brim and have tried to make more room for God. Each week in worship, we have examined aspects of our own lives, like forgiving and living a disciplined life. The hope is that we can make the changes we need in order to live into the expansive life God dreams for us.

Easter is the celebration of the amazing possibilities in God. May we learn to live into the next chapter that God is writing for each of us.

**Mundy Thursday** worship will be at 6pm on April 14. Join for communion and a reflective moment during this most holy week. Childcare is available, let Trina know in advance.

April 17, we will celebrate **Easter**. Between the 8:30 and 11am worship services, everyone is invited to a social time between services. We will serve doughnuts and coffee. The kids will have a bounce house available and an egg hunt at 10:15am.



## *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

## *CHILDREN AND YOUTH SCHEDULE*

**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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WORSHIP SCHEDULE —

8:30AM AND 11AM—SANCTUARY WORSHIP,  
9:45-10:45AM—SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR



**April**

- Apr 2, Saturday— Big Event Workday, 9:30am-2pm
- Apr 3, Sunday— Youth Meeting, Noon- 3pm
- Apr 13, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch Pizzeria Gusto, 11:30am
- Apr 14, Maundy Thursday worship, 6pm
- Apr 17, EASTER Sunday— 8:30 and 11am Worship with social time from 9:30-11am
- Apr 24, Sunday— Marathon Sunday, NO WORSHIP,  
Young Adult lunch Basil at 1:30pm & "In the Heights" at 3pm
- Apr 27, Wednesday— Ministry Resource Team at church, 7pm

**May**

- May 1, Sunday— Graduate Reception & Teacher "Thank You"
- May 8, Backyard Concert, 5-7pm, Opera on Tap!
- May 11, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch Pizzeria Gusto, 11:30am
- May 15, Sunday— Youth Meeting, Noon- 3pm
- May 17, Tuesday— Young Adult Dinner, 5:30pm
- May 23-26, Monday- Thursday — OK Annual Conference,



**FIND YOUR PEOPLE!**

**Young Adult Group**

20s- 30s+

Sunday April 24, let's see OCU's *In the Heights* together! We will meet at Basil Mediterranean Cafe at 1:30pm, then head to OCU for a 3pm matinee. RSVP to Trina for a \$22 ticket.

Tuesday May 17 at 5:30pm, we will choose a restaurant to meet at for dinner.

**Gen Xers**

born between mid-1960s and 1980+

Sunday April 24, let's see OCU's *In the Heights* with the Young Adults! We will meet at Basil Mediterranean Cafe at 1:30pm, then head to OCU for a 3pm matinee. RSVP to Trina for a \$22 ticket.

**Retirees**

retired or soon-to-be retired

Join us on Wednesdays, April 13 and May 11, at Pizzeria Gusto. Meet there at 11:30am.

**Easter Flowers**

Spring Flowers will beautify our sanctuary Easter Sunday. If you would like to give one or more in honor or memory of relatives or friends, please use the order form provided on Sunday mornings (through April 3rd) or contact the church office.

The flowers are \$12.00 each. You may put your order form and check in the offering plate (please mark it "flowers") or mail it to the church. The deadline is Sunday, April 3. Donors will be listed in the bulletin. You may take your flowers home on Easter Sunday.

This is a fund raiser for our church. We will buy flowers for our sanctuary and also decorate for Easter with the extra money.



Because our church cares about your health,  
**get vaccinated and boosted!**

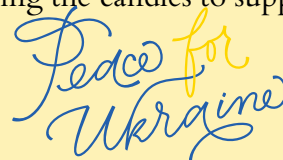
If you need help finding an appointment, call the Church Office.

**Easter Offering for Ukraine**

This year our Easter offering will support the Ukrainian crisis. We will divide our money between Church World Service and the UM World Service Fund, which includes the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Both of these organizations are have a long history of being active in world disasters and suffering. CWS is especially known for its work with refugees and already has staff people in eastern Europe, evaluating the needs.

If you would like to give, please use the pew envelopes or just write "Easter Offering" on the memo line of your check.

In the back of the Sanctuary, we have candles as a thank you gift for supporting this offering. Special thanks to Stephanie Coles for making the candles to support Ukraine.



## FINANCE UPDATE BY LEE ENDICOTT

The Finance Committee thanks the congregation for their financial support of the church. Please continue to keep your pledges current so that the church can continue to do God's work. Of course, anyone who forgot to turn in their pledge card is always welcome to support the church with their non-pledged contributions. 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.

This year, Crown Heights' Easter campaign is focused on the crisis in Ukraine. All money designated for the Easter offering will be divided between the United Methodist World Service Fund and Church World Service, both of which provide relief for refugees and world disasters. If you would like to help those suffering in Ukraine, please use the pew envelopes or write "Easter Offering" on the memo line in your checks.



Over Spring Break, Jim Rust and Beverly Endicott worked hard on renovating our church sign. It's been repainted. The lights have been updated. New plexiglass is coming in a week or two. Now our sign reflects the vitality held inside our building.

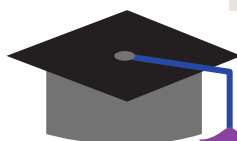


## RENTAL ROOM UPSTAIRS

### Need office space?

We have two offices available for rent in the administration building. The rooms rent for \$350 and \$450 monthly. Talk to Trina to discuss your needs.

The rooms have WiFi, light custodial, and are furnished.



## 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!

The application is available on the church's webpage ([crownheightsumc.org](http://crownheightsumc.org), *Ministries, Youth Ministries*).

Please have the application and the letter of reference turned in by **MAY 15, 2022** for consideration. We want everyone to apply, but know we give preference for need and more recent high school graduates.

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 Tipple

# CROWN HEIGHTS UMC CARES



Our church has been committed to helping settle refugees from Afghanistan since late September. We have furnished two apartments and are assigned our third family (a family of seven). For this apartment, First Presbyterian Church is teaming up with us. They have purchased the mattresses for all the beds.

Catholic Charities has the hard job of finding affordable housing for all the refugees in our city. This piece has taken longer than anticipated. In the meantime, our church is actively looking for ways to help with other needs. *We have delivered diapers and baby clothes to a pregnant woman. We gave a kitchen table to another family. We bought Afghan rugs and floor pillows for a family. We purchased a harmonium for a young man, who missed his old hobby (see picture above). We have been given the name of a family who need new shoes and will shop for them very soon.*

Crown Heights UMC is still committed to helping our newest neighbors in this time of adjustment. Thank you, church, for supporting all the work we have done so far!

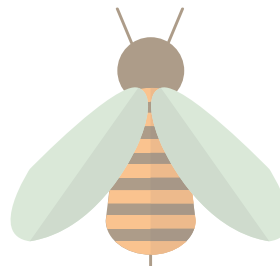
# MOBILE MEALS HELP

CHUMC provides approximately 16-20 meals every Monday to homebound seniors in our community through **Meals on Wheels of OKC**. 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

**Dates to consider for participation:**  
**May 16 & 30 and June 20 & 27**

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



# LOOK WHAT WE DID TOGETHER

**In February and March, our church served our community in various ways.**

Our church dropped off groceries for a member after an illness.

We gave furniture to a woman starting over from drug rehab.

We helped a man get his driver's license after driving on a learner's permit for 20 years.

We put money toward a bill for woman in a time of transition.

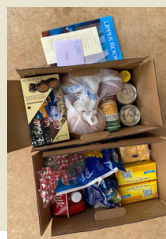
On March 3, sixteen church people volunteered at the Food Bank for two hours.

Our church provided furniture for three of our member refugee families.

A realtor member visited with one of our refugee families about the possibilities of buying a house.

On March 14, our Youth worked at Restore Hope Ministry Center in Tulsa for four hours.

We donated A LOT of travel-sized hygiene items to Restore Hope.



## CROWN HEIGHTS UMC MONTHLY MISSIONS

Each month our church commits to a mission opportunity. We want to serve our community and keep our vision beyond ourselves.

**APRIL-** Saturday April 2, we need church volunteers to host and lead teams for OU's Big Event Workday, 9:30am-2pm.

**MAY-** On Sunday May 1 as we celebrate our graduates, we want to thank the teachers of our church. Come sign cards for each teacher. We also want to give our seven teachers a \$25 gift card to Walmart to help with classroom supplies.

If you might donate a \$25 Walmart gift card, we would certainly appreciate it.

**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.

## CHILDREN PROGRAMMING

**Easter** is coming, April 17th. We will have Easter egg hunt inside for little kids and big kids!!! We'll also have two bounce houses, side walk chalk, bubbles, and lots of goodies to eat!! Hope you join us!!

**VBS— Monday June 27- Thursday June 30, 5:30- 8pm, mark your calendars!!**

Our theme this year is *Camp Starry Night!*  
Adult volunteers are needed as group shepherds, teachers, and cooks.  
Nursery available for VBS workers.  
VBS is for 5 years old - 5th grade.  
Youth are invited to come as helpers.

March 20- Daniel assisted serving communion during the 8:30 Service.



On Sunday April 10 at the 11am service, join as we baptize **Jabon Danne**.

*Jabon, you are a beloved child of God, beautiful to behold.*

## YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Apr 3, Sunday— Youth Meeting, Noon- 3pm  
May 15, Sunday— Youth Meeting, Noon- 5pm

**We are having The Talk! Yes, that talk!**

Because we believe in equipping our youth to have healthy relationships with themselves and others, we will be offering Sex Education. Using the curriculum "Our Whole Lives," we want our youth to clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the emotional and social aspects of sexuality.

### Youth Camp, May 20-22, 2022

Our youth are attending camp through Spirit Pride Project. It is a camp for everyone, especially youth who identify as queer. Since our youth group has a significant number of LGBTQ, we want to offer this safe, affirming place to enjoy camping and being together.  
Talk to Ashley about attending by May 1.  
Cost: \$25 for meals

**CHUMC  
YOUTH  
CAMP  
MAY  
2022**

**THE SPIRIT PRIDE PROJECT IS A NON-PROFIT CAMP DEDICATED TO THE IDEA THAT LGBTQ+ YOUTH DESERVE TO KNOW THAT WHO THEY ARE IS VALUABLE, POWERFUL, AND LOVEABLE! WE'RE SO EXCITED FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER WITH THEM ON LOVING OUR YOUTH WELL!!**



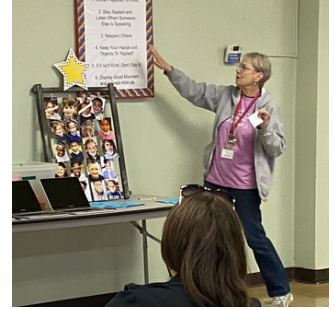
## THANK YOU, JANET BASLER



Since Whiz Kids came to our church 20 years ago, Janet Basler has been our church's representative and leader. And 18 years ago, she began Arts Academy. These two programs are such important ministries in our church.

Janet is retiring from her leadership roles in May, and our church owes her a big **thank you!**

Janet answered these questions below:



### When and how did you find Crown Heights UMC?

We were members of a church that was falling apart, so we were looking for a church close to our house. We visited CHUMC in 1979. We came during the SS hour, and a man met us at the door to take us to the children's area. Dewey Beningfield showed us 'his church'. Really the way he so lovingly looked at it and spoke of it, it was his 'home' also. Then he took us to his SS class. but afterward everyone left and we were lost. We couldn't figure out how to find our kids! So we went outside, found the sanctuary, and sat in a pew. Another couple about our age came and sat in the same pew. At the end of the service, they introduced themselves (Steve and Carol Barrymore) and we found out they lived around the corner from our house, and had children about our kids' ages. When we picked up our kids, the teacher sent the girls home with a large aloe vera plant. She hadn't had enough plants for the girls to take home like the other kids since she hadn't planned on them, so she gave her own plant to them. I had burned myself very badly the day before and had been looking, without success, for an aloe vera plant. We joined Crown Heights shortly afterward.

### How did Whiz Kids and Arts Academy start at our church?

Twenty years ago, our church was in the midst of a clergy change and decided to do a visioning weekend to help with that. Sixty + people showed up for the event. We reminisced about our past the first night. The next morning we read scripture and prayed. In the afternoon we were divided into groups to discuss what we had done. We had about eight groups. We spent several hours discussing in our small groups only and writing on those long papers people get during things like this. We were to write the vision we saw for our church in our discussion. In the evening we met with the whole group to hang our papers with the other groups'. Every single one of the groups put 'Reach out to the kids in the neighborhood' as their first thing. Most of other things written related to that also. After defining that more closely, we made it our vision for the future. It was so clear and unanimous, we didn't even meet the next day as planned. It took about a year for the new pastor to figure out how to approach that vision. The church secretary let me know that Whiz Kids had come to us to ask us to be a partnering church. I told the pastor I'd coordinate it. He said ok, and we became a WK church. Two years later one of our WK wanted to get into CSAS as an artist. We got her reading scores up to be accepted but had no way to help with an art portfolio. At the time I was the Key Club sponsor at CSAS. On a walk one evening, I believe God said to me, "You have kids who want to learn music/art, and kids who want to teach. Put them together." We did and the Arts Academy was born.

### What are you and Stan doing in your retirement?

We have figured out how to live in two homes in two states, OK and KS. But we are now getting tired of driving over 600 miles a week, and will be spending all but a few days a month on our farm in southeast Kansas. We love the starlight nights, the animals roaming around, the beautiful scenes outside our very large windows, and living simply with good friends around. Stan has been pastoring a church an hour away from our farm for the last three years. He has also become active in county politics, and he loves 'playing/working' as he rides his tractor as often as possible. I've been keeping up with my kids, grandkids, Whiz Kids, and Arts Kids while we are at the farm three days a week. I've been crocheting hats and scarves for the homeless, and helping cook and serve for the community meals the church does twice a month. While in OKC three days a week, I coordinate WK and AA and see grandkids.

### What will you miss most about your OKC life?

Stan will miss preaching regularly at Redemption Church, and working at the Innocence Project in OKC, as well as his grandkids. I will greatly miss Whiz Kids and Arts Academy. I will miss my family here, though I'll see them monthly, it's just not the same as making every ballgame and party. I will miss spending time with my friends, though I plan to coordinate my grandkid visits with my church circle time to keep up with those friends. And we both will really miss several of our favorite restaurants.

# MEMBER NEWS

## Farewell from the Kostelkas

Crown Heights was one of the first churches we visited after moving to OKC in 2015. For different reasons, it took a few more years before we actually became members. During that time, however, we felt like a part of the community and got involved where we could. Through the 'Supper Club' dinners, we met a lot of the members and developed some great friendships. Evan was even recruited to assist with a VBS one summer. We have received many handwritten notes and words of appreciation from CHUMC members during our time in OKC. We've had members bring us meals after the birth of our children, Molly and Cooper. We've brought meals to other couples who have had babies, as well. We've seen the number of guests rise during the pandemic while many churches have struggled to stay open. CHUMC is a church that puts love into action, whether it is hosting Whiz Kids, providing furniture to refugees, or putting a rainbow banner on the front of the building. All are invited to be members of the church and we have enjoyed our time here. The Methodist church has some more growing pains but we know this church community is in good hands and will rise to meet that challenge. I encourage everyone to stay involved, remain informed, and maintain an open heart for the future. We know that we will miss this church community. May God bless you all and if you are ever in Shreveport, LA look us up!

-Caroline, Evan, Cooper, and Molly Kostelka



Pictures:  
Above- our Goodbye Party for the Kostelkas on March 12

Below- Molly's baptism last year, Molly surrounded by her extended family on both sides



## So much to celebrate!

Meet our newly married or engaged couples.

**Nathan and Giovanni** were married on Feb 12, 2022. Giovanni is starting a new job with Spirit Airlines this week.

**Sandra and Brooke** are getting married in Vegas on April 1. We sent them off with blessings on Sunday, March 20.

On July 28, **Ashley and Sydney** will be married in Italy. After graduation and wedding, they plan to relocate to Germany to start their new life together.

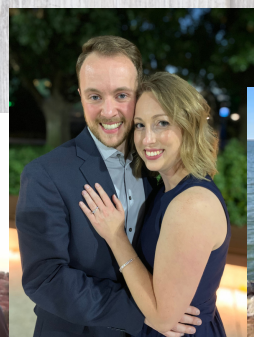
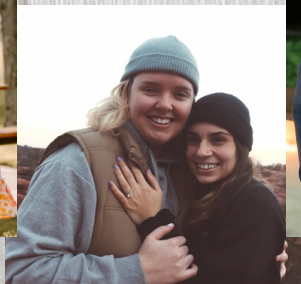
**Natalie and Kevin** were engaged on Oct 8, 2021 and plan to marry on Oct 8, 2022!

**Piper and Kelsey** were engaged last fall and plan to marry after grad school. This couple met at OU.

Kelsey graduated in May 2021, and Piper graduated in Dec 2021.

**Mia and Barak** met at Texas A&M. Barak proposed to Mia on March 19 during a "Trustee Meeting" at Lake Hefner.

We loved being in on it!



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## SPRING BREAK HIGHLIGHTS



## YOUTH MISSION TRIP, March 13-15, 2022

We had fourteen youth and four adults join our Mission Trip to Tulsa!! We left Sunday after church and ate packed lunches on the way to Boston Ave UMC where we were lodged the next few days.

The next morning we went to Restore Hope to volunteer. We broke out into groups. One group went outside to clear out garden beds (where they found baby bunnies in a borough), one group organized donated food (did you know 75% of donated food is expired?), and the last group cleaned the building, helping them get ready to reopen soon.

Then we made our way to the Greenwood District and ate yummy burgers at Fat Guy's and went to Greenwood Rising History Center. Back at the church, we ate dinner and made a junk food run to Quick Trip. Then we did a group huddle to go over what we learned and encourage each other and then had fun games all night!

Tuesday we made sure the church looked better than when we arrived and left sweet thank you notes from our youth.

Mark this trip down as a success!!