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



LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

BY TRINA BOSE NORTH

Pentecost is this Sunday, June 5. This is a significant Sunday in the life of the church. Some call it the church's birthday. Historically, it's the celebration of when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles in wind and flame. Through the Spirit, differences fell away. Their hearts were united and set ablaze by their mission.

I saw the Holy Spirit work her magic last week at the youth camp. Our ten youth and four adults spent three days together in the middle of nowhere, Texas. Our diverse group is still coming together after the pandemic. On the first morning, the group did a ropes course. Already there was such care and encouragement of each person as they did their best on the course. By the time the youth arrived back home, the group had melded, brought together by the Spirit. And it was beautiful.

Pentecost is a reminder for us to listen for the Spirit again. We call upon the Spirit to unite us and send us out into the world, together. So we pray, "Come, Holy Spirit, come!"

Wear red, orange, or yellow on Pentecost, June 5.

Vacation Bible School-

In just three weeks, our church is going to be deep in the thick of VBS. This is a big endeavor, needing all hands on deck. We need shoppers, bakers, cooks, group leaders (shepherds), and greeters. Ashley will be asking for volunteers. Please consider helping—it really is a fun time! This is Ashley's first year leading VBS, and she had some new ideas to try out on the group, like a scavenger hunt and s'mores! It will be a "Camp Out" we won't soon forget!

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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RSHIP

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

June

Wednesdays in June (8, 15, 22, and 29)— Reading with Afghan elementary students from 9-10am

June 8, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch Pizzeria Gusto, 11:30am

June 14, Tuesday— Young Adult Dinner at Oso, 5:30pm

June 18, Saturday— Moving Day for Afghan family, 9am

and Gen X Dinner at the Endicotts', 5-7pm

June 27-30, Monday- Thursday evenings— VBS from 5:45-8pm

July

July 9, Saturday— Young Adult Pool Party, 11am- 2pm July 10, Sunday— Youth Pool Party, Noon- 4pm July 13, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch Pizzeria Gusto, 11:30am and MRT Zoom meeting at 7pm

FIND YOUR PEOPLE!

Young Adult Group

20s- 30s+

June 14, 5:30pm, join us at Oso in the Paseo for Happy Hour! July 9 from 11am to 2pm, Pool Party at Trina's (19401 Stubblefield Lane)!!

Gen Xers

born between mid-1960s and 1980+ Saturday June 18-5-7pm Join for an evening on the Endicotts' patio. Bring a appetizer or dessert to share.

Retirees

Join us on Wednesdays,
June 8 and July 13, at Pizzeria Gusto.
Meet there at 11:30am.

VBS - camp Starry Night

Monday June 27- Thursday June 30, 5:45-8pm,

Schedule:

5:45- 6pm— lite dinner in Fellowship Hall

6-6:15pm— Bible Story

6:20-6:40pm— Craft/ Science

6:45-7:05pm— Science/ Craft

7:10-7:30pm— Recreation/ Rotation

7:35-7:55pm— Rotation/ Recreation

8pm— pickup

VBS is for 5 years old - 5th grade. Youth are invited to come as helpers. mank

Adult volunteers are needed as group shepherds, teachers, and cooks.

Nursery available for VBS workers.

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FINANCE UPDATE BY LEE ENDICOTT

As previously reported, our Financial Secretary, Libby Campbell, recently left her position with the church for a full-time, work from home job. Since that time, the Finance Committee has been scrambling to determine who we could find to take over the multiple tasks that Libby has so ably handled for our church over the last 17 years she served Crown Heights. We eventually came to the decision of spreading Financial Secretary jobs around. After multiple discussions, a decision has been made to hire church member Audrey Leal to handle the church deposits, check-writing and data entry regarding church donations and outgoing payments. We are using PayCom for the church's payroll and Silvernail & Woods Accounting for other issues including reconciling our bank accounts and assisting in other financial tasks that might require their expertise. I want to give special thanks to Audrey Leal and Colleen Bicket for helping us get through this transition period. Colleen has spent countless hours signing checks, investigating options looking for someone to handle payroll and going through the church's application process with Paycom. I can't imagine how we would have made it without Audrey's ability to learn and help us with the QuickBooks software. I also want to thank Libby for her years of service and also for being there to answer our questions after she left.

Finally, I want to remind everyone the importance of keeping your pledges current. We are facing the summer months which is a time when pledges and donations slow down. Please remember if you are unable to attend church on any particular Sunday, you can still make your pledge payment through our church's website (crownheightsumc.org) by clicking the donation button in the upper right corner of the opening page.

LET'S BRING THE CHANGE!



Bring your spare change to worship throughout the month of June. We are collecting money to divide between Reconciling Ministries and SISU.



FORD SCHOLARSHIP

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



The Crown Heights United Methodist Church Endowment is excited to announce the awarding of the CLARENCE FORD SCHOLARSHIP in the amount of \$1000 to Carter North.

Carter is a lifelong Methodist and came to Crown Heights UMC in 2016. He has been active in the youth group and volunteers around the church a lot. He has moved more Afghan furniture than most! He and his brother Nathan help close up the building every week after worship.

In the fall, he plans to attend Loyola University in Chicago, studying forensic science. His career goal is to be a homicide detective for the FBI. Carter said, "I apply for this scholarship because I do love this church and what you all are doing to help our community, and I feel supported by everyone."

CONGRATULATIONS, Carter!

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CROWN HEIGHTS UMC CARES



Since September, our church has been seeking ways to support the Afghan refugees arriving in OKC. In our work, we found partners to do this work with- First Presbyterian Church, Wesley UMC, and Putnam City UMC. Our church has been a hub to gather together donations from these churches, and we get the added joy of dispersing the items.

There are 3 upcoming ways to participate:

We have been assigned our third/ fourth apartments for a family of 9 (3 generations). We need a crew to move items from the church to the apartment. **Moving day** should be Saturday June 18.

Summer Recharge is a school program for Afghan students and new English learners to practice their language skills. Through the month of June, they are asking for adults to read with the kids from 9–10am. Crown Heights UMC is covering Wednesdays (June 8, 15, 22, and 29). Meet at Wiley Post Elementary School from 9 to 10am (6920 W Britton Road, OKC). They will provide our reading materials.

We are also collecting **school supplies** to hand out in August. If you have any paper, folders, office supplies, or pencils, bring them to the church. We will be distributing school supplies mid-August.

MOBILE MEALS HELP

CHUMC provides approximately 17-20 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: June 27, July 4, July 25, August 1

Please contact Susan in the office (524-8428, susan@crownheightsumc.org) to volunteer or ask questions. Thanks!





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.

LOOK WHAT WE DID TOGETHER



In April & May, our church served our community in various ways.

On March 3, 17 of us volunteered at the Food Bank.

Our church gave household items (table, shower curtains, pots/ pans) to our church's refugee families.

We provided a \$150 grocery gift card for a family with financial concerns.

On April 24, our church gave flowers for OCU's cast and crew of *In the Heights*.

We provided shoes, furniture, and a harmonium for our Afghan friends.

For Easter, we raised over \$5000 for Ukrainian crisis, giving to Church World Service & UMCOR.

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ARTS ACADEMY



On May 5, our Arts Academy students showed off their hard work.
Our ceramic and drawing artists had a table. Our performing artists each played a song. They were all wonderful!
The evening was Janet Basler's last directing Arts Academy. This amazing program, pairing up high school tutors with elementary students, was her idea and passion for the last 18 years. Our church is so grateful for this ministry and Janet's vision.

Thank you!

Thanks also to Charlotte Trobaugh, who has worked with Arts Academy through the years.
And Jamie Schoshke Gross, thank you for stepping up and being our new director.

WHIZ KIDS

The Whiz Kids had two celebrations. One at the Orr Family Farm with about 300 other Whiz Kids from across OKC. They had their faces painted, bounced and rolled and climbed in and on everything they could, tried their hand at roping, digging with a mechanical shovel, and petting animals.

Five days later they ended their year with fun activities around the church. They began with a pizza, fruit, donut and cookie meal provided by Sally Hayes, Mike Brown, and Tom Weaver.

Then they began their journey through a sensory walk with Pastor Trina, giant bubble making with Julie Williams, a ring toss with Kurt Rupert, bowling with Lloyd Musselman, a photo booth, and a very exciting human Hungry, Hungry Hippo game with Ashley Fitzgibbon. The day ended with an individual affirmation of each Whiz Kids' positive attributes with Pastor Trina's famous circle song. The Whiz Kids all left with several books and a few STEM projects to enjoy this summer.

Our Whiz Kid Tutors were given the results of their kid's reading tests, showing all had improved dramatically. The teacher liaison says the classroom teachers report that they no longer have to fight our Whiz Kids to read, as they do others not in Whiz Kids. The Whiz Kids are able to learn more at school without the resistance to reading.

The Tutors needed to CELEBRATE their year also.
They met for lunch together a week later to tell stories about their year, talk about their summer plans, and express their hopes for the coming year.
What a great group of people!





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YOUTH PROGRAMMING

May 20-22 the youth attended Spirit Pride Project in Texas! This is a camp for everyone with a specific acknowledgment that camp can be an unfriendly place for LGBTQ+ kids. We focused on how each youth is wonderfully made, with agency to claim their own space and voice. It was hot, and it was amazing! We have such fantastic youth.



BY WATER AND THE SPIRIT - 3 SPECIAL BAPTISMS

On Thursday March 31, we celebrated a baptism for an Arts Academy teacher, Skyler. All the students and teachers participated, and it was absolutely beautiful!!







On April 12, we officially welcomed 12 people into church membership, baptizing 1, Sydney Hafemann. Each person who joined today has already gifted our church with their passions and personalities. Our new members are Audrey Leal, Christian Leal, Kevin Thomas, Natalie Wood, Stephanie Skidmore, Kyle Skidmore, Sydney Hafemann, Ashley Hafemann, Belinda Jones-Almond, Kelly Almond, Carter North, and

Nathan North.

On May 1, our sweet Aylana was baptized at First United Methodist Church Colleyville (Texas), where Audrey and Christian attended from 2017 until they moved to Oklahoma. We celebrate God's presence in Aylana's life and pray to grow her in God's love.

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MEMBER NEWS

PRESIDENT NANCY B. ANTHONY

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION



May 12, 2022 | Oklahoma History Center

QUOTES No. FROM NANCY 6

"Everything's been said, just not everyone has said it."

> NANCY B. ANTHONY'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION MAY 12, 2022

> > FROM NANCY 2

"I'm not being critical, I'm just being descriptive."

NANCY B. ANTHONY'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION MAY 12, 2022





Nancy Anthony is retiring after 37 years at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Under her leadership, the Community Foundation has bettered our city's parks, our public places, and our underserved peoples. Nancy has made a huge difference in OKC, and we are very grateful!

Nancy answers some questions below:

What is a favorite project you worked on at the OKC Community

Foundation? We received a bequest in 1991 from a teacher named Margaret Annis Boys (who was a member of Crown Heights but I did not know her). The gift was to be used to beautify parks, medians, and public lands in Oklahoma City. This was a unique opportunity to do something that the donor intended but would also be a very positive project. We have evolved that one gift, plus some additional support over the years, to a major effort to both beautify public lands and to activate and improve public parks. There are so may positive attributes to these efforts and it has impacted every part of the community. People enjoy having public spaces look nice. Neighborhoods have a positive project to unify around, school grounds have been improved and more community support has been generated. Even after the horrible ice storms, we were able to assist with replanting of trees.

Since no one believes you are going to fully retire, what will you continue to work on for the Community Foundation? I have a couple of projects that are funded by donors that I will continue to be involved with but mostly on the advisory side. Since the Community Foundation touches almost every aspect of the community, I am sure that I will leverage that experience to connect with great projects and organizations.

What are you looking forward to adding to your life with more time on your hands? I would like to have more time to run and play tennis on a regular basis and probably travel and spend time with my family

How long have you been a member at Crown Heights UMC? What brought you here? What keeps you here? I have been a member since 1977. I am a life-long United Methodist. When Bob and I moved to NW 37th Street, down from the church, it was the obvious place to attend and was a great fit for us at the time. CHUM has evolved as has the neighborhood. CHUM has kept me very grounded with all types of people who make up our community. It is easy in my job to focus on one group and not remember who you are really working to help. CHUM has been a very important addition in supporting my faith.

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EASTER HIGHLIGHTS



Easter was April 17, 2022.



Easter held the joy of resurrection.

After years of careful Easter
celebrations, we enjoyed worship
and fellowship. Between services, we
gathered over coffee and doughnuts
while the kids hunted for eggs and
jumped in a
bounce house.

The highlight had to be our youth
throwing confetti on the whole
congregation during the 11am
service. Such joy!



