

THE TRUMPET

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



WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

BY TRINA BOSE NORTH

Throughout the months of August and September in worship, we will focus on stories about women in the Bible. There are so many to choose from. I want our church to know which three women are called "the most blessed" and which four Old Testament women are named in the genealogy of Jesus. Also on October 2, we will read together about Mary Magdalene. To prepare, consider reading Dan Brown's *The Divinci Code*. On the evening of October 2, I will show the movie based on this book at the church.

Together we will read about women who were cunning, disobedient, resourceful, and faithful. Often these stories push the boundaries of their culture. In many ways, they had to be brave to survive, thrive, and make it into the history books. Join us to be inspired by these much-loved or little-known women in the Bible.

*** *The Bible has a few stories depicting violent acts against women. We will read one on September 11 in worship, the killing of Jephthah's daughter (Judges 11:30-40). I will seek to provide ways to use or not use this text. If hearing about this violence is extra difficult for you, please talk to me or make the best decision for yourself on September 11.*

THE PORCH SESSIONS

with Walter Brueggemann and Peter Block

Journey Sunday School Class meets Sundays at 9:45-10:45am in the Parlor. Beginning on August 7, we will be eavesdropping on conversations between Walter Brueggemann and Peter Block in a series called "Porch Sessions." Join us to discuss their topics and ideas.

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

August

Aug 10, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch Pizzeria Gusto, 11:30am

Aug 14, Sunday— Bring school supplies to donate

Aug 16, Tuesday— Young Adult dinner Ashley's house, 5:30pm

September

Sept 4, Sunday—Children's pool party (pre-k through 5th grade), Trina's house, noon to 3:30pm

Sept 5, Monday— Labor Day, Church Office closed

Sept 14, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch Pizzeria Gusto, 11:30am

Sept 20, Tuesday— Young Adult dinner Hall's Pizza Kitchen, 5:30pm

Sept 25, Sunday— Recovery Sunday, cake after church

FIND YOUR PEOPLE!**Young Adult Group**

20s- 30s+

Tuesday August 16 at 5:30pm, join us for dinner at Ashley's house (1200 NW 32nd). Mexican dinner, maybe bring a dessert to share.

Tuesday September 20 at 5:30pm, Hall's Pizza Kitchen (Midtown).

Retirees*retired or soon-to-be retired*

Join us on Wednesdays, August 10 and September 14, at Pizzeria Gusto. Meet there at 11:30am.

FINANCE UPDATE**BY LEE ENDICOTT**

Our members continue to do a great job of financially supporting the church and its ministries. In fact, this year we were able to create the new staff position of Director of Children, Youth and Young Adults. Ashley Fitzgibbon was hired to fill this position and she has been providing Trina some much needed assistance in these areas, which are the lifeblood of the church. Thanks to your generous donations, Crown Heights is able to expand, grow its missions and provide God's love to all.

Now that we are in the middle of summer, there is always concern about low attendance due to vacations. As a result, the Finance Committee appreciates everyone's attempts to keep their pledges current. Don't forget that even though you may be out of town on vacation, you can continue 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.

**GIVING
ONLINE**

Point your cell phone's camera on this QR code to be given the link to the CHUMC portion of the Vanco website where you can give to the church securely online.

MEMBER NEWS**Congratulations!**

Welcome to our newest members Brett Payne and Lucas Shoemaker!

They joined our church on Sunday June 26 (8:30 service).

And these two got engaged on June 16!



We blessed the new addition to the family of Nicole & Nick Papac on July 10th (11am service). Baby John Robert entered the world on July 19.



CROWN HEIGHTS UMC CARES



Our church has fulfilled our commitment of furnishing four apartments for Afghan refugees. With donations of household items and furniture, we were able to create beautiful, well-stocked homes. We only had to purchase mattresses and a few decorating items.

On June 16, our church and First Presbyterian Church of OKC moved everything for two apartments. The apartments were for a three-generational family of nine. The adult sons both worked on the bases doing HVAC work. They speak more English than our other families. We are encouraging them get jobs in their fields. With employment in mind, our two churches provided a laptop for each apartment.

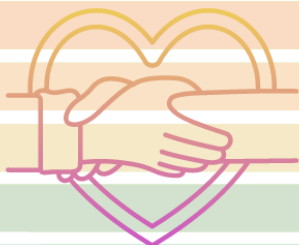
MONTHLY MISSIONS

August Mission

We are collecting school supplies to hand out to Putnam Heights Academy and Wiley Post Elementary School. If you have any paper, folders, office supplies, or pencils, bring them to the church by Sunday August 14. We will be distributing school supplies on Monday August 15.

September Mission

For recovery month, we want to support a sober living house. They consistently need: toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, all hygiene items. **More information will follow soon.** Join on Sunday, September 25 to celebrate recovery with cake after worship. We will put out a donation basket. We would like to raise \$250 as a scholarship for someone to go through rehab. The cost of rehab is \$10,000.



WHIZ KIDS NEWS BY BRUCE PITTS

Too Busy? Too Stressed? Looking for a personal feel-good mission that will restore your inner peace and make a Christian difference in life of our community? **Then volunteering to be a Whiz Kids tutor/mentor/helper might be just the mission for you!** For the 20th straight year, we are partnering with members from Mayflower Congregational Church to provide volunteer mentoring that focuses on reading with first through fifth grade students from Wilson Elementary School.

The Whiz Kids have been identified by their teachers as kids who are reading or comprehending below grade level and could benefit most from some special attention from a caring adult. At Crown Heights we have been provided with a whole library of books, educational games and experienced tutor and leaders who are always onsite to help. Bottom line is that tutoring these wonderful kids is structured, fun and unbelievably rewarding. Whiz Kids is a city-wide program that has a proven track record of improving the reading skills of the students and proving volunteers with a structured program of making a difference in the lives of the kids.

If helping a great kid and having a rewarding fun time in the process sounds like something you might like to do on Thursday afternoons, please give me a call or text at (405) 837-9282 or email at bruceapitts@gmail.com. I'll be happy to share my personal experience as a long-time tutor and give you all the information you will need. Thanks.

ARTS ACADEMY NEWS BY JAMIE GROSS



**ARTS
ACADEMY IS
READY TO
ROCK AND
ROLL!**

Violins are strung, pianos are tuned, paint is procured and our returning teachers are well rested! We're missing our amazing founder Janet Basler, but the spirit and impact of her mission remains! Applications are at Wilson Elementary and will start rolling in soon so that lessons can begin Thursday, September 22nd from 5:30-6:30.

Soon the church will be filled with music and art taught by Classen SAS and Bishop McGuinness High School students and created by approximately 15 Wilson Elementary students. We are so excited to have these noisy, artistic kiddos back in our building! Please include these kids and teachers in your prayers this year as we introduce them to skills that will impact their lives for the good – possibly forever!

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VBS HIGHLIGHTS



VBS Camp Starry Night was June 27-30. This was Ashley Fitz's first year leading us, and she did a great job planning out the activities for the week. Each night after dinner and a Bible story, the kids rotated through art, science, and recreation. We added a new rotation called "Star Gazing," where the kids made s'mores, played sanctuary hide and seek, and did a scavenger hunt.

For the 25 kids who attended VBS, we had:

10 youth helping nightly,

10 teachers leading an area,

8 cooks taking a turn in the kitchen,

12 members baking homemade cookies,

and a team of 5 adults decorating in advance.

That's a lot of love poured out on our children!

And they sure felt it!

Children

Sunday August 7- Back to School Bash during Sunday School

Sunday Sept 4 at noon- We will take the van up to Trina's house to swim, returning at 3:30pm. Parents are welcome (or not!).

Youth

Sunday August 7- Back to School Bash at Ashley's house.

Get ready for a neighborhood scavenger hunt

Starting in September, we will be having every other week youth programming. Talk to Ashley if Wednesday or Sunday 5:30-7:30pm