

THE TRUMPET

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



WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

BY REV TRINA BOSE NORTH

We are slowly working our way through a series on Women in the Bible. In August and September, we focused on Old Testament women--living in a patriarchal culture, the stories still depicted fierce, cunning, courageous, bright women. They did bold things to move Israelite history forward.

Throughout October and November, we will read about New Testament women. You might notice a shift in the depiction of women. These women did not play the same powerful roles played just a few books earlier. Instead we meet women who too often remain unnamed, asking Jesus to heal them or finding quieter roles in Paul's early church. These stories have a different tone, but as we sit with them, we can celebrate how women were seen by Jesus and empowered to do God's work.

Maybe you've seen on our church sign, I have been rotating quotes by Dorothy Day, a Catholic woman from the last century. Through her justice-seeking faith and her journalism skills, she was a leader in The Catholic Worker Movement, seeking mercy for the poor and justice for the oppressed. Dorothy Day lived a bold, counter-cultural life. She is a modern example of a woman finding her voice to do God's work.

Some of the Dorothy Day quotes we have had up on our sign include:

"I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least."

"Those who cannot see Christ in the poor are atheists indeed."

"The final word is love."

Throughout these months, join us to be inspired by the faithfulness and strength of women.

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

October

Oct 2, Sunday— Movie Night in Fellowship Hall, The DeVinci Code, 5pm, *if possible bring snacks to share*

Oct 5, Wednesday— Youth Night, 5:30-7:30pm

Oct 12, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch Pizzeria Gusto, 11:30am

Oct 13, Thursday— Fall Break, No Whiz Kids

Oct 18, Tuesday— Young Adult Dinner at Hall's Pizza Kitchen, 5:30pm

Oct 19, Wednesday— Youth Night, 5:30-7:30pm

Oct 22, Saturday— UCO Workday, 9:30- 2pm,
need volunteers to host and work with the students

Oct 26, Wednesday— Ministry Resource Team, 7pm

Oct 28, Friday— Haunted House for kids, 5:30-7pm,
the youth invite ALL the kids in our church to stop by for a trick and a treat!

FIND YOUR PEOPLE!

Young Adults

20s- 30s+

Tuesday Oct 18 at 5:30pm, Hall's Pizza Kitchen. And Tuesday Nov 8 at 5:30pm, Fassler Hall (Midtown).

Gen Xers

basically 40-60

Trina signed us up to shop for an NSO resident. More info coming. From Lee Endicott: We will provide Christmas presents for 1 or 2 residents of the Neighborhood Service Organization's Palo Duro Apartments. Palo Duro offers permanent housing to single adults with mental illness. It's a wonderful program.

Retirees

retired or soon-to-be retired

Join us on Wednesdays, October 12 and November 9, at Pizzeria Gusto. Meet there at 11:30am.



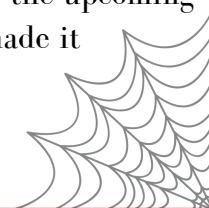
The youth are excited to create a **haunted house** in our church. It will be open for children (ours & the neighborhood's) on **Friday, October 28 from 5:30-7pm**. Make a plan to bring your littles in for some frightening fun! After the kids leave, the youth will stay and watch scary movies.



FINANCE UPDATE BY LEE ENDICOTT

The Finance Committee thanks everyone who has been diligent in keeping their giving current over the summer. Your continued generosity and commitment is appreciated as we enter the last quarter of 2022. Third quarter giving statements will be mailed out soon.

In the coming weeks, keep an eye out for the letter kicking off CHUMC's 2023 pledge campaign. Our theme this year is **Increasing God's Reach**. We will be asked to reach further to give more to God. That includes our money, hearts, minds, and time. Imagine, if we all reach toward God, think of what we can do together! From a finance perspective, we ask you please be sure to return the envelope with an estimate of your 2023 pledge. The pledge campaign allows the Finance Committee to prepare its budget for the upcoming year. Last year, we had a number of members who forgot to turn in their pledge cards, which made it difficult for the Committee to make financial decisions regarding staffing issues and activities for the following year. Thank you in advance for helping the Finance Committee forecast 2023 by returning your pledge card.



NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

WORSHIP SCHEDULE —

8:30AM AND 11AM—SANCTUARY WORSHIP

9:45-10:45AM—SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

November

Nov 6, Sunday— Daylight Savings time change, All Saints' Day

Nov 8, Tuesday— Young Adult Dinner, Fasler Hall, 5:30pm

Nov 9, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch Pizzeria Gusto, 11:30am
and Youth Night, 5:30-7:30pm

Nov 13, Sunday— Family Meal at Hideaway Pizza, noon,
everyone is invited to join for food and fellowship

Nov 16, Wednesday— Youth Night, 5:30-7:30pm

Nov 20, Sunday— Thanksgiving Bags due

Nov 21, Monday— Decorate church for Christmas, 9am-12pm

Nov 24/ 25, Thurs/ Fri— Thanksgiving, No Whiz Kids, Office closed

December

Dec 1, Thursday— cook and serve UCO lunch

Dec 9, Friday— Parents' Night Out (free childcare), 5:30-8pm,
*Parents, we'll watch your kids while you go out to dinner or
do some Christmas shopping!*

Dec 15, Wednesday— cook and serve NSO lunch

NOVEMBER MISSION

Thanksgiving Bag Shopping List

Our church is collecting bags of food for families in need of a Thanksgiving meal. Our grocery list is all the non-perishable food items needed to feed a family of 6, not including the meat. Please shop the list below and deliver to the church. Bags will be given to *Skyline Urban Ministry* for Thanksgiving.

- 2 boxes stove top stuffing
- 2 boxes scalloped potatoes
- 1 box pancake/baking mix (for biscuits)
- 2 cans green beans
- 1 can sweet potatoes
- 2 cans corn
- 1 package cookie mix
- 1 box cake mix
- 1 can prepared frosting to go with cake mix

Total cost per bag \$20

You may donate the cost of a bag (\$20), and we will do your shopping (turn in money by November 13), or bring bags with items to the church by Sunday November 20.

WE NEED COOKIES!

Friends, we really need COOKIES!

These cookies are part of our welcoming ministry on Sunday mornings, for various visitors to the church, and also part of our mission to feed homebound friends through Mobile Meals. *Can you please make cookies and put them in the church freezer or bring them to the church office? Bake any kind you like; just write what it is on the bag or box your delivery is in.*

You're awesome and thank you!!



VOTE

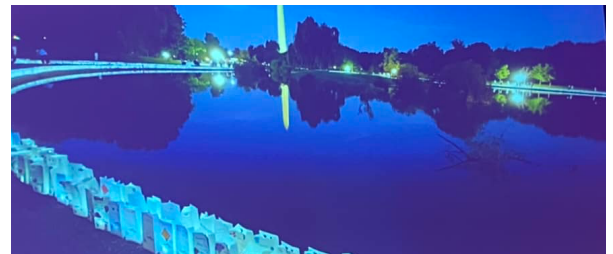
Midterm Elections will be on
November 8th.

Our church has **voter registration forms** in the office. Voting matters—we vote for the world we want to live in. The last day to register to vote in Oklahoma is October 14th!

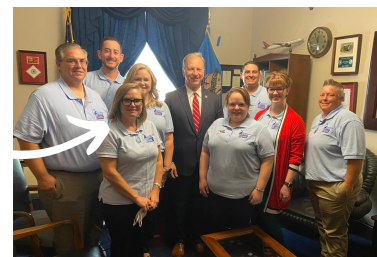
Use this handy QR code to visit the **Oklahoma Voter Portal** where you can check your registration, your polling place, get sample ballots, and more!



MEMBER NEWS



Our own **Jamie Gross** and her husband Taylor are both cancer survivors. Jamie spent the second weekend in September in Washington DC with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. They went to make their voices heard and meet with every Oklahoma Senator and Representative, lobbying for more research funding and government support of early detection screenings. As Jamie was a Light of Hope on Capitol Hill, we support her here at home! We are so proud of all the ways she makes the world a better place!



Meeting with
Representative
Kevin Hern

CROWN HEIGHTS UMC CARES



We are at the one-year mark of the Afghan refugees arriving in our country. The governmental benefits are soon expiring. Utilities are covered for 15 months, and rent is paid for 18 months. Catholic Charities is having meetings with our new neighbors to explain the timeline and help with financial questions. Jim Tack from First Presbyterian Church and Trina attended a meeting to listen for the concerns in the room. We were struck by how many Afghan families do not have employment. Our churches are wanting to be helpful as the Afghan families transition out of living assistance. Jim and I will keep listening, learning, and reporting back to our churches with ways to best serve our Afghan friends.

MOBILE MEALS

We have the following dates that we need some assistance for Mobile Meals:
October 17, 25, 31 and November 21 & 28. We would LOVE for you to do something like:
*cook a dish and place it in the church freezer with a note and cooking/reheating instructions ,
 buy a frozen main course or side (enough for 17 ppl), or bake any kind of yummy dessert!*
 If you have a special meal you like to cook, email Susan in the church office
 (susan@crownheightsumc.org) and come and cook it up for our homebound folks.
Thanks so much! This is a really cool mission. It feels great to share a meal with others.

WHIZ KIDS NEWS

BY BRUCE PITTS

Our 13 Whiz Kids and tutors kicked off the new year of Whiz Kids at Crown Heights. In our first 2 weeks, we are already hearing “I had so much fun,” “He really tries hard,” and “I think I’m really going to like this.” With Sue Fellers providing snacks, Mike Brown proving donuts from Brown’s Bakery, and tutors from our church and Mayflower Congregational Church, we are off to a productive, well organized, and fun start. Our new faculty liaison from Wilson Elementary has done an excellent job of selecting kids for the program. In fact, she has done such an excellent job, we have kids on the **wait list** who we would love to include **IF** we can recruit more tutors. At Crown Heights tutoring has been made easy. We have a large library of children’s books, educational games, and experienced leaders who are onsite and ready to help.

The need is really there. If you think you can help, please give Bruce a **call or text at (405) 837-9282 or email at bruceapitts@gmail.com** or ask Trina. We are happy to give you more information. Thanks.



Look what we did together!

This is how we served our neighbors in August and September...

- Paid for a hotel for a man in crisis
- Delivered groceries to a church member
- Purchased a computer for Afghan family & helped with finding a job in HVAC industry
- Collected school supplies for our kids & teachers, Whiz Kids, & Putnam Heights Academy students
- Provided diapers & groceries for a church family
- Helped establish internet for Afghan family
- Provided household items & a \$300 scholarship for Rob’s Ranch Sober Living
- Cooked & served lunch at the UCO Wesley
- Paid a hospital bill for a member in need
- Worked with unhoused couple to make a plan for an apartment



YOUTH-- UPCOMING EVENTS**BY ASHLEY FITZGIBBON**

On Wednesday September 21, our Youth had their first Wednesday Night program. We are planning to meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Each time the youth meet, we do "Happy and Hards." They take turns telling about the happy things they've experienced that week and then a hard thing they're going through. They listen to one another and lend suggestions or encouragement to each other. This is one of the reasons the youth are such a tight knit group!

Pictures: top, our youth at their Wednesday Night program 9/21/22 bottom, Nathan and Jabon are both a part of our youth group AND are now classmates at Metro Tech in carpentry



Last year some of the youth came in the Monday before Thanksgiving and helped us decorate for Christmas! They loved beautifying the church for Christmas. There was laughing, singing, and eating yummy treats! They loved it so much we've decided to make it a tradition.

So Monday November 21, 9am to 12pm, the youth are invited to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas.



DINNER PROVIDED!

Youth Wednesday Night programming
Join us on the following Wednesday evenings:
October 5 & 15 and November 2 & 16.
Meet at the church at 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING BY A.F.**

One of my favorite things about being the Children's Director is celebrating our kids! Life can be hard and even our little ones feel it sometimes. When our children walk into the church, I want them to feel celebrated whether that's a sticker from Sofia for being a kind helper, or an encouraging hug from Claire, or a comment from Hannah on how much she's missed them, I want our children to feel so loved and seen!!

One thing we started this school year is the first Sunday of every month I decorate the Fellowship hall, bake a cake and we celebrate everyone who has a birthday that month!! This is becoming a fast favorite and the kids are enjoying tasting all the different kinds of cake I'm making.

**SWIMMING LESSONS**

After noticing some of our children could not swim, we set up swim lessons to get them in the water. We are SO proud of our little swimmers LaLuna, Yasini, Jordyn, Hanani, and big brother Mustafa, who worked hard this summer to strengthen their water safety skills. **Pam Rust** graciously agreed to play swimming instructor, teaching some to overcome serious fears and some to become really strong swimmers! The kids had a great time and so did Jim, Trina and Jamie as helpers.

Great job, kiddos!



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AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



We ended summer with a bang!

The kids had a Back to School celebration on Sunday August 5 and a Labor Day pool party at Trina's house. We enjoyed Dolph and Kitty in worship on September 4. We have been missing Dolph so much! On September 15, our church provided lunch at the UCO's Wesley, where Rev. Alex Jackson is the director.

