



The Trumpet

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



LENT- GOOD ENOUGH

BY REV TRINA BOSE NORTH

Throughout this Lenten Season, we have done our best to empathize with Jesus in his last days. Jesus' time in Jerusalem was fraught with fear and anxiety. As we imagine what Jesus went through, we allow our own trying times to enter our minds. As God came through for Jesus with presence and blessings along the way, in the same way God comes through for us.

Lent is a time of honest reflection. As much as we want joy and pleasure in our lives, we naturally push pain and fear away. But life is not one sided, it everything. And in times of difficulty, we can still try to live honestly and trust that God is present, bringing enough healing, peace, and even joy to make it bearable. And here's the thing, the more we can be fully present in our own lives, the more moments we have filled with God's presence and peace. Lent is our time to work for more and more of these genuine moments.

A Blessing As You Mourn What Could Have Been by Kate Bowler
Blessed are you, friend, sitting among the shards of what could have been. It is broken now, that dream you loved, and it has spilled out all over the ground. Blessed are you, dear one, remembering all the hope your dream once contained. All the love. All the beauty.

Blessed are you, telling your tears they can flow. Telling your anger it can speak. Blessed are you when mourning is the holy work of the moment, for it speaks of what is real.

Blessed are we who mourn, saying let us remain in grief's cold winter for as long as it takes, that mourning might be to our hearts the gentlest springtime. Let the thaw come slowly, so we can bear the pain of it and find comfort at each release. Amen.

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

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

April 2- **Palm Sunday**,
Worship 8:30 & 11am
 April 6 - **Maundy Thursday**,
Worship 6pm
 April 9- **Easter Sunday**,
Worship 8:30 & 11am
 Social Time 9:30-11am
 Egg Hunt 10:15am

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE —

8:30AM AND 11AM—SANCTUARY WORSHIP

9:45-10:45AM—SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

April

April 1, Saturday— OU Workday, 9:30am to 1:30pm

April 2— Palm Sunday worship

April 5, Wednesday— Youth Lesson by Trina, 5:30-7:30pm

April 6, Thursday— Maundy Thursday service, 6pm

April 9— Easter Sunday

April 11, Tuesday— Young Adult Dinner, 5:30pm

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

April 15, Saturday— Volunteer at Skyline, 8:30am-noon

April 16— Confirmation Sunday 11am service

April 29, Saturday— 9:30am Talk about Hinduism

April 30— NO WORSHIP Marathon Sunday

May

May 4, Wednesday— Tabletop Taverns, 5-7pm

May 7, Sunday— Gen X gathering at Trina's house, 5-7pm

May 9, Tuesday— Young Adult Dinner, 5:30pm

May 10, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch, 11:30am

May 14— Mother's Day, collection for Period Poverty

May 21-22, Sunday- Monday— Annual Conference

SAVE THE DATE**

June 19-22, Monday- Thursday— Vacation Bible School

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday is April 2. Join us in worship to celebrate Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

Maundy 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 9, 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.



EASTER OFFERING

With much talk about churches leaving the United Methodist Church, for our Easter Offering we wanted to highlight the reasons we choose to remain. Through our connection, we are able to support ministries & other churches doing God's work locally & globally.

See the list of the Apportionments our church is asked to support this year. If you would like to give to support a specific ministry, please label your check as such. If you give generally to the Easter Offering, our Finance Committee will designate your gift broadly for Apportionments. Thank you for supporting our church as we support the ministries of the larger church.

Crown Heights UMC's Apportionments 2023

<i>World Service Fund</i> (worldwide missions and missionaries)	\$4174
<i>Hispanic Ministries</i> (OK ministries)	\$342
<i>Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries</i>	\$877
<i>Project Transformation</i> (summer reading program)	\$17
<i>Black College Fund</i> (scholarships & support of HBCUs)	\$562
<i>Africa University</i> (UM university in Kenya)	\$126
<i>Lydia Patterson Institute</i> (UM hispanic school, El Paso)	\$220
<i>Campus Ministry</i> (7 Wesley centers in OK)	\$1645
<i>Circle of Care</i> (OK support for kids in foster care)	\$1367
<i>Cookson Hills Center</i> (OK children's home for at risk kids)	\$162
<i>Neighborhood Service Organization</i> (OKC urban ministry)	\$37
<i>Oklahoma City University</i> (scholarships & Wesley Center)	\$1709
<i>OIMC</i> (UM Native American churches)	\$410
<i>Restore Hope</i> (Tulsa urban ministry)	\$256
<i>Skyline Urban Ministry</i> (OKC urban ministry)	\$256

FIND YOUR PEOPLE**Young Adults***20s- 30s+*

Join us Tuesday **April 11 at 5:30pm**, at Burger Punk on Walker. Happy Hour ends at 6pm. **May 9 at 5:30pm**, we will meet at Sauced in the Paseo.

Gen Xers*basically 40-60+*

Sunday **May 7 at 5pm**, join for a gathering at Trina's house to visit with one another. Charcuterie board and wine provided. Bring a side or dessert to share. (Address: 19401 Stubblefiled Lane)

Retirees*retired or soon-to-be retired*

Join us Wednesday **April 12 at Ted's Cantina** on 23rd and **May 10 at Paseo Grill**. Meet at the restaurants at 11:30am.

MONTHLY MISSIONS

APRIL - Saturday April 15 from 8:30am to noon, volunteers are needed at Skyline Urban Ministry. We need people to work in the grocery store and in the Prom Room.

MAY - Period Poverty is the inability to afford or have access to period supplies. Globally, this is a significant problem, but it affects many women in our community as well. This month we are collecting tampons and sanitary pads to be distributed through schools, Skyline Urban Ministry, and Pivot. Bring tampons and sanitary pads to church throughout the month.



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

This is how we served our neighbors in February and March...

To support the OCU Wesley Campus Ministry, we provided dinner following worship on February 6. Some of our members baked cookies for BSU bake sale at Norman North HS, requested by one of our youth.

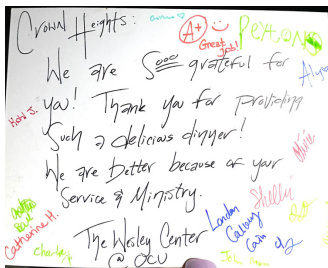
We bought a mattress and tv antenna for Afghan man.

Mobile Meals enjoyed 2 weeks of Girl Scout cookies (donated by our church).

Weekly in February & March, we gave food for one of our Whiz Kid's family's evicted from their house.

For this same Whiz Kids' family, our church paid the \$800 deposit to get them into a house.

We provided lunch at the UCO Wesley Campus Ministry on March 30.



PALM SUNDAY ART

Palm Sunday, April 2nd, is the celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem. The crowd laid down palm branches for Jesus to walk on.

Brigette Gean painted a canvas of palms for us to experience worship in a deeper way. It took her 25 hours to paint 30 yards of fabric. We owe her a debt of gratitude for this labor of love.

Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**FINANCE UPDATE BY LEE ENDICOTT**

The Finance Committee thanks everyone who has been keeping their pledges up to date. Your pledges and non-pledged giving are the lifeblood of our church and allow us to continue doing God's work. Remember that if you are unable to attend church on any particular Sunday, you can still make your pledge payment through our website (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 paying our Conference apportionments in full.

Last year we did not meet our goal of paying 100% of the apportionments, but we are going to do everything possible to pay them in full this year. By paying the apportionments, it allows us provide aid to people throughout our community, state, nation and world. This year, your Easter offering will be used to meet our goal. Also, **thanks to those who are helping by paying \$5 a week toward apportionments.** If 100 people commit to this, we would be able to pay our apportionments in full. It's never too late to get on board. Simply mark your check for use as apportionments or put you money in a church pew envelope mark it as apportionments. Thank you for helping us strive to meet our goal!

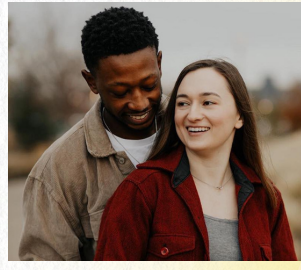
**CLARENCE FORD SCHOLARSHIP**

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, Ministries, Youth Ministries). **Please have the application and the letter of reference turned in by MAY 1, 2023 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: Sue Fellers, chair, Colleen Bickett, Julie Williams, Lee Endicott, Jennifer Tipple

3 WEDDINGS AND A BABY!



Love is in the air! Over the next 2 months, we have three couples getting married.

On April 15, **Lucas Shoemake & Brett Payne** will be married in our church.

Hannah Anthony & Andrew Nyguen's wedding will be on May 20th in Bennett Memorial Chapel on OSU's campus.

And **Mia Scoggins & Barak Waters** are planning for a Memorial Day Weekend wedding.

Congratulations!

Wishing much joy and love to each couple!

TABLETOP GAMES



We have been approached to open our doors for tabletop board nights. We are picturing a community, coming together to play Warhammer 40K (like the game of Risk, but way bigger and a bit faster) Magic the Gathering, Dungeons and Dragons, Yu-Gi-Oh, and have games for "rent" (from Clue to the nerdiest game you can imagine!).

SOFT OPENING Friday May 5 from 5-10pm

GRAND OPENING Friday May 19 from 5-10pm

BUILDING UPDATE

We have been busy redoing four rooms in our church. We finished renovating the Choir Room back in January. It is being used for the Whiz Kids' break out session, Arts Academy, and for a new tenant group of tabletop gamers (called Tabletop Tavern). The gamers will open their doors May 5.

Upstairs the youth have been busy fixing up their new room. With New Harvest Church using the former youth Sunday School space, the youth moved to the former craft supply room. They have already painted and have plans to up the cool factor for themselves.

The final room in construction is the former Whiz Kids' room. On April 1, the students from OU will begin removing the old ceiling. We will work to replace the ceiling, paint, and get new flooring. Interestingly, we needed to empty out the books and Whiz Kids' supplies so we improved the old Tablecloth Room/old Bridal Lounge (what we are calling the Safe Room) next to the Fellowship Hall. Check out the transformed space. It is not just functional but looks great.



Safe Room, full of Whiz Kids' books



Whiz Kids' Room-- BEFORE pic

GIRLS SCOUTS TROOP #584 UPDATES!**BY JAMIE GROSS****TROOP #584 WORLD THINKING DAY & BOOTH SALE**

It's been a very busy time for our scouts! We chose Japan as our World Thinking Day country, presented facts, served Pocky and helped other troops make Teru Teru bōzu, or Shine Shine monks! These little cuties keep rain away when hung in the window – and the kids had a blast making them!

Also thanks to our loving church family, the troop hosted a Souper Bowl Sunday booth sale and made \$400 with boxes donated to cover two weeks of Mobile Meals desserts. Thank you to everyone who supported us! Finally we have welcomed a new co-leader to the troop. Jovanna is the sister of our newest member Samantha and joined to get more time together. She's young and fun and full of ideas and action, we are so happy to have her!

**WHIZ KIDS****BY BRUCE PITTS**

The Whiz Kids room has moved! After 20 years in the room right next to the breezeway, we have moved our hundreds of books and educational games to the space at the west end of the hall outside Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to Julie Williams and Jim Rust for cleaning and lighting the area, and to Chris Shaw and Donna Halpin from Mayflower for moving our materials and painting and decorating our new area. Come, have a look at how inviting and welcoming our new area looks!

Our BIG news this spring is that we were one of only three of the thirty-four OKC Whiz Kids sites where all the kids test scores indicated improvement! Of course the kids did all the hard work, but lots of credit goes to our dedicated tutors for creating such a fun, safe and learning environment at Crown Heights. We really have made our church a special place for the kids to learn, thrive and laugh on Thursday afternoons.

We've already had a busy spring with celebrations of MLK's birthday, Dr. Suess's birthday, and a Saturday fun day at Dynamo Gym. And we're not done yet! Our coming attractions include an Easter celebration, an excursion to Full Circle Bookstore, a Cinco de Mayo party, another fun outdoor day at Spring Fling at Orr Farm, and graduation. Wow!

Even with all our activities, we have already started thinking about and planning for next year. **We always welcome new tutors, so if you're thinking Whiz Kids just might be something you would like to do next fall, stop by our new home by Fellowship Hall around 3:30 on any Thursday for the next seven weeks (except April 13).** Experience what the Whiz Kids' experience is like, talk to the tutors, and enjoy the kids.

**ARTS ACADEMY CREATES!****BY JAMIE GROSS**

We are back in full swing after the holidays and crazy Okie weather, and Ms. Skyla's art class is having a blast learning about watercolors and shading. This is our largest and most creative class, and we love seeing the fun projects they are learning to create! This month we even got a visit from Juno the wonder dog!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Easter is coming, April 9th.

From 10-11am, join for an Easter egg hunt for little kids and big kids! We'll also have a bounce house, side walk chalk, bubbles, and lots of goodies to eat! Hannah is planning an Easter Party for our kids during 11am Children's Church.

Come, celebrate with us!

Vacation Bible School—

Monday June 19- Thursday June 22,
5:30- 8pm, mark your calendars!!

Our theme this year is *Fun Factory!*

Adult volunteers are needed
as group shepherds, teachers,
and cooks. Nursery available for
VBS workers.

VBS is for 4 years old - 5th grade.
Youth are invited to come as helpers.

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YOUTH EVENTS

Spring Break

March 15 from 2-9pm, the youth gathered at the church to paint their new youth room, play games, and watch a movie. Gabriel has been helping the youth decorate the room. More pictures to come.



Wednesday Night Youth

Join us at the church from 5:30-7:30pm.

April 5- Confirmation Lesson by Trina

April 16- Confirmation Sunday, 11am worship

April 19 - Lesson on Loving Your Community

May 3- Boundaries in Close Relationships

May 17- Celebrating Victories

Confirmation Class

Many of our youth will be confirmed as full members on Sunday April 16 (11am service). Trina has been teaching them confirmation lessons at the Wednesday Night gatherings. They are now experts on the Bible, worship, sacraments, John Wesley, and Methodist history. Ask them anything! **We have so much to be proud of in these young people!**

In February and March, the children, youth, and adult **Sunday School** classes all completed a series called *Dare to Dream*. We talked about finding our God-purpose and living out the life to which God is calling us.

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LATE WINTER HIGHLIGHTS



SOUPer Bowl Potluck

On January 22, we enjoyed our favorite potluck. The soups were all delicious. Brigitte decorated and hosted wonderfully. Also the Girl Scouts sold cookies to the church. Members donated enough cookies to spoil our homebound members, college students, and Mobile Meals clients. It was a winning day for everyone!

VOICE is a coalition of churches advocating for systemic change in areas of energy rate hikes, fines and fees for the incarcerated, and better funding for education. Our church officially joined VOICE in March.

Trina's Sunday School class had speakers come teach us about how fines and fees impact those exiting prison. Pictured to the right is former state congresswoman Angela Monson.

Tara Zimmerman is our point person on Fines and Fees. She will report when legislation is going through our state legislature and how to contact our representatives. Would you like to be part of Tara's email with action items? Talk to Tara or Trina to be added to the email list.

