

# The Trumpet

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



## DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN REV TRINA BOSE NORTH

*Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land." – Deuteronomy 15:10-11*

Our church is dedicated to embodying God's love to all people— *no ifs, ands, or buts!* So many in our state struggle with medical debt that holds them back from living the unencumbered life God desires for us. Our church is joining Kingfisher UMC to help abolish medical debt through our "Do All the Good You Can" campaign.

Beginning in June, we have the opportunity to help our neighbors in Western Oklahoma by giving money to buy medical debt through the non-profit RIP Medical Debt. RIP Medical Debt is a company that purchases debt from the secondary debt market and healthcare providers. We can get rid of 4.9 million dollars' worth of debt for \$27,000! Seriously, we can do a lot of good for pennies on the dollar.

You are welcome to give through the church by check or cash— labeled "medical debt." Our children will be collecting your spare change each Sunday in June (11am service). So come with our coins in hand! Let's see how much good we can do for others!

By the way, currently Oklahoma's total medical debt is over 8.4 million dollars' worth of debt and would cost approximately \$50,000 to abolish. If together we raise over what is needed for Western Oklahoma, we will simply keep buying debt to the east.

## 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

## June

June 7, Wednesday— Youth Lesson, 5:30-7:30pm

June 11, Sunday— Cookie Reception for the Leals, noon

June 14, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch, 11:30am

June 18, Sunday— Father's Day

June 19-22, Monday- Thursday— **Vacation Bible School**,  
5:45-8pm

June 24, Saturday— Young Adult **PRIDE** brunch, 9:30am

June 25, Sunday— Graduate Reception, 9:30-11am

## July

July 4, Tuesday— Fourth of July Holiday, office closed

July 10-14, Monday- Friday— **Youth Mission Week**

July 18, Tuesday— Young Adult Dinner at BarK, 5:30pm

July 19, Wednesday— Youth Lesson, 5:30-7:30pm

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.

## WE LOVE YOU, KITTY!



On May 10, this sweet group went to Kitty's house to spruce up the place. Kitty is struggling with her back and needed the extra help. If anyone lives near the church, we are looking for volunteers to drop off a plate of dinner to Kitty's house each Wednesday.

**Crown Heights UMC is partnering with Kingfisher UMC and  
RIP Medical Debt to get rid of 4.9 million dollars' worth of debt  
in Western Oklahoma for \$27,000!**

RIP Medical Debt purchases a portfolio of medical debt and then uses the money we raise to abolish the debt for individuals who meet at least one of the following two criteria. 1) Earn at or less than 4x the federal poverty level. 2) Have medical debts that are 5% or more of their annual income. If you want more information on RIP Medical Debt, feel free to check them out for yourself at [ripmedicaldebt.org](http://ripmedicaldebt.org).

You can give through the church by check with "medical debt" on the memo section. Mail checks to 1021 NW 37th St., OKC, OK 73118. Donations will be tax deductible.

In the words of **John Wesley**:

Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.

**“Do All The Good  
You Can.”**

**Help us abolish medical  
debt in Western Oklahoma!**

**Every dollar you donate  
forgives \$100 in medical debt.**



**OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE!**

We have **two upstairs offices** available for rent in the administration building. The rooms rent for \$350 monthly for the smaller office & \$400 for the larger room. Talk to Trina to discuss your needs. The rooms have WiFi, light custodial, and are furnished.



need  
office  
space?

**FINANCE UPDATE****BY LEE ENDICOTT**

Our members continue to do a fantastic job financially supporting the church and its ministries. However, with summer fast approaching, there is always concern about low attendance. As a result, we really appreciate everyone's attempts to keep their pledges current. And don't forget, even when you're on vacation you don't even have to leave your hotel room to make your pledge payment at [crownheightsumc.org](http://crownheightsumc.org). To donate, simply click the donation button in the upper right corner of the opening page OR you can use the QR code to the right.



**The Finance Committee thanks you for all that you do for our church.**



**Audrey Leal** has been our Finance Assistant for the last year. She saw us through a reorganizing of how our church manages our books. Audrey's diligence and concern over details made us all feel confident in our new processes. She was truly invaluable. And we loved having baby Aylana in the office (that girl loves frozen cookies!).

As Audrey and her family pack for Atlanta, **Susan Ebert**, our Office Manager, will take over Audrey's tasks. Susan is very capable of learning this new area. So if you have any questions regarding your personal giving or church finances, call or email Susan (but be patient as she learns her new job!).

The church will have the opportunity to say goodbye to Audrey, Christian, and Aylana Leal on Sunday, June 11. At noon, enjoy a PRIDE cookie and this sweet family!



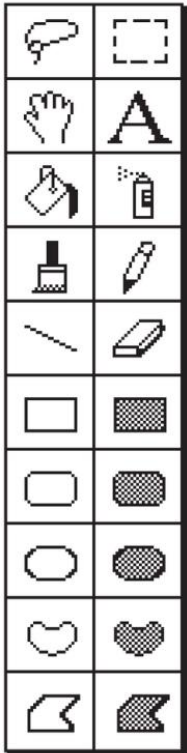
*Pictures: Audrey and Susan at work, a dinner in Audrey's honor with the Finance Committee*





## FIND YOUR PEOPLE

## MONTHLY MISSIONS



## Young Adults

20s- 30s+

We are having a PRIDE brunch on Saturday June 24 at 9:30am at Trina's house (Address: 19401 Stubblefield Lane). On Tuesday July 18 at 5:30pm, we will meet at BarK. If you want to bring your dog, read their requirements at [barkdogpark.com](http://barkdogpark.com). With or without your dog, join us!

## Gen Xers

basically 40-60+



The magnificent middle (agers) enjoyed dinner at Trina's house on May 7. Special thanks to April McBride, who made us the BEST charcuterie board.

## Retirees

retired or soon-to-be retired

Join us Wednesday June 14 at Hideaway Pizza on Western. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30am. No July lunch because of Youth Mission Week.



In May, our church purchased supplies for Period Poverty, which is the inability to afford or have access to menstruation supplies. Globally, this is a significant problem, but it affects many women in our community as well. We collected tampons, sanitary pads, and disposable wipes to be distributed through UMCOR, Skyline Urban Ministry, and our local schools. **Thank you,** Church, for filling this often overlooked need.

### Ways to help:

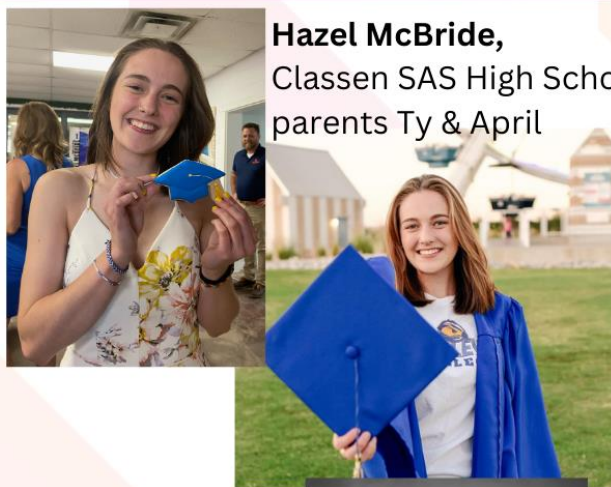
Bake cookies for VBS,  
Shop VBS list (page 7),  
Desserts for Mobile Meals on June 19, 26, or July 3,  
Bring a plate of food to Kitty (any Wednesday),  
Non-perishable food for our pantry,  
Bring used Prom dresses

### 3 WEDDINGS, OH MY!



Meet the happy couples-- Luke & Brett Shoemaker-Payne, Hannah & Andrew Nguyen, and Mia & Barak Waters.

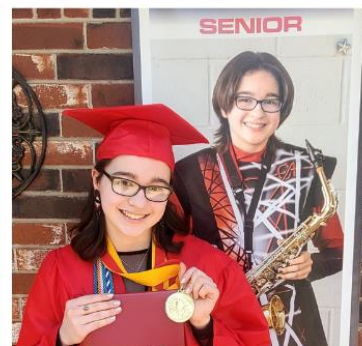


**2023 GRADUATES!**

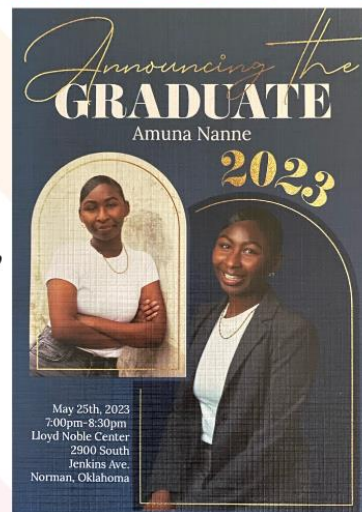
**Hazel McBride,**  
Classen SAS High School,  
parents Ty & April



Above: **Sophia Wilkes-Ball,**  
Harding Charter School,  
granddaughter of Pat  
MaGarrity & Leroy Ball



Top right: **Amelia Brittingham,**  
Carl Albert High School,  
daughter of Natalie &  
Jonathon



Right: **Amuna Nanne,**  
Norman High School

**Sofia Tipple,**  
Heritage Hall  
High School,  
parents  
Jennifer & Trent,  
grandmother  
Linda Newhouse



**Laurel Whaley,**  
Norman North High School  
parents Alice & Jonathon



*"Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can."*  
John Wesley

Join us on Sunday  
June 25, 2023 for a  
celebration of our  
graduates. We will  
hear from each of  
them in worship and  
sign cards for them.

**ARTS ACADEMY WRAPPING UP FOR THE YEAR**

Our Arts Academy's Showcase was May 11. Our budding musicians each played a song they have learned, and our visual artists displayed their art. We celebrated all the new skills and excitement cultivated over this past year. And we delighted in seeing the pride of our high school students as their students showed off their final pieces. Truly a Showcase to remember!

We have had a wonderful year. Please pray for our kiddos' safety and continued interest in the arts as we head into our remaining month of lessons and then summer break. A huge thank you to our church family for the generosity in so many ways that allow our little artists the space, sugar, and instruments to succeed!

**BY JAMIE GROSS**



**WHIZ KIDS**

The Whiz Kids program at Crown Heights UMC closed out its 2022-2023 school year with a graduation party on May 11! Just like every Thursday afternoon since we began last September, Fellowship Hall was rocking as the Whiz Kids from Wilson Elementary School and their tutors celebrated the end of another super successful and fun year. Everyone present enjoyed pizza, games, sidewalk chalk writing, a scavenger hunt, a photo booth, and finally a walk down the hall of fame by our graduating 4th graders.

It was a fitting end to a special year that included: our children performing as one of only 3 of the 34 Whiz Kids city-wide locations where each child improved their test scores; each child being honored as Star of the Week; a dazzling Christmas gala hosted by Crown Heights members; special celebrations for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King Day, Valentine's Day, Dr. Suess's Birthday, Easter, and Cinco de Mayo; and field trips to Dynamo Gym, Full Circle Bookstore, and the Whiz Kids Spring Fling at the Orr Family Farm.

Of course, there are lots of people to thank for making this year so successful. Thanks to all the **members of Crown Heights UMC** for being so supportive and for creating such a welcoming and accepting environment where the kids feel safe, comfortable, and valued. Our kids thrive within the walls of the church. Thanks to member **Sue Fellers** and her assistant **Sharon Mears** for providing snacks each week for the kids. Thanks again to **Mike Brown** for faithfully picking up donuts for us each week at Brown's Bakery. A special thanks to **Jim Rust**, who often helped us by keeping the infrastructure of the church in shape for us. A warm, special thanks to **Trina** for her dedication week after week to being a full-time member of our leadership team in charge of club time activities. We were very fortunate to have **Stephanie Moore**, Librarian and Media Specialist from Wilson and Mark Twain Elementary schools as our school liaison. She is obviously very popular at Wilson, which went a long way to strengthen our relationship at the school.

A big, big thanks to **Donna Halpin**, our new head coordinator, and **Chris Shaw** (with 20 years of service with Whiz Kids), coordinator from Mayflower Congregational Church. They facilitated a smooth and successful transition after the retirement of two longtime coordinators, and, along with the tutors from Mayflower and tutors **Taffy Fellingham**, **Sue Fellers**, and **Linda Newhouse** from Crown Heights formed the heart and soul of our Whiz Kids program.

Together the entire team made this year one of the best at Crown Heights UMC. With your encouragement, we were blessed to experience many magical moments as we saw the kids realize that they could read beyond what they believed they were capable of. This wonderful program at Crown Heights is truly making a positive difference in the lives of these kids. We will be back next September, so be thinking about whether you would like to join us on Thursday afternoons. Thanks again and everyone, have a great summer.

**GIRL SCOUT TROOP #584 HEADS OUTDOORS!****BY BRUCE PITTS****BY JAMIE GROSS**

In April our church's Girl Scout troop headed to Arcadia Lake with a few other troops for a high adventure overnight campout, where the girls hiked, cleaned up trails, and made new friends (while keeping the old). Our new troop leader Jovanna loves the great outdoors and the girls are excited for the June OKC Zoo sleepover!

This is a multi-grade troop. Jamie would love to answer any questions about joining.



**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING****VBS 2023!**

Bring your children, ages 3 up to entering 5th grade, to **Vacation Bible School!**

Monday, June 19–Thursday, June 22 from 5:45–8pm.

Contact our Children's Director, Hannah Jackson, at 405-343-8504 to sign up or ask any questions.



As VBS approaches, can you shop for any of these items?

Please bring to the church by Sunday June 11. **Thank you!**

*Duct tape (bright colors/ patterns)  
Flat rocks, Mosaic glass pieces (for mosaic rocks), Tin foil, Empty 2-liter bottles (lots), Hydrogen peroxide, Dish soap, Food coloring, Dry yeast, Plastic table cloths (any rainbow color), Borax, and Cornstarch*

**YOUTH EVENTS**

Our church had our first **Confirmation Class** in over a decade.

The Sunday(s) after Easter, we baptized 6 youth and confirmed 12. In preparation, these youth learned more about the Bible, Methodist history, and theology. We should be very proud of our youth. They have a good, consistent theology of a loving God. Trina wrote specific questions to help put their faith into words. These are the questions of faith for this Confirmation Class:

**Do you believe in God? Do you believe God is love and we can find God anywhere there is love in our world?**

**Do you believe in Jesus Christ? Do you believe God so loves the world that God came and lived among us? Do you believe through Jesus' life we learn more about God's peace, compassion, and hope?**

**Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? Do you believe God through the Holy Spirit calls us to be God's love and justice in the world? Do you believe faith requires works of piety and mercy both for ourselves and in the world?**

**YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**June 7, Wednesday— Fun Night**

**June 19-22, Monday- Thursday—**

**Vacation Bible School, 5:45-8pm,**

**youth come as helpers**

**July 10-14, Monday- Friday— Youth Mission Week,**  
mission projects in OKC, staying at our church

**July 19, Wednesday— Lesson on Relationship Skills**





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## EASTER HIGHLIGHTS



Easter is always a day of joy, especially for children! This year at Crown Heights UMC, the joy of Easter was present. Hannah and her team hosted a fun-filled children's party down in the Fellowship Hall. Trina's Children's Moment at the 11am service wowed the kids with a "miracle" right before their eyes! We love spoiling our kids with chocolate bunnies, egg hunts, and bounce houses-- all to exemplify God's over-the-top joy and love for each of each!



Happy Easter