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



GENESIS PREACHING SERIES REV. TRINA BOSE NORTH

When I took my Old Testament class in seminary, my professor wrote in the syllabus that our first objective is "to develop a love affair with the Bible." And by the time we had studied the Book of Genesis, it happened for me. My love of Scripture deepened. The Book of Genesis is the right place to start to fall in love with the Bible. It has everything in it- poetry and prose, wisdom and humor, divine encounters and the most human personalities imaginable.

Each Sunday from August to the end of November, we will be walking through Genesis. In worship, I selected both familiar and obscure passages to focus on. By the time we are done, I want you to understand the covenant God made with Israel, the flawed people who lived it out. I want you to recognize the distinct authors found in the book. I want you to see how God's love is foundational in our world and our lives. Actually, what I really want is for you to fall deeply and passionately in love with the Bible.

Read along at home if you would like.

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August 6: Genesis 1 and 2 Creation August 13: Genesis 3 and 4 The Fall August 20: Gen 3 The Fall, Gen 6:1-8 Nephilim, Gen 11:1-9 Babel August 27: Genesis 9:7-17 Noah

September 3: Genesis 12: 1-9 Journey of Abraham September 10: Genesis 15 and 17 Covenant stories September 17: Genesis 18 Three visitors Septemer 24: Genesis 19 Sodom and Gomorrah (Clobber Passages)

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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RIP MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF

Our church joined Kingfisher UMC in raising money to buy medical debt in collections. RIP Medical Debt Relief uses criteria to target the people who need the help.

Crown Heights UMC raised \$3,831.38 to buy \$696K of medical debt in OK through RIP Medical Debt Relief.

Kingfisher UMC raised \$11,125.

To celebrate in worship on July 16, the youth dropped confetti down, especially showering our kids.



BY COLLEEN BICKET

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

August

Aug 2, Wednesday— Youth 5:30-7:30pm Aug 4, Friday— Gen X group at the Patriarch, 7pm Aug 6, Sunday— Kids' Swim Day, noon- 4pm Aug 9, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch, 11:30am Aug 11, Friday— Tabletop Tavern D&D, 5-10pm Aug 13, Sunday— Young Adult Potluck, Bible Study, noon Aug 16, Wednesday— Youth 5:30-7:30pm Aug 25, Friday— Tabletop Tavern, 5-10pm

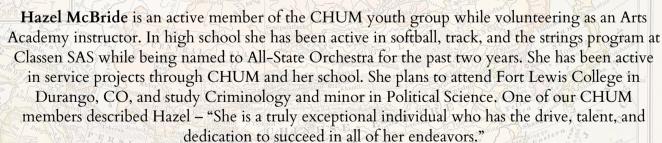
September

Sept 6, Wednesday—Youth, 5:30- 7:30pm Sept 10, Sunday—HOMECOMING Worship Sept 13, Wednesday—Retiree Lunch, 11:30am Sept 17, Sunday—Young Adult campfire night, 5pm Sept 20, Wednesday—Youth, 5:30- 7:30pm



CLARENCE FORD SCHOLARSHIP

The Crown Heights United Methodist Church Endowment is excited to announce the awarding of the CLARENCE FORD SCHOLARSHIP this year to Hazel McBride & Sofia Tipple.





Sofia Tipple has worked with children, infants, and students at Crown Heights UMC for the past several years. She has also volunteered her time and talents for Mobile Meals, Whiz Kids, Vacation Bible School as well as working with the Children's Ministry team on Sunday mornings for the past two years. In high school her school activities include the Founder and Lead student Aide for the Heritage Hall Athletic Training Dept, Head Delegate Harvard Model UN 2023, Peer Leader as well as being involved in Tennis. She has also volunteered with Cleats 4 Kids Varsity Teen Board as well as being an Infant Crisis Center Volunteer. While working on a degree in Mathematics, Sofia will attend Boston College in the fall. One of our CHUM members described Sofia – "She has demonstrated a deep commitment to her faith, a desire to use her talents to help others and believe that she will make a positive impact in college and life."

Congratulations to both Hazel and Sofia!

FINANCE UPDATE

BY LEE ENDICOTT

The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our recent fundraiser to purchase medical debt for those who cannot afford to pay. Also, thanks to the members who have been keeping their pledges current. This year the percentage of members making timely pledge payments is at an all-time high for this point in the year. And this year it's needed. Our Trustees continue their battle to keep our old building up and running. Jim Rust and the Trustees have done a great job doing repairs and restoration at the lowest possible costs. Unfortunately, there is lots more work to be done and they can't do it without the financial support of the church So thanks for all you do!

This QR code takes you to our online giving form connected to our webpage, *crownheightsumc.org.* Once you enter your information, it is easy to make additional gifts.

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER '23

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

We have **two upstairs offices** available for rent in the administration building.

NEED OFFICE SPACE? SPACE SPACE? SPACE SPACE? SPACE SPACE SPACE SPACE? SPACE SPA

The rooms have WiFi, light custodial, and are furnished.

BUILDING UPDATE

Our church has taken on some much needed repairs and improvements to our building. Most were done because of necessity, like replacing eight **toilets**. Upgrading to high pressure flushing toilets keeps our lines moving. We also had seven **HVAC** units worked on this year. Under the supervision of Jim Rust, we renovated the former **Whiz Kids' room**. We have updated the electrical outlets, lighting fixtures, ceiling, and floors. The HVAC unit needed repairs. The youth painted the room during their Mission Week. Next is new flooring. This gives us back a large, centrally-located space to move our Church Office to. All this work adds up to a lot of money spent, but the work we have done all improve our building.

Building Repair Costs in 2023

8 ADA toilets.	\$4,000
HVAC repairs	\$6,000
Cost to renovate new Youth room (including flooring)	
Cost to renovate former Whiz Kids room (including flooring)	
Estimated cost to repair Western portico roof	
Estimated cost to repair leaks in upstairs Office Bldg	
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TOTAL \$24,300 We budget \$10K for repairs, which means we are \$14,300 over budget.



Ministry Resource Team took a tour of repairs, 7/26/23





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YOUNG ADULT PRIDE BRUNCH

Young Adults

20s - 30s +

We are going to be shaking up our routine, rotating between a weeknight dinner out, Sunday lunch in a restaurant, Sunday potluck lunch at the church followed by a Bible Study, and a meal at someone's home. Sunday August 13 at noon- church potluck in the Parlor. Elisabeth will bring soft tacos, please bring a side or dessert to share. Sunday September 17 at 5pm- dinner and campfire in Brian's backyard (612 NW 28th St). Bring whatever you'd like to eat or drink, grill available. S'mores provided.

Gen Xers

basically 40-60+

How about one last summer night out? Let's meet at the Patriarch Beer Garden on Friday August 4 at 7pm. Drink and food are sold. Address: 9 E Edwards in Edmond.

Retirees

retired or soon-to-be retired

Join us Wednesday August 9 at Sala Thai at 1614 NW 23rd St. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30am. Then, Wednesday September 13, let us meet at El Coyote at 925 W. Britton Rd.



JOIN US FOR OUR HOMECOMING

OMECOMING

Homecoming is the second Sunday of September each year. Homecoming is a time to celebrate our heritage and the ways we add to the legacy of Crown Heights UMC.

On September 10, we will commemorate our 94th anniversary with a display of some old church documents and photos. Thanks to youth member Emmalyn McBride for framing the pieces.



June 24, this group met for PRIDE pancakes and PRIDE pictures. Special thanks to Dylan for the balloon decor!



VOICE UPDATE



David, Jan, Tara, & Trina at the VOICE Plenary

On July 23 VOICE created our agenda for the year. These are the issues we committed to working on: Mental Health. Criminal Justice Reform, Predatory Lending, Housing Security, and Education Join us in the work!

Jaroby Art Glass Co.

Sneak Peakright: original invoice for the stained glass windows in the sanctuary for \$6K in 1946 (about \$90K today) below: photos, correspondence, and church documents



AUGUST-SEPTEMBER '23

MISSION UPDATE

WAYS TO HELP:

ON AUG 28, CAN YOU PROVIDED DESSERT FOR MOBILE MEALS?
BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD FOR OUR PANTRY.
DONATE ANY UNUSED HOTEL TOILETRIES.
DONATE PROM DRESSES AND SUITS FOR SKYLINE.
WANT TO BE A WHIZ KIDS TUTOR?

Crown Heights UMC is playing a lead role in organizing SKYLINE URBAN MINISTRY's Prom Room.

This fall we are collecting fairly recent, in good condition formal dresses and suits. Ask around!

In the week after Christmas, we will organize the room at Skyline.

This is a how our church served our neighbors in June and July...

Our church members supported **VBS** by shopping, cooking, teaching, & cleaning up after our kids. During VBS, youth helped teach the Bible lessons, organized the period packs, and did yard work. We added food to the Blessing Box at Crown Heights' Christian Church. Our church paid an unhoused man \$75 to do yard work.

We gave \$150 for car problems for a family trying to get across the country to start a job. We gave \$100 to help a man about to be evicted from his long-term housing. For a member, we paid \$150 toward a utility bill.

Youth Mission Week- At the Diversity Center, youth painted a wall and packed 500 condom packs. They worked the Food Bank and cooked tacos for Youth Force and Mobile Meals. At our church, they painted the former Whiz Kids' room, created a jr high room, and did yard work.

WHIZ KIDS READING PROGRAM

I am very happy to announce that Crown Heights UMC will be one of thirty-four sites across the Oklahoma City area to provide tutoring for elementary school kids from our local public elementary schools. For the 21st straight year, we are partnering with members from Mayflower Congregational Church to provide volunteer mentoring that focuses on reading for first through fourth grade students from Wilson Elementary School.

Our 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 built an extensive library of age-appropriate books and educational games; and we have our experienced tutors and leaders who are always onsite to help new tutors. You will find that tutoring these wonderful kids is structured, fun and unbelievably rewarding. Last year, every one of our Whiz Kids raised their reading testing scores, some significantly. While their dedicated teachers at Wilson deserve most of the credit for those raised scores, we know our safe, structured program every Thursday afternoon with tutors who show kindness, love and patience with

the kids is making a positive difference in the lives of the kids. As Trina said in her sermon on July 23, performing small acts with great love is what makes all the difference in the world. If you would like to make a difference in a child's life, please give me a call or text at (405) 837-9282 or email at bruceapitts@gmail.com or contact Trina. Thanks for your consideration.

Throughout the school year, we meet on Thursday afternoons at our church. Training is set for Thursday, August 31, with tutoring to begin on September 7th. *ARTS ACADEMY BECINS SOON*



BY JAMIE GROSS

Our Arts Academy will be up and running again starting Thursday, September 7th at CHUMC. If you are able to provide instruction in a musical instrument, visual arts, vocals, dance, or something similar one evening per week, or have questions about Arts Academy, please contact Jamie Gross at jamiedgross@gmail.com.

BY BRUCE PITTS



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

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BY JAMIE GROSS

Summer is here and our kiddos are living their sweatiest, sweetest lives! **Girl Scout Troop #584** spent the night out at the OKC Zoo where they got to take an after-hours stroll while the animals ate and played.

<u>Hannah Jackson</u> nailed the **VBS** Fun Maker theme. Thanks to her hard work and that of our awesome volunteers, the kids had a messy, memory-making week of fun. We are so lucky to have Hannah on our staff with no limit on how far she will go to ensure our kiddos are learning and feel loved by this church family.

<u>Ashley Fitzgibbon</u>, our Youth Coordinator for the last two years, has resigned. We are forever grateful for the work Ashley did to make our youth feel loved, as well as help them create an incredible space all their own. We are thankful for all that our leaders do to make CHUMC a true home for our kids!





Sunday, August 6 Kids, join us at Trina's to swim. Bring your swimsuit to church. After worship, we will drive the church van up to Trina's house, or you are welcome to meet at her house. We will be back to the church at 4pm. Address: 19401 Stubblefield Lane, Edmond



YOUTH VBS - JUNE 29-23, 2023

Left: Youth packing Period Packs for homeless & local

Right: Daniel put together

this basketball net.

schools

For our youth, this summer has been dedicated to service.

During **VBS**, the youth attended as helpers. They acted out the Bible lessons each day, helped with the kids, did yard work, and packed our Period Packs.

Mission Week was 4 days of work with 2 overnights. The youth worked at the Diversity Center, Food Bank and church. At our church they weeded the west parking lot, cleared up and fixed up a new jr high room, and painted

the Safe Room.

YOUTH MISSION WEEK - JULY 10-14, 2023



YOUTH FALL SCHEDULE 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm

August 2, Wednesday–Lesson on Relationship Skills August 11, Friday – Tabletop Tavern D&D, 5-10pm August 16, Wednesday – Lesson on the Bible September 6, Wednesday – Learn Boxing September 20, Wednesday – Tabletop Games

> Join for Sunday School at 10am-breakfast, a lesson, & 11am worship.





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SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



welcoming Jan and David Pezant into membership at our church