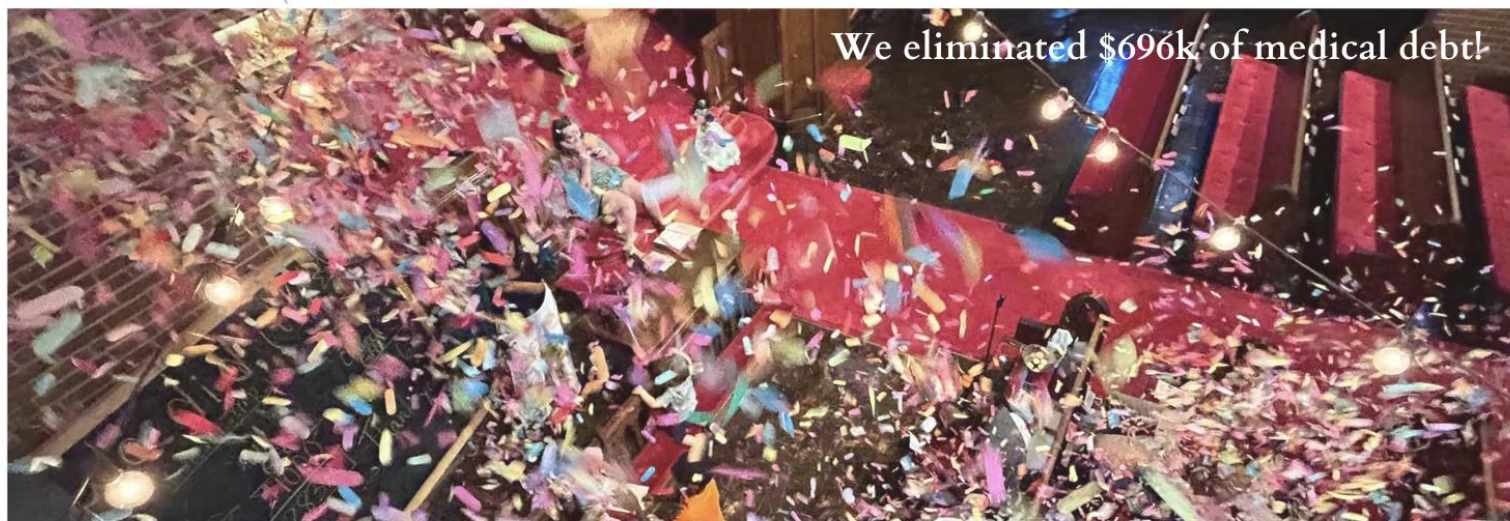


The Trumpet

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



We eliminated \$696k of medical debt!

BEING PART OF THE CHANGE

REV. TRINA BOSE NORTH
(PRONOUNS SHE/HER)

The United Methodist Church (UMC) is in the headlines of the *Oklahoman* a lot these days. It is a historic time for our denomination. We have found ourselves in an impassable debate over the full inclusion of LGBTQ in the life of the Church. As American culture has become more and more accepting of gay marriage, our denomination has actually become less and less accepting. The UMC is a worldwide church with about one-third of our members living in Africa. So even though the denomination can pass prohibitions against gay weddings and ordinations, the majority of United Methodists in the USA do not agree and many are not complying.

I want Crown Heights UMC to know what we believe and how we are navigating this time in the UMC. In 2019, we voted to become a Reconciling congregation, making public our commitment to be affirming.

We passed this statement:

Crown Heights United Methodist Church is dedicated to personifying inclusion and equality for ALL children of God. We welcome people of every sexual orientation, gender identity, age, race, class, nationality, mental or physical ability to be in ministry with us. We want our community to recognize Crown Heights as a safe haven where all people are welcomed, affirmed, loved, and supported by the members of our congregation.

This inclusivity statement is core to who we are. This is the kind of church we want to create for ourselves and the world. Therefore, we marry couples who love each other, regardless of gender or sexual orientation, and we support candidates for ministry, regardless of categories.

The next General Conference for the UMC will meet in April of 2024. I expect our Church to lift the rules prohibiting LGBTQ's from marrying and being ordained. And we will celebrate a more inclusive Church because truly we have helped work for that change.

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 4, Wednesday— Youth 5:30-7:30pm
Oct 6, Friday— Tabletop Tavern, 5-10pm
Oct 11, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch, 11:30am
Oct 8, Sunday— Young Adult lunch at Torchy's, noon
Oct 18, Wednesday— Youth 5:30-7:30pm
Oct 20, Friday— Tabletop Tavern, 5-10pm
Oct 25, Wednesday— Ministry Resource Team, 5:30pm
Oct 27, Friday— VOICE Gala, 6:30pm
Oct 29, Sunday— Ladies, wear **pink** for a Barbie picture,
Kids' Halloween party, 10am

November

Nov 1, Wednesday— Youth, 5:30- 7:30pm
Nov 3, Friday— Tabletop Tavern, 5-10pm
Nov 8, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch, 11:30am
Nov 10-11, Friday to Saturday— Big Tent Festival
Nov 12, Friday— Gen X at Bar K, 5pm
Nov 15, Wednesday— Youth, 5:30- 7:30pm
Nov 17, Friday— Tabletop Tavern, 5-10pm
Nov 19, Sunday— Young Adult Friendsgiving potluck, noon
Nov 23/24, Thursday/ Friday— Office closed
Nov 27, Monday— Decorate for Christmas, youth & adult
volunteers, 9am- noon

WEAR PINK!

Sunday, October 29,
LADIES WEAR PINK.

We will take a picture after each
worship service.

Oh, I almost forgot, men can wear pink too!

**"BECAUSE BARBIE CAN BE ANYTHING,
WOMEN CAN BE ANYTHING."**

BIG TENT FESTIVAL AT CAMP CANYON

The Big Tent Festival is a time of worship,
community, and discipleship. Friday, November
10 is a night of worship and fun around the
campfire. Saturday, November 11 will be an all-
day celebration with activities for all ages.
Check your calendars-- would you (your family)
like to enjoy a weekend at Camp Canyon with
United Methodists around the state?

**GENESIS SERIES IN WORSHIP**

This series on Genesis continues through the end of
November. 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. And I want you to see how God's love is
foundational in our world and our lives.

Read along at home if you would like.

October 1: Genesis 22 Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac
October 8: Genesis 24 Isaac meets Rebekah
October 15: Genesis 25 Birth story of Jacob and Esau
October 22: Genesis 28 Jacob's ladder
October 29: Genesis 29 Jacob marries Leah, Rachel

November 5: Genesis 31 Jacob flees Laban
November 12: Genesis 32 Jacob wrestles with angel
November 19: Genesis 37 Joseph sold as slave,
TransMemorial worship
November 26 Genesis 45 Joseph reconciles w/ brothers

A poem by Kei Miller, called "Book of Genesis"

"Suppose there was a book full of only the word,
let – from whose clipped sound all things begin: fir
and firmament, feather, the first whale – and suppose
we could scroll through its pages every day
to find and pronounce a Let meant only for us –
we would stumble through the streets with open books,
eyes crossed from too much reading; we would speak
in auto-rhyme, the world would echo itself – and still
we'd continue in rounds, saying let and let and let until
even silent dreams had been allowed."

SUPPOSE THERE WAS A BOOK FULL OF ONLY ONE
WORD, LET. Bring forth, beckon, call upon-
written just for us.

FINANCE UPDATE

The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone who supports our church financially. Thus far in the year, we are on budget. Our annual budget is \$306,000. Year to date, we have taken in \$194K and have spent \$190K. That is good news. We are continuing to look at some larger expenses for our aging building.

The leaking roof in the Youth Activity Building remains an unbudgeted concern.

Throughout the month of October, we want to highlight some of our Apportionment commitments. Annually our church is asked to pay \$36,075 to the larger church. We want you to know what our money supports and celebrate the good we do together.

Here are a few of our Apportionments:

Board of Ordained Ministry.....	\$513
OK Conference Camps.....	\$427
Black College Fund.....	\$562
Lydia Patterson Institute.....	\$220
OK Campus Ministries.....	\$1,645
Circle of Care.....	\$1,367
Neighborhood Service Organization.....	\$37
Skyline Urban Ministry.....	\$256
OK Indian Missionary Conf.....	\$410

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.

**OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE**

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

The rooms rent for \$300 monthly for the smaller office & \$350 for the larger room. Talk to Trina to discuss your needs.

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

Need office space?

**FIND YOUR PEOPLE****Young Adults**

20s- 30s+

Sunday October 8 at noon after the 11am service, let's meet at Torchy's in the Classen Triangle.

Sunday November 19 at noon- It's Friendsgiving! We will provide the ham, be thinking of a side or dessert to share.

**Gen Xers**

basically 40-60+

On **Sunday November 12**, we will meet at Bar K for dogs, food, and drinks. If you want to bring your dog, read the requirements at barkdogpark.com. With or without your dog, join us!



Pics: Young Adults at Brian's house for a cookout, Gen Xers at The Patriarch in Edmond, and Retirees at El Coyote on Britton Rd

Retirees

retired or soon-to-be retired

Join us **Wednesday October 11** at the Belle Isle Restaurant in the basement of 50 Penn Place.

Then, **Wednesday November 8** at 11:30am, let us meet at OSO Paseo, 603 NW 28th St., OKC.

Meet at the restaurants at 11:30am.



FALL MISSIONS**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 six, not including the meat. Please shop the grocery list above and deliver to the church. Bags will be given to Skyline Urban Ministries for Thanksgiving distribution.

- 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 \$18

You may donate the cost of a bag (\$18), and we will do your shopping (turn in money by November 15), or bring bags with items to the church by Sunday November 22.

Ways to help:

We have volunteers cooking for Mobile Meals on October 16.

- **Donate used glasses to Skyline's Eye Clinic.**
- **Donate gently worn jeans & coats for the unhoused to Skyline's Clothes Closet.**
- **Bake cookies for our church to give out on Sundays & Mobile Meals**

SCARVES FOR THE YWCA*Threads of Compassion*

OKC

The YWCA is looking for people to knit or crochet scarves to be given to survivors of sexual assault.

Donated knitted/ crocheted scarves can be any color or pattern and need to be 5" wide x 65" long.

Crown Heights would like to donate 12 scarves by November 15.

By the way, Mike Brown serves on the YWCA Board.

LOOK WHAT WE DID TOGETHER**Look at what we did together in August and September...**

Through a member we gave school uniforms for three of our kids.

Our church hired a homeless man to work in our flower beds, paying \$250 for 3 days work.

We donated Period Supplies to six schools, Skyline, and Ice Angels.

Skyline picked up donations of food, glasses, and period supplies.

We gave \$40 for bus ticket to a man in need.

We provided funeral food for a members' coworker's funeral.

On September 21, our church provided lunch for the UCO Wesley group.

In June and July, our church raised **\$3,831.38** to buy Medical Debt Relief (worth \$696K). We helped Kingfisher UMC reach their goal of buying \$27K of debt (worth \$4.9 million). For the moment, we cleared out all the debt for Western Oklahoma.

<i>Medical Debt Relief</i>			Total - \$3831. ³⁸
			Purchased over \$696K in medical debt
Noisy Offering	Matching Gift	Church Gifts	
\$265	\$1000	\$2566. ³⁸	

THE CHURCH OFFICE MOVED!

We moved our Church Office just down the hall to the former Whiz Kids/ Bell Choir room. This is the room located between the Garden Room and the kitchen. In the new design, the front area is work and meeting space. The back room is for our office manager, Susan Ebert.

Our church is grateful to **Jim Rust** for supervising this project:

We removed the drop ceiling exposing the industrial rafters.

We updated the light fixtures.

We painted the walls and bookshelves.

We laid down new faux wood flooring (\$5,000).

We had to replace the interior HVAC unit (\$13,800).

And we had our phones, computer system, & wifi relocated to this room.

Come by and check it out! The space looks and feels great.



WHIZ KIDS READING PROGRAM

BY BRUCE PITTS



After beginning our 21st year with 12 wonderful kids from Wilson Elementary School, we are now up to 16 attending Whiz Kids on Thursday afternoons. And that's not all. We have three full time tutors waiting for Whiz Kids to be approved by Wilson and several other adults who have expressed in tutoring or subbing with us. And we have room for more!

This City-wide program of working with kids who need help with reading is a proven entity. **It's well documented: kids are improving their reading scores! Kids who fell behind because of the pandemic are catching up! And judging by the joyful sounds in our church on Thursday afternoons, our kids are positively responding to being treated with kindness, patience and like valued young people.**

On Homecoming Sunday, our bulletin included the following responsive reading in the Call to Worship:

Leader: In every one of us there's a longing for him.

People: It's a longing for a place where we are known, accepted, and loved for who we are.

I can't think of a more perfect description of our Whiz Kids program at CHUM. It is for children and adults the feeling of being home.

A big thanks for everyone who has joined to make this program such a success: Trina for her hard work with the kids (actually a labor of love); our volunteers; and most especially you Church for your loving support for this loving mission.

ARTS ACADEMY IS DELAYED

BY JAMIE GROSS



Due to ongoing staffing issues at Wilson Elementary which have prevented the principal from responding to our requests for distribution of flyers, the program has been delayed. Prayers are appreciated as we try to link this incredible program to those kiddos who want it, as well as for the high school student teachers who are eagerly waiting to get started. More to come!

MEET OUR CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH STAFF



Hannah Jackson (pronouns she/her), Children's Director, hired August 2021

Where did you grow up? *Edmond*

What are you doing now? *I'm a senior elementary education major at UCO.*

Why do you want to work with our children/youth? *I love our kiddos and have wanted to work with children since I was in 1st grade.*

What do you do for fun? *I bake and read when I'm not overwhelmed with homework.*



Cheleece "Che" Caine (pronouns she/ her), Children's Coordinator

I grew up in Edmond for most of my life.

I am a senior at the University of Central Oklahoma studying Elementary Education.

I love kids and I want them to have a fun and safe place to learn about God.

For fun I like to hang out with friends and family, go to the movies and listen to music.



Atticus Shire (pronouns they/them), Youth Director, hired August 2023, started volunteering with our youth 2021

I grew up in Edmond. For the first 7 years of adulthood, I lived in LA before moving back to Edmond in 2018, and I've lived on the Paseo for the last 2 years.

Even from a young age myself, I've craved and curated community. In college, I studied friendship, using Queer theory and systematic theology. Since high school, I've been theater director, choreography captain, ministry leader, employment supervisor, disability advocate, Court-Appointed Special Advocate, special education teacher, house church pastor, ex-church pastrix, and party host.

I like children because I believe they're smarter than me: The ways they see, feel, question, and hunger for the world reminds me of Jesus's ministry throughout the New Testament. I also believe it's true that I am smarter than them: I've spent a lifetime's hours questioning myself, my neighbor, the divine, and our world's shaky social structures, and have learned how grounding the artistry of faith and doubting can be in becoming more free, more alive, and more of what the good in religions try to offer us, miracles true or not. I think Jesus understood that, and I think the Pharisees and pious do not. I think children understand it too. For fun, I wax poetic for Trina's church newsletter. I also rock climb, metalsmith, garden, eat and drink with friends, play outside, do improv, and dream.



Andy Porter (pronouns he/him), Jr High Youth Coordinator

I grew up in Yukon and moved to OKC, and now I'm in Edmond for school! I'm currently an Elementary Education student at UCO and I plan on teaching middle school. I love working with kids because I'm really passionate about education, and I love watching kids' personalities and ideas change as they grow. On my off days I like to read, catch up on my favorite tv shows, and play games.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Starting **Sunday Oct 1** during Sunday School, the kids will start practicing and learning the music for the Christmas Program (performed on Dec 17).

Join for a Halloween party on **Oct 29**, 10am-noon.

Sunday Nov 19, the kids will have a special lesson and activity on gratitude.



BY HANNAH JACKSON



Aug 6 Pool Party

YOUTH PROGRAMMING-**YOUTH FALL SCHEDULE**

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

October

Oct 4, Wednesday— Youth 5:30-7:30pm

Tabletop games with Jonathon

Oct 6, Friday— Tabletop Tavern, 5-10pm

Oct 18, Wednesday— Youth 5:30-7:30pm

Lesson on conflict resolution

November

Nov 1, Wednesday— Youth, 5:30- 7:30pm

Service project between Jr High and Sr High

Nov 3, Friday— Tabletop Tavern, 5-10pm

Nov 15, Wednesday— Youth, 5:30- 7:30pm

Walmart run for Thanksgiving Bags

Nov 27 Monday 9am-noon—

Decorate church for Christmas

Mark your calendars-- December 22-23, Friday
to Saturday 7pm to 9am— Christmas Lock In

**Each Sunday,
join for Sunday School at 10am—
breakfast, class, & 11am worship.
Atticus and Andy will have a lesson
prepared each week.**



August 16, the youth saw the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle movie.

STORY FROM OUR PAST

On September 10, 2023 we celebrated Homecoming Sunday. It's a time to look back at our church's history with gratitude for the generations before us, who built our church and blessed the walls with their faith, love and laughter. At this year's Homecoming Joe Hinckley came with friends Keith and Candace. Joe and Keith were part of our church's youth group, back when Joe's father pastored Crown Heights UMC 50 years ago.

Rev. De L Hinckley pastored Crown Heights UMC in the 1970's for 9 years. We dug up a newspaper story about young De L Hinkley from The Tulsa Tribune, dated April 23, 1945. Hinkley fought in WWII and was held in a Nazi camp for the last six months of the war. From the article:

Going overseas in May of 1944, Lieutenant Hinckley was stationed in England and remained there until a few days after D-Day, June 6, when his infantry group landed at Omaha beachhead on the Cherbourg Peninsula. His battalion fought in France for several weeks, before they were outmaneuvered by the Germans. His whole group was taken as Prisoners of War at a camp in Poland called Oflag 64. In the months Hinckley was held prisoner, he said he passed the time by trying to make edible food from the rations and reading (200 books by his count).

As the Russians were liberating the area, the Germans marched their POW's further in. Hinckley said, "I got the idea that this might be my chance for escape. If I had been caught it would have meant certain death, but I didn't even consider that. I just darted up into the loft of the barn where we had spent the night and hid myself under five feet of hay... Late that night, a small Russian patrol went by." It took Lieutenant Hinckley until the next day to realize he was free.

Rev. De L Hinckley was a beloved pastor of Crown Heights UMC. The black and white photograph between Keith and Joe was Rev. Hinckley arriving on a horse for a special Sunday on Methodist circuit riders.



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SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Labor Day weekend, Dolph was in worship with his daughter Nancy. Always a joy to see him and to celebrate his 93rd birthday with him!

September 10th, we celebrated Homecoming.

The Academy gave awards to special members who have done a little extra for our church.

The winners were Bruce Pitts, Lee Manahan, Jim Rust, and Kent Post.

