



THE TRUMPET

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



Ladies' Night on January 14

LENT- THE GIFT OF WONDER

REV. TRINA BOSE NORTH
(PRONOUNS SHE/HER)

Ash Wednesday is the start of of Lent. This year it happens to fall on Valentine's Day (February 14). Even with so much love in the air, I hope you might join us for a 30 minute Ash Wednesday Service at 6pm. It is a solemn reminder of the frailty of life. Even in the midst of life, we know the cross stands too close. As Jesus lived out his last weeks with intentionality and faithfulness, may we join him on that path.

Throughout Lent, we read the stories of Jesus with new eyes. Each week, I hope we take in the wonder that comes from an encounter with something extraordinary. God uses ordinary moments that inspire wonder to change us and grab our attention. We will read wonder-filled passages about Jesus. Some of the stories are mind-blowing miracles. It's a wonder Jesus healed the sick, broke down barriers, and understood the wider world. Other stories are rather simple, yet still wonderful. Jesus practiced his faith and lived his life so connected to God that we stand in awe and hope as we work on our relationship with God. My prayer is as we sit in wonder, we will find surprising ways to grow our faith and bring God into the world.

Luke 5:26 *Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, "We have seen amazing things today!"*

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 —

8:30 AND 11AM—
SANCTUARY WORSHIP

9:45-10:45AM—
SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

LENTEN SEASON

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 14, 6PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES
ON HENRI NOUWEN'S "THE
RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON,"
SUNDAYS FEBRUARY 18 THROUGH
MARCH 24, 9:45-10:45AM IN THE
PARLOR

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP, MARCH
24, 8:30 AND 11AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP
MARCH 28, 6PM

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:30AM— WORSHIP
9:30-11AM— FELLOWSHIP TIME
10:15AM— EGG HUNT
11AM— WORSHIP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS**February**

Feb 14, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch at Picasso Cafe, 11:30am
AND Ash Wednesday Worship, 6pm

Feb 17, Saturday—Work Skyline Prom Room, 8:45am-noon

Feb 21, Wednesday— Youth, 5:30-7:30pm

Feb 25, Sunday— Young Adult lunch at Cajun Corner, noon

March

March 6, Wednesday— Youth, 5:30-7:30pm

March 7, Thursday— "Work from the Church," 10am-2pm

March 10, Sunday— Daylight Saving Time Change

March 15-16, Friday to Saturday— Youth Lock In, 7pm-9am

March 16, Saturday—Work Skyline Prom Room, 8:45am-noon

March 24, Sunday— Palm Sunday

March 28, Thursday— Maundy Thursday Service, 6pm

March 31, Sunday— EASTER, fellowship time from 9:30-11am,
10:15am egg hunt for the kids

April

April 3, Wednesday— Youth, 5:30-7:30pm

April 6, Saturday— Big Event OU Workday, 9:30am-2pm

April 7, Sunday— Young Adult Lunch at the church, noon

April 10, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch at Mama Roja's, 11:30am

April 17, Wednesday— Youth, 5:30-7:30pm

April 18, Thursday— Bring lunch to UCO Wesley, 11am

April 24, Wednesday— MRT meeting, 5:30pm

COME, WORK FROM THE CHURCH

If you work from home and want to get out of the house, join us:

Thursday, March 7

From 10am-2pm (come and go),

Wifi available,

Lots of spaces to work,

Coffee/ cookies are provided,

Lunch can be brought in OR we can go out

A time to be productive with some social on the side!

*Let's
work
together!*

FIND YOUR PEOPLE

Young Adults, 20s- 30s+

Join on Sunday February 25 at Cajun Corner, 312 NW 23rd. Then on Sunday April 7, stay after church for pizza and a service project. Dress ready to work!

Gen Xers, basically 40-60+

January 14, Gen X was Ladies Night at Mexican Radio. Next time we will make it all ages.

Retirees, retired or soon-to-be

Join us, Wednesday, February 14 (11:30am) at Picasso Cafe. Address: 3009 Paseo St.

March- No lunch because of Spring Break

April 10, let's meet at Mama Roja's Mexican Restaurant on Lake Hefner. Address: 9219 Lake Hefner Pkwy



Look at what we did together in January and February...

Our church negotiated down and paid a \$125 cable bill for a family who needed it.

We moved a donated couch to a woman's apartment who is housed after being homeless.

Julie Williams is refinishing a kitchen table for one of our families.

We are providing reading tutoring to a youth in church, who is behind in her reading.

Our church members purchased 100 boxes of Girl Scout cookies for Mobile Meals, Arts Academy, nearby businesses, and our office renters.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

ways to help:

- **Donate formal dresses/ suits/ accessories for Prom by 3/11/24**
- **Bake cookies for our church to give out on Sundays & Mobile Meals**
- **Provide dessert for 15 Mobile Meals clients, Monday March 18 OR 25 (can leave in the kitchen the day before)**
- **Mobile Meals driver needed-- one Monday a month, from about 10 to 11am. We need a volunteer to drive 7 meals to clients.**
- **Saturday April 6 (9:30am-2pm), volunteers needed to work with OU's Big Event workers. Help host or supervise a project.**

Mission- Skyline Prom Room

Our church has been asked to host the Prom Room at Skyline Urban Ministry. Skyline helps teens who would otherwise not be able to afford a dress for their school's dances shop for formal wear. Skyline also has a large selection of formal dresses and accessories including jewelry, clutches, and shoes to complete the look.

Ways to help:

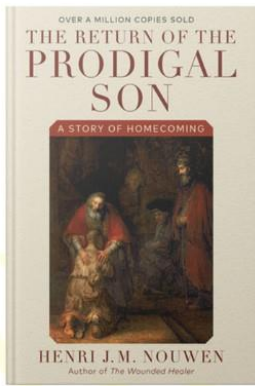
- Do you have any cute formal wear to donate? Do you have costume jewelry, clutches, or shoes that would be good for Prom? Bring to the church by Sunday March 11.
- Can you help work the Prom room on Saturdays Feb 17 OR March 16, 8:45am- noon? Meet at Skyline (500 SE 15th St, OKC).

Volunteers will help the teens find their perfect dress or suit.

If you can sew, please bring needle and thread to make quick alterations.



LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES



A painting by Rembrandt catches Nouwen's attention: *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. Sustained reflection on the painting slowly emerges into awareness of a new vocation coming to flower in his heart, his own personal call to "come home." Identifying with each of the three main figures in the painting, Nouwen crafts a fresh interpretation of a classic story, concluding: "Though I am both the younger son and the elder son, I am not to remain them, but called to become the Father." Ultimately, it expresses all Nouwen wanted to say about love.

Join us for a 6 week book study during the Sunday School hour. We will read Henri Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. Books are \$6.

**Sundays February 18-
March 25
9:45- 10:45am
in the Parlor**

FINANCE UPDATE

BY LEE ENDICOTT

The Finance Committee has closed the books on 2023. During 2023, Crown Heights incurred a number of sizeable expenses to maintain the structure and appearance of the church. Despite these expenses, we were able to finish 2023 with a small profit. Additionally, we were able to bring in additional income as a result of renting out unused areas to individuals for office space during the year. In 2023, we were able to pay 100% of our mandatory Conference apportionments and a significant amount of the voluntary apportionments. As we enter 2024, please continue your efforts to keep your pledges current so the church can continue to do God's work for its members and throughout the world! The congregation's continued financial support of Crown Heights UMC is greatly appreciated!

Although 2023 was a successful year financially, we enter 2024 facing new challenges regarding our beautiful but aging church. In the coming days, you will hear more about these challenges and what you can do to help the church address them. Specifically, Crown Heights will be kicking off a 2024 Capital Improvements Campaign. To maintain the beauty and functionality of our church, it will take everyone to go over and above their typical pledged giving. Please look for information on the campaign in your mail and do whatever you can to help keep our church beautiful and operating as it should. When you make your donations to the campaign, please be sure to note "Capital Campaign" on the check or envelope. Thank you again for all you do!

Need office space?



For those officing out of our building, we want it to be a comfortable, kind environment. We only advertise through the church so we attract people who desire community as they work.

We have offices available for rent in the east Youth Activity Building. The rooms rent for \$300 monthly for the offices. Talk to Trina to discuss your needs.

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

ON-LINE GIVING



If you prefer, we offer a convenient online option of giving. Through the webpage at crownheightsumc.org, (look for the donate link in the green box) OR this QR code takes you to our online giving form connected to our webpage. You will be able to make one-time donations or set up monthly giving. Once you enter your information, it is easy to make additional gifts.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

This year our church will celebrate our 95th anniversary. As we celebrate all the ministries and good works that have grown out of our congregation throughout the decades, we will be asked to support the future of our church by helping with some larger building projects.

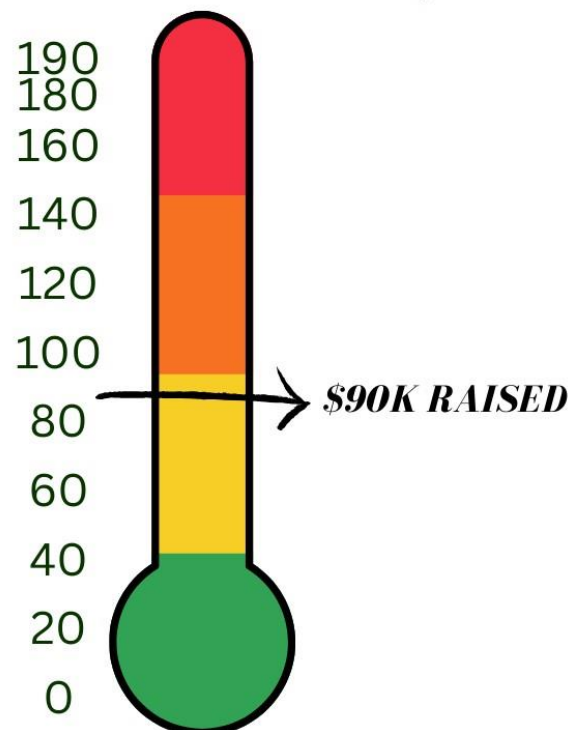
The Trustees for our church have identified 4 improvements needed for the operation of our building. We need to replace 3 HVAC units, repair & paint the east Sanctuary wall, remove a large tree, and repave the church parking lot. These are expensive projects, costing about \$190,000.

The Ministry Resource Team is asking our church to prayerfully consider giving a capital campaign. More detailed information is coming days. Committing to the work needed will put us in a position to embrace the future. We want to continue to rent office space for revenue and use our building our ministry and community involvement. This is our vision for the next 95 years.



Fundraising Chart

numbers in thousands/ dollars



CAN YOU MAKE AN EXTRA GIFT TO HELP WITH THESE NEEDS?

The Ministry Resource Team (our leadership committee) is asking our church to prayerfully consider giving to this capital campaign. We would like to raise \$190,000. A few select members have started us off by giving a total of \$90,000. That's a great start!

We still need \$100,000 to cover the cost of these 4 projects. We ask for donations to be received by April 1 OR you may spread out your pledge through the end of the year.

Thank you for considering this ask for additional giving to our church. We are truly blessed to call this building home and pray to be good stewards of this gift.

WHIZ KIDS READING PROGRAM**BY BRUCE PITTS**

First of all, a HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who volunteered to help shop, cook, serve, and cleanup for the Christmas Dinner. By all accounts, it was a smashing success with a fantastic meal, a visit from Santa Claus, lots of presents and lots of fun. We were blessed the Wilson Elementary School principal, vice-principal, several teachers, and the kids' family members were able to join the Whiz Kids for the festivities. What a joyous event for our neighborhood community shared in Fellowship Hall that night.



We wasted no time getting started for the spring semester with tutoring starting January 4. We celebrated Martin Luther King Day on January 11 followed by what will forever be known at Whiz Kids as "The Joy of Slime Day" courtesy of volunteer Susan Adams. Upcoming events include a Valentine's celebration, and field trips to Dynamo Gym and Full Circle Book Store.



The field trips and interesting activities have contributed to making this a special year for our Whiz Kids and tutors alike. But the heart of our mission has always been to help the kids read in a positive, supporting environment, and I see this happening every week. I'm the bad guy on Thursdays because I must announce quitting time. Nothing has better demonstrated success in our mission than watching the kids enjoying themselves so much they don't want to stop. What we are doing is truly working and makes a positive difference in our community.

**ARTS ACADEMY IS IN FULL SWING!****BY JAMIE GROSS**

Arts Academy is in full swing, with our students and teachers back from the holidays and working hard to hone their God-given talents! With 25 students taking lessons each week, our church building is filled with the sounds of children learning and feeling proud of what they're accomplishing. Thank you to all who support and pray for this program.

This spring, our Arts Academy students and teachers will proudly show off what they've learned this year. Please join us and see their amazing talents shining through, with the dedication of their amazing teachers.



THANKS, JIM AND CREW!

January 9 was a snow day in OKC, but these guys all met at the church and took on some work projects. Many thanks to Jim, Mario, Carter, and Nathan for fixing the exhaust fan in the kitchen and replacing ceiling tiles in the YA Building.

They truly warm our hearts!



YOUTH PROGRAMMING-

YOUTH SCHEDULE

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

Feb 21- Lesson on Black History Month

March 6- Install new TV

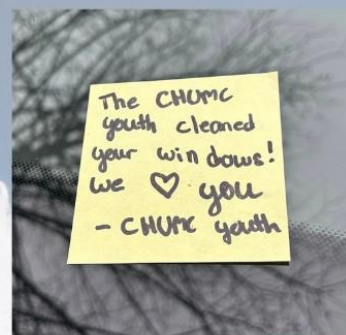
March 15- 16- Friday to Saturday,
Spring Break Lock In, 7pm to 9am

April 3- Field Trip to Scissortail Park

April 17- Make meal for UCO's Wesley

Each Sunday, join for at 10am—
breakfast, class, & 11am worship.

Atticus & Andy will have a lesson prepared each week.



On Sunday January 22, the youth made hot cocoa for the congregation and washed everyone's windshields. They served us well!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Medieval Fair - Early February, the kids made a Family Crest and practiced their sword fighting in our little bounce house.



BY HANNAH JACKSON

We are continuing our work with the kids to love themselves through the Bible. Each lesson focuses on an affirmation for them to use during the week, along with a Bible memory verse and a craft or activity.

Throughout the Season of Lent, we will talk about the Wonder of God coming in big and small ways. Easter is March 31-- the kids will have an Egg Hunt at 10:15am and a celebration during Children's Church.

Join on Sundays, starting with breakfast at 10am or during the 11am service for Children's Church.

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HOLLAND LECTURESHIP SERIES



We enjoyed a 2-part series by Dr. Jacob Randolph, professor of Christian History. On Feb 4 and 11, Jake preached on "The Gospel of Mark through Medieval Eyes." The people in the Middle Ages faithfully read scripture & stumbled on truths we need to hear.



Girl Scout
cookie time!

We have boxes of
cookies in the back of
the Sanctuary (\$6).
Thanks so much!