

The Trumpet

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



Luca's baptism on 3/17/24

THE CRUCIFIXION & RESURRECTION REV. TRINA BOSE NORTH

Throughout Lent, we have been reading from the Gospel of John. John paints a distinction between the way of the world and the way of Christ. Our materially focused, self-absorbed, heartless world, when held up to God's realm, is exposed for the shallowness it is. Jesus' compassion and relationship to God are like nothing we have seen before. We can't help but recognize him as the Son of God, filling us with wonder.

As in the Healing of the Blind Man story (John 9), Jesus did not live within the bounds of our world. Not only did he heal the blind, he healed on the sabbath and wasn't interested in identifying the sin that caused the blindness. Everything we thought we knew is turned upside down with Jesus.

These stories serve to prepare us for the wonder of the crucifixion and resurrection. The cross was a common tool of the Roman government, yet when we see Jesus on the cross, we see the brutality of our ways. Our world is exposed for the what it really is. And we are left wanting to follow Jesus past the cross into New Life.

Rachel Held Evans wrote, "We could not become like God, so God became like us. God showed us how to heal instead of kill, how to mend instead of destroy, how to love instead of long for more. When we nailed God to a tree, God forgave. And when we buried God in the ground, God got up."

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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Maundy Thursday worship will be at 6pm on March 28. Join for communion and a reflective moment during this most holy week. Childcare is available, let Trina know in advance.

March 31, 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 Egg Hunt and party

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST 2024

SERVICES AT 8:30AM AND 11AM

SOCIAL TIME WITH BOUNCY HOUSE

FROM 9:15AM-11AM

EASTER EGG HUNT AT 10:15 AM

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION DURING 11 AM SERVICE

EASTER OFFERING

For our Easter Offering, we will be raising money to support our connection with the United Methodist Church. See the list of the Apportionments we are 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.

Lee Endicott, Finance Chair says, "This year, our Easter Offering will go to our Conference Apportionments, allowing us to provide aid to people throughout our community, state, nation and world. This Easter, your offering will be used to meet our goal."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March

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 21, Sunday— Youth, Rent musical at OCU, 2pm

AND Auction Celebration, 4- 6pm

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

April 28, Sunday— NO WORSHIP because of OKC Marathon

May

May 1, Wednesday— Youth, 5:30-7:30pm

AND Scholarship deadline for High School Seniors

May 8, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch, 11:30am

May 9, Thursday— Work at Church, 10am-2pm

May 14, Tuesday— Young Adult Dinner at Hideaway, 5:30pm

May 15, Wednesday— Youth, 5:30-7:30pm

May 19, Sunday— Graduation Reception Sunday

AND Gex X Dinner at Picasso Cafe, 5pm

June

June 24-27, Monday through Thursday, 5:30-8pm— VBS

Crown Heights UMC's Apportionments 2024

World Service Fund (worldwide missions & missionaries)	\$4641
Hispanic Ministries (OK ministries)	\$326
Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries	\$200
Project Transformation (summer reading program)	\$16
Black College Fund (scholarships & support of HBCUs)	\$602
Africa University (UM university in Kenya)	\$134
Lydia Patterson Institute (UM hispanic school, El Paso)	\$220
Campus Ministry (7 Wesley centers in OK)	\$250
Circle of Care (OK support for kids in foster care)	\$200
Cookson Hills Center (OK children's home for at-risk kids)	\$162
Neighborhood Service Organization (OKC urban ministry)	\$250
Oklahoma City University (scholarships & Wesley Center)	\$200
OIMC (UM Native American churches)	\$396
Restore Hope (Tulsa urban ministry)	\$256
Skyline Urban Ministry (OKC urban ministry)	\$256

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**Ways to help:**

- **Saturday April 6 (9:30am-2pm), volunteers needed to work with OU's Big Event workers. Help host or supervise a project.**
- **Bake cookies for the Arts Academy Showcase reception on Thursday April 11.**
- **Provide dessert for 15 Mobile Meals clients, Monday May 20 or 27 (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.**



Pictures: Read Across America,
Skyline Prom Room,
Lawyer giving free help

**Look at what we did together in March...**

Four church members supported Read Across America, by reading in OKC Public Schools.

Our church office worked with an unhoused couple to replace ID and get clothes for new jobs.

An attorney from our church represented a church member in a court case.

Our church worked the Prom Room at Skyline Urban Ministry on Feb 25, March 16, and March 21.

We gathered household items and furniture for Catholic Charities to give to refugee immigrants.

We donated \$300 to Reconciling Ministries Network, supporting their pre-General Conference work.

FIND YOUR PEOPLE

Everyone, join on Sunday April 21 from 4-6pm for our Auction Celebration (see page 4).

Young Adults, 20s- 30s+

Join on Sunday April 7, stay after church for pizza and a service project. Dress ready to work! AND on Saturday May 11, we are invited to Hannah and Andrew's house at 5pm. They live down in Norman, bring a table food to share.

Gen Xers, basically 40-60+

Sunday May 19 at 5pm, join for an evening out at Picasso Cafe in the Paseo District.

Retirees, retired or soon-to-be

April 10, let's meet at Mama Roja's Mexican Restaurant on Lake Hefner (Address: 9219 Lake Hefner Pkwy). And mark your calendar for Wednesday May 8 at 11:30am, place TBD.

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.

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

Work at Church, Thursday May 9

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



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Our church has been busy working on the improvements paid for through our Capital Campaign. Each project is truly important in maintaining our old building. Here's an update:

1. We replaced the 3 HVAC units on the Youth Activity roof and replaced the old ductwork. We still need the roofer to come out and waterproof the connections into the building. COST: \$96,000
2. The east exterior wall of the Sanctuary has been repaired. The mortar was repointed, and the whole wall was sealed. During Holy Week, they should be painting the interior of that wall. COST: \$11,000 We have worked out a plan to replace the lighting for the Sanctuary stained glass windows. ESTIMATED COST: \$5,000
3. The large oak tree in our backyard will come down next week. COST \$5,000
4. The Trustees moved forward on a repair (not replacement) bid on the parking lot on Western. We will be fixing the potholes and resurfacing next week. COST: \$25,000

This work puts our church in a position to look to the future and dream bigger about how to use our space for more ministry and revenue.



BONUS ROUND-

We would like to **add a bathroom** in the room off the front of the Sanctuary, next to the stairs heading to the Youth Room. It would be handicap accessible and so much closer to the Sanctuary.
Estimated cost: \$10K

AUCTION CELEBRATION AFTERNOON

Auction Celebration

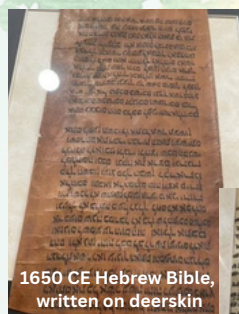
Sunday April 21, 2024
from 4-6pm

Join us for a late afternoon of appetizers, champagne, and a string quartet, as we close down the auction of famous autographs and historic biblical pages.

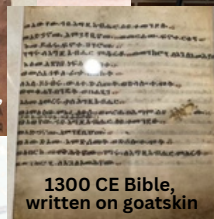
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Edmond, OK 73013

**IT'S TIME TO
CELEBRATE!**



1650 CE Hebrew Bible,
written on deerskin



1300 CE Bible,
written on goatskin



Our church was given some very interesting pictured autographs by Hollywood stars and former presidents, as well as three historical, biblical pages (dating from 1300 to 1650 CE).

We have opened an on-line auction at www.32auctions.com. The bidding is open now and closes at 6pm on April 21. We reserve the option to not sell through the auction and seek out higher prices elsewhere.

All proceeds go to our Capital Campaign.

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**BY LEE ENDICOTT**

Capital Campaign Update 3/21/2024

**GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024****BY REV. TRINA BOSE NORTH**

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church is coming up April 23 through May 3 in Charlotte, NC. United Methodists from across our denomination will meet for the first time since 2019, when the Traditional Plan was passed. With support from the African delegates, stricter penalties on clergy who officiate gay marriages were added, as well as an exit ramp was put in place for progressive churches to leave the denomination. But in these last 5 years, churches on the left stayed in the United Methodist Church and conservative incompatibilists left *en masse*.

This General Conference has a clear focus- to move our denomination past our prohibitions against gay marriage and gay ordination. There are three legislative goals from Reconciling Ministries Network and progressive delegates. I have heard it referred as the “**3 R's**” - Regionalization, Removal of Discriminatory Language from the Book of Discipline, and approving the Revised Social Principles.

Rev. Derrek Belase (Conference Director of Connectional Ministries) recommends, “The best place to get information on the General Conference and the various petitions is through the United Methodist News Service and *The Contact* (OK Conference newsletter). Our Communication and Council staff will be bringing live updates from the General Conference.”

I am flying to Charlotte to observe the General Conference from April 28 through May 3. I will update our church as legislation is passed. Check our church's Facebook page.

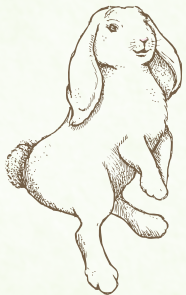
Pictured: Trina and her chalkboard, General Conference 2016, Portland, OR



WHIZ KIDS READING PROGRAM**BY BRUCE PITTS**

As we head down the home stretch of the 2023-2024 Whiz Kids year, we continue to enrich our wonderful Wilson kids with meaningful and fun celebrations and field trips. Since our last newsletter, we have celebrated Valentine's Day, Dr. Suess's birthday, and thanks to our generous tutor sponsors Natalie Neubauer and Linda Newhouse, we were able to get our kicks, stretches and jumps out at Dynamo Gym, and visit Full Circle Bookstore where the kids got to pick out books they wanted, take an insider's guided tour of the store, and have a special book read to them by our head coordinator Donna Halpin.

You can see in the smiles of the kids that our celebrations and field trips are always fun. But they are also educational and bonding opportunities with the tutors and our Whiz Kids family. In most cases with the field trips, the kids are getting exposed to places that likely would not otherwise get to visit, so we get to practice our manners, and demonstrate our listening and good public behavior skills.



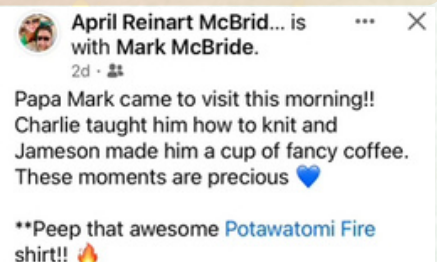
And we are not quite done yet. We still have Easter, Cinco de Mayo, and Fourth Grade Graduation to celebrate, and one last field trip to the city-wide Whiz Kids Spring Fling at the Oklahoma City Science Museum. **Even with all these special events, our kids worked so hard that they we were the only Whiz Kids site where ALL the kids improved their testing scores.** We have created a welcoming, fun, safe and special place for our kids and tutors at Crown Heights United Methodist Church, and we thank all the church members for being a part of this community outreach.

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

The Showcase of Talent will be on Thursday April 11 at 5:30pm. Our Arts Academy students and teachers will proudly show off what they've been working on this year. Please join us and see their amazing talents shining through, with the dedication of their amazing teachers.

We also need homemade cookies for The Showcase of Talent. Let Trina know if you can bring cookies to the church on April 11th or before to have in the freezer.

Charlie McBride is in the Knitting class. Look what his mom April posted on Facebook!



YOUTH PROGRAMMING-**YOUTH SCHEDULE**

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

April 3- Field Trip to Scissortail Park

April 17- Make meal for UCO's Wesley

Sunday April 21 - Rent Musical at OCU at 2pm

May 1 - Lesson, Scholarship apps due

May 15 - Game Night

May 19 - Graduation Reception Sunday

Join each Sunday at 10am for breakfast and a lesson in the youth room, or join the regular worship in the sanctuary.

We are continuing to study Bible stories each Sunday morning.

**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, 2024** for consideration. We want everyone to apply, but know we give preference for need and more recent high school graduates. Scholarship Committee: Sue Fellers, chair, Colleen Bicket, Julie Williams, Lee Endicott

We will celebrate all our graduating seniors in worship on May 19, 2024.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING**BY HANNAH JACKSON**

YOU ARE INVITED TO
CROWN HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST
CHILDREN'S

Easter Egg Hunt and party

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SERVICES AT 8:30AM AND 11AM
SOCIAL TIME WITH BOUNCY HOUSE
FROM 9:15AM-11AM
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CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION DURING 11 AM SERVICE

Any questions please contact
Hannah Jackson at
405-343-8504

Happy Spring, church family! We have events in the coming months, come and enjoy our Easter Celebration on March 31st! Also add our VBS dates to your calendar and more information will come out as we get closer to Summer! Lastly, if anyone would like to be in the rotation to make breakfast for the sweet kids on Sundays at 10am please let me know at 405-343-8504! Hope you all have a great Spring!

Save the date

**Crown Heights United
Methodist Church**

Vacation Bible School 2024

**June 24-27
5:30pm- 7:30pm**

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MARCH HIGHLIGHTS



March 17, we baptized baby Luca, celebrating God's love already working in his life. And we brought his parents, Kayla and Dilan into membership at our church. They have been attending since November.

An official WELCOME to this beautiful family!

Upon request, we added 2 grab-bars to the women's bathroom in the Youth Activity Building. We want our older members as safe as possible in our hard-to-navigate building.

THANK YOU to Jim Rust, who installed the handrails.

