



The Trumpet

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



OUR MOSES ERA

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We are now halfway through our Moses Era. We have two more months focusing on the great prophet of the Old Testament. We have already learned about his exceptional birth story, his call to save the Israelites from slavery, and the early tales from the wilderness. Many of you are probably wondering what could be left in Moses' life. Isn't that everything? Not at all. They wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. We have many more stories of the wilderness people messing up and getting it right, and there are life lessons Moses wanted taught before entering the Promised Land.

Our Moses Era all started because Larry Foster wouldn't stop talking about the movie *The Ten Commandments*, starring Charlton Heston. This series is meant to fill the gaps in our understanding of the Exodus story and the person of Moses. My hope is that by the time we complete this era, we will *know* Moses and count ourselves as one of the people who benefitted from his leadership and faithfulness.

N SERIES
TESTAMENT
THE STORY OF
MOSES

On Netflix, there is a new 3-part series on Moses. It is a dramatization mixed with commentary. Watch all three episodes and join Trina's Sunday School class on **October 13** to discuss (9:45- 10:45am in the Parlor).

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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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October

October 6, Sunday— Rev. Alex Jackson preaching, 8:30 and 11am

October 9, Wednesday— Retiree lunch at Sauced Pizza, 11:30
AND Youth, 5:30-7:30pm

October 13, Sunday— Discussion on Netflix Moses series, 9:45am
AND Baby Blessing for Rob and Julie Crum, 11am
AND Crafternoon, 12-2pm

October 17, Thursday— Fall Break, no Whiz Kids/ Arts Academy

October 18-19— Youth Lock-In, 7pm to 8:30am

October 22, Tuesday— Young Adults at Dust Bowl Bowling Alley, 5:30pm

October 23, Wednesday— Youth, 5:30-7:30pm
AND Ministry Resource Team, 5:30pm

October 27, Sunday— Charge Conference at OKC First UMC, 4pm

October 31, Thursday— Lunch for the UCO Wesley
AND church open for Trick-or-Treaters (Western Patio)

November

November 6, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch AND Youth, 5:30-7:30pm

November 9, Saturday— Crown Heights' Night Out, UCO Fundraiser

November 10, Sunday— Crafternoon, 12-2pm, work on Christmas cards
AND host Youth Service workers, 2-6pm

November 20, Wednesday— Youth, 5:30-7:30pm

November 24, Sunday— Thanksgiving Bags due for Skyline Ministry

November 28, Thursday— Thanksgiving, no Whiz Kids/ Arts Academy

We have a baby coming!

Rob and Julie Crum are expecting their 2nd child in late October. Let's be the first to welcome this baby with diapers (any brand, sizes 1 or 2) on Sunday, October 13 during the 11am service.

Crafternoons

We have a group who enjoy sewing, quilting, knitting, scrapbooking, painting, and calligraphy, who want a social place to practice their craft.

Join the crafters **on Sundays, October 13 and November 10 at noon**. In November, bring Christmas cards to sign and get ready.

This is open to everyone. Come to work on anything you want to do OR come to do nothing!

FIND YOUR PEOPLE

Young Adults, 20s- 30s+

Next gathering will be on Tuesday, October 22 at Dust Bowl Bowling Alley, 5:30pm. Address: 421 NW 10th St OKC, Midtown

Retirees, retired or soon-to-be

October 9 (11:30am) at Sauced Pizza in Paseo. Meet at the restaurant.

Crown Heights Night Out, everyone

Let's put the FUN back in fundraiser and support the UCO Wesley!! Join us on Saturday, November 9th, 3 to 6pm on UCO Campus at Plunkett Park: food trucks, live music, and a fundraising auction. Sign up through the church, cost \$25 per person, kids free.



September 15, Crown Heights' Night Out- 28 of us enjoyed dinner and pickleball. This location was good for visiting; the kids could play outside, and the grown-ups got to try their hand at pickleball.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Monthly Missions

October

Halloween-- Our church is serving Baked Potatoes to the UCO Wesley Foundation. They provide a free lunch to about 60 students every Thursday.

AND Crown Heights neighborhood is a hopping place on Halloween. With Tabletop Tavern, we will hand out candy. Come TRICK OR TREAT us, entering through the Western portico.

November

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 6, not including the meat. Please shop the list below and deliver to the church. Bags will be given to Skyline Urban Ministry in time for Thanksgiving.

2 boxes stove top stuffing

2 boxes scalloped potatoes

2 boxes of Macaroni and Cheese (no adding milk)

1 box pancake/baking mix, 40 oz (for biscuits)

2 cans green beans

2 cans corn

1 package cookie mix

1 box cereal

TOTAL cost per bag \$23

You may donate the cost of a bag (\$23), and we will do your shopping (turn in money by November 17), or bring bags with items to the church by Sunday, November 24.

WANT TO READ WITH ELEMENTARY KIDS?

Natalie Brittingham (11am service) is an elementary school librarian, and she is starting a Reading Buddy program for her 2nd & 3rd graders. She can host 8 volunteers on **Thursdays, 9:30 am- 10:30am** in the Hayes' Library, starting Thursday, October 2, 2024. You select the dates that work for you. Bilingual speakers (Spanish & Burmese) would be a dream!

Natalie will have materials for Reading Buddies: books and educational activities. Volunteers will work with one student for 25 minutes and then work with another student for 25 minutes. Volunteers will not be left alone with the students. Volunteers will need to complete the district background check.

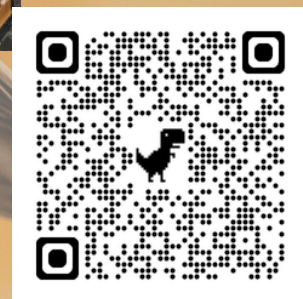
Here is the sign-up form link or use the QR code:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZjRhbZZ_HGffHD36V4V5J3QF1uCZVb-sna9Mea7elw.viewform

Ways to help:

- **Sunday November 10, help host Youth Service workers. We need members to lead the youth in projects and need 3 dozen homemade cookies.**
- **Thursday, December 19 is the NSO Palo Duro and Whiz Kids' Christmas dinners. We need cooks in the morning AND afternoon. We also need 10 frosted cakes.**

Pics: Our church bought supplies for our teachers and John Glenn Elementary School staff. And we hired these two to do yard work. They did great work.



KITTY OGBURN, REST IN PEACE



Kitty Lou Ogburn passed away Saturday, August 31, 2024 in Oklahoma City at age 93. She was born December 5, 1930 in Healdton, OK. On May 14, 1950, Kitty married Wilburn Ogburn (pic left). They lived in Oklahoma City and had two wonderful children, Carl and Jane.

Kitty worked as a secretary at University Hospital and at CCPC at Tinker AFB, under ten different commanders. She received several awards for her work and said she had great bosses.



Kitty loved having all the family and friends over to celebrate holidays, birthdays, and other get-togethers. She loved her church and joined Crown Heights United Methodist Church on October 19, 1980. Kitty was also a devoted member of Amity Circle in UMW. She also enjoyed cooking for Mobile Meals with her dear friend Edna (pic left).

Kitty is preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Wilburn. She loved all her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and all others who knew her as "Nanny."

Kitty requested for memorial gifts to be made to our church. We will use these gifts to finish off the bathroom near the Sanctuary. We added this project to the Capital Campaign because Kitty asked. She knew it would help people better navigate our old building.

BATHROOM UPDATE

Exciting news! Jim Rust and crew just finished up the NEW bathroom, off the front of the Sanctuary. Before this addition, the nearest bathroom was 35 yards and 10 stair-steps away from the Sanctuary. This is an accessible restroom, mindful of larger doorways and grab bars. There is a sitting area outside the restroom and a workspace under the other window. Since this area is right off the Sanctuary, we added extra insulation to the walls and doors to keep sound from disturbing worship.

Big thanks to **Jim Rust**, our contractor and carpenter. He carefully saw this project through to completion. Also thanks to Justin North (flooring), Nathan North (carpentry assistance), and Julie Williams (decor).



This was the last project of our Capital Campaign. Together we made some wonderful improvements to our building. Thank you for making this bathroom, the parking lot, the lighting fixture, and the HVAC work possible.

FINANCE UPDATE BY LEE ENDICOTT

The church's income typically slows down during the summer doldrums. Unfortunately, this summer was no different. As a result, we have fallen slightly behind on some of our obligations, including the apportionments we pay as United Methodists to help others throughout the world. As we enter the last quarter of the year, please do whatever you can to keep your giving current. If you are able to do more than your typical pledge payment that would be wonderful. If you would like to make a specific gift to help the church pay our apportionments, simply designate "Apportionments" on your check, envelope or when you donate on-line. Thanks to everyone for helping CHUMC meet our financial obligations!



This QR code will take you to our secure online donation page for the church. You can choose from various missions and also make a pledge payment.

PLEDGE COMMITMENTS FOR 2025

We are approaching Pledge Sunday on November 11, 2024. We will all be asked to prayerfully consider our commitment to our church for the upcoming year.

Moses says in Deuteronomy 26: 8-9, "So the Lord brought us out of Egypt... He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me."

Let us give back to God our very best. Out of gratitude for our many blessings, may we give to God **our first and best** offerings.

Thank you for supporting the vision and the ministries of our church.

**PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS ON BEING A LEADER****THE OKLAHOMAN** **"Meet some of the most influential faith leaders in the Oklahoma City metro"**

by Carla Hinton, 9/12/2024

The Rev. Trina Bose-North is pastor of Crown Heights United Methodist Church. Bose-North has been a vocal and consistent advocate for LGBTQ+ inclusion in the United Methodist Church. At her leading as senior pastor, Crown Heights United Methodist Church voted in 2019 to become part of the Reconciling Ministries Network, a network of churches, individuals and faith groups working toward full inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer individuals in the United Methodist denomination. Earlier this year, the empathetic faith leader rejoiced when United Methodist Church General Conference delegates voted to strike certain language from the denomination's book of discipline, effectively ending the faith group's ban on same-sex marriage and ordination of openly gay clergy.

By Trina Bose North

In 2016 as I was appointed to this church, the United Methodist Church was clashing over marrying and ordaining gay people. My image of God as love placed me on the side of inclusion. My theology found a home in Crown Heights UMC. In 2019, this church voted to become a Reconciling Congregation, which is a public statement affirming LGBTQ. We became clear on our identity and began hosting gay weddings. As the clergy, I was turned in for these actions and faced consequences from my denomination.

Earlier this year, the United Methodist Church removed all the bans on gay marriage and ordination. I celebrate this step forward. As I reflect on my journey, I learned that being a leader or having influence is dependent on having a community. We need others to rein us in when our ideas go too far or encourage us to take the next, brave step. Doing this work for inclusion has been a joy because I have done it with the support of the wonderful people at Crown Heights UMC.

WHIZ KIDS ROCKIN' ALONG

BY BRUCE PITTS

Our sixteen Whiz Kids from Wilson Elementary are settling into a comfortable routine of snacks, celebrating birthdays and Stars of the Week, burning stored-up energy with Trina at club time while learning how to get along with others, act courteously towards one another and having fun, and spending about an hour reading to and with their tutors and playing word games that enhance their comprehension skills. Because of our personal recruiting and word of mouth, we are fortunate to be in the unusual position of having an overabundance of tutors and substitutes as we start the year. Our school liaison Stephanie Moore is diligently working with the teachers and staff to find a few more well-behaved Wilson kids who need a little help with reading and understanding.

Coming up on October 3, we are going to have our Tutoring Day at Wilson, where we will meet and talk with teachers, get to experience the kid's environment, and enjoy the school librarian read a story to us. We take every opportunity we can to show our support for those hard-working teachers and staff and look for ways we can partner with them.

Our Whiz Kids program is making a positive difference in our community and we are very appreciative of the support and encouragement we receive from church members of both Crown Heights and Mayflower Congregational Church.

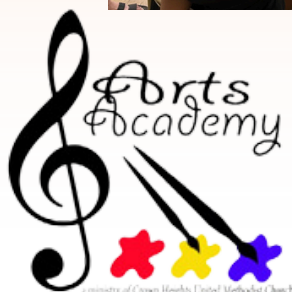


ARTS ACADEMY

BY JAMIE GROSS

Arts Academy is off to the races! The building is alive with 13 teachers and 33 students learning piano, vocal, knitting and art.

Please pray for this program and the impact it might have on all of our lives. Thank you as always for your support!



YOUTH PROGRAMMING

YOUTH SCHEDULE

Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm

OCTOBER

Sunday October 6- Worship at 11am

Wed. October 9- Lesson and Games

Fri. to Sat. October 18-19-

Youth Lock-In, 7pm to 8:30am

Wed. October 23- Lesson on Moses (Trina)

NOVEMBER

Sunday November 3- Worship 11am

Wed. November 6- Lesson and Games

Wed. November 20- Shop for Thanksgiving Bags

Join each Sunday at 10am for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and a lesson in the Youth Room. Youth will attend 11am worship on the first Sunday of month (no phones). The other Sundays, youth will have a Bible lesson during worship.

Youth playing Extreme Spoons, 9/18



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Starting in October, we will start the Christmas play practice during Children's Church. Try to send your kids as often as possible so they can learn the story and songs.

In November, lessons will focus on gratitude.

On Halloween, come Trick-or-Treat at the church from 6-8pm (patio facing Western).

A reminder to ALWAYS be gracious. Last year, one of our sweet church kids gave a card saying:

Hello, for my own special reasons I can't say "Trick or Treat" or "Happy Halloween," know I am trying.

Thank you for understanding.
Happy Halloween.



HALLOWEEN REMINDER:

TEENAGERS WHO SEEM TOO OLD TO TRICK-OR-TREAT CHOSE CHILDHOOD OVER PARTYING. BE HAPPY AND HAND OVER THE SNICKERS.

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END OF SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS!



Summer is for kids!

Look at our angels-- swimming in August, illustrating the Bible lesson on Labor Day weekend, and warming up under a blanket during a Children's Time in September.