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

From Disciples to Apostles

Jesus gathered his disciples from the slow-paced hills surrounding the Sea of Galilee. As he began his ministry, the disciples enjoyed front-row seating to Jesus' healings and teachings. They sat with Jesus for personal instructions. Discipleship was focused on growth and relationship building. But Jesus knew this serene time would come to an end. As they went to Jerusalem, the disciples were quickly taking on the role of apostle. School was over, and it was time for them to be sent out into the world and carry on the work of Christ. This required a deeper faith and a courageous spirit.

We, too, are invited to go from disciples to apostles. Throughout Lent, we have focused on growing our faith to be ready to leave our comfort zones and do that which we are called to do. Apostleship is definitely harder work, but it offers a deeper connection with God and deeper joy & fulfillment in living.

Lord, increase our faith.

Grow us into the people you want us to be. Amen.

New Sunday School Series

Trina's Sunday School class will be reading *Jesus and John Wayne* by Kristin DuMez, May 4 through July 20. Join us on Sundays 9:45-10:45 am in the Parlor.

"Jesus and John Wayne
is a sweeping account of the
last 75 years of white
evangelicalism, showing how
American evangelicals have
worked for decades to replace
the Jesus of the Gospels with
an idol of rugged masculinity
and Christian nationalism"

(kristindumez.com).

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.

Lord, increase our faith. Luke 17:5



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Mark Your Calendars

Every Saturday, the Convenant Group meets from 9:30-10:30am, meet in the YAB, enter through the Garden Room.

April

April 2, Wednesday - Youth 5:30-7:30pm

April 5, Saturday-OU's Big Event workday, 10am-2pm

April 6, Sunday - Crafternoon, noon-2pm

April 13, Palm Sunday— worship 8:30 & 11am

April 16, Wednesday - Youth 5:30-7:30pm

April 17, Maundy Thursday - worship 6pm

April 20, Easter Sunday— worship 8:30 & 11am. Fellowship Time from 9:30-11am. Egg Hunt for children & youth at 10:15am.

April 23, Wednesday-Ministry Resource Team 5:30pm

April 27, Sunday – NO WORSHIP because of the Memorial Run

May

May 3, Saturday – Autism Foundation Event, 3-7pm

May 4, Sunday— New Sunday School series begins, 9:45-10:45am
AND Young Adult Workday, noon (pizza & painting)

May 7, Wednesday - Youth 5:30-7:30pm

May 8, Thursday – Last Whiz Kids' session, 3:30pm

AND Arts Academy Showcase, 5:30pm

May 11, Sunday - Mother's Day (hat/fascinator Sunday)

May 14, Wednesday — Retiree Lunch at Grand House, 11:30am

May 18, Sunday— Graduation Sunday, sign cards 10-11am AND Crafternoon, noon-2pm

May 19, Monday – Cook dinner for Project Transformation, 4pm

May 21, Wednesday – Youth 5:30-7:30pm

May 25, Sunday – Outdoor Worship ONE SERVICE, 10am

Join Us...

Maundy Thursday worship will be at 6pm on April 17. Join for communion and a reflective moment during this most holy week. Childcare is available, let Trina know in advance.

Easter Sunday—April 20
Worship 8:30 & 11am.
Join for our Fellowship Time from 9:30- 11am. We will have coffee & doughnuts, a visit from the Easter Bunny, a petting zoo, and an Egg Hunt for children & youth at 10:15am.



Ladies, some of us are dusting off our hats & fascinators for Easter, Mother's Day, & Derby Day. Join in on the fun!

Coffee AND Tea

Covenant Group

Saturdays 9:30-10:30am in the Youth Activity Building, enter through the Garden Room.

This is a new group that formed at the beginning of the year to deepen own faith through group discussions. Join us as we take on a topic and hear each person's experience, wisdom, or uncertainties on that topic. You are welcome to come when you are available, or maybe you want to commit to attending every week. Participants will be asked to bring forward a topic and/or lead a meeting,

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So far, our topics have been understanding what God wants us to do, courage to act, and the Wesley Covenant questions. Seriously, this group brings the insight!

Guidelines for the meetings:

Be on time, plan for meetings to last no longer than one hour.

Turn off your phone.

Treat people's comments as confidential.



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Pictorial Directory

We are gathering information & photographs for the new directory! The goal is to help connect faces with names. Please send us a favorite photo with names, and your choice of additional information including address, email, and/or phone.

The directory will <u>not</u> be on the church website or Facebook- it will only be distributed to those who request it at the church.

Send photos & info to:

susan@crownheightsumc.org



Need Office Space?

We have 2 offices available for rent in the east Youth Activity Building. The rooms rent for \$300 monthly. Talk to Trina to discuss your needs.

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.

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

Crafternoons

Enjoy sewing, quilting, knitting, scrapbooking, painting?

Join the crafters on Sundays, April 6 & May 18

(noon to 2pm) at the church.

Bring a snack to share.

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



Financial Update by Lee Endicott

Initially, as Finance Committee Chair, I would like to thank the congregation for their financial support of the church. Through the first two months of 2025, we are doing well financially and staying within our budget. Both pledged and non-pledged giving are strong and help us cover all of the church's expenses. So far, our income is higher than our expenses. We couldn't do it without your thoughtful giving.

This year, Crown Heights' Easter campaign is focused on paying our Conference apportionments. Paying our apportionments allows us to provide aid to people throughout our community, state, nation, and world. This Easter, your Easter offering will be used to meet our annual goal of paying 100% of apportionments. All donations that are designated as "Easter Offering" (on the check or envelope) will be used to pay our Conference apportionments. You can also give online; in the donate link in the green header, give to "Apportionments."

On-Line Giving is Easy!

Please remember to use our convenient online option of giving. Through the webpage (crownheightsumc.org, look for the donate link in the green box) you will be able to make one time donations or set up monthly giving. The QR code below takes you to our church webpage, as well.

Just to let you all know how it works—

- There is a 2.75% fee for all credit and debit card transactions.
- There is a 1% fee for all transfers of money from personal banking accounts. (To transfer money from your account, we will ask you to fill out a form.)

We appreciate any gift, of course. But if you can transfer funds, the church would benefit even more! Thank you.



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Find Your People



Young Adults, 20s-30s+

May 4 at noon, stay after church for a workday. Pizza and painting project included! Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Retirees, retired or soon-to-be

Join us on May 14 (11:30am) at Grand House Asian Bistro, 2701 N. Classen Blvd, OKC.

New Members



On February 16, we welcomed Don Martz as an official member of our congregation. Don is retired from Cox Cable and has a heart for missions. He transferred his membership from BC Clark UMC/ Exodus House, and as this church recently closed, Don has found a home here with us. And we couldn't be happier!

Bri DeMoss officially joined on March 23. Bri is a hospice chaplain and has attended here for over 5 years. Her husband Mike is a UM clergy, located out of our church.



Happy Retirement to Bob Anthony

Our own Bob Anthony recently retired from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission after 36 years, making him the longest-serving statewide elected official in state history. Before serving on the OCC, Bob worked for the CR Anthony Company, a company his grandfather started in 1922. He started out sweeping floors and working the register and became the president of the company in 1980. At one point, they had as many as 300 stores in 20 states.

Bob and Nancy have been members of this church for over 45 years. They raised their daughters here and now bring their grandchildren when they are visiting. Bob has represented our church at the OK Annual Conference many times and went to General Conference as an OK delegate twice. He is now serving on the OK Conference's Equitable Compensation Committee.

When asked what are you looking forward to in retirement, Bob said, "Instead of dealing with major financial issues impacting almost all Oklahomans, I wish to try more to serve God's people as individuals."

Pictures are from bobanthony.com





On February 11, our potluck was absolutely SOUPER! We had delicious soups to enjoy, adorable Girl Scouts to sell desserts, and excellent table company. Justin North brought his own muffin tin. Next year, let's remember this trick!

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Service opportunities

MONTHLY MISSIONS

<u>April</u>

Saturday April 5 from 9:30am - 2pm, come help us host students for OU's Big Event. Help supervise workers, greet, or bake cookies.

May

May 19, Monday— We need a few helpers to cook dinner for Project Transformation staff, 4pm cook, 5:30pm serve dinner





We have our own Curbside Vendor!

On February 23, we heard from Curbside Chronicle.

Danny said he would like to return and sell
magazines on the FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY
MONTH. I said we'd love that!

April 6 & May 4- cost/ magazine \$2 (plus tip)

Erin Baird invites us to Juleps OKC, a Kentucky Derby watch party benefiting the Autism Foundation of Oklahoma! Erin is the past chair of this amazing foundation that does so much for our community. It's a great excuse to wear a fun hat, dress up, and enjoy a great time for a great cause!

Saturday, May 3, 2025
Social Capital, 517 S. Hudson, OKC
Tickets are \$50
3-7pm

If you'd rather volunteer, Erin is looking for helpers the day of!
Volunteers get a free ticket. Talk to Erin (405-596-6668) if you want to volunteer or have any questions.
You can buy tickets here:

www.autismfoundationok.org/ julepsokc

Would love to see you there bring your spouse or SO and make a night of it! * * *

Look What We Did Together

February and March

- Our church worked to find a new Section 8 apartment for our family, helped with the required paperwork, provided temporary housing in a hotel for 2 weeks as the papers came through, and moved our family into the new apartment.

 We also helped enroll the four kids in their new schools.
- Our church donated \$250 to the Shanta Foundation to do anti-poverty work & community building in Myanmar & beyond.
 - We provided \$75 in Walmart gift cards for a man to buy clothes for a new job.
- We donated over \$400 to Curbside Chronicle, gave 130 care bags to the vendors (mylar blanket, sunglasses, flashlights, aspirin), and gave 19 lunch gift cards to vendors.
 - 8 volunteers went to an OKC elementary school to read with kids.
- We gave 45 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to our college students, homebound members, church office tenants, Mobile Meals clients, and a few people who knocked on our door.
 - Volunteers cooked a meal for the OCU Wesley Group on March 10th.







Special Shout-Out for Susan Adams, who has volunteered to read with kids at Hayes Elementary School each Thursday

by Jamie Gross

Whiz Kids

Whiz Kids have had a great winter! Special field trips to Dynamo Gymnastics & Full Circle Bookstore were massive hits. We thank the staff at each place for being wonderful hosts.

Tutors and students alike enjoyed participating in Dr. Seuss's Day/National Read Across

America Day in early March.

Thank you to all the grown-ups involved in this program: the families, the schools, the tutors, and the volunteers. You make a difference in these kids' lives, and their increased reading skills are the tangible result! Here's to a wonderful spring with the Whiz Kids!

Whiz Kids finishes up for the year on Thursday, May 8.





Arts Academy

Arts Academy is back in full, messy swing after an extended holiday break due to weather. This week the knitting crew are knitting and purling, while the visual arts gang painted gratitude rocks to bless the day of a stranger. We are SO grateful to the adults who are bringing such fun and color to these classes!



THURSDAY, MAY 8 at 5:30pm is the Arts Academy Showcase

the **Arts Academy Showcase** at **Crown Heights UMC.**

Church, you are invited to the Arts Academy Showcase. The talent and pride of these young artists will warm your heart.

Come, see for yourself!

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Youth Programming

YOUTH SCHEDULE

Typically, Youth Group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7:30pm.

APRIL

Wednesday, April 2- Lessons and Games Wednesday, April 16- Holy Week Easter Sunday, April 20-Egg Hunt and Petting Zoo, 10-11am

MAY

Wednesday, May 7- Escape Room Sunday, May 18- Graduation Sunday Wednesday, May 21- service project

March 19- Youth at Hideaway Pizza

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.





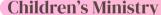
CLARENCE FORD SCHOLARSHIP

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, 2025 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 18, 2025.





Easler

Sunday, April 20th 8:30 & llam worship, Fellowship time between services

CROWN HEIGHTS



What to Expect:

Live Petting Zoo 💮 ? 🐁 A Special Visit from the Easter Bunny 😸

Pictures with Bunnies & Baby Goats

Come celebrate the hope and joy of Easter with our church family.

It's a day for everyone – from kids to adults – to enjoy the season of new beginnings!

Special thanks to:



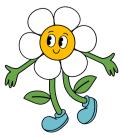
by Hannah Jackson

Our children have been learning what Lent is and even have made their own sacrifices for this season of Lent!

Easter is April 20th.

We will have an inflatable obstacle course, a petting zoo, a visit from the Easter Bunny, and, of course, an Easter egg hunt (10:15am)!





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Entering into Lent

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Lord, increase our faith. Luke 17:5

Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent. On March 5, we had 2 opportunities to be marked with ashes: a breakfast with a speaker from the Lydia Patterson Institute (a UM border school in El Paso) and an evening worship service. Those marked with ashes committed to walk with Jesus to the cross throughout this Season of Lent. We are asked to take on the hard teachings of Jesus and not run from the pain of life. In Luke 17, when the disciples realized their faith was going to be tested, they said, "Lord, increase our faith."

This is our prayer as we make our way to the cross again this year.

