



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

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This Fall in worship, we are reading from the Writing Section of the Old Testament. In September, we focused on Esther's courage. She stepped up when it counted, even when the cost was high. For the next two months, we will read Ruth and Job. Ruth shows us what loyalty and love look like when things get tough. And Job... well, Job doesn't shy away from the hard questions. It digs deep into pain, justice, and what it means to trust God when life doesn't make sense. Ruth, Esther, and Job aren't just old stories; they're full of heart, hope, and faith. Each one encourages, challenges, and reminds us of God's faithfulness.

In the Writing Section, some of the books are considered Wisdom Literature. That is a specific genre in the Bible that gives us practical guidance for living a life that honors God. Found in books like Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job, it teaches us how to navigate everyday situations with integrity, humility, and faith. In Scripture, wisdom means more than just knowing facts—it's about applying God's truth in real-life decisions and relationships.

As we consider our 2026 pledge to this church, we will read Proverbs 3:27: "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act." This verse is a great example of wisdom in action—living thoughtfully, generously, and in tune with God's heart. As a church, this is wisdom we want to live by!

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30am- Sanctuary Worship
with weekly communion

9:45- 10:45am- Sunday School

11am- Sanctuary Worship with
Children's Moment

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SCHEDULE

Nursery is available from 8:30am
to 12:15pm.

Children and Youth Sunday
School is from 9:45-10:45am.
Meet in the Fellowship Hall for
breakfast, then a lesson.

Children and Youth attend the
11am Service. In worship, kids
are invited up for the Children's
Moment and Children's Church.



Special Sundays

October 5- World Communion Sunday

October 12- Trina Bose North & Nancy Anthony will share the sermon on Ruth 2:1-12, Ruth given work from Boaz.

October 19, 11am Service- New Harvest Church (who worship in our building) will begin worship with us in song.

November 2- All Saints' Day, light candles for loved-ones who have passed

November 9- Pledge Sunday, focusing on Proverbs 3:27

Mark your calendars

Covenant Group— every Saturday 9:30- 10:30am in the Youth Activity Building, enter through the Garden Room.

October

October 1, Wednesday— Youth Group, 5:30- 7:30pm
 October 11, Saturday— Theology of mission, Covenant Group, 9:30am
 October 12, Sunday— Lunch at Big Truck Tacos, *Book of Mormon*, 1:30pm
 October 15, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch at Clark Crew BBQ, 11:30am
 October 18, Saturday— OU Little Event, 9am- noon
 October 19, Sunday— Young Adults lunch, Tucker's Classen Curve, 12pm
 October 22, Wednesday— MRT meeting, 5:30pm
 October 24, Friday— Tabletop Tavern with our Youth Group, 7pm
 October 25, Saturday— UCO dinner, 5pm
 October 30, Thursday— UCO Wesley lunch, 11am
 October 31, Friday— Halloween, come hand-out candy! 6-9pm

November

November 2, Sunday— TIME CHANGE, Charge Conference, 4pm
 November 5, Wednesday— Youth Group, 5:30- 7:30pm
 November 9, Sunday— Crafternoon, noon- 2pm
 November 16, Sunday— "A Real Church Potluck," noon
 November 19, Wednesday— Youth Group, 5:30- 7:30pm
 November 23, Sunday— Thanksgiving Bags due for Skyline Ministry
 November 27 & 28, Thursday & Friday— Thanksgiving, Office Closed

December

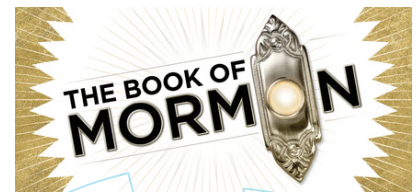
December 17, Wednesday— Lunch for Palo Duro, 9am- 1pm
 December 18, Thursday— Dinner for Whiz Kids, 4- 6pm

The Book of Mormon

We have a group of 45 people attending on **Sunday, October 12, 1:30pm, lunch at Big Truck Tacos.**

To explore the topic of mission, join Covenant Group on Saturday, October 11, at 9:30am.

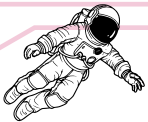
Cost is \$32.50, please pay the church, labeling the money "Book of Mormon."



Crafternoons

Enjoy sewing, quilting, knitting, scrapbooking, painting? Join the crafters on Sunday, November 9 (noon to 2pm) at the church. Bring a snack to share.

Join Us...



COVENANT GROUP

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

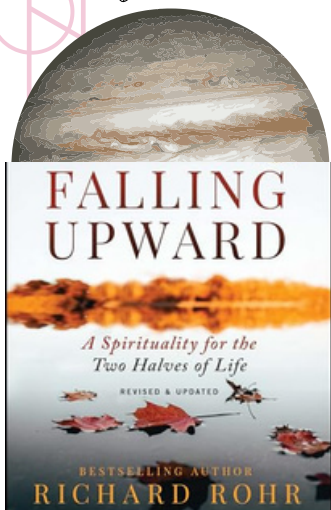
This is an open group that aims to deepen our faith through group discussions. Join us as we take on a topic and hear each person's experience, wisdom, or uncertainties on that topic.

Coming Up...

October: We are working through "Falling Upward" by Richard Rohr. It will change how you see life. We all work hard to make a life for ourselves, but it turns out there is a better life waiting for us. Spiritual maturity is found "when we begin to pay attention and seek integrity" through a shift from our "outer task" to the "inner task."

No outside reading is necessary. Each week, our discussion leader brings us the topics for consideration.

October 11: Trina will introduce the topic of Missiology, how the church understands mission (bringing God's kingdom closer to earth). This topic will prepare those going to see *The Book of Mormon* with some extra theological reflection.



Service opportunities

MONTHLY MISSIONS

OCTOBER

For Skyline's Clothes Closet, please bring all your second-hand coats and warm clothing before winter hits. Skyline also collects glasses. They reuse the frames at their eye clinic.

AND we are collecting new towels & new XL twin comforter sets for the Carolyn Williams Center, an NSO residential house for young men as they seek employment & long-term housing.

NOVEMBER

THANKSGIVING is coming up! 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, Skyline Urban Ministry is providing the turkey. Please shop the list below and deliver to the church.

Bags will be given 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 16), or bring bags with items to the church by Sunday, November 23.

Calendar of Giving

We want you to know what extra giving/serving opportunities are on the horizon.

December— Our Christmas Offering will go to rental assistance and missions at CHUMC. On Sunday, December 14, Jessica Earley from Stay Housed (NSO) will talk about their program.

We will shop for 2 Palo Duro residents' Christmas lists (NSO). Look to claim needed items on Facebook.

Help in the church kitchen on Wednesday, Dec 17, morning for Palo Duro lunch OR Thursday, Dec 18, evening for Whiz Kids' Dinner.

January— Thursday January 15, cook lunch for UCO Wesley (10-11:30am)

Check this out!



August

We raised \$2,600 to support teachers. We shopped the Wish Lists for all the teachers at Putnam Heights Academy and our church teachers. We put \$75 to Mychaelon's Scholastic Book List. We brought breakfast for the teachers at Mary Gold Ross on Aug 12.

September

NSO's Palo Duro provides housing for people on disability for mental health. They are remodeling and adding a coffee bar. We provided over 1,600 K-Cups for their new Keurig machine. *Not bad, Church!*

WAYS TO SERVE- WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Donate **gently-used, cold-weather clothing** for Skyline — place in the box in the Sanctuary.
- Skyline has an eye clinic (repurposes **used glasses** frames). Bring us your used glasses— box in Sanctuary.
- Shop for Carolyn Williams Center (**male residents**)— **new towel sets OR new XL twin comforter sets**.
- Oct 18, Saturday— help us **host and supervise** the OU's Little Event volunteers 9am-1pm OR bake **cookies**.
- Support UCO Wesley: attend **fundraiser dinner** on Saturday, Oct 25, 5pm OR help with **lunch** for the students on Thursday, Oct 30, 10-11:30am.
- Halloween 6-9pm, come to church to hand out candy.
- Provide **dessert** for 16 Mobile Meals clients on Monday, Oct. 27 or Nov 10. Leave in kitchen the day before.
- Shop our **Thanksgiving Grocery List** for Skyline Urban Ministry. Due by Nov 23.

Finance Update

by Lee Endicott

In 2029, the original part of our church building will be 100 years old. While having an old church offers beauty and character, we've come to learn that it comes with a price tag too. Maintaining our property is always a concern, and this summer our Trustees have been busy making hard decisions on **repairs and maintenance** for our old building. The Finance Committee wants the church to know about the large recent expenses that affect all of us. Please see page 5 to see the specific repairs made.

The total repair and maintenance for these items totals \$52,000.00. The Trustees' annual budget for building repair and maintenance is only \$8,000. All office rents received are also designated for these items, but even with those, the church will have to pull significantly more from our reserves.

Any extra help with our expensive summer would be appreciated. If you are willing and able to help, please label your gift "Building." Thank you for your consideration.

Fortunately, the church had been doing unusually well financially until these unanticipated issues arose. As of now, our church has paid almost \$20,000 of our **Conference Apportionments** of \$28,280. The Finance Committee had hoped to pay off its Conference Apportionments in the Fall so that this year's Christmas offering could be dedicated to a special mission involving an eviction prevention program that Neighborhood Services Organization runs called "**Stay Housed.**" The program is designed to help tenants understand the eviction process, connect them with vital resources and help Oklahomans stay in their homes. The Finance Committee is keeping an eye on all these worthy commitments as we finish out the year.

In other church financial topics, **Nancy Anthony** has recently been named the new chair for the Conference Finance and Administration. Her skills will be used well. Meanwhile, **Bob Anthony** is now serving on the Conference's Equitable Compensation Committee, which makes decisions on how to fairly pay clergy around the Conference. Our church pays an apportioned amount of \$406 to be distributed by this Committee to clergy valued higher than their apportionment can pay. Thanks to Nancy and Bob for your work and for doing a great job representing Crown Heights UMC!

Rooms for rent

For those officing out of our building, we want it to be a comfortable, kind working 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.



Find your people

Young Adults, 20s- 30s+

Join us on Sunday, October 19 (noon) at Tucker's at Classen Curve for lunch and chitchat.

Retirees, retired or soon-to-be

Join us on Wednesday, October 15 (11:30am) at Clark Crew BBQ. Meet at the restaurant at Northwest Expressway and Highway 74.

Crown Heights UMC, everyone

On Sunday, November 16 (noon), the whole church is invited to participate in a REAL CHURCH POTLUCK! We want our "fix" for funeral dishes. So get your casserole dishes ready!



Young Adult- Andretti Indoor Karting, Sept 7

Retiree- Lunch at Red Cup, Aug 13
All-Church- Fassler Hall, Sept 21



Our Expensive Summer



The Fellowship Hall part of our building was built in 1929, the Sanctuary was built in 1941, and the Youth Activity side was built in 1965. So clearly, maintaining our property is always a concern. Our Trustee chair Jim Rust (and his team, Marie and Van) guides us with hard decisions on repairs and maintenance. We wanted the church to know about the big expenses that came in this summer, affecting all of us.

*This summer 5 of our 16 HVAC units needed maintenance. We also replaced 2 control panels for safety and efficiency. **TOTAL \$25K***

*We replaced part of our sewer line, running from the Fellowship Hall porch to the main line. **TOTAL \$15K***

*Because of water in our basement, we are having our drains and downspouts reworked to keep water away from the building. **TOTAL \$6K***

*Our sign was damaged by vandalism and weather. This repair was delayed because of materials but was recently completed. **TOTAL \$4K***

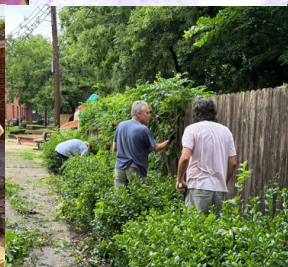
*We worked on 3 fences for a **TOTAL of \$2K.***

That is \$52K of bills. We budget \$8K and designate all office rental income for maintaining the building. We were prepared for \$35K before pulling from reserves. Any extra help with our expensive summer would be appreciated.

Please label your gift "Building."

This might be a good time to mention, many members of our church have volunteered their time and energy to work on our yard or on our property. Every act, big or small, is appreciated by our church. It takes a village!

THANK YOU!



Whiz Kids

by Bruce Pitts



After losing 9 of our Whiz Kids because of graduation from fourth grade, our school liaison, Stephanie Moore, has been extremely busy this month working with the teachers at Wilson finding us new kids. Already, we are up to 18 kids with more deserving students still to come. We are introducing our new kids to our routine of snacks, celebrating birthdays, 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 amidst all the fun, we still manage to spend about an hour reading with their tutors and playing word games that enhance their comprehension skills.

Coming up on October 9, we are going to have our Tutoring Day at Wilson Elementary, where we will meet and talk with teachers and get to experience the kids' environment on their home turf. Later this fall, we will be visiting the Contemporary Arts Museum on Broadway and, of course, celebrating Halloween. Our recruiting for new tutors and substitutes is working well, but we still have room for more. If you are interested in joining us on Thursday afternoon for a meaningful couple of hours making a difference in the life of a good kid, please let me or Trina know, or just drop by Thursday afternoon about 3:30 and see the fun yourself.

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 UMC and Mayflower Congregational Church.

Arts Academy

by Jamie Gross

Arts Academy is a weekly, after-school program, where elementary students are matched with high schoolers or adults to learn visual or performing arts. It meets during the school year on Thursdays, from 5:30-6:30pm. The first week was September 18th.

This year we have a great crew of high school teachers (7 piano, 1 saxophone, 2 guitar, vocal, and 3 photography). We also have a larger visual arts class, taught by our church members. Thanks to Jonathon Brittingham (woodworking), Haley and Louis Fowler (painting and ceramics), Audrey Lippe (crocheting), Natalie Brittingham (origami), and Diane Wood (glass).

Such a talented crew!

Let us know if you would like to help with teaching, serving snacks, or checking kids in. Always in need of more people to love our kids.



Youth Programming

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 SCHEDULE

TYPICALLY, YOUTH GROUP MEETS
THE FIRST AND THIRD
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 5:30-7:30PM.

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 1 - lesson and games
Sunday, October 5 - Paseo Queer Book Club, 11am
Friday, October 24 - Tabletop Gaming Night, 7pm

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 5 - lesson and games
Wednesday, November 19 - grocery shopping for
Thanksgiving Bags



Pics:
Bracelet
making
AND
Hamilton
watching fun!

Children's Ministry



Happy Halloween

Come Trick-or-Treat at the church! We will be handing out candy from the portico facing Western.
STAR WARS THEME

Parents' Night Out

On September 26, our Children's staff worked with our Girl Scout troop to earn their babysitting badge. Together, they made for a fun night for our kids.



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Summer Highlights

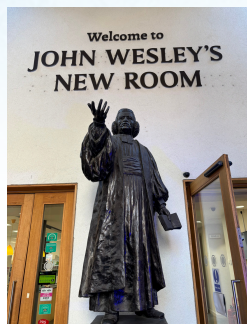
Mariann Searle's 25th Year at Crown Heights UMC

This is Mariann's 25th year of paid employment with our church, though she had been attending for a few years before that. We are grateful for her amazing talent, week in and week out. She is a gifted musician whose versatility and timing are exquisite. Special thanks to Molly Johnson, George Massey, and Rev. Dianne Kovacs Peters for honoring Mariann on our behalf.



Wesley Heritage Tour

Trina Bose North, Justin North, Kathy North, and Pat MaGarritty did a Wesley Tour throughout England in July and August. John Wesley believed in a faith that was lived out with one's mind, heart, and hands.



*Take our lips and speak through them,
Take our minds and think through them,
Take our hearts and set them on fire.*

*Help us to be the masters of ourselves
that we might be the servants of others,
through Christ our Lord, Amen.*
