

THE TRUMPET

CROWN HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



PASTOR: REV. TRINA BOSE NORTH



Easter Flowers
 Our church will have beautiful, plantable flowers to decorate for Easter Sunday. If you would like to take some flowers home, please do! Consider making a \$10/ plant donation to the church.

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.

Easter at Crown Heights UMC

<i>Palm Sunday services:</i>	Sunday, March 29, 8:30 & 11am
<i>Maundy Thursday service:</i>	Thursday, April 2, 6pm
<i>Easter services:</i>	Sunday, April 5, 8:30 & 11am
<i>Easter Sunday activities:</i>	9:30-11am, we will have donuts and crafts in the Fellowship Hall. The children's egg hunt will be at 10am.

Our **Easter Offering** will support our denominational apportionments. By paying our apportionments, we support ministries throughout our community, state, nation, and world. Thank you for helping us meet our commitment to the United Methodist Church.

From Heartbreak to Hope: An Easter Reflection

Rev. Trina Bose North

John 20:11-13 *Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"*

Easter does not begin with a shout of victory; it begins with an empty tomb, a woman's tears, and a sense of utter devastation. Before the "Hallelujah," there was the searching. On Easter Sunday, we must remember how Mary felt in that moment. To her, the empty tomb wasn't a miracle—it was "another blow." She believed the body of her Lord had been stolen, adding a layer of trauma to her already profound grief.

To truly appreciate the resurrection, we must first stand in the heartbreak. It is only by touching the genuine pain of life that we can believe our own heartbreaks might be righted. We are promised that God's presence meets us in the void. God is always bringing forth New Life and working to turn even our deepest tragedies into something good. When the angels ask, "Why are you crying?" it isn't a rebuke for her grief; it is a gentle invitation to recognize that the reality has shifted. The situation is no longer what she fears it to be.

In the Resurrection, we witness a power capable of filling every void, healing every wound, and righting every wrong. If God is truly with us, no pain—no matter how deep—can stand against us forever. This Easter, let us not rush too quickly to the "Hallelujah." Take a moment to sit with your fears and your pain. Hand them over to the God who knows human suffering intimately and possesses the power to transform all things for good. Hallelujah!

Coming Up...

Covenant Group— every Saturday 9:30- 10:30am

April

April 1, Wednesday— Youth Group, 5:30-7:30pm

April 2, Thursday— Maundy Thursday service, 6pm

April 5, Sunday— Easter Sunday worship 8:30 & 11am

Fellowship Time, 9:30-11am, Egg Hunt 10am

April 11, Saturday— OU Big Event, 9:30-2pm

April 15, Wednesday— Youth Group, 5:30-7:30pm

April 22, Wednesday— MRT meeting, 5:30pm

April 26, Sunday— NO WORSHIP because of the Memorial Run

AND Caste Book Discussion— 5pm at Kimber's house

April 30, Thursday— NSO luncheon, 11:30am

May

May 3, Sunday— Curbside Flowers on sale, 9:30am-noon

AND Young Adult lunch at Guyute's, noon

May 6, Wednesday— Youth Group, 5:30-7:30pm

May 7, Thursday— Last Whiz Kids & Arts Academy of the year

AND Arts Academy Showcase, 5:30pm

May 10, Sunday— Mother's Day, District Superintendent James Kim preaching in worship

May 13, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch at Szechuan Story , 11:30am

May 16, Saturday— Church Workday- Fellowship Hall renovation, 9am- 3pm

May 17, Sunday— Graduation Sunday, sign cards 9:30-11am

AND Crafternoon, noon to 2pm

May 20, Wednesday— Youth Group, 5:30-7:30pm

May 24, Sunday— Outside Worship, ONE SERVICE at 10am

May 28-30, Thursday - Saturday— OK Annual Conference

June (Mark your calendars!)

June 8-11 Monday- Thursday—VBS Safari Adventure, 5:30- 8pm

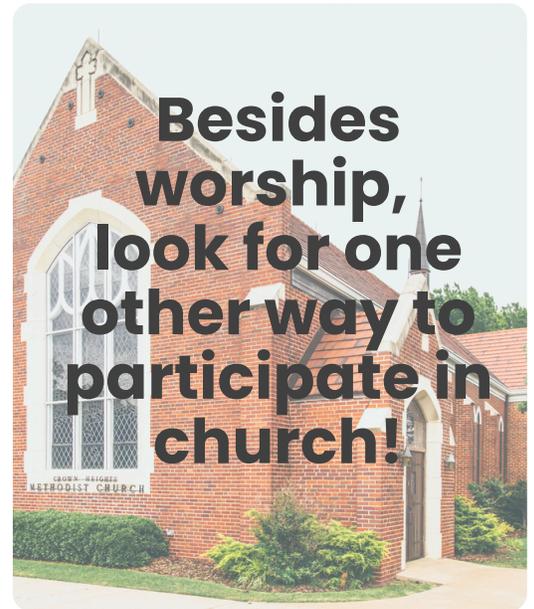
June 26-28, Friday -Sunday— PrideFest, parade on Sunday



CURBSIDE POP-UP FLOWER SHOP

**May 3, Sunday
from 9:30am to noon**

We will have beautiful bouquets on sale for \$25 each (cash is best). This is the week before Mother's Day so we can get a jump on the holiday!



Worship +12

We are invited to give more of ourselves and step deeper into mission and community by participating in one additional activity per month. That's one more **Sunday School class**, **Covenant Group**, **missional opportunity**, or **volunteer action** every month. Let's give more of our lives and our gifts with the hope of growing our faith in community.

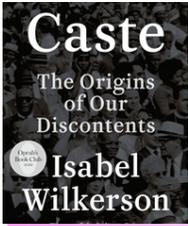
Thank you for supporting Crown Heights United Methodist Church and making all we do possible.

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 explore a topic and hear each person's experience, wisdom, or uncertainties on that subject.





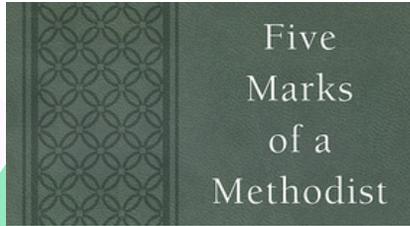
Next book section:

Caste

Isabel Wilkerson

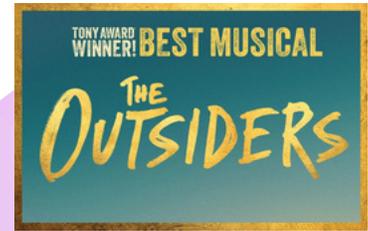
All are invited to read this book and join for a discussion on it. We will gather on Sunday, April 26 at 5pm at Kimber's house.

“As we go about our daily lives, caste is the wordless usher in a darkened theater, flashlight cast down in the aisles, guiding us to our assigned seats for a performance.”



Sunday School Sundays, 9:45- 10:45am in the Parlor

May 3, Sunday— Join us to start a new series. We will work through the book, *Five Marks of a Methodist: The Fruit of a Living Faith* by Steve Harper.



The Outsiders:

A Broadway Musical is coming to OKC's Civic Center.

Sunday August 30, 2pm

The church is putting together a group. Talk to Trina if you'd like to join us. We will try for the Sunday matinee, cheapest seats in the house!

Find Your People



Gen X, midlifers

Time to plan something fun...



Young Adults, 20s, 30s

Kayla and Dilan go to Guyute's most Sundays after church. Let's join them on Sunday May 2 at noon. Address: 730 NW 23rd St



Retirees, or soon to be

Wednesday May 13 at 11:30am, join for lunch at Szechuan Story. Meet at the restaurant. Address: 2800 N Classen Blvd #108



Everyone

On April 5 Easter, join for a social time between worship services (9:30-11am). Coffee, doughnuts, crafts, and an egg hunt at 10am. Saturday May 16 9am- 2pm, consider joining for a workday in the Fellowship. Hall We plan to remove the drop ceiling.

Finance Update

by Lee Endicott

The Finance Committee thanks the congregation for their financial support of the church. Please continue to keep your pledges current so that the church can continue to do God's work. Of course, anyone who forgot to turn their pledge card is always welcome to support the church with their non-pledged contributions. Please remember that if you are unable to attend church on any particular Sunday, you can still make your pledge payment through our website (<http://crownheightsumc.org>) by clicking the donation button in the upper right corner of the opening page. Thanks to all who pay the processing fee as part of your donation!

This year, Crown Heights' Easter Offering is focused on paying our Conference apportionments. By paying the apportionments, it allows us to support ministries throughout our community, state, nation, and world. Your Easter offering will be used to help us meet our commitment to the United Methodist Church.

Office Space FOR RENT

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



Basement update from the Trustees by Trina Bose North

We are excited to announce the completion of a shower room in the Basement of our church. In 1941, below the front of the Sanctuary, there were gendered bathrooms. Decades ago, those facilities were left in disrepair. I have taken our Whiz Kids down there at Halloween to scare them!

Thanks to our Trustees, we have repaired the basement by adding a shower room with a washer & dryer and a storage room. The hope is for the shower to be used by groups staying at our church and unhoused people.



Shout Out to OU Sorority Sigma Lambda Alpha

This OU sorority sent us a few girls on Saturday, Feb 28 to earn some service hours. Van Kerns supervised them painting the new shower room and raking up the Western parking lot (19 bags of leaves). We so appreciate their work!

Monthly Missions

APRIL

Our Easter Offering will go toward our 2026 Apportionments to the OK Conference of the UMC.

AND

April 11, Saturday from 9:30am- 2pm, help us supervise & host OU's Big Event volunteers at our church.

AND

April 30, Thursday 11:30am, join us for the NSO luncheon.

MAY

Bring cash on Sunday May 2 for Curbside flowers.

AND

The Fellowship Hall is our next project. We would like to renovate the space by exposing the industrial ceiling, painting, and laying down new flooring. Part of this work is unskilled demolition, and we would love some help.

Join for a workday on Saturday, May 16 9am-3pm to remove the drop ceilings.

Calendar of Giving

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

June

VBS Safari Adventure is coming June 8-11. Please consider decorating, cooking dinner, baking cookies, leading crafts/ recreation, OR shopping for VBS supplies. Thank you!

AND

We would like to be a Glitter Sponsor for PrideFest. June 26-28, 2026. We will take up an offering, hoping for raise about \$1000. The Parade is on Sunday June 28 at noon, do you guys want to participate??



Haley made pizzas for Mobile Meals, 3/22/26

2026 SERVICE UPDATE

Thank you!

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To My Church Family,
I have been overwhelmed by your financial generosity, love, and support as we have closed the Diversity Center. It's been heartbreaking to know the Diversity Center will no longer be there as a resource for the LGBTQ community at a time when support it is so desperately needed. It is heartening to know that my church embraces, loves, and accepts all people as children of God. Many thanks! I am forever grateful!
In gratitude,
Julie Williams, Chair of the Diversity Center Board

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1. On January 28, 50 volunteers worked at the Regional Food Bank.
2. We provided a hot lunch for the UCO Wesley to give out on January 15 & February 19.
3. Throughout February, we collected home decor & kitchen items for City Rescue. Those moving into permanent housing can take what they need to get started.
4. Through a spare change offering, we donated \$1,200 to the Diversity Center as they are closing their doors.
5. We supported our Girl Scout troop by buying cookies. Through donations, we provided cookies for Mobile Meals, church tenants, near-by businesses on Western, and many unhoused visitors.
6. On March 7, 25 volunteers worked at Free To Live Animal Sanctuary, cleaning out and organizing a warehouse. We also donated toys, cat litter, food, & radios for music for the animals.

Arts Academy

by Jamie Gross

I can't believe Arts Academy has only one month to showtime! The kids and teachers have been working to get ready for the May 7th showcase. Whether making night lights, taking photos, learning concertos or singing their hearts out - the building is alive with creativity! Thank you to this incredible church for supporting our programs - we are making a difference in the kids lives.



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MAGIC



Whiz Kids

by Bruce Pitts

As we head down the home stretch of the 2025-2026 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, 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 they 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, 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. By any measure, 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.

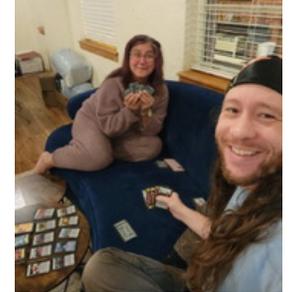
Youth Programming

Youth at CHUMC are middle school, high school, and some college-aged students who meet weekly on Sunday mornings (10 a.m. - Noon) to eat, socialize, play games, and read and discuss Bible stories and current events. The group also meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month (5:30 - 7:30 p.m.)
 Youth Director: Atticus Shires (*they, them, theirs*)

An update from the Youth Director:

Lately, the students are studying Holy Week through a Jewish lens, which I'm delighted to say they're engaging in naturally and dare I say enjoying, perhaps because Jewish hermeneutics is often more mystic than that of Protestant Christianity, i.e. more comfortable with mystery and uncertainty. As Youth Director at Crown Heights, I am not interested in spoonfeeding answers (especially ones I don't have); instead, I hope to facilitate questioning and careful consideration of both scripture and self. Jesus often acted as a not-so-clear mirror, requiring onlookers to really squint to see the truth of themselves, speaking in bizarre and poetic terms, not merely as a person but as a vine, a drink, an ovine, and even wind. This group of youth are bold, and I want them to be proud of who they are while also remaining open to who they are becoming.

Over Spring Break, we had an overnight lock-in, where we celebrated Severin's 18th birthday, played games, and didn't really sleep!



Youth Schedule

- April 1, Wednesday- Lesson
- April 5, Sunday- Easter, Youth Egg Hunt 10am
- April 15, Wednesday- Service Project
- May 6, Wednesday- Lesson
- May 20, Wednesday- Summer Outing

Ford Scholarship

Our church has an endowment to support students seeking higher education. Any student who would like to apply for a scholarship, please find the application at crownheightsumc.org, Ministries, Youth Ministries. The application deadline is May 1, 2026. We would like to announce the recipients on Sunday, May 17, 2026.



We are planning fun activities for our children this **Easter**.
 On Sunday April 5 from 9:30- 11am, we will have doughnuts & Easter crafts in the Fellowship Hall. The Egg Hunt will be at 10am.



Save the Date- VBS is going to be June 8-11, Monday through Thursday evenings.

We would love to have any children in our life attend. Programming is geared for 3 years old to 5 grade, but kids of all ages are welcome. Littles can participate in any way they choose. Olders can be helpers.

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Throughout Lent, we have examined different views of the atonement. Each theory bridges the distance between humanity and God based on God's grace. The cross is the clearest depiction of the depth of God's love.

“Neither Jesus nor the New Testament authors offer meaning of the Crucifixion and never a comprehensive theology of the atonement. It is as if God intended the Crucifixion to speak to us in different ways at different times in our lives.”

Adam Hamilton, *Why Did Jesus Have to Die?*
 page 63

Atonement Theory	Basis	Scripture	Motto
Recapitulation Theory	Scripture	Genesis 2 AND Romans 5:14-15 Many people died through what one person did wrong, God's grace is multiplied for many through Christ.	Christ becomes the new Adam, reversing the events on Eden.
Penal Substitution Theory	Theological	Romans 6:23 "The wages of sin is death."	Jesus bears the punishment for our sin.
Sacrificial Offering Theory	Scripture	Leviticus 16 (Day of Atonement) AND Hebrews 9:26 Removed our sin by the sacrifice of himself.	Jesus is the final, sufficient offering for humanity's sin.
Moral Influence or Moral Example Theory	Subjective	Ephesians 5:2 "Live your life with love, following the example of Christ."	Christ's death moves our hearts to repent.
Cristus Victor Theory	Theological	Hebrews 2 "He set free those who were held in slavery by fear and death."	Epic battle between spiritual forces of wickedness and Christ

