

# The Trumpet

CROWN HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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## Members of the Body of Christ

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**1 Corinthians 12:27** *“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”*

Ten years ago our church sent a small team to Sunflower, MS. I was only six months into my appointment and barely knew the people who signed up, yet we quickly became close-knit in our work. Jim Rust’s skill as a contractor and his granddaughter Dylan’s ready assistance, Reese Todd’s steady cooking, and Sue Fellers’ surprise willingness to do everything on the worksite— these gifts and attitudes shaped our days. The eleven of us worked hard in cold weather and somehow found joy in the work and one another.

Lately, as we’ve been laboring in the Fellowship Hall, I’ve been reminded of that mission trip. Our church members have shown up in force to take on the day’s tasks, and each contribution— big or small— has mattered. I’m grateful not only for the progress we’ve made, but for the spirit everyone has brought: timely encouragement, thoughtful matching of tasks to skills, curious conversation, and generous help amid Oklahoma humidity, dust, and tedious tasks.

This is the body of Christ in action— each person valuable, each person adding to the whole. When we learn to work together, serving one another with creativity and care, we don’t just finish projects; we experience joy, belonging, and fulfillment.

## 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.

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## Coming Up...

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

The purpose is 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. Come when you are available or commit to attending every Saturday.

### June

- June 7, Sunday— Young Adult lunch at Guyute's, noon
- June 8-11 Monday- Thursday—VBS Safari Adventure, 5:30- 8pm
- June 10, Wednesday— Retiree Lunch at Pizzeria Gusto, 11:30am
- June 12-13, Friday 7:30pm to Saturday 8am—Youth Lock-In
- June 14, Sunday— New Harvest Church joins us for worship, 11am  
AND Crafternoon with PrideFest, noon to 2pm
- June 21, Sunday— Father's Day with a Noisy Offering for PrideFest
- June 28, Sunday— ONE SERVICE at 8:30am with Rev. Greg Tenor preaching (*Greg was a DS during the UMC's time of disaffiliation. He will reflect on our denomination's move toward inclusion.*)  
AND PrideFest Parade at 11am. Our church will be in the parade.

### July- Join us for **Broadway Music** in worship!

- July 5, Sunday— Rev. Nancy Hamilton preaching, songs "Freedom" from *Shenandoah* & "Dear Theodosia" from *Hamilton*
- July 12, Sunday— Songs "Tulsa 1967" & "Stay Gold" from *The Outsiders*  
AND Crafternoon, noon to 2pm
- July 19, Sunday— Broadway Songs AND Gen X Bingo night, 4:30pm
- July 22, Wednesday— MRT meeting, 5:30pm
- July 26, Sunday— Songs "Thank you for the Music" from *Mama Mia* & "You'll Be In My Heart" from *Tarzan*

### August

- August 2, Sunday— Children's Pool Party at Trina's house, noon to 3pm
- August 23, Sunday— Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Fellowship Hall, 5pm
- August 30, Sunday— Pizza lunch, followed by *The Outsiders* at 1:30pm

Besides worship, look for one other way to participate in church!

## 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.

## Monday Volunteers

**Mondays from 9:30-11:30am**

Come, volunteer in the Church Office. Most Mondays, Trina has work laid out for volunteers, like decorating the sanctuary, VBS/ holiday prep, organizing missions, and helping with Mobile Meals. Our church is able to accomplish so much more because of these volunteers. Any week you're available, talk to Trina about the schedule.



## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADS!

On May 17, our church celebrated our graduates. The Women and Faith groups gave \$100 gifts to the high school grads. We signed cards for all 7 grads.



# Office Space for rent

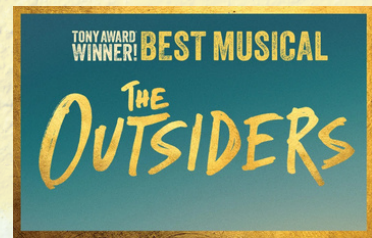


For those officing out of our building, we want it to be a comfortable, kind work environment. We only advertise through the church, so we attract people who desire community as they work.

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.

*Income from renting out these offices is set aside for use on maintaining the building. This is such a benefit to our church.*



## The Outsiders:

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

**Sunday August 30, 1:30pm**

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!

We can order pizza at the church for a quick lunch. Just let Trina know for the count.



**VBS is June 8-11 from 5:30-8pm**

**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.

Each evening starts with dinner and a Bible story, followed by crafts, science, and outdoor recreation.

On Thursday, get ready for a water night! We will have a bounce house with a slip and slide coming!

*By the way, Natalie Brittingham's mom volunteered with the children at Sunny Lane UMC. When Janet Thompson passed away earlier this year, Natalie's friends gave the money for our VBS bounce house in Janet's memory.*

# FIND YOUR PEOPLE

## Young Adults, 20s, 30s

Kayla and Dilan go to Guyute's most Sundays after church. Let's join them on Sunday June 7 at noon. Address: 730 NW 23rd St

## Gen X, midlifers

*Who wants to play Bingo?* Let's meet up at Angry Scotsman Brewery on Sunday July 19 at 4:30pm. Meet at the restaurant, free parking.

Address: 704 W Reno Ave



Grand House

## Retirees, or soon to be

Wednesday June 10 at 11:30am, join for lunch at Pizzeria Gusto. Meet at the restaurant.

Address: 2415 N Walker Ave

## Everyone

On Sunday August 23 at 5pm, join us for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, raising money for Fellowship Hall renovation. We will take time to thank the people who made this renovation happen.

## Finance Update

by Lee Endicott

As Crown Heights UMC heads into the summer months, I am happy to announce that the church is doing well financially. Through April, we are doing a good job staying within our budget and operating at a \$16,000 profit. Although our non-pledged giving is several thousand less than we had hoped, our pledging members made up the difference and are 110% ahead of the amount we had anticipated at this point in the year in our budget. This is outstanding! We are ahead of schedule for paying mandatory apportionments, but still have a long way to go. It is our goal to pay off our apportionments before December so we can designate our Christmas offering for mission. Remember, you are always welcome to make a special gift, over and above your pledge, directly to apportionments by noting that with your giving.

Although we are doing well financially at this time, we continue to face both expected and unexpected expenses needed to keep our beautiful old church both beautiful and functional. Currently, we are in the process of having to replace our parking lot fence and are updating the Fellowship Hall, which has not had any refurbishing in decades. Your continued financial support allows us to do the work that needs to be done around the church.

Finally, don't forget that even though you may be traveling this summer, you can continue to make your contribution through our website [crownheightsumc.org](http://crownheightsumc.org)— upper right corner of the home page.

The Finance Committee thanks you for all that you do for our church.

## Fellowship Hall Renovation

BEFORE PIC- December 2025



### Shout Out to Jim Rust

Jim is a retired contractor and has been so generous with his time and skills. Slowly he led us in renovating 8 rooms throughout the church building. But taking on the Fellowship Hall is the biggest challenge yet! Jim's leadership and direction is the only reason we are doing what we are doing. **Thank you** does not say enough!

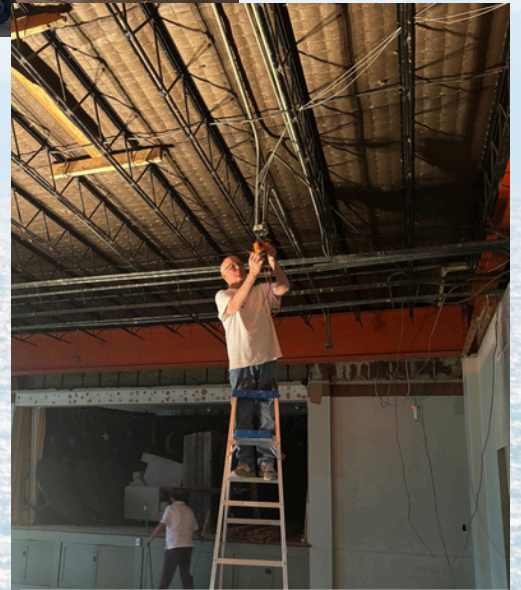


Pictures of the renovation



We are in the middle of renovating our Fellowship Hall. Built in 1929, this room had an acoustic tile ceiling, which was covered by a second drop ceiling in the 1970s. Our church volunteers removed both layers of ceiling, filling two dumpsters with the debris.

Leaving the ceiling open with an industrial look, Jim Rust installed 21 new light fixtures, including 5 ceiling fans. Soon to come, we have hired painters and floor installers. The floor tile appears to be glued down with asbestos, so we are installing the new flooring on top, gluing it down. We are also installing plantation blinds in the 9 windows and sound dampening panels to absorb sound.



This is a major project. The room is over 3,000 square feet. To pay to have the whole room done would be over \$60K, but using church labor, we are budgeting \$30K. We had some seed money to get us started, but we need to raise the last \$10K within our congregation. Plan on joining us on **Sunday August 23, at 5pm** for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. We will enjoy time in our newly renovated room and thank all our trustees for making this happen for us and generations to come.

# Monthly Missions

## JUNE

VBS is coming up June 8-11, 2026. If you want to volunteer in the kitchen or with the kids, we would love to find the perfect place for you to help out.

Thank you for shopping the VBS needs list! You all had every item purchased in one quick Sunday. So appreciated!

AND

Support **PrideFest**.

Bring spare change or dollars for an offering on June 21. Help with the float. Cheer on the PrideFest Parade on Sunday, June 28 at 11am.



## JULY

For **Skyline's Grocery Store**, we are collecting PEANUT BUTTER. Peanut butter is always needed and is shelf stable.

Also, MEN'S CLOTHING is also low in the Style Shop.

And ADULT DIAPERS are a need that is hard to fill.

All donations are appreciated!

# Calendar of Giving

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

## AUGUST

This month, let's collect money to support teachers. We want to buy items on the Wish Lists for all the teachers at Putnam Heights Academy and our church teachers.

Last fall, we put \$75 to Mychaelon's Scholastic Book List. Check out his students with their new books!



AND

on Sunday, August 23, please join us for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. We are asking for help paying for the Fellowship Hall renovations.

## SEPTEMBER

We will be in touch with our friends at NSO's residential houses (Palo Duro or Carolyn Williams Center) and see what their needs are.



# PrideFest OKC

We would like to be a Glitter Sponsor for PrideFest, costing \$1000. We will take up a Noisy Offering on June 21. Bring your spare change (maybe your checkbook!).

We plan to work on our float after church on June 14 & 21. Maybe a couple other times too.

The downtown PrideFest Parade is on Sunday, June 28 at 11am. Sunday worship will be at 8:30am ONLY. Pride parade starts at 11am. Come, cheer on our church's float!



## April

- Our Easter Offering raised \$6,500 to go toward our OK UMC Apportionments.
- On April 11, the OU Big Event came and worked at our church, doing yard work, painting prep, kitchen scouring, and removing ceiling tiles.

## May

- In early-May, our members filled tables at both the NSO & Skyline fundraiser lunches.
- On May 5, our church supported a Curbside Flower Pop-Up Shop.
- During the last week of school, we delivered breakfast to the staff & faculty at Mary Golda Ross Middle School.
- Our church staff helped a family to reestablish Section 8 benefits.
- Many of our members volunteered in the Fellowship Hall renovation. Together we worked to save money for the church.

## Arts Academy

That's a wrap! The Arts Academy finished for the year on May 7th and our programming was a hit! This year we brought back the saxophone and violin classes, dipped our toes into woodworking and graffiti, and had our usual amazing time. The teachers were dedicated to their students' success and the students committed to their practice, which showed in the pieces presented at the finale. I am continually grateful and heartened by the outpouring of love and support this church provides to these kiddos and this program. After our summer break, we will return ready to offer even more subjects when we get back to play in October!

Thank you Trina and church family for being an example of God's work in action! Bravo!



by Jamie Gross



## Whiz Kids

With a pizza party, a movie, lots of laughs and a few tears, we sent our 21 Whiz Kids from Wilson Elementary home for the summer with some happy memories and books to keep them reading! Tears of joy were shed as our 4 graduating 4th graders ran through a gauntlet of the other kids and tutors as we clapped and cheered as they left us for fifth grade in a new school next year. Our hopes and prayers are with this group who leave a legacy of hard work, vastly improved reading skills, and joy-filled attitudes with a love of reading.

While most of our efforts this year were focused on reading, our site also provided our kids with many special events at church like the Christmas banquet and outside field trips to the Belle Isle Library, Full Circle Bookstore, the Contemporary Art Museum and Dynamo Gym. These special events and excursions broadened their horizons and opened their minds to exciting new possibilities. The kids responded with excellent behavior and smiles that will be impressed on our memories forever.

So as we close this year, we want to thank our tutors, site coordinators, Stephanie Moore, the liaison from Wilson Elementary, Mrs. Simpson, the Principal at Wilson, the teachers who continue to support our program, and all the members at Crown Heights who helped create the loving environment that the kids felt every Thursday afternoon.

If you would like more information about Whiz Kids or becoming a tutor or substitute, please contact me at [bruceapitts@gmail.com](mailto:bruceapitts@gmail.com) or talk with Trina. Whiz Kids is truly a Crown Heights outreach mission that demonstrates the love our church has for our community. Training for tutors and substitutes will be one afternoon in late August at the church. We have plenty of experienced tutors and coordinators serving as mentors along with plenty of helpful resources. We are a real community helping each other help our Whiz Kids. Thanks again to everyone at Crown Heights United Methodist Church for creating such a welcoming and accepting environment where the kids feel safe, comfortable and valued.

by Bruce Pitts



## 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*)

## UPCOMING DATES

June 3, Wednesday- Lesson

June 8-11, Monday- Thursday from 5:30-8pm- Youth help with VBS

June 12-13, Friday to Saturday- Youth Lock-In

July 1, Wednesday- Lesson

July 15, Wednesday- Summer Outing

## CLARENCE FORD SCHOLARSHIP

The CLARENCE FORD SCHOLARSHIP Endowment was established in 1983 through the CHUM Endowment. Earnings from the investment of the original donation are used to fund the scholarships. We are excited to announce the awarding of the CLARENCE FORD SCHOLARSHIP this year to 2 individuals, **Katie McMurtrey** and **Severin Stark**.

Katie has been an active member of Crown Heights youth group since last July. She has recently become a member of the church. She has volunteered at the church in a variety of areas, including singing in worship. She has been attending Rose State Community College but plans to continue her education at the University of Oklahoma this fall. She will study Environmental System and Sustainability. She is highly recommended by our Youth Group Director, Atticus Shires.

Severin is a member of CHUM and has been an active member of Crown Heights Youth Group for six years. He went on the mission trip to Goodwell, OK, volunteered at the OKC Food Bank, and also helped with the CHUMC's Mobile Meals program. During his high school experience at Classen School of Advance Studies, he was involved with the French Exchange Program in his Junior year. In March 2025, he spent two weeks in France studying. He has worked part time at HTeaO on Western since before the opening of the store. He was awarded "most reliable employee" during this time. He is highly recommended by our Youth Group Director, Atticus Shires. Severin plans to attend the University of Oklahoma and study History.

**Congratulations to Katie and Severin!**



## Youth/ Young Adult Update

by Atticus Shires

*These past two months have flown by! Severin and Katie have both graduated with a high school diploma and a second Associate's Degree, respectively; in the next few weeks, Skyla will be finishing her first year of cosmetology school where her work is often made example of by impressed teachers; this fall, Jordyn will be entering high school; Maya was recently awarded her driver's licence and started her first job; and one of our CHUMC youth alums, Sarah, who has visited us a few times this spring, has finished her underclassman years in college, and is transferring to UCO as an upperclassman. Y'all, our church is growing up! And so it should be.*

*In a couple weeks, we will have our end-of-school-year lock-in, where occasionally a student will present a slideshow presentation on a topic of their choice. Severin will be teaching us about Tolkien's Middle Earth, and perhaps I'll be convinced to finally read some of it. In Tolkien's world, the immortal elves refer to humankind's finite time on earth as *The Gift of Men*, but seeing it through a corrupted lens, humans begin to think of death as *The Doom of Men*. Modern-day comic and theologian Stephen Colbert has since popularized Tolkien's reminder to be grateful for the oft-painful finitude of our life, for even "what punishments of God are not gifts?"*

*Last week, I felt a nudge to begin reading Ecclesiastes with our youth, and as I write this, I now see how timely that was. (For any of you Ecclesiastes buffs, I hope you enjoyed the pun). So far, we've only read the first chapter at face-value, in which the Qohelet can sound a bit sophomoric on the first read-through. Soon, though, we will lean into the nuances of various interpretations of vanity, or vapidness. "Oh, the vapor of it all," sings the now-ex-evangelical worship band Gungor, since rebranded *The Liturgists*. When big life chapters close, the pages don't stop turning, and we can forget what a gift it is that we are the characters, not the reader. There is no turning back and no possible way to look ahead. Oh, the mystery of it all! The Qohelet's sentiment in 3:11-12 is a reminder that we humans would do better not to feel doomed by this mystery, but to trust in it--to find it beautiful, even-- and to stand tall in the joy and gratitude that we get to be part of it at all.*

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## Easter highlights



**Easter joy!  
Christ is risen, indeed!**

**May 24, 2026-  
Outdoor Worship, beautiful  
weather, happy dogs, and  
blessing a couple getting married!**