

The Trumpet

CROWN HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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PrideFest: Community in Bloom

“Fall in love with yourself, with life, and then with whoever you want.”

— Frida Kahlo

When we learned that the theme of PrideFest 2026 was “Community in Bloom,” this quote by Frida Kahlo immediately took root in our hearts and became the inspiration for our float. Frida’s words speak to a bold, authentic, and courageous love— a love that begins within and blossoms outward. That spirit captures what Pride means to us: a celebration of identity, dignity, and the freedom to love fully and openly.

To bring this vision to life, we transformed our float into a garden of vibrant, oversized tissue paper flowers, each one representing the beauty and diversity of our community. At the center, we hung Frida’s quote, as a reminder that when we nurture self-love, we create space for deeper connection with others. Like a garden in full bloom, Pride is a celebration of growth, resilience, and joy. At Crown Heights United Methodist Church, we believe that Pride is not separate from our faith—it is a reflection of it. Pride is about embracing who God created us to be and recognizing the sacred worth within every person. It is about celebrating the boundless love God pours out on each of us, without exception.

In May of 2019, Crown Heights UMC became a Reconciling congregation. For us, this was not a change in belief but a clear and joyful declaration of what we have always known to be true: that God’s love is for everyone. We affirm that every person is created in the image of God, beautifully and intentionally made. Gay or straight, transgender or cisgender, questioning or certain—we are all worthy of love, belonging, and grace.

We strive to live out this affirmation not only within the walls of our sanctuary on Sundays, but in the world beyond it. We believe this message is too important to keep quiet. It is a message to proclaim boldly—with our words, our actions, and yes, even from a brightly colored float rolling through downtown Oklahoma City!

As our float moved through the streets, surrounded by laughter, music, and love, we were reminded that community truly is something that grows. It flourishes when it is nurtured with compassion, inclusion, and understanding. It blooms when people are welcomed exactly as they are.

Our hope is that everyone who saw our float felt a glimpse of that love—God’s love, unconditional and abundant—and was reminded that they, too, belong. Because when we fall in love with ourselves, with life, and with one another, we create a world where everyone has the chance to bloom.



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.*

August

Sunday August 2— New Sunday School series: Faith on the Margins

AND Kids' Pool Party noon to 3pm

Sunday August 9— Crafternoon from noon to 2pm

Wednesday August 12— Retiree Lunch at Neighborhood Jam at 11:30am

Sunday August 16— Young Adult Lunch at Bojangles, noon

Sunday August 23— Fellowship Hall Fundraiser Dinner at 5pm

Sunday August 30— The Outsiders, 7pm (5:30pm Cheeba Hut)

September

Wednesday September 9— Retiree Lunch at Saturn Grill at 11:30am

Sunday September 13— Homecoming— Rev. Derrek Belase preaching

AND Gen X hosts Bingo Night in the Fellowship Hall, 5pm

Sunday September 20— Men's Pancake Breakfast from 9:45-11am

AND Crafternoon from noon to 2pm

Sunday September 27— Baptism of Leonora Lane at 11am service

Coming up...

Sunday October 4— Guess Who's Coming to Dinner at 5pm

Wednesday October 7— MRT at 7pm on Zoom

Sunday November 1— Charge Conference at 4pm

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.

The Outsiders

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

Sunday August 30, 7pm

Dinner at 5:30pm at Cheeba
Hut on 23rd Street.

Cost: \$37 for the ticket

HOME COMING

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Worship at 8:30 & 11am,

Holland Lecturer:

Rev. Dr. Derrek Belase

Fellowship Time 9:30- 11am

in Fellowship Hall

Join us! We want you to be a part
of this church celebration!

Faith on the Margins: Going deeper into Liberation Theology

Starting August 2, join Trina's Sunday School Class

Sundays from 9:45-10:45am in the Parlor

*In a world where faith is often entangled with privilege, nationalism, and
exclusion, this series offers an invitation to rediscover the Gospel through the
lens of those who suffer. We will hear from Miguel De La Torre, Professor of
Social Ethics and Latinx Studies at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver. He was
a Fulbright scholar and has taught in Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa, and
Germany.*

*We are taking on a hard topic in order "to be challenged to move beyond
a comfortable, domesticated Christianity toward a faith that stands in radical
solidarity with the oppressed."*

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.

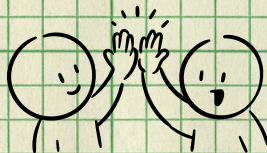
Income from renting out these offices is set aside for use on maintaining the building and paying our property insurance. This is such a benefit to our church.

Mike Killeen, Presbyterian minister

Post on Facebook on July 7 at 12:27 PM.

I've been "church shopping" as a guest these last few months while on sabbatical, and I've noticed something that concerns me deeply about the future of the church.

*It's not robes or no robes.
Screens or no screens.
Bulletins or no bulletins.
Music styles.
Coffee quality.*



It's this: We are often so glad to see the people we already love that we miss the new person sitting right next to us — the person Jesus may be asking us to love.

The future of the church will not be secured by a pastor, a program, a screen, a robe, or a style. It will be shaped by ordinary people who trust the nudging of the Holy Spirit. Reluctant disciples like you and me who decide that the person sitting next to us is worth the risk of one awkward hello.

"Hi, my name is _____. I don't think we've met yet. What brought you here today?" That little moment may feel uncomfortable to you. But it may feel like grace to them.

So here's the Sunday challenge: Don't leave worship with only a complaint about what has changed. Leave with a name. Learn the name of someone you don't know yet. Invite them to coffee and donuts. Ask their story. Make room. Make church a place filled with the love of God.



World Cup CHUMC FanFest

July 2027, Women's World Cup will be in Rio, Brazil. Mark your calendars to watch with friends!



Find Your People Young Adults, 20s, 30s

Young Adults— Sunday, August 16 at noon Bojangles has come to OKC! Southern-inspired fast-food chain, famous for their fried chicken & biscuit, plus signature sides. Address: 13135 N Pennsylvania Ave

Gen X, midlifers

Who wants to play Bingo? Sunday September 13 at 5pm. We will play in the Fellowship Hall- 8 games (6 cards per person each game) Bring a snack to share. If you can, bring a white elephant prize, something from your house that someone might value (new or nearly new). If this goes well, let's host Bingo at NSO's Palo Duro.

Retirees, or soon to be

Wednesday August 12 at 11:30am, join for lunch at Neighborhood Jam in Midtown. Meet at the restaurant. Address: 525 NW 11th St Ste 101
Wednesday September 9, let's meet at Saturn Grill at 11:30am. Address: 6432 Avondale Dr

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.

Sunday September 20— Men's Pancake Breakfast from 9:45-11am

Finance Update

by Lee Endicott

The Finance Committee would like to thank the congregation for keeping their pledges current. Our pledges are actually ahead of where we expected them to be at this point in the year.

Furthermore, through the end of June, Crown Heights UMC is operating at a net profit of over \$12,400 and on pace to pay off all of our Conference and District Apportionments in full! Once that is done, we hope to be in a position to use our Christmas Offering for a special mission project, like last year's donation to Neighborhood Service Organization's Stay Housed Office, which helps tenants understand and avoid the eviction process and remain in their homes. We are in the process of selecting the non-profit ministry to support this year. That should be announced by September 1. It is exciting for our church to support our community on this larger scale. Thanks for all you do!



FUNDRAISER SPAGHETTI DINNER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 AT 5PM

MENU: SPAGHETTI, SALAD, GARLIC BREAD,
LEMON AND CHOCOLATE SHEET CAKE
CHEFS: LISA AND KEVIN O'NAN

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER. WE ARE ASKING FOR HELP PAYING FOR THE FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATIONS. THE TOTAL COST OF THE RENOVATION WAS \$40,000. HALF OF THAT TOTAL WAS DONATED, BUT THE OTHER HALF NEEDS TO BE PAID. ANY HELP IS APPRECIATED!

COME. HEAR THE STORIES OF THIS RENOVATION.
THANK THE ORGANIZERS OF THIS PROJECT.
AND WRITE A CHECK TO HELP OUR BOTTOM LINE!

Fellowship Hall Renovation

BEFORE



AFTER



On April 11, the OU Big Event students removed one layer of acoustic tile ceiling. From that day until July 24, the Fellowship Hall renovation work continued. Countless church members volunteered, especially in the demolition stage of the project. Jim Rust and his assistant Van Kerns rewired and replaced our lighting. We hired painters and floor layers to complete this project.

As soon as we finished our work, the Girls' Rock and Roll camp moved in and made the space their own. And that is exactly what we want, for the room to be used and enjoyed by many in the years to come!



Monthly Missions

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.

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 go to NSO's Palo Duro to host Bingo. We are in conversation for the date. Plan on joining us and bring a snack to share. NEED: do you have a WHITE ELEPHANT gift you can donate for the winners. We are looking for new/ nearly new items that you have laying around your house that would be useful or fun for someone to win.

Calendar of Giving

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

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 17, please join us to host OU's Little Event. We will do lots of yard work.

NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving Bag Shopping List

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 six, not including the meat.

DECEMBER

Our Christmas Offering will go to support a local non-profit ministry. We are in conversations with a few options and will make the decision official by September 1. We will give 75% of the offering to that agency and keep 25% at our church designated for missions.

Ways to Serve

Every Monday morning, our church cooks and delivers **Mobile Meals** for about 15 people. We are in need of a couple more delivery drivers. If you can volunteer with this program, please talk to Trina or Susan in the church office. We can work with your schedule, maybe you can commit to one or two weeks a month. (Deliver to about 6 houses in the general vicinity of the church, takes about an hour.)

Do you have items laying around your house that can serve as a prize for Bingo at Palo Duro? Need by Sunday, September 6.

We are always in need of homemade cookies for Mobile Meals and Sunday morning hospitality. Please, put 2 dozen cookies in a ziplock bag and put in the church freezer.

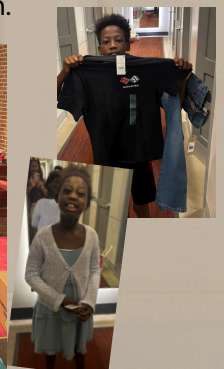
Look What We Have Done Together

June

- Our church was a Glitter Sponsor of PrideFest. We raised \$450 in a cash offering for Pride.
- We put \$200 toward a family's utility bill.

July

- While bus passes were half price, our office purchased \$1200 worth of passes to hand out. Our church has focused on transportation (especially for jobs, job interviews, and medical care) for the last 10 years.
- We paid \$300 for rent for someone falling behind on bills.
- Together we donated almost 200 jars of peanut butter, 800 adult diapers, and bags of clothes to Skyline. We wanted to send over items to fill in their gaps, and BOY, did we ever!!!
- We bought school clothes for our church kids needing a little extra help this season.



Arts Academy

Arts Academy is a weekly, after-school program started at our church 16 years ago. It creates a space where elementary students are matched with high schoolers or adults to learn visual or performing arts.

Last year, we started an art class with the kids rotating through different visual arts taught by our church members. For this year, we are again seeking out adults to teach some kind of art. If you can come teach woodworking, painting, jewelry making, or anything else, we would LOVE to talk to you!

Arts Academy meets during the school year on Thursdays, from 5:30-6:30pm. First day with students will be September 10. 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 on our kids.



by Jamie Gross



Whiz Kids

by Bruce Pitts

August has rolled around again, and its time to start thinking about getting our Whiz Kids program started for the 24th year. Wow, time certainly flies by when you're having fun and making a difference in our community. We're going to start the year with several returning kids from last year and some new 1st and 2nd graders from Wilson Elementary School. Once again, we will be partnering with Mayflower Congregational Church and tutors from many other churches, who provide volunteer mentoring that focuses on improving reading skills for first through fourth graders.

I can't wait to show off our newly remodeled Fellowship Hall and bathrooms. Everyone will be blown away and it will be particularly exciting when we have our Christmas banquet when we invite the parents, teachers and the new principal from Wilson. We are grateful for all of you who labored on this remodel and we promise to do our best to keep it clean and new.

Tutor training will be on Thursday, September 3, with the kids coming on the 10th. If you are interested to learn more about our program, and maybe becoming a tutor, substitute tutor or maybe just someone who would like to help with snacks or help Trina with her club time activities, please contact her at the church or me at (405) 837-9282 or email at bruceapitts@gmail.com. Trina and I will be happy to give you all the information you need to become a part of this rewarding neighborhood outreach project.

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UPCOMING DATES

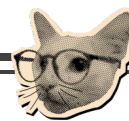
**Saturdays August 22 or 29-
Dinner for youth and college
students**



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Youth Programming



Youth at CHUMC are middle school, high school, and some college-aged students who meet weekly on Sunday mornings (10AM-Noon) to eat, socialize, play games, and read and discuss Bible stories and current events. Youth Director Atticus Shires (they, them, theirs) is proud that this group is queer-friendly, diverse in faiths and beliefs, and governed by our shared values of humor, quality time, and kindness.

Previously held bimonthly weeknight gatherings are changing to accommodate new scheduling, and here's the joyful reason why--

Our Youth program continues in a season of thriving, and with it comes welcomed adjustments. Especially as students rise from elementary school to middle school to high school, each year can feel more and more like its own chapter of life. College is no stranger to this phenomenon either--and half of our Youth are now in college! This is growth in time. We have a new high school student who participates in our weekly Bible lessons, has attended the last lock-in, and helped with CHUMC's role in the June 2026 Pride parade. This is growth in numbers. Another student has begun to show more interest than usual in our Bible lessons, asking more questions and taking more detailed notes. It is a joy to see this growth in spirit.

In growth, we expand, and expansion reveals limitations of our space. Areas that once served us now fall short; where void was now is filled; what was given has since been taken, and "...whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance." The way Jesus rewards boldness with abundance in the **parable of the talents** is a virtue our Youth program is honored with. We are changing our schedule to accommodate busier, older teens. We are developing strategies to welcome the much younger, soon-to-be Youth in a way that respects the important relationships long standing in our older group.

I am grateful for the ways this church supports our Youth and this program (like financial support); and if I may be so bold, I ask you to consider how your support can grow with us. Come introduce yourself at breakfast. Invite us to a church event you're excited about. Inquire about Skyla's cosmetology career--she graduates in two weeks!

Talk to Katie and Severin about what OU was like back in your day. Contribute from whatever abundance you have been given, and the kingdom will come.

With Love, Atticus

Back to School!



**Kids' Pool Party
at Trina's house**
**Sunday, August 2 from
noon to 3pm.** We will drive the
church van up or parents are
welcome to join in on the fun.
Lunch menu: Uncrustables,
chips, Caprisuns, & ice cream.
Address: 19401 Stubblefield Ln,
Gate #6451



SCHOOL'S IN SESSION!

Back to School
pocket prayer

Dear Lord,

Open my eyes to new friends
Open my ears to hear my teacher
Open my mind to learn new things
Open my hands to help others
Open my mouth to speak kind words
Open my heart to love like you
In Jesus name, AMEN

**LET US KNOW IF YOUR CHILD
NEEDS ANYTHING FOR SCHOOL.
WE CAN HELP WITH SUPPLIES
OR CLOTHES OR GEAR.**

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