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CROWN HEIGHTS
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From Dianne's Desk

DOXOLOGY

What a wonderful summer we've shared! We so appreciate everyone's willingness to try something new with the one service at 10:00. People from both services have graciously adjusted their schedules to be a part of Crown Heights as a whole worshipping community, with very little grumbling. Flexibility and a spirit of possibility are always great virtues in churches. Thank you for helping us experience the connection of being all together in one worship service. We also appreciate your feedback about potential worship schedules and the frequency of communion. Over 75 people responded to our survey! That's a great return rate for our congregation! Through the survey and subsequent conversations, we've learned more about each other and our spiritual needs. I was surprised and pleased to learn that half of our worshippers prefer having communion on a weekly basis, while the other half strongly prefers the monthly communion schedule. As we return to our regular schedule of two services, beginning September 19th, I want to remind you that communion is offered every week at the 8:30 service. If there are those who would like to begin their morning by receiving communion at 9:30, following the first service, I'll be glad to continue to have the elements available until 9:45. Please let me know if you would like to do this. Our 11:00 service will continue offering communion on the first Sunday of the month, just as we have in the past. Hopefully these two options will include something for everyone.

Inside you'll find articles about two other wonderful happenings this summer. For the second year, we did a cooperative Vacation Bible School with Wesley UMC. It is so great to work side-by-side with other United Methodists as we minister with the children in our corner of the world! Everyone did a fabulous job with their specific area, creating a powerful and fun experience for all our participants. From a missional point of view, this was the most successful VBS I've ever been a part of. The kids responded so well to Evelyn's information about Africa and the ways they could be in mission. The other awesome moment came when the Hobby Lobby truck arrived to pick up all those boxes of books we've been collecting over the past year. We will never know how many lives will be touched by

this gift of knowledge and the joy of reading. Thank you to all those who have donated and packed books and magazines for our friends in Liberia.

This fall I'm looking forward to hearing about your personal passions, the places where you volunteer beyond Crown Heights and the charities that you choose to support. My hope is that our "Beyond the Wall" moments in the 11:00 service will help us focus each week on one of the ways that Crown Heights people are changing the world. While we love our beautiful building, the truth is "the church is not a building, the church is the people." When you share God's love throughout the week, you're partnering with God, working for the transformation of the world. As followers of Jesus, that is our purpose. Keep your eyes open to the changes all around us, no matter how subtle they may be. Share the faith!

Blessings, Dianne

TWO SUNDAY SERVICES

Two Services Schedule Returns September 19th

We've had a great time in our one combined worship service this summer! After significant reflection and discussion, the Crown Heights Administrative Council has decided to return to our previous schedule for Sunday mornings. This allows us to meet the needs of two different groups of people, rather than just one, and provides more time for the choir members to participate in Sunday School as well as their warm-up rehearsals before worship. Starting September 19th, this will be our plan:

- 8:30 a.m. Contemplative Worship Service with weekly communion
- 9:30 Coffee, donuts and fellowship
- 9:45 Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 Choir rehearsal
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service with monthly communion

Choose the time and worship style that works best for you!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Katie, Sandy, John, Dolph, George,
 Heather, Beverly, Ann, Sue, Don, Suzanne,
 Marsha, William, Ken, Carol, Steven,
 Linda, Carol, Ann, Susie, Lynn,
 Coca, William, Mitchel,
 Kenny, Sean,

UMW RUMMAGE SALE
 by Charlene Jones

The date has changed
 Saturday, October 2

You have more time to bring your merchandise to the church for the UMW Rummage Sale.

We will continue to accept them up to the day of the sale. Please bring your items to the church and place them in the Youth Activities Room. If you need help getting large items to the church, or for questions, please contact, Rummage Sale Coordinator: Charlene Jones 524-5075, or email charleneajones@cox.net

The sale will be held:
 Saturday, October 2, 2010 in the Youth Activities Room
 Proceeds of this sale go toward UMW missions.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Shelly
 Jim & Sally
 Tom & Carol



CHANCEL CHOIR
 By George Massey

CHOIR REHEARSAL INFO FOR THE FALL

Please send me your cards back concerning your available times for rehearsals and Sundays so we can complete all planning for our Fall Music Ministry!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the winners of 2010 Endowment Scholarship Awards:

- Hilary L. Jones - Baker University
- Brent C. Massey - Oklahoma State University
- Holly K. Robison - Oklahoma State University
- Tory A. Wooley - Vassar College



WELCOME

Welcome Jay Krottinger to Our Music Staff.

We are delighted to announce that Jay Krottinger, a graduate of UCO's music theater department, has agreed to be our assistant choir conductor and regular male vocalist while he is working on his Masters' degree. We will be richly blessed by Jay's wonderful voice and caring spirit!

Welcome to Mara Porter, who became a member of our Church on August 15th.

Welcome Jonathan Christopher Shuart, born August 1st. Congratulations to his happy parents are Chris and Emily Shuart.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD:
OCTOBER 23

Can you paint a wall or hammer a nail? Then we need your help in assisting a future home owner in completing their Habitat for Humanity home. Jeff Peters is our coordinator and our date to help is Saturday, October 23. Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesday Rehearsals:

- September 8
- September 22
- October 6
- October 20
- November 3
- November 17
- December 1
- December 8
- December 11 (Sat. Dress Rehearsal)

Sundays:

- September 12
- September 26
- October 10
- October 24
- November 7
- November 21
- December 5
- December 12

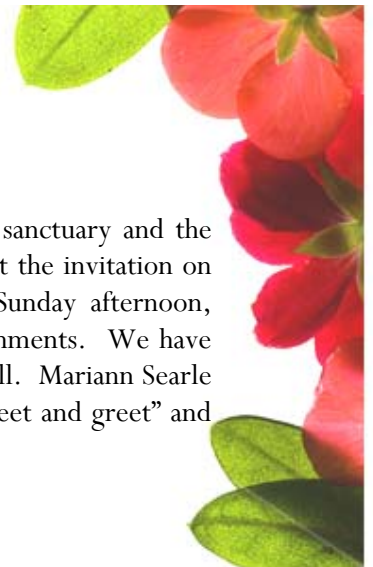
SEPTEMBER SERMONS

- Sept. 5 **Labor Day weekend**
Following Jesus May Be Hazardous!
 I Timothy 6:6-19 beware of the love of money
 Luke 14:25-33 the costs of discipleship
 God’s gift of grace in Jesus Christ is free for the asking, but not without significant costs. How do we dedicate ourselves completely to the one who hands us a cross?
- Sept. 12 **Homecoming Sunday**
Sent to Be a Blessing!
 Genesis 12:1-7 Abram is blessed to be a blessing
 Luke 9:1-6 Jesus sends out the disciples to proclaim the kingdom and to heal those in need
 Just as Jesus commissioned the twelve to expand his ministry, so Jesus sends us out to transform the world in his name. Who have you blessed recently? Who will you bless this week?
- Sept. 19 **Our Mission Field: OKC** Jeremiah 29:4-7, 11-14 seek the welfare of the city; God gives us a hopeful future
 Luke 13:31-35 Jesus mourns Jerusalem’s lack of responsiveness
 Our calling is not to ensure the survival of the church. Our purpose is to be at work in our city for the common good, that all might enjoy the abundant life in God’s kingdom on earth. How will we change our corner of God’s world?
- Sept. 26 **Being a Missionary in Your Own Backyard**
 Deuteronomy 7:6-9 God’s holy, chosen people
 Acts 11:19-26 Barnabas is sent to Antioch and then Saul arrives to teach the new believers
 What if God decided to make you into a missionary for your office, your classroom, or even your favorite restaurant? That may be just what Jesus has in mind . . .

Crown Heights' Open House

September 12, 2010
 2:00-4:00 p.m.

We want all our friends and neighbors to have the opportunity to see our beautiful historic sanctuary and the “amazing maze” that is Crown Heights! We’ve taken out some ads and newspaper articles, put the invitation on our sign and hope that you will spread the word for everyone to “come see inside!” on Sunday afternoon, September 12. Julie Williams is coordinating our tour guides and asking for help with refreshments. We have some wonderful display posters of our various ministries which will be out in the Fellowship Hall. Mariann Searle will be playing some her wonderful music in the sanctuary. We need people of all ages to “meet and greet” and help our visitors feel at home! Please let Julie know if you can help.



WHIZ KIDS BEGINS SOON

September 16th

Tutors and substitutes needed for
 Thursday Afternoons
 3 PM - 5PM

Call Janet at 229-3041



COULD YOU BE AN INTERNATIONAL FRIEND?

For more information, see the flyer posted on the bulletin board.

If you’re interested, fill out a Host Application form, which we have in the church office or contact Rod directly at RNewman@okcu.edu.

WE HAD A BLAST AT VBS

By Janet Basler

We had a BAOBAB BLAST at VBS this year!! The Baobab tree in Africa is the center of many communities, and for those of us at VBS it was the center of our fun, learning community. Before we even began, a community of workers from Crown Heights and Wesley United Methodist churches were busy in preparation for this collaborative effort. Brigette and Glen Gean with their community of workers decorated every classroom, fellowship hall, and the sanctuary for the kids with jungle artifacts and animal paintings. Everywhere we went were reminders that we are a part of God's community. Stacy Gilbert and Charlotte Trobaugh gathered and organized all the supplies for the week, so things were readily and easily accessible all the time. Susie Wallace, Jana Hogg, and Janet Basler recruited workers and planned out the schedules.

Each evening Scott and Tiffany Kanny brought Bible stories to life with their fun and engaging skits. Through these stories the kids learned about Trusting God, that Love Never Fails, to Study God's Teachings and Follow them, to Care for Others, and to Share about God. Then they used their creativity in the crafts classes with Delene Moore, Colene Frizzel, Martha Ellis, and Gay Abarr to help them remember the stories.

Paula Burkes, Sean Milburn, and Lee Endicott led the kids through games each evening. Laughter, wet sponges, and challenges in working together gave them opportunities to talk about the lessons from the stories. In music Dianne Peters, Andy Moore, Harry Endicott, and Rachel Howard did a fantastic job getting the children to sing, dance, play instruments, and act out the stories each day. The leaders of the small groups, Joy Robison, Sam Endicott, Betty Langer, Jacob Wallace, Lauren Potts, Paige and Andy, all led their groups from place to place, caring for their needs, and helping them learn as much as possible.

While the big kids were going thru different classes, the pre-school, led by Wayna Tyner, and Brenda and Maria Pina, were enjoying music, crafts, playtime, and stories in their group. In the parlor several adults were studying the same stories under the leadership of Diana Cox Crawford and Evelyn Phyffer.

At the end of each evening, Evelyn Phyffer taught us all about missions. She challenged the kids to EARN, not just ask for, money to give to Imagine No Malaria and to send books to Liberia. She challenged them to work for enough for the whole group to raise \$10 together for mission. One of the leaders agreed to pay each child 25 cents for a note from their parents telling of the jobs the child had done during the day for missions. Then the child got to put their earned quarter into the missions box. By the end of the week, over \$100 was raised, and 224



The Colobus monkeys use instruments creatively in their music time

books had been donated to missions. They also packed up 35 dental bags to be distributed thru Skyline Urban Ministries.

Bruce Pitts, Taffy Fellingham, and Charlene Jones took the church van around the neighborhood picking up Whiz Kids and Arts Academy children who didn't have transportation to VBS. Sally Hayes and several Sunday School Classes from Wesley



Delene and her mother, Colene help children learn to follow teachings while they learn to weave.

UMC provided meals. Phyllis Henry helped in the kitchen each evening. Glen Gean and Scott Kanny and their community of workers prepared the Celebration dinner for the families on Friday evening.

One of the most important new things to happen at VBS this year was the addition of a prayer room.

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Libby Wheat was in the prayer room each evening surrounded by candles and cards with names of all those involved in VBS and their prayers, praying for each of them. Many kids found their way to this room, awed by the fact that she was praying and enjoying the peace and comfort of the room and Libby.

On Friday night of the VBS week, the kids, their families, and the volunteers celebrated with a bouncy water slide, hamburgers and hot dogs, another wonderful skit from Tiffany and Scott, a pictorial presentation of the week's activities, and singing.

It was a wonderful week. One where children learned Bible stories that will stay with them forever. One where adults showed what it is to be a disciple of Christ. A week where God's presence was felt over and over at His church on the corner of 37th and Western.



Paula helps them figure out how to work together in games.

**JESUS SEMINAR
ON THE ROAD**

October 8-9

Mayflower Congregational Church. For more information contact Bob Elliot at robert1924@att.net.



Andy leads a group in singing.



Lee & Shaun play a following game.

**TRUSTEE UPDATE
By Julie Armstrong**

Greetings from the trustees!! My goodness but there is a lot going on and we thought it would be good to give everyone an update!

- ◆ The stained glass repair is coming along nicely and Jim Triffo with Triffos Glass Arts has been working around the weddings and doing a great job on the glass.
- ◆ Cornelson Flooring has replaced the carpet leading to the Fellowship Hall and will soon replace the carpet leading to the Sanctuary (thank you to the anonymous donor for that!) and the garden room by mid September. Stacy and Mario have been working very hard on replacing and painting the wood edging along the new carpet so be sure and thank them for that when you see them!
- ◆ Mike Salazar and Marty are going to start the repair/replacement to the roof and the other areas in the church that were damaged in the hail/rain storm. There was a lag in work due to the enormous amount of claims and work from the storm but we should see activity very soon.

The repairs noted are being paid for by the insurance. Everyone should give Stacy a HUGE hug when you see her or call and thank her. She has worked tirelessly thru all the

insurance and contractor issues and bless her she has yet to throw her hands up in frustration!! (she has promised me she won't or will at least give me a heads up before she does!!)

- ◆ The east Sanctuary wall has been repainted by Shawn Milburn and we thank him so very much for that!!

As a reminder we are having an open house on Sept.12 with a work day on sept.11th. Very little will need to be done on the interior as Mario is doing a great job but we will need volunteers for some LIGHT sprucing up on the exterior.

Please call Carol Weaver at 521-0086 to let her know you will be helping out.

- ◆ Carol has worked her fingers to the bone on maintaining the landscaping and please give her a HUGE hug when you see her or even better call her and offer to help!!!

If anyone has any questions concerning trustee issues (basically building, van and grounds) please feel free to call me at 205-2802 and I will try to answer questions and address concerns. Thank you all for your kind patience in getting our beautiful church repaired.

Julie Armstrong, Trustee Chairperson

ARTS ACADEMY BEGINS SOON

September 14th

Tuesday Evenings
5:30 PM - 7:10 PM

Prayers for more teachers needed.



Crown Heights' Arts Academy
Receives \$5,000 Grant

We are delighted to announce that we have received a Petree Grant to help fund our start-up costs connected with the Arts Academy which we piloted last spring. This will allow us to buy or rent some child-sized instruments as well as provide art supplies and music for the various lessons. This wonderful program gives high school and college students the opportunity to teach and our wonderful elementary students the chance to explore their gift for music, dance, or painting. Every child has been gifted by God in some special way. Lessons will begin again on September 14th, Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:10 p.m. If you'd like to help in any way, please contact Janet Basler or

Sue Brown. Keep the Academy and these young teachers in your prayers!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR NEIGHBORING CONGREGATIONS!

Wesley United Methodist Church has invited us to join in the community celebration of their 100th year on Saturday, September 11th, at 5:00 p.m. on the church lawn. The evening will include a free moon bounce for the kids, free hot dogs for all, wonderful music from Ponca City's "Total Praise" singers, and a rousing message from Rev. Ed Coy Light, pastor of Grace UMC.

Quayle United Methodist Church will be celebrating their 120th anniversary in October. Pastor Dr. Victor McCullough has invited us to join them for three events. The annual Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday morning, October 2nd at 9:00. The Quayle Mass choir will be performing a special concert on Saturday evening, October 9th, at 6:30. Their Unity Sunday service will be Sunday afternoon, October 10th at 3:00, featuring our Bishop Robert E. Hayes, Jr. as the guest speaker. You are welcome to attend any or all of these events.

Homecoming Sunday

Join us Sunday, September 12 for Homecoming Sunday. There will be a pot luck luncheon following church. Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Don't miss the fun and fellowship!



WERE YOU MARRIED AT CROWN HEIGHTS?

We're creating a special wedding display for our Open House on Sunday, September 12, featuring wedding photos that also show off the beauty of Crown Heights' sanctuary and grounds. If you have photos we could borrow, please bring them to Julie Williams or drop them by the church. Please include your name and phone number so we can return them properly.



COMPANY'S COMIN'!

Could you spare 30 minutes to help weed a flower bed or polish a pew? We need lots of volunteers to "spit 'n' shine" up the church in preparation for our Open House. Please contact Carol Weaver, 521-0086, to help with outside jobs, or join us Saturday morning, September 11th, to spruce things up inside.



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE PRAY?

How often do your prayers include special requests for others? The practice of intercessory prayer goes back to the very beginning of the Christian faith. But what really happens when we offer those prayers? Do they change God? Do they change the person being prayed for or the person doing the praying? These are questions which will be addressed in a new Sunday School study, beginning September 12th: Praying for Friends and Enemies by Jane Vennard. The Journey Class will be discussing these theological questions and learning some new ways to think about intercessory prayer. The class meets in the parlor and is open to newcomers. Come join us on this spiritual journey!

**BIBLE CONNECTIONS:
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 P.M.**

Rev. Peters leads this weekly Bible study and discussion class, gathering each week at 6:00 p.m. in the Pyramid classroom, starting September 15th. We use the *lectio divina* approach, which requires no prior knowledge or training. This month we will begin reflecting on the gospel according to Matthew. Come be enriched by Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and many other wonderful passages. If child care is a concern, please be in touch with Dianne.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that we have three candidates which we are considering to be hired as the Wesley Heights Youth Group Director. Each candidate will have the opportunity to "audition," during the youth group times in September, then we will decide on the person who is the best fit. The new Youth Director will be expected to alternate churches on Sunday mornings, so that both Crown Heights' and Wesley's congregations can get to know them. We miss Jana Hogg and so appreciate the strong foundation she has built for our combined youth program. Please be in prayer as we seek the best person to guide our youth in the coming months.

**THE BOOKS HAVE LEFT THE BUILDING
By Evelyn Physter**

In November of 2009, after 9 weeks of teaching English at the Ganta United Methodist School (G.U.M.S.), I returned to Oklahoma City not sure of what would come next, or exactly why I had felt this undeniable call to go to Liberia to teach. A call that had led me to retire. As I shared my experiences with anyone who would listen, the topic that seemed to tug at everyone's heart was the sparseness of the library and the need for books for the children at Ganta. The fire began to build and the first books arrived courtesy of Mike and Sue Brown. Even before I got the vision, Judy Horne, at Village UMC said she had secured the children's books that were left from their church library sale. She said they needed to help raise money for shipping to Operation Classroom. With my limited vision, in February two boxes of books were shipped to Operation Classroom with great excitement and gratitude, not knowing what God had in **His** vision.

Nine months later, the books have left the building. On Thursday, August 26, a large orange truck bearing the Hobby Lobby name pulled up in front of the church and David and Jim, from Hobby Lobby, said they were there to pick up the books. The contact initiated by Mike and supported by Hobby Lobby leadership was about to reach its completion. They hoisted, hefted and rolled boxes from the building. David and Jim were eventually joined by another David and Solomon and

seven (7) pallets of books began to disappear into the truck. All of

their labor was done with seeming joy and good humor. The day ended with a sending forth for safe travel by our pastor.

Through your generosity and that of so many of your family members, friends, and our partners in mission 12, 480 books began their 5000 mile journey to Liberia. Ten thousand eight hundred fifty-nine(10,859) books will go to the Ganta campus and the other village schools in need who come to Ganta seeking help. One thousand six hundred twenty-one(1,621) books were designated for the Gbarnga Methodist Seminary. There were also over a thousand magazines, with maps, newspapers, composition books, backpacks and tote bags; school supplies, office supplies and art supplies, rounding out the shipment. Destined for the Seminary are Bibles, commentaries, devotional books, hymnals, Christian education materials and other related teaching items.

God blessed us so that we could be a blessing to His children in Liberia. Thank your for your donations of books, magazines and other written materials; for your financial donations toward shipping costs and shipping supplies; for your time given to sort, pack and transport books from the third floor, for working around the boxes while they were waiting to go to Indiana, for words of encouragement; for telling others about this mission and for catching the vision. According to I Corinthians 2:9, we do not know just what God has prepared for us until it is revealed to us through the Spirit.

Do I dare ask God what He has in store for US-next? Thanks be to God for revealing to us just what He had in mind for us.



Did Somebody Say Boxes?



**Thank you
Hobby Lobby!**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 pm Trustees	2 6:30 pm NA Meeting	3	4
5 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 5:00 pm Youth - CHUM	6 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:30 pm NA Meeting	7	8 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 6:30 pm NA Meeting	10	11 All Church Cleaning
12 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 am Homecoming 11:30 am Luncheon 2:00 pm Open House 5:00 pm Youth - Wesley	13 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:15 pm Ad Council 6:30 pm NA Meeting	14 Eat at Johnnies 5:30 pm Arts Academy	15 6:00 pm Bible Connections	16 3:00 pm Whiz Kids 6:30 pm NA Meeting	17	18
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