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From Dianne's Desk

LOOKING FOR CLUES

In my experience as a pastor and a district superintendent, I can attest to the fact that visioning work is probably the most challenging and the most crucial work we can do as a church. It is so much easier to coast, to simply do what we've always done, assuming that our good intentions will be sufficient to change the course of our future. But reality tells us that even the most vital churches must stop periodically to consider whether God is calling them to make a course correction or to start pursuing a whole new direction. The unknown can be scary, but it can also be an opportunity to test and strengthen our faith.

I've come across a variety of definitions and understandings of the visioning process. This is my favorite:

*"The task of visioning is not to write a new story but **to write a new chapter** in the ongoing story of a congregation . . . A congregation's story must also be connected with the larger story of faith so that people are able to see what they are about as something **beyond** the story of any one congregation."*

*"There must be a **bridge** over which a congregation can cross from one chapter to the next. A bridge makes possible the passage from where we are to where we need to be. That bridge will come out of the congregation's culture and heritage. It may be an historical event, a deeply embedded value, or a traditional strength."*

-Lovett H. Weems in
Take the Next Step

It is time for us to write the next new chapter in the story of Crown Heights United Methodist Church! A new chapter acknowledges that much has gone before; since 1929 there have been many ups and downs in our history. But somewhere in our heritage there are clues to our next step, images, events or core values that will form the bridge to our future. We don't want to get bogged down in rehashing our past, wishing for some magical return to

our glory days, but we do want to be good detectives, searching for the clues that will help us respond to today's needs. How do we claim the best of who we are and reframe it for today's ministry challenges? Who are the people in our corner of the world that God has entrusted to our care? We'll also take time to look at the demographics for our area of Oklahoma City and see what clues we'll find there. Ultimately, of course, the big question is, "What is God calling Crown Heights to do and be as a community of faith in 2011-2012?" What is our primary mission as a United Methodist Church and what is the vision that will carry us into this new chapter?

God wants all churches to be fruitful and effective. How can we improve our ability to bear fruit for God's kingdom? This is an exciting, daunting, amazing time to be a part of the Crown Heights congregation. Start praying today that we will be open and responsive to follow God's lead into a new chapter in faith!

Blessings, Dianne

CROWN HEIGHTS CARES

Some of our wonderful CHUM members have been delivering food and conveying our support to our sister United Methodist Church in Piedmont. We have all seen the devastating pictures of the tornado damage to this growing area. Fortunately, their new church survived the weather just fine and now their church family is delivering lunches to those who have lost everything and now comb through the debris. Please continue to keep this community in your prayers!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

by Wayna Tyner



We will once again have Vacation Bible School along with Wesley United Methodist Church.

This year it will be held at Wesley beginning **Monday, June 13** through **Thursday, June 16**. We will begin each night **at 5:30** and end **at 8:00**. Dinner will be served. VBS is for children K through 5th grades. However, we will have a preschool class and a nursery for any of the volunteers' babies. The theme for this year is Jesus was a Boy.

Our church will serve dinner two nights and Wesley will serve dinner the other two nights. We need volunteers to do the following: help decorate Wesley; crafts; "tribe leaders" who will go with the tribe to the various activities; van drivers and riders; and help with games.



If anyone is interested in helping in any way--even if you can only assist for one night--please contact me at or Susie Wallace.



SAVE THE DATE

July 22, 2011

CHUM will be going to a Redhawks Baseball Game.

Watch for details.



SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 29TH

8:45 for Sunday School & 10:00 for Worship

Memorial Day weekend will be the time we begin our summer schedule for worship and Christian education. We'll be using the model we developed last year. Sunday School classes will begin at 8:45 a.m. and worship will be offered at 10:00 a.m. Communion will be available each week at the end of the worship time, in addition to the full communion service that will be on the first Sunday of each month.

We know that back-to-school time is one of windows for families who are looking for a church home. The Oklahoma City Public Schools are going to a new continual learning schedule, beginning on August 1, 2011. We want to be supportive of our school teachers and students, so we will resume our two-service schedule on August 7th. This means we have a couple of months to catch our breath, then it's time to ramp up our fall programs.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

by Brigette Gean



NEW FEEDING MINISTRY OFF TO GREAT START!
by Rev. Dianne Peters

We are excited about our new partnership with the Spero Project, a large food pantry for the hungry located at 46th and Santa Fe. On the second Thursday evening of the month, as many as 18 volunteers from Crown Heights gather at Spero to be in ministry with a group of dedicated single moms. We enjoy a meal together and have a brief devotional. Then the kids go off to their activities and the moms meet in small support groups for sharing and prayer. Meanwhile, volunteers are sacking up groceries for each family, based on the number of people in the household. Then we help everyone to load up their cars with kids and food and say goodbye until next month. Bit by bit we are getting to know these moms as people who deal

with lots of challenges. Hopefully, we contribute a little joy to their lives and encourage them to keep up the good work!

I am so proud of all our volunteers who bring big hearts and many experiences to our service team. Continue to keep us in your prayers and let us know if you would like to help too!

Our volunteers include:

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| Betty Langer | Jeff & Dianne Peters |
| Charlotte Trobaugh | Kerra Fletcher |
| Dennis & DeLene Moore | Lorry Cates |
| Dolph Grolock, Jr. | Mara Porter |
| Evelyn Physter | Taffy Fellingham |
| Gail Foster | Tom & Carol Weaver |
| Glen & Brigitte Gean | Wayna Tyner |
| Jamie Gross | |

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| Barbara | June |
| Claire | Mariann |
| Debbie | Merrick |
| Dorothy | Paige |
| Edna | Scott |
| Emily | Stanley |
| John | Susan |



CHANCEL CHOIR
by George Massey

Please note our remaining Choir Sundays (June 12 and 26, and July 10 and 24.) Last Rehearsal is **Wednesday, June 8!**

Please be aware of the changes for our **One Service Only Sundays.**

You will hear in the August **Trumpet**, our dates for the Fall and our yearly Christmas Cantata Date.



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- Jeff & Dianne
- Matt & Joy
- Sandy & Dorothy
- Taylor & Jamie
- Tom & Cindy



STAY FOR LUNCH ON JUNE 12!

Pentecost, the birthday of the church, falls this year on June 12. What a perfect day to be baptizing our newest little one into the family of faith! James and Rozz Grigsby will be bringing their son Taylor to the font, to be named and claimed by God.

The Grigsbys are new to CHUM and thought this would be a great opportunity to meet many of you for

the first time. Rozz's mom and others will be preparing our meal that day. We just need to put on our name tags and come down to the Fellowship Hall for a delightful time of getting acquainted. Let's show this young family how very happy we are to have them as a part of our church family!

UPDATE ALERT FROM THE TRUSTEES

by Julie Armstrong

We have finished the exterior and interior repairs from the hail storm that occurred last year. Marty Wilson with Salazar Roofing and Construction was absolutely wonderful in guiding me through the maze of insurance claim procedures. Marty met with the insurance adjusters multiple times to make sure we received the maximum amount possible--he deserves our heartfelt thanks.

The clay tiles on the north side of the buildings were replaced. The damaged tiles on the garage roof were replaced as was the damaged rain guttering. The main church sign was repaired and repainted. As to the interior repairs we had crumbling and water damaged walls repaired. Multiple ceiling tiles in multiple rooms replaced. Floors cleaned/refinished. Check out the new ceiling at the south doorway of the narthex!

Mike Salazar also was so kind to donate a new driveway to the church!! The new driveway will be completed when we get a stretch of dry weather. Thank you Mike it is very thoughtful and very much needed!

The stained glass panels on the north side of the sanctuary that were damaged were removed and matched as close as possible with expert care by Jim Triffo of Triffos Glass Arts. Jim did an amazing job and he deserves our heartfelt thanks also for the great job he did in replacing and preserving the beautiful antique stained glass in our sanctuary.

We had to put a new roof on the youth building as the gravel roof had developed leaks which we are currently in talks with the insurance company to include the cost of the roof in the hail damage claim. Marty



is going to re-mortar, free of charge, around the top of the fireplace where it has crumbled out ---thank you Marty!

All this work except for the youth flat roof was done with the only cost to the church being the policy deductible.

We are currently discussing ways to raise the funds to have protective coverings placed over the remaining stained glass windows that are not protected. These windows are works of art, they are all handmade, and are truly irreplaceable. They need to be protected from any possible future damage. Thank you all so much for your patience in getting these things done. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any trustee.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BEGINS ON SUNDAY MAY 29

The Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church will be gathering at St. Luke's UMC, (15th & Robinson) for first worship service at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 29th. This will be the service of commissioning for new clergy who are just beginning their ministries. You are welcome to come to St. Luke's. The balcony has lots of extra seating and is the perfect location to really see what happens at this service. On Monday we'll move to Oklahoma City University's Freede Wellness Center for the business sessions. These can be viewed online by going to the conference website: www.okumc.org and following the link you will find there. This year many of the inspiring reports about the diverse ministries we support will be done by video, so you'll see them on your own computer just as we are viewing them at OCU. Conference continues through Wednesday. You can

find the full schedule at the website too. If you've never been to our Annual Conference, I urge you to stop by for a while. Being part of approximately 1,200 United Methodists from across Oklahoma is pretty wonderful in and of itself. Be sure to go upstairs in the Freede Center too, for that's where you'll find a variety of display tables and Cokesbury's latest offerings. Crown Heights will be represented, of course, by Dianne Peters, Bob Anthony and Evelyn Physter. Bob is hoping to be elected again to be a General Conference Delegate who will represent Oklahoma next spring at the international General Conference in Florida. This is a high honor and we hope that Bob will be able to serve this way again. Elections are being held on Monday night, so keep us in your prayers.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6:30 pm NA Meeting	3	4 6:00 pm Wedding
5 7th Sunday of Easter 4:00 pm Youth	6 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	7	8 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 5:30 pm Spero Project 6:30 pm NA Meeting	10	11
12 Pentecost Luncheon Finance Mtg. 4:00 pm Youth	13 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	14	15 6:00 pm Bible Study	16 6:30 pm NA Meeting	17	18 3:30 pm Wedding
Vacation Bible School – Wesley United Methodist Church						
19 Father's Day 11:15 am Ad Council 4:00 pm Youth	20 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	21	22 6:00 pm Bible Study	23 6:30 pm NA Meeting	24	25 6:00 pm Wedding
26	27 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	28	29 6:00 pm Bible Study	30 6:30 pm NA Meeting		