

# the trumpet



CROWN HEIGHTS  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 2011

Vol. 6 Issue 3

*From Dianne's Desk*

## GROWING IN LOVE

Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, (worship at 6:30 p.m.) is nearly upon us and with it the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time for evangelism and for true conversion—a time for growing through repentance, fellowship, prayer, fasting, and concentration upon our baptismal covenant with God. Becoming a Christian is a lifelong process of being transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ. We experience multiple conversions toward God along the way. On Ash Wednesday, we will recall our mortality and wait for God's renewing Spirit. This is a time to put aside the sins and failures of the past, in the light of who we are yet to become by the grace of God. Here's the way the poet Ann Weems presents this holy season:

Lent is a time to take the time  
to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,  
a time to let the events  
get up and walk around in us,  
a time to intensify  
our living unto Christ,  
a time to hover over  
the thoughts of our hearts,  
a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem  
or to walk along the sea and listen to his word,  
a time to touch his robe  
and feel the healing surge through us,  
a time to ponder and a time to wonder . . .  
Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!

Lent is a season of reflection and deliberate quiet, so that we can grow closer to God. Just as we yearn for a deeper connection with God in Christ, so God longs for a richer relationship with us. Marjorie Thompson asks, "Can you trust that God enjoys your company?" God misses you when your schedule robs you of time to be actively present with God. Part of maturing in the spiritual life is learning to love God for who God is, not only for what God does for us.

Sometimes it helps to have a spiritual companion or friend with whom you share the ups and downs of your spiritual

journey. I've had a Spiritual Director for many years with whom I meet monthly, to consider what God is up to in my life. I would be happy to be a spiritual companion for you, to help you review where you are in your journey with God and where the Spirit may be leading you next. Lent is a perfect time for such conversations, so feel free to give me a call or drop me an e-mail and we'll find a time to get together.



Blessings for your journey!  
Dianne

[Dianne@crowheightsumc.org](mailto:Dianne@crowheightsumc.org)

Cell: 823-2546, Church: 524-8428, Home: 360-6241

## ASH WEDNESDAY

March 9<sup>th</sup>  
Service at 6:30 p.m.

Be sure to join us for this special service that begins the season of Lent. Child care available by reservation.

*Remember to move your clocks*



*forward on March 12*

## ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Keep John Roush and his family in your prayers for the loss of his lovely wife, Imogene.

### GET WELL WISHES

Billey Murphy and Larry White



## MARCH 2011 SERMONS

### Join Us for Worship in March

March 6	Transfiguration Sunday	Matthew 17:1-9 and Exodus 24:112-18
	Come to the Summit	
	We never know what awaits us when we follow where Jesus leads.	
March 9	Ash Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	Matthew 6:1-8, 16-21 and Psalm 51:1-2, 6-7, 10-12
	The World Is Not a Stage	
	God is not interested in your "opening act." God longs to be in relationship with the real you.	
March 13	First Sunday in Lent	Matthew 4:1-11 and Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
	What Is Your Greatest Temptation?	
	How can we learn to lean on God in times of temptation? What does Jesus have to offer when we struggle?	
March 20	Second Sunday in Lent	John 3:1-8, 16-17 and I John 4:7-12
	What Does the "Born Again" Life Look Like?	
	How do we learn to live as though our whole life depends on God?	
March 27	Third Sunday in Lent	John 4:1-30, 39-42 and James 4:7-12
	Don't Judge a Book by Its Cover	
	How can we overcome the desire to make snap judgments? Who is the messenger that God is sending to me? Will I recognize him or her?	

## UMW SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

by Charlene Jones

The UMW will be having another rummage sale to raise money for missions. In 2010 we raised over \$1600 and distributed the money to Skyline JETS, Clothes for Kids, New Day Camp, CHUM Youth, Children, & Choir programs, Mobile Meals, & Circle of Care. Please help us continue our work by donating your goods that you no longer need or use. We will take appliances, furniture miscellaneous household items and clean adult and children clothes.

### NOTE THE DATE CHANGE:

The sale will be held Saturday, March 26 in the Youth Activities Room. This gives you more time to Spring Clean.

**YOU MAY START BRINGING YOUR SALE ITEMS (EXCEPT FURNITURE\*) TO THE CHURCH OFFICE NOW.**

If you need help getting any items to the church, or for questions, please contact Rummage Sale Coordinator: Charlene Jones 524-5075, or email [charleneajones@cox.net](mailto:charleneajones@cox.net)

\* Because of space the large items and furniture should be delivered to the church the week of the sale.



**CHUM MEN'S GROUP**

by Jeff Peters

The first meeting of the Men's Group will be on Saturday morning, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30 am at Panera Bread Restaurant located on Northwest Expressway (across from Baptist Hospital). Please consider joining us for a time of fellowship, discussing a potential book study, and planning for future meetings. All CHUM men are welcome! If you have questions, email Jeff Peters (our pastor's spouse) at [storm4caster@gmail.com](mailto:storm4caster@gmail.com) or leave a message at 323-0651 (cell) or 360-6241 (home).

**PALM SUNDAY SALAD DINNER**

by Brigett Gean

Join us on Palm Sunday for a Salad Potluck Dinner immediately following the second service in the Fellowship Hall. We did this once before and it was such a hit, we are doing it again! Bring your favorite salad and/or dessert to share with your CHUM family. It's going to be Fun, Food and Fellowship! Don't miss it!"

**COME JOIN THE CONVERSATIONS!**

Each week we offer four different Christian education opportunities for adults of all ages! Classes begin at 9:45 a.m. and last about an hour. You would be more than welcome to visit any of the groups. This would be a wonderful way to invest a little more in your spiritual life during Lent!

The Journey Class is studying the Ten Commandments, using a book by Joan Chittister. Dianne Peters leads this group each week, providing additional information and discussion questions. Each session focuses on one commandment at a time. The Journey Class meets in the parlor.

The Fishermen Class uses the Adult Bible Series. They will begin studying I Timothy in March, taught by Judge John (Jack) Amick. The judge is a very well-read and experienced teacher of the scriptures. The Fishermen Class meets in the classroom across the hall from Stacy's office.

The Pyramid Class is doing an in-depth study of the Old Testament, utilizing DVD presentations by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. Kerra Fletcher is doing a wonderful job of presenting the material and facilitating discussion each week. The Pyramid Class meets in the classroom across the hall from Dianne's office.

The Discovery Class is currently doing a study on Robin Meyers' book, *Saving Jesus from the Church*. Dr. Meyers is the pastor of Mayflower Congregational Church here in Oklahoma City. Kate Hayden is facilitating the discussion of this progressive book which raises some interesting questions. The Discovery Class meets upstairs in the Youth Activities Building, directly across from the stairs.

**UNITED METHODIST  
SUMMER CAMPS**

Booklets Have Arrived!

Oklahoma is proud to feature one of the strongest church camping programs in the nation! We have three campsites in our Conference:



Canyon Camp, Cross Point Camp, and Camp Egan. Camps are offered for elementary-age children, youth, families, and adults of all ages. Our apportionments, combined with campers' fees, provide these incredible ministries year round. Here at Crown Heights we typically provide scholarships for our young people to attend camps, covering half the cost. All of our camps depend upon adult volunteers to make sure our children and youth have sufficient guidance, support and direction to have a positive experience. New Day Camps for children of incarcerated parents always need more adult volunteers. If you can be available for a few days or a week of camping this summer, please pick up the booklet and see what could fit with your schedule. You can find the summer camps booklets in the Youth Activities Building, the children's area, and the narthex at the back of the sanctuary. Pick one up today!

**COME CHECK-OUT "THE COMMON" FEEDING MINISTRY**

This Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we're invited to observe how the Spero Resource staff run their feeding ministry for Single Mothers. We will gather at Crown Heights at 5:30 and then carpool over to the center at 4646 N. Santa Fe for the 6:00 session. Afterwards, we'll return to Crown Heights to

discuss what we'd like to do on our night, the second Thursday of the month. If you have questions, please contact Dianne or just come with us on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## SKYLINE FOOD DRIVE

by DeLene Moore

# SUPPORT SKYLINE URBAN MINISTRY



March is the month for CHUM to fill the SKYLINE Food Pantry! Start purchasing the critically needed low stock items such as Peanut Butter, Canned Meat, Baby Food, Canned Fruit & Vegetables, Dry Milk and Canned Milk and bring them to the church during the month of March. As always, monetary donations are accepted and will be used by Skyline to buy foods from the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma at a very nominal cost. Thank you for your participation in this worthy cause helping fellow Oklahoman's.

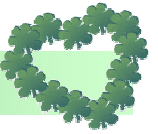
## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Betty  
Bruce  
Charlotte  
Dorothy  
Ed  
Glen  
John  
Joy  
Kate  
Katie  
Robert  
Sue



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Ed & Sybil and John & Sue



## ARTS ACADEMY EXTENDS LESSONS

by Janet Basler

Two weeks away from the lessons and the students, both young ones and old ones, were wondering if they had lost all they had learned while being snowbound.

We found out that clay does dry out even if covered in 2 weeks of living in a cold room. We found out that clarinets, guitars, and pianos just sound better after practicing the same thing for 2 weeks. We found out that the enthusiasm for learning intensified after being away from the lessons for so long. And we found out that students who are teaching miss

their students a lot. So we decided that we just HAD to get our 2 weeks back, and are extending the lessons for 2 weeks after spring break.

The Celebration of the Arts Academy will be on **Tuesday, March 29th**, in fellowship hall. All church members and families of students are invited to a reception hosted by the Share Circle. You will be able to view the art work, hear some of the music learned, and see a short video of the 9 weeks of lessons. The

celebration begins at **6:15-7:10 pm** to allow the students to get in one last lesson before celebrating the end of the lessons for this semester.

Plan to come support and encourage these young musicians and artists in all they are learning. Come show the young teachers who are high school and college age student artists and musicians how much we appreciate their time, energy, and talents. Come see God's work being done at Crown Heights.

## WHIZ KIDS & GIFTS FOR JESUS

by Janet Basler

"If Jesus lived today, I think he would like to have a transformer for Christmas." "I know he would like a game." These are some of the comments I heard while talking with the Whiz Kids during one of their Club Times with Joy Robison and Rev. Diane Peters.

This conversation made me stop and wonder if what was happening at Whiz Kids with the children and the tutors would be what Jesus would want for Christmas. I saw children smiling while talking about a story book with their tutor. I saw children who are proud of themselves when they are Star of the Week, or when they get to go into the prize box because of all they've read. I see reading test scores going

up for those in Whiz Kids. And I see parents' faces light up when they talk about their child and how well they are doing. I think this is exactly what Jesus would want as our gift to Him, at Christmas or any other time.

We just added 2 more tutors to our Whiz Kids roster, which means more kids are getting to participate. It is a wonderful thing to be a part of this ministry. We always have room for more. Now may be the time for you to be a part of all of this. Call Janet Basler at 229-3041 to volunteer.



I am Susan Waite, of the Bolivia-Oklahoma Partnership. I have here an exciting opportunity to return to the Manantial de Vida Methodist church in El Alto.

If you have ANY questions, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is at the bottom of this page.

And also, please feel free to pass this along to anyone you know who has expressed an interest in a mission to Bolivia.

## MISSION TO BOLIVIA

### JUNE 12-21, 2011

### COST: \$1,835

**On Sunday, June 12** we will depart from Oklahoma City for La Paz, Bolivia, to unite with our brothers and sisters of the congregation of Manantial de Vida Church in El Alto, Bolivia (located just above the capital of La Paz). We will help with the next stage of construction (begun in 2008 with Oklahoma Methodists participating), which will include adding stucco to the church interior, some wood-working projects, and cement work for gardens and walkways around the grounds.

**And something special for the women:** A small "Women's Encounter" where we will share with the women of the congregation for a few days making paraments for their sanctuary as our gift to them as we come so close to completing the building. We will also share some other fun cultural activities with our sisters.

**The people of Manantial de Vida Church** are warm, friendly and very appreciative of our continued presence in working with them. Although they don't speak English, there will be translators present.

**Return date is Tuesday, June 21.**

**Cost of the mission is \$1,835**, which includes airfare, land travel, meals, a t-shirt, tips and taxes, Bolivia Visa and secondary insurance. You will be responsible for all meals en route and cash for "souvenirs." You will need a valid passport (with an expiration date *past* Dec 2011, and proof of a current Yellow Fever Vaccination.

**A non-refundable \$100 deposit is required by March 7, 2011** to secure your spot on this team.

**Remaining balance of \$1,735 will be due *no later than* March 31, 2011.**

If you feel God is calling you to make a difference  
 in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Bolivia,

Please contact me:

405-824-8421

[ksmc.waite@prodigy.net](mailto:ksmc.waite@prodigy.net)

Crown Heights United Methodist Church  
 1021 NW 37 ▪ Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118  
 405-524-8428

**CHURCH STAFF**

Dianne Kovacs Peters, Senior Pastor

Stacy Gilbert Coombe	Administrative Assistant
Libby Campbell	Accounting Secretary
Mario Estrada	Custodian
George Massey	Director of Music
Mariann Searle	Organist
Vahn Phollurxa	Music Assistant
Elyse Poland	Director of Youth Ministries
Kassie Carroll	Nursery Coordinator
Justin Larman	Nursery Assistant
Haley Pierce	Nursery Assistant
Kelli Cormack	Nursery Assistant

THE TRUMPET (USPS 000-612) is published monthly by Crown Heights United Methodist Church at 1021 NW 37 Oklahoma City, OK 73118-7199. Periodical postage paid at Oklahoma City, OK.

Address Service Requested

We're on the web! [www.crownheightsumc.org](http://www.crownheightsumc.org)

# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5
6 Last Sunday after Epiphany 4:00 pm Youth	7 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	8 Eat at Johnnies	9 Ash Wednesday 6:30 pm Special Service	10 2:45 pm Whiz Kids 6:30 pm NA Meeting	11	12
13 First Sunday of Lent Noon Finance Mtg. 4:00 pm Youth	14 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:30 pm NA Meeting	15 5:00 pm Arts Academy	16 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 2:45 pm Whiz Kids 6:30 pm NA Meeting	18	19
20 2nd Sunday of Lent Noon Ad Council 4:00 pm Youth	21 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:30 pm NA Meeting	22 5:00 pm Arts Academy	23 6:00 pm Bible Study	24 2:45 pm Whiz Kids 6:30 pm NA Meeting	25	26 UMW Garage Sale
27 3rd Sunday of Lent 4:00 pm Youth	28 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	29 5:00 pm Arts Academy	30 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	31 2:45 pm Whiz Kids 6:30 pm NA Meeting	32	33