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From Dianne's Desk

LIGHT THE PATH

These are some highlights from the 2012 Strategic Plan report we submitted to our Charge Conference in late November.

Purpose Statement: At Crown Heights United Methodist Church, we are called

- To **witness** to God's love, grace, and acceptance, as revealed in Jesus Christ, through our words and our actions.
- To **equip** and **encourage** one another to **grow** in our faith, and to **serve** in the power of the Holy Spirit, for the transformation of God's world.

What do we expect of disciples of Jesus Christ?

- To pray for themselves and others, in corporate worship, small groups and on our own
- To be present as often as possible in worship
- To grow in their faith through Bible study, prayer, and service
- To share their spiritual gifts with the church and the world, for the common good
- To give generously (financially) to God's missions in the world, setting tithing as the goal
- To serve our neighbors through hands-on missions connected with the church or other non-profit groups, and through our words and actions throughout the week
- To witness to God's love, grace and acceptance as revealed in Jesus, through what we share verbally, through our attitudes and values, and through our behaviors, at home and in public.
- To advocate for those who are experiencing injustice, neglect or abuse

If you were asked to make a list of the expectations for disciples of Jesus Christ, what would you include on the list? This list reflects my perspective on discipleship. Are there points where you disagree or have I missed something that you feel needs to be included? Clarity about our purpose and our goals for disciples can help us sharpen our focus as a congregation.

In addition to exploring the possibility of adding a Wednesday evening worship service for people who work on the weekend, we will be working at implementing these particular strategies:

Specific Strategies for 2012

We need to:

- raise the **visibility** of Crown Heights' ministries
- get better at telling our faith **story** as a church and as individuals
- intentionally put ourselves in places where we can meet **new people**, cultivate our connections, build relationships and invite them frequently to participate in one of our mission or fellowship activities, study or worship
- further develop and implement a plan for **welcoming** and hospitality, designed to help newcomers feel "at home" in our congregation

You don't have to be on a specific committee to help these strategies come to life. In fact, we will all need to be thinking about ways we can participate in these efforts as individuals. God is not through with us yet! Maybe the best is yet to be! Come be an active part of our worshipping community of faith and service in 2012.

Blessings,
Dianne



Ring in the New Year



THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF

Crown Heights UMC is such a wonderful place to work! Thank you for your generous Christmas gifts to each one of us! It was a wonderful surprise and a delightful way to end 2011. We wish you all the best for a happy and healthy 2012!

Dianne Peters
Elyse Heise
Haley Pierce

Justin Larman
Bailey Maxwell
Leah Coleman

Taylor Handy
Libby Campbell
Mariann Searle
Mario Estrada

JANUARY 2012 SERMONS

We'd love to have you join us for worship every week, at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m.

- January 1 New Year's Day
Covenant Renewal Service **God, Our Covenant Friend** II Kings 23:1-3 and John 15:7-17
These powerful images (from John's gospel) of bearing fruit, complete joy, and chosen loved ones capture the quality of our covenant friendship with God through Christ. Begin your year by reaffirming your unique relationship with God!
- January 8 Baptism of the Lord Sunday **The Power of the Spirit** Acts 19:1-10 and Mark 1:4-11
Why settle for "second best?" Repentance is only the first step. The additional baptismal blessing of receiving the Holy Spirit is what gives power and energy to our work with God. Even Jesus needed more than just the water! What would happen if the Spirit of the Lord was set loose in you?
- January 15 **Is Your God Too Small?** Acts 19:11-20 and Mark 9:38-41
J. B. Phillips, one of the great Bible scholars of the previous generation, named for us a particularly insidious dynamic: we want to confine God to a very specific box, so we will feel more confident and in control of our lives. What size box do you have for God? Who would you find if you looked outside the box?
- January 22 Guest Preacher
The Rev. Dr. Leslie Long, Assistant Professor of Religious Education at Oklahoma City University
- January 29 **Is the Life Still in You?** Acts 20:7-12 and Luke 7:11-17
Restoring life in specific people only occurs about seven times in the Bible. Those who seemed dead are revived by the power of God, working through human beings. Have you been mistaken for dead lately? What needs to be restored or revived in you?

BOOK DRIVE FOR NEW HOPE ACADEMY ENDS by Evelyn Phyffer

The final day to donate books, magazines and supplies for the New Hope Academy was December 31, 2011; however, the mission is not over. If you have visited the Youth Room recently you will notice a lot of books and boxes to be counted and labeled. We now must finish sorting and packing the donated supplies. The following schedule has been established for this month:

- ◆ January 14 at 10:00 a.m.- "Sort and Pack" Day with Quayle UMC at Crown Heights. Come, work and laugh alongside our partners in this mission from Quayle.
- ◆ January 31 - all boxes packed and ready to be transported to Indiana.

If there are other times when you can come and pack boxes let me know and I will meet you at the church. I am usually there several times each week.

Operation Classroom has requested a contribution of \$11.50 per box to help defray the cost of shipping from Indiana to Liberia. Quayle, South Lee and Wesley are also to share in the shipping costs. Wesley will have sort and pack days at Wesley for their donated items, and Dr. Sharon Betsworth at OCU will be working with her students to get their boxes ready. These were destined for another location but they decided to join our mission and send their books to the Gbarnga Seminary. They will also be covering their shipping costs. We recently received approximately 40-45 boxes of math materials from Leland Clegg UMC as well. These will be shared with other schools in need in Liberia.

Thank you to the following for coming out on a very rainy, December 3, to our last "sort and pack" day: Larry and Joy White, Roxie McKnight, Julie and Kate Williams, Betty Langer and David, and Tom and Carol Weaver.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

by Brigette Gean

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 5th and that means it is time for "SOUPER BOWL OF CARING". Make plans to join your CHUM family in the Fellowship Hall as we share some delicious homemade soups with all the trimmings! I hear that the chicken noodle soup, the gumbo and the cheese soup are the best in town! It is pot luck, so bring your favorite soup/dessert to share. We will be caring for our neighbors by collecting soup cans and money for our food closet and for Skyline Food Pantry. Don't miss the fun!



Ethan has been taking guitar for a year with Henry, his teacher. He is really learning to play well.

WHIZ KIDS AND ARTS ACADEMY

by Janet Basler

THANK YOU!

The Whiz Kids tutoring program and the Arts Academy are two ministries of our church reaching out to the kids at Putnam Heights Elementary School. Whiz Kids is in its 9th year at our church, and the Arts Academy is in its 3rd year. As the coordinator for both these programs, I am so grateful for all the support and encouragement we get from the Crown Heights family.

The statistics say so much.

25 members of our church are actively involved in one or both of these programs. 26 Whiz Kids get help with their reading each week, and their 26 tutors get to bond and relate to a child each week. 61 art or music lessons are given to 42 second thru fifth graders each week.

25 high school & college students prepare and give these lessons each week as role models for their students. Bible stories & a God of Love are taught weekly for 29 weeks in Whiz Kids, and 24 weeks at the Arts Academy.

Statistics do say a lot, but the effects of all of this are heard in the comments, seen in the smiles, seen in improved reading scores, and will be seen far into the future in the lives of all involved.

Special thanks to the following members of Crown Heights for their presence and help this last semester.

- Hosting the Whiz Kids Family Christmas dinner - Glen & Brigette Gean
- Helping with the Christmas dinner preparations - Charlotte Trobaugh, Dolph Grolock, Tom Weaver, Sally Hayes, Evelyn Phyffer, Hilary Jones, & Charlene Jones.
- Rounding up gifts & books to give the Whiz Kids - Evelyn Phyffer, Julie Williams, Anita Roesler.
- Servers for Christmas dinner - Lee Endicott, Jeff Peters, Dianne Peters.
- Pianist for Christmas dinner - Marianne Searle.
- Substitute tutor for Whiz Kids - Carol Weaver.
- Bible Club time leader for Whiz Kids - Joy Robison.
- Bruce Pitts - driving the van all the time for both programs as well as being a Whiz Kids tutor.
- Charlene Jones - snack provider for Whiz Kids, & transportation for Arts Academy
- Taffy Fellingham - Whiz Kids tutor, & transportation for Arts Academy

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Volunteer servers from Crown Heights and Mayflower Congregational Church line up to get the plates of food for our Whiz Kids families and tutors at our annual Whiz Kids Christmas Dinner. Over 150 people were served wonderful food prepared by Brigette and Glen Gean. Carols were sung - in English & Spanish, gifts were given, and smiles & hugs abounded.



Kathie and her teacher, Mikaela, play a wonderful duet on their violins. Kathie is in her first year of violin lessons.

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- Susie Wallace, Lorrie Cates - helping weekly with the Arts Academy
- Sam Endicott, Olivia Langer, Hilary Jones - Arts Academy teachers
- Betty Langer - phone reminders about lesson times
- Mike Brown - delivering donuts each week for the Arts kids & teachers, and substitute help with the van
- Bob & Charlotte Trobaugh, Dolph Grolock, Jeff Peters, Lee Endicott, Evelyn Phyffer - Arts supporters at the recital
- Dianne Peters - substitute at Whiz Kids, song leader for Christmas dinner, & overall best cheerleader for both programs.



Thank you for all you have done.

If you would like to be a part of Whiz Kids we are looking for several new tutors to replace those who must leave at the semester. We meet each Thursday from 3-5 pm.

We are also looking for help in van transportation for the Arts Academy on Tuesday evenings from 5-8 pm, and for a drawing teacher and piano teacher. Teachers are needed for one or both sessions - 5:30-6:20 pm, or 6:20-7:10 pm.

Please continue to hold the Whiz Kids & Arts Academy in your prayers.



These two beginning piano students played a duet perfectly at the Arts Academy First Recital and Art Show.



The Arts Academy drawing students were asked in their first class of the semester to draw the best face they could. The picture on the left was Leontaz' best at the time. By the end of the class he drew the picture on the right.

REFLECTIONS OF MY MUSIC MINISTRY

by George Massey

Looking back on 17 & 1/2 years and 35 Cantatas, it surely went by faster than I would have ever imagined! Beginning formally in the fall of 1994, I really didn't see how I could keep up with a full-time job and duties at Crown Heights, and actually thought I might make it for 3 or 4 years. As time went along and I developed a process for planning and programming for our music ministry year, things did get easier and our choir progressed beautifully!

My first six months wasn't without its *moments* as Rev. Bill Johnston hired me, sight unseen, with no real search process, angering some members and with other demands from the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Although Bill wasn't ultimately the right match for CHUM, I will always be indebted to him for noting a trait in me that I was not aware that I possessed: the potential for music ministry leadership.

I have had the pleasure of learning from all four of my senior ministers as they each brought unique qualities to their position. They all had a special talent for delivering lovely eulogies at memorials and funerals for our members, a

wonderful way of learning more about their individual lives and accomplishments. As a 20-year educator, I have always endeavored to learn from my experiences, and at CHUM, the most profound learning experience was noting how our members progressed in age with grace and dignity, teaching us all.

My most treasured moments were with the Children's Summer Musical Theater presentations. Of course, I was motivated by allowing our son Brent and his CHUM friends a musical opportunity that would be of value. This new program was beautifully received by everyone and the outpouring of assistance from everyone made it possible. A very special thank you to Brigette Gean and her incredible artistic talents for our sets and backgrounds!

I always enjoyed the tremendous sense of humor exhibited by so many at the church. For my 50th birthday that actually fell on a Wednesday night choir rehearsal, I heard a knock on the door behind my music stand. Opening the door, I found

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Randy Auxier costumed as the *Grim Reaper*! He said nothing and merely walked straight through and out of the Choir Room. Judge Amick always brought forth his unique commentary and on that 50th birthday, he noted, George, *you don't look a day over 49.*" He also noted that during some of my Sunday absences for conferences, "the choir never sounded better!"

I certainly would not be qualified to deliver a sermon, but if I did, it would be entitled: **Ich bin ein Opern Saenger** (I am an Opera Singer.) I really believe that every person has one determining role in life, and that every aspect of my life was predestined through my training and experiences as a professional operative artist. As a truly bashful child, how I progressed into someone who eventually would sing in front of thousands of people – I'm not exactly sure how that occurred. As a child, I seemed happy to perform for family and friends, but I had to be in another room.

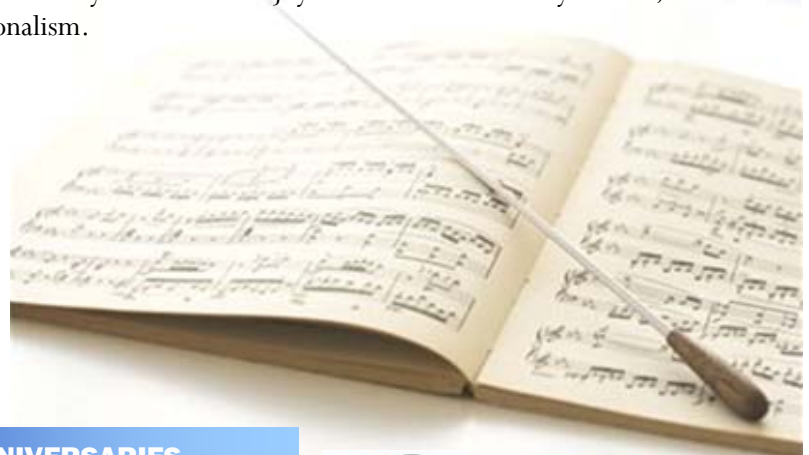
The overwhelmingly positive attitude that was necessary to run the gamut of demanding auditions for an agent, then literally a 100+ auditions for roles, gave me a superb confidence level that was difficult for some, especially, the academic community, to understand, but served me most positively during my ten year operatic career, my 20-year collegiate teaching career, and my new found career in full-time real estate.

It has always been my goal to inspire my choir and instrumentalists to move beyond their comfort range of musical performance by programming quite difficult music as we developed our musical skills. The scheduling of Haydn's **Little Organ Music**, Vivaldi's **Gloria** and John Rutter's **Requiem** and **Te Deum**, gave us the ability to very easily learn the cantatas, such as on my 35th anniversary Sunday. My most cherished compliment came from Dorothy Hammond, when she told me, "George, with you we know we can sing just about anything."

I can not adequately express to my beloved choir members what their service, dedication to CHUM and loyalty has meant to me and my entire family. My dear mother, Maureen, was so proud of us all, especially for the cantata presentations. My Dean of Graduate Students at the Cincinnati Conservatory, Dr. James Riley, told all of the voice majors to go find an accompanist that was better than we were. I found this person in Mariann Searle. Any success we enjoyed at CHUM over my tenure, would not have been possible without her incredible talent and professionalism.

Thanks to you all, and I wish everyone a prosperous 2012!!

George Massey



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Benjamin | John |
| Beverly | Julie |
| Brent | Kish |
| Christine | Lee |
| Dan | Lindsey |
| Dianne | Rosella |
| Eleanor | Steve |
| Jeanette | Wayna |
| Jim | |
| Joe | |

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Ginny



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember the family of Stanley Kitchens.

Our prayers are with Bruce Pitts as he grieves the passing of his birth mother, Mrs. June Justice. She lived in Bedford, Texas for the last two years. Prior to that she lived in Norman for 60 years where she had been a very active member of the First Baptist Church. She graduated from OU in 1943. Her service will be held at First Baptist in Norman on Friday, January 13th at 1:00 p.m.



2012 SERVANT LEADERS

Administrative Council:

Chairperson & Lay Leader	Bruce Pitts
Secretary	Rozz Grigsby
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Evelyn Phyffer
Alternate Lay Member	Janet Basler
Membership Secretary	Stacy Gilbert Coombe
UMW President	Charlene Jones
At Large member(s)	Dolph Grolock
+ chairpersons of committees and teams (*)	

Connecting and Serving

Missions Team:

Chairperson	*Janet Basler
Members:	Bruce Pitts, Glen & Brigitte Gean, Taffy Fellingham, Joy Robison, Janet Basler and Charlene Jones

Welcoming Team:

Chairperson	*Charlotte Trobaugh
Members:	Mike Brown, Jeff Peters, Betty Langer, Mara Porter and Larry Foster

Communications Team:

Chairperson	*Jeff Peters
Members:	Steve Barrymore, Susie Wallace, and Joy White Larry White—webmaster

CHUM Community Life

Fellowship Team:

Chairperson	*Brigitte Gean
Members:	Brigitte & Glen Gean, Charlene Jones, Sally Hayes
Meals Provider:	Sally Hayes
CHUM Café:	rotates

Worship Team:

Chairperson	*Lee Endicott
Members:	Mike Brown (ushers), Dolph Grolock, Jeff Peters and Mariann Searle

Care Team:

Chairperson	*Gail Foster
Members:	Phyllis Henry, Dolph Grolock, Edna Niles, Roxie McKnight, Kitty Ogburn, Colleen Bicket, Larry Foster, Jamie Gross, Elizabeth Anthony, and Joy White
Funeral Dinners:	Colleen Bicket

Growing Disciples

Children's Ministry Council:

Co-Chairs	*Susie Wallace & Wayna Tyner
Members:	Betty Langer, Jamie Gross, Ross & James Grigsby, + other parents

Youth Ministry Council:

Chairperson	*Julie Williams
Members:	Lee Endicott, Susie Wallace, David & Katie McKnight and Betty Langer, + youth representatives and parents of youth
Meals Coordinator:	Lee Endicott

Administrative Committees

Trustees:

Chairperson:	*Bill McKnight
2012	Beverly Endicott and Bill McKnight
2013	Carol Barrymore and Mike Brown
2014	Carol Weaver and Bob Trobaugh

Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

+ Lay Leader and Lay Member of Annual Conf.

Chairperson:	*Wayna Tyner
2012	Wayna Tyner, Katie McKnight, and Sue Brown
2013	Mary Brooks and Taffy Fellingham
2014	Taylor Gross and Joe Whitaker

Lay Leadership:

Chairperson:	Dianne Peters
2012	Joy Robison and Larry Foster
2013	DeLene Moore and Roxie McKnight
2014	Sally Hayes and Kitty Ogburn

Endowment Trustees:

Chairperson:	*Mike Brown
2013	Mike Brown and Charlotte Trobaugh
2015	Beverly Endicott and Elizabeth Anthony
2017	Roxie McKnight and Joy White

Finance:

Chairperson	*David McKnight
Vice-Chair	Colleen Bicket
Financial Secretary & Treasurer	Libby Campbell
Ad Council Chairperson & Lay Leader	Bruce Pitts
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Evelyn Phyffer
Trustees Chairperson	Bill McKnight
SPRC Chairperson	Wayna Tyner
Endowment Chairperson	Mike Brown



RE-IGNITE 2012: JANUARY 28

You and your family are invited to be a part of the Oklahoma City North and South districts' event on Saturday, January 28th, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, (15th and Robinson). Re-Ignite (aka Local Church Leaders Workshops) has expanded to include children, youth and adults in worship and learning together. All church members, who are seeking to enrich their leadership skills and grow in the faith journey, are encouraged to attend. This event provides a forum to share your ideas with other individuals from churches in your district, and also to gain new insights from well-prepared and skilled workshop leaders.

Schedule:

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Worship with Bishop Robert E. Hayes, Jr.
- 10:00-11:10 Workshops Session 1
- 11:15-12:20 Workshops Session 2
- 12:30 Lunch (by reservation only)*
- 1:15 District Conferences
- 2:00 Dismissal

Cost: \$10 (Make checks payable to Local Church Leaders Workshop)

Registration deadline: Monday, January 23

Register online or pick up a hard copy at the church.

Registration: <http://www.okumc.org/LCLW>

Child care is available for infants through 3 year olds. Call Roxanne at 232-2391 by January 14 to reserve a spot for your little one.

Older children (K-5th graders) are encouraged to be in worship and then attend the special classes just for kids. Youth are welcome to attend any of the workshops; some are specially designed for youth. Check out the options online at <http://www.okumc.org/LCLW>.

* Lunch registration can be included on your registration form or you can call Aly Shahan at 530-2198 or e-mail her at ashahan@okumc.org Lunch reservations are due by Monday, January 23.

SPERO NIGHT 2012

Spero Nights: Second Thursday of the Month

We can always use more helpers as we reach out to single moms each month, caring for them and their children by providing dinner, prayer, child care and groceries. These are the dates for 2012:

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| January 12 | May 10 | September 13 |
| February 9 | June 14 | October 11 |
| March 8 | July 12 | November 8 |
| April 12 | August 9 | December 13 |

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL 2012

Administrative Council Meetings for 2012

We usually will meet on the third Sunday, following worship.

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| January 15 | May 20 | Sept. 16 |
| February 19 | June 17 | October 21 |
| March 18 | July 15 | November 18 |
| April 22 | August 19 | December 9 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

We are so grateful that many of you went the second mile in helping to support our United Methodist connectional and missional ministries in 2011. While we missed the goal of paying 100%, we were able to cover 90% of these important ministries. Thank you for helping to make a Christian difference in the world in partnership with United Methodists across the globe!



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Leah Coleman	Nursery Assistant
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January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Epiphany Sunday NEW YEARS DAY 4:00 pm Youth	2 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	3	4 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting	5 2:45 pm Whiz Kids 6:30 pm NA Meeting	6	7
8 Baptism of Our Lord Noon SPRC Mtg. 4:00 pm Youth	9 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	10 5:00 pm Arts Academy	11	12 2:45 pm Whiz Kids 5:30 pm Spero 6:30 pm NA Meeting	13	14 10:00 am Book Packing
15 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Noon Finance and Ad Council 4:00 pm Youth	16 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:30 pm NA Meeting	17 5:00 pm Arts Academy	18	19 2:45 pm Whiz Kids 6:30 pm NA Meeting	20	21
22 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 4:00 pm Youth	23 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	24 5:00 pm Arts Academy	25	26 2:45 pm Whiz Kids 6:30 pm NA Meeting	27	28 9:00 am Re-Ignite at St. Luke's
29 4th Sunday after Epiphany 4:00 pm Youth	30 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	31 5:00 pm Arts Academy				