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CROWN HEIGHTS  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 2010

*From Dianne's Desk*

## BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!

We love because God first loved us. We bless others because we are grateful for the blessings we have received. Jesus, of course, is our model for being a blessing to the world. Through his words, his actions and his continuing presence among us, Jesus demonstrates God's heart of love for all people.

There are countless ways for us to bless others. Jesus clearly cared about people's physical needs, feeding the hungry and healing the ill. He came to the defense of those who were being mistreated with no sign of justice. He taught people about who they were and who God is. He sacrificed everything so that we might know the depth of God's love for us.

We've enjoyed hearing from several members of our congregation who shared their ways of being a blessing in the world, from working with Scouts, to helping job shadow students, to caring for service people stationed far away. More and more of you have filled out the pink form, listing the ways you care for others. Salvation Army, the Regional Food Bank, and Mobile Meals are just a few of the places that are being blessed by Crown Heights. Remember: the church is not a building, the church is the people. Each time we touch a life, reflecting the grace, commitment and care of Christ, we are being a blessing and extending the life of Crown Heights United Methodist Church. Without you, this is just an empty building. With you we become an instrument of God's healing and hope in the world.

What corner of the world is God longing to bless through you? We'd love to listen to your story!

Blessings, Dianne

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## CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference is This Sunday!  
November 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
Come help tell the story of Crown Heights!

## TIME CHANGE THIS WEEK-END

We get to "fall back" and enjoy an extra hour of sleep this weekend on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to change your clocks or just plan to join us at the 8:30 a.m. worship service!



## UPCOMING DATES

December 5  
Group outing to hear The Messiah, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.

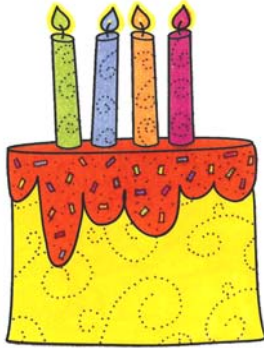
December 12  
Choir Cantata - Sunday morning, December 12 at the 11:00 a.m. service

December 19  
Dianne's Sermon in Song will be December 19 at both services



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Lucia, Jeanene, Mark, Robert, Carolyn, Aidan, Hannah, Richard, Holly, Duane, DeLene, Brigitte, Olivia, Valerie, Wylie, Tom, Mary, Charlene, Emma, Jennifer, Kacie and Ginny



**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Leroy & Sharon  
 Joe & Laura  
 Leonard & Edna  
 Richard & Anita

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**  
 by Jeff Peters

On Saturday, October 16th, ten folk from Crown Heights UMC and Wesley UMC worked for 6 hours to paint a Habitat for Humanity house in the Las Rosas neighborhood of southeast Oklahoma City.

A big thank you goes out to the following volunteers - Steve Barrymore, Janet Basler, Dolph Grolock, Kerra Fletcher, Jim and Sally Hayes, Jeff and Dianne Peters, Elyse Poland, and Erin West for their hard work, team work, and time.



Erin West from Wesley & Elyse Poland, Youth Director.

**MISSION TRIP TO COOKSON HILLS**  
 by Evelyn Phyffer

A mission trip to Cookson Hills is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17. It will be a joint project with Wesley UMC. Gay Abarr at Wesley is coordinating this effort. The group will leave from Wesley around 6:00 a.m. and return around 8:00 p.m.

While at Cookson Hills there will be opportunities to do yard work, some light housekeeping, assisting with the Christmas store and other tasks that the staff may request. There will also be an opportunity to interact with the clients from the area that they serve. The team will be joining them for lunch which will also be their Thanksgiving dinner. There is no charge for the lunch, but a \$5.00 donation is requested. There is no charge for the mission either.

Wesley has been doing this mission for several years and has asked if we would like to participate this year.

If you are interested in this no charge, one-day mission, you may contact Evelyn Phyffer at 209-0611 for more information.

**UMW RUMMAGE SALE**  
 by Charlotte Trobaugh

Thanks to everyone who supported the UMW Rummage and helped to make it a very successful event. Approximately \$1,058.00 was raised and donations have been given to both Community and Local Church mission endeavors.



Jim Hayes & Dolph Grolock.



**CHANCEL CHOIR**  
 by George Massey

**CHOIR INFO FOR THE FALL**

Wednesday Rehearsals:

November 3  
 November 17  
 December 1  
 December 8

Sundays:

November 7  
 November 21  
 December 5  
 December 12

Saturday Dress Rehearsal

December 11 10:00 – 12:30





## NOVEMBER SERMONS

- November 7 **All Saints' Day** II Timothy 4:1-8  
**Faith Keepers** Luke 18:9-17  
 Today we celebrate all those who have gone before us in the faith, sharing the stories, bearing the struggles, and simply loving Jesus. Who are your saints?
- November 14 **Peace with Justice Sunday** Isaiah 65:17-25  
**God's Justice and Joy** Luke 18:1-8  
 When will Isaiah's vision of the peaceable kingdom ever come true? What does it take to find justice in this world? Doesn't God care about "the little guy" and the widows?
- November 21 **Thanksgiving Sunday** Psalm 100  
**The Bread of God Gives Us Life!** John 6:25-35  
 Where are you feeding on the Bread of Life in your everyday living? According to Jesus in John's gospel, his bread is the food and foundation of our Thanksgiving.
- November 28 **Advent begins** Isaiah 2:1-5  
**The Gift of Uncertainty** Matthew 24:36-44  
 The season of Advent reminds us that we live "between the times," hanging on to our faith in Jesus while looking for his return. The scriptures remind us that only God knows "the day of his coming." We like to have things settled and predictable, but even Jesus joins us in living with uncertainty. Where is the gift in this gap?



### Advent Festival & Hanging of the Greens

Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

We're trying something a little different this year. Our annual decorating of the church for Advent and Christmas will be on Wednesday evening, December 1<sup>st</sup>, following a CHUM Café at 5:30 p.m. We'll need everyone's help to get the trees up and decorated, to hang the wreaths and lights, to frost the cookies and enjoy an intergenerational evening at Crown Heights. Please circle this date on your calendar and plan to join us!

#### UMW AND BC CLARK JEWELERS by Charlotte Trobaugh

With the Holiday season getting closer, we want to remind you about the funds which the UMW receives each time a CHUM member or friend of CHUM makes a purchase at B.C. Clark Jewelers.

For the Crown Heights United Methodist UMW to get credit for the purchases and receive 3% of the total purchases, all that one needs to do is:

- 1) Request a church coupon at the time of purchase.
- 2) Fill out your name, address, date of purchase and amount.
- 3) Designate the church name, address and zip code.



Checks are sent out twice a year. The UMW received a check this past Spring for \$135.00.

There will be reminder coupons located on the UMW Bulletin Board for you to take.

#### CHUM IS GOING TO "THE MESSIAH" by Brigette Gean

Canterbury Coral Society will perform "The Messiah" Sunday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. If we have enough interest, we will take the church van.

To purchase tickets, go to [www.canterburyokc.com](http://www.canterburyokc.com). Tickets range from \$20-\$45 per person.

Rev. Dianne will be singing with them this year. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for anyone that would like to take the church van. Contact Brigette Gean for any questions - 524-2849.

#### Congratulations!

Jonathan Shuart, son of Chris and Emily was baptized on Sunday, October 31.





**WHIZ KIDS TAKES OFF AGAIN**  
by Janet Basler

Our 9th year of Whiz Kids is one of our biggest years ever. We started off with 29 students and 29 tutors, along with 6 coordinators and 5 substitutes.

All the tutors were trained in a session on Sept. 16th. The experienced tutors were paired with the many new tutors this year, so the ins-and-outs of working with slow readers and the ways of Whiz Kids would not be so over-whelming.

The kids came in with huge smiles, and an eagerness to begin on September 23rd. They spread out all over the church to work individually with their tutors, reading, talking, writing, and playing reading games. By the second week, there were hugs, and much laughter as they became more comfortable with each other. From past experience, we know this closeness is what brings kids into a world of reading they've never known before.

Pastor Dianne Peters opens each session with prayer and announcements. Then she helps Joy Robison work with the children in the Club Time. This is a time when the children hear Bible stories, and sing songs that fit the stories (especially Joy's favorite -"I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Down in my Heart"). During this time we heard many kids who had attended VBS this summer repeat the VBS stories and songs enthusiastically.

Bruce Pitts, Taffy Fellingham, Libby Wheat, and Joe Whitaker work with their Whiz Kid each week, unfailingly. Carol Weaver comes as a sub when needed. Charlene Jones provides wonderful snacks for all, and Janet Basler comes in late to close down the building.

Whiz Kids is a 'goose bumpy' time to be at the church. Drop by sometime around 4 pm on Thursdays and experience this ministry from God for our church.



Alex & Joanna



Caitlyn & Jean



DaCira & Mary Kathryn



Dottie & Christian



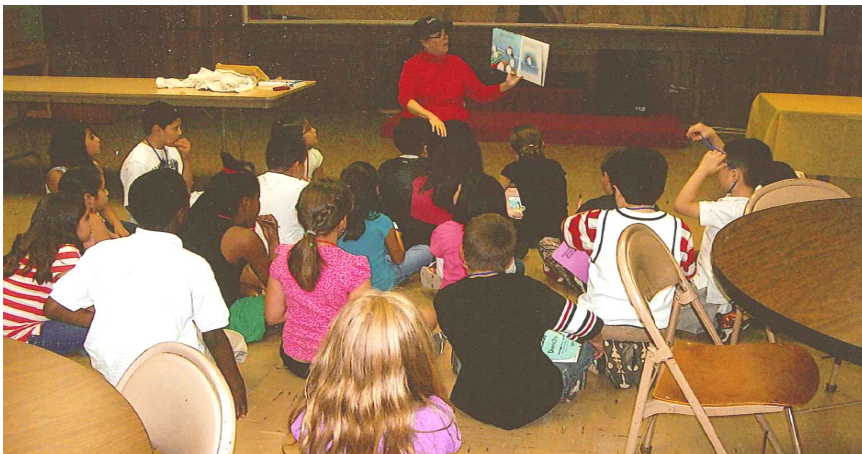
**ARTS ACADEMY ENCOURAGES ARTISTS**  
 by Janet Basler



Lloyd & Damion

September 21st was a huge day in the life of the Arts Academy at Crown Heights United Methodist Church. 40 children, second thru fifth graders from Putnam Heights, met their music and art teachers for the first time. 25 high School and college age artists and musicians met their students and began a journey into helping the youngsters become all God has created them to be.

Mike and Sue Brown jumped in with both feet that night. Sue started each of the two sessions by reading a fabulous book about how God creates everything in creative ways. Then they learned sign language about God and his greatest creation, THEM. Mike had arranged with Brown's Bakery to have donuts for everyone each night, so everyone went away with a donut in hand.



Sue Brown reads a story before art lessons.

Bruce Pitts, Taffy Fellingham, and Charlene Jones took the van around the neighborhood four times to provide transportation to the children whose parents couldn't get them to the church. Susie Wallace and Elizabeth Hepner (formally Elizabeth Foster) helped monitor the children, take up money, and help teachers find their supplies.

Earlier in the week, Stacy Gilbert made arrangements for pianos to be moved to the school for practicing, and for those and five others at the church to be tuned.

Guitars, piano music, clay, and cameras were readied for the classes. Janet Basler moved the drum set to a quiet place for lessons, scheduled the classes, and trained all the teachers. Charlotte Trobaugh gathered and purchased art supplies, and cleaned and organized our new Art Room next to the Whiz Kids room.

God has been working mightily in all the preparations for this wonderful week to happen. The Petree Grant we received last year made all of the purchases possible. The faith and commitment of our church members made it all come together. The young adults who have committed to be teachers and care for these children are inspired by God. The smiles on the children's faces and their enthusiasm is God's gift to all of us.



Jessica & Whitney



Kassy, Perla, Victoria, Stephanie & Alex, sculpting.

### DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES SEARCH

Crown Heights is now looking for a part-time Director of Children's Ministries who would help coordinate and staff our Whiz Kids tutoring program and our Arts Academy, as well as providing Sunday morning and seasonal programming for our congregation's children. If you know someone who loves kids and has a heart for reaching out to those little ones in our neighborhood, please have them call Rev. Peters, 524-8428.

### BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!

A big "Thank you" goes to all those who have turned in their estimate of giving cards for 2011. If this has slipped to the bottom of your "to do" list, please take a moment to send in your card or simply call the church office and leave a message for Libby Campbell. Your faithful giving makes a huge difference in what we are able to do as a congregation! We look forward to hearing from you.



### THANKS, TRUSTEES!

Be sure to give Julie Armstrong and the rest of our Trustees a big hug the next time you have a chance! They have been very busy with getting our building repaired after the devastation of the hail storm this spring. Our stained glass windows are all repaired or replaced (check out the new ones in the library!) and the tile roofs are nearing completion. There are several other ongoing projects too. We are so fortunate to have people who dedicate themselves to caring for our Crown Heights building! Thank you so much!

### ANGEL TREE

The annual Angel Tree will be arriving in early December and will be located in the Narthex. Keep a look out.



### DONATE YOUR CELL PHONES TO EIA

Crown Heights UMC and Engineers In Action are holding a cell phone recycling fundraising program.

- ◆ The EPA considers cell phones hazardous waste because they contain lead, mercury, arsenic, and cadmium that leach into our environment through our landfills
- ◆ An estimated 500 million tons of cell phones are discarded each year with most ending up in landfills adding toxic substances to our soil and water tables.
- ◆ Over 45% of the world's population own a cell phone. Many areas of developing countries without landlines, have access to cell phones.
- ◆ Approximately 60% of recycled cell phones have resale value in the developing world which deduces the number of phones manufactured globally each year. Recycling cell phones provides cheap access to cell phones in these countries, improving the economy and quality of life.
- ◆ Through refining, unusable cell phones are shredded and smelted to recover and reuse various materials, keeping them from polluting our environment.

Throughout November, Crown Heights UMC will have a drop box located in the Narthex. Bring all unused cell phones, whether they work or not, and put them in our drop box.

Proceeds from the recycling of cell phones will go to Engineers In Action (EIA)., EIA is a non-profit organization created by Skiatook (Oklahoma) First UMC. EIA develops partnerships to bring potable water, sanitation and irrigation to remove indigenous Bolivian villages. They also do follow-up for sustainability of these projects so that they can last a lifetime. EIA's partners include US and Bolivian Rotary Clubs, Engineers Without Borders, US engineering universities, Habitat for Humanity/Bolivia and others. EIA grew out of Bolivia/Oklahoma Methodist Partnership., For more information on EIA go to their website at: [www.engineersinaction.org](http://www.engineersinaction.org).

Let's fill up that box, improve the environment and support a worthy cause.



## GET TO KNOW OUR YOUTH MINISTER

by Elise Poland

I cannot begin to explain how excited I am for this opportunity to work with the Wesley Heights Youth group. You are taking a leap of faith allowing me to teach and grow with your teenager without any information about me. So I want to tell you the basics of me, and then, hopefully, we can work together to build a great program.

My name is Elyse Poland. I grew up in Jones, Oklahoma and now reside in Oklahoma City, with brief stays in Lubbock, TX and Siemianowice Slaskie, Poland. I have my B.A. in History from University of Central Oklahoma and am currently working towards my M.A. in Religion at Oklahoma City University. I was raised Methodist and continually appreciate the perspective of John Wesley's quadrilateral. I have taught 7th grade Social Studies in the public school system, and I wish to continue to teach in the future while never ceasing to learn.

I am an avid traveler who is always looking for the next adventure. I have been to many countries, mostly in Eastern Europe, but not as many as I wish to see in my lifetime. While in high school, my family hosted a foreign exchange student from Poland who incidentally I came to think of as my sister. I actually just returned mid-September from a visit to Poland for her wedding. My favorite color is red. My favorite food is Gramma's biscuits and gravy, and my favorite beverage is a Pumpkin Spice Latte (I'm a sucker). If you were wondering who the handsome man is that accompanies me on Sunday mornings, I'll be glad to share. He is my boyfriend, Will Heise, who will also be helping me minister to the youth. He also grew up Methodist, but in Guymon, OK and is now a 3rd year medical student at University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center after having received his B.S in Microbiology from Oklahoma State University. We look forward to making Crown Heights and Wesley United Methodist Churches home.

As stated above, I truly look forward to learning from your teenagers and growing together in faith. I believe that is accomplished through weekly gatherings, as well as missions, lock-ins, fellowship, and even some one-on-one mentoring, if needed. In the time I have been involved thus far, the youth have told me of many activities they want to do throughout the year, YouthForce, paintball, Skyline, movies, etc... We are in the planning stages of 2 weekend retreats, one separate girls'/boys' retreat and a Senior retreat. I also have been in touch with a friend trying to arrange a mission in Honduras. This would consist of gathering school supplies, email penpals, and maybe, just maybe, a trip there. I am even excited to report the youth are also interested in learning more about the Bible, more specifically the Hebrew Scriptures. So any given Sunday evening you may overhear some discussion over the people who formed our traditions from the very beginning. Beginning on November 7, 2010 our meeting time will alter slightly. A typical Sunday night will look like this:

5:00 - 5:40 p.m.	Jr. High lesson (grades 6-8)
5:40 - 6:20 p.m.	Food, Fellowship, Fun for both Jr. & Sr. Highs together, and
6:20 - 7:00 p.m.	Sr. High lesson

I want to be available to the youth and yourselves via email, phone, and Facebook. I am a college student, so there really are no guaranteed do-not-call times. You will generally be able to reach me whenever. I look forward to hearing from you to hear your hopes for our youth as well.

Again, thank you for putting your faith in me, but more importantly in your teenager. We do this for him/her.

Cell phone - 306-5315 or email [youth@crowheightsumc.org](mailto:youth@crowheightsumc.org)



## OUR NEW MUSIC ASSISTANT

by Vahn Phollurxa

Vahn Phollurxa is excited to become a new member of Crown Heights Methodist church serving as the music assistant. Vahn is a student at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, studying under the Vocal Performance degree. His main focus is Music Theatre Accompaniment. He is also employed at Northwest Optimist Performing Arts center in Nichols Hills. Last summer Vahn played the keyboard for "High School Musical", "Wizard of Oz" and a thrown together children's musical called "happily ever after" (princess and the pea). Vahn grew up in Chickasha, Oklahoma, playing Tennis most of his life. He would like to thank Mariann Searle for this opportunity, as well as his family for their immense support.

**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

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 **November 2010** 

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 6:00 p.m. Wedding
7 Twenty-Fourth SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 3:30 pm Charge Conf. 5:00 pm Youth - Wesley	8 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:30 pm NA Meeting	9 5:30 pm Arts Academy	10 6:00 pm Bible Connections 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 3:00 pm Whiz Kids 6:30 pm NA Meeting	12	13
14 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 am Finance 4:00 pm SPRC 5:00 pm Youth - CHUM	15 Eat at Johnnies 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:15 pm Ad Council 6:30 pm NA Meeting	16 5:30 pm Arts Academy	17 Trip to Cookson Hills 6:00 pm Bible Connections	18 3:00 pm Whiz Kids 6:30 pm NA Meeting	19	20
21 Thanksgiving SUNDAY 5:00 pm Youth - Wesley	22 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:30 pm NA Meeting	23 5:30 pm Arts Academy	24 NO Bible Connections 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	25 Thanksgiving Day 6:30 pm NA Meeting	26 Office Closed	27
28 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 5:00 pm Youth - CHUM	29 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:30 pm NA Meeting	30 5:30 pm Arts Academy				

