



# Nichols Hills United Methodist Church

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- 8/8, 8:30 - Worship & Holy Communion
- 9:30 - Sunday School
- 10:50 - Worship
- 12:00 - Holy Communion
- 5:00 - Youth Fellowship
- 8/9, 1:00 - Bridge Group
- 8/10, 10:00 - Staff Meeting
- 5:30 - Covenant Discipleship Group
- 8/11, 9:00 - Heritage Committee
- 12:15 - Weight Watchers
- 8/12, 9:00 - Artist Group
- 8/15, 8:30 - Worship & Holy Communion
- 9:30 - Sunday School
- 10:50 - Worship
- 12:00 - Holy Communion
- 5:00 - Youth Fellowship
- 8/16, 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 5:00 - Education Committee
- 8/17, 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 10:00 - Staff Meeting
- 5:30 - Covenant Discipleship Group
- 8/18, 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 9:00 - Heritage Committee
- 9:00 - Bulk Newsletter Committee
- 12:15 - Weight Watchers
- 8/19, 9:00 - Artist Group
- 9:00 - Children's Day Out
- 8/20, 9:00 - Children's Day Out

## Fall Welcome on Wednesday begins August 25 at 5:30 with Family Fun Picnic Night

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a picnic and games!  
Everyone is invited & bring your friends!



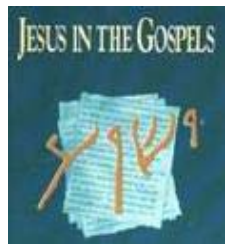
## You are invited to our Children's Day Out Open House Wednesday, August 25 during our Fall WOW Kickoff

It's time to celebrate getting back into our rooms! While you are attending the first fall Welcome on Wednesday drop by the Children's Day Out area and look at the refinished rooms. Stefanie Rollins, our CDO director, will be on hand to walk you through the rooms. Be sure to look at the "before" and "after" photographs she has taken.



## Disciple Bible Study Jesus In the Gospels

Come explore the Gospel texts in this Disciple Bible Study with a guided and beneficial focus on Jesus. The group will meet weekly (except for holidays) for the 30 weeks for this in-depth study. In that time you will learn to see and hear the stories of Jesus in new ways and learn to use the historical setting to help with your own interpretation of the Gospels. Rev. Janice Meese will be your teacher.



Daily assigned Bible readings will steer you through each lesson and will include Old Testament readings related to the Gospels. The lessons include historical information, explanations of concepts and technical vocabulary, charts, and more are included. Your study will involve the use of three components--the Bible, a study manual, and Gospel Comparisons; selected Gospel portions from the New Revised Standard Version printed side by side for your easy comparison.

For more information attend a brief meeting after the 10:50 a.m. worship on August 15 in the conference room located in the office area at the east entrance. A calendar and other basics will be discussed at that time.

2.03 tons of paper has been recycled in June from the paper recycle bin in the church's parking lot. Recycle your papers, junk mail, and packing papers in the recycle bin (no phone books or cardboard, please). Do your best to reuse and recycle.

**No newsletter next week**



## A Stone's Throw . . . .!

I imagine that it is a bit ironic that I would choose as the fifth of the five most important sayings in the Gospel of John a section of scripture that was probably not originally part of his Gospel at all! Most scholars agree that the section of John that we focus on this week was not included in any of the manuscripts of John before the sixth century and no Greek writer commented on this story for a thousand years following the writing of the Gospel of John. It is pretty clear to me that this story was not original part of John's gospel.

On the other hand, the story that we focus on was indeed floating around the Christian community with a good deal of credibility. It was placed in Luke's gospel for awhile and in another section of John's gospel at different times. What strikes me is that it was important enough that it was carried forward in spite of the fact that its original location was in question! It was important enough to hold on to and, in the end, to be placed in the spot where it currently resides in the gospel of John.

My father used to say, "Oh that is just a stone's throw from here!" He meant that whatever it was we were talking about was very close, either by geographical location or by meaning, to where we were. He once said that this story "was just a stone's throw from the truth--for all of us!" I was never sure which character in the story he was referring to, but grew to understand that it did not make any difference. It was true of all the characters in this story.

This is one of the most significant stories in the entire Bible--not just the Gospel of John. It lays a foundation for principles that will change everything! When we understand this story, it changes things for us. This Sunday, we will conclude "John's Fabulous Five" with a look at this story. Do you want to know what the story is?

See you on Sunday! - Rev. Dr. Randy L. Scrapper

## Sponsors Needed Now for Mission Candle & Chancel Flowers

We have immediate openings to sponsor the **Mission Candle**. For a donation of \$25 you can help to support our missionary, Rev. Meridith Whitaker, Director of Cookson Hills Center United Methodist Mission, a mission project to the Cherokee Indians in Cookson Hills, OK. You may choose to honor or memorialize a friend or family member. **Our first opening is September 12.** To sponsor the Mission Candle call Karen at 842-1486, or sign up at the office bulletin board.



Openings for **Chancel Flowers** begin on **Aug. 22** & continue through Nov. 7, excluding Sept. 5, 12 & 19. The cost for flowers is \$62.50. To sponsor the Chancel Flowers call Karen at 842-1486 or sign up at the office bulletin board.



## Safe Sanctuary Training Sept. 11

The Safe Sanctuaries program encompasses policies and procedures, in addition to background checks, for church staff and volunteers who work with children. A training session in all aspects of the program will be held from 9:30-3:00 at the United Methodist Ministry Center, 1501 NW 24th Street. The training is free and open to the public. People who are encouraged to attend from NHUMC are children's Sunday school teachers, CDO and nursery child care workers, volunteers and interested adults who work with youth, and Children's Council and CDO Advisory Board members.



Reservations for the class are requested by Sept. 8. Although there is not a fee, a lunch count is needed. Contact Ann Browning at 530-2199 or [abrowning@okumc.org](mailto:abrowning@okumc.org).

## Join Us for NHUMC's First Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

This is an opportunity to make the Bible come alive by seeing, touching, and breathing the very places you have only read about until now.

**June 18-30, 2011**

Rev. Janice Meese will be your spiritual guide. Vicki Gilstrap is your planning guide. This will be a customized, classical Holy

Land pilgrimage. The tour of sights will be intermingled with times for worship and devotion to make the trip even more memorable. Experienced guides will keep our tour interesting and stirring. Comfortable accommodations and transportation will help you relax and enjoy. Brochures with specific information concerning the itinerary, hotels, and the pilgrimage itself will be available soon.



The cost is approximately \$4,000 and includes airfare, accommodations, ground transportation, tours, breakfast and dinner, entrance fees, gratuities, taxes, service charges, medical insurance and more. Planning and information meetings will be scheduled. If you are interested please call or e-mail Rev. Meese at [jmeese@nicholshillsumc.org](mailto:jmeese@nicholshillsumc.org).

## Adult Sunday Class News

**Kiva Class** - On August 8, Kay Musser will let us know about her experience at Annual Conference in May. On August 15, Linda Howell has scheduled John Kennedy to discuss *Science and Religion*. - Sherron Evans

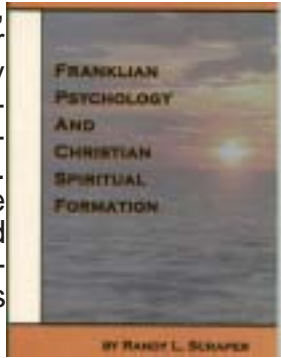


**Roundtable Class** - We have a few people to keep in our prayers for this week. I am glad to report that Jim Buchanan is making some progress, Mrs. Jeanne Zerboni is in Noman and needs our prayers, John Marshall is up but still can use our prayers. Mary Zacharitz also needs to be kept on our prayer list.

Our lessons for the next two weeks are both from Phillipians chapters 2 and 3. Sunday's lesson on August 8 is entitled *Giving of Oneself* from Phillipian 2:1-13. For August 15 our lesson is entitled *Living Into the Future*, and the background reading is Phillipians 3:7-16. See you Sunday! - Ray Greene

### Dr. Scrapper's Book Available in the Church Office

*Franklin Psychology and Christian Spiritual Formation*, written by Dr. Randy Scrapper, sums up the work of Dr. Viktor Frankl and "applies Logotherapy and Logo philosophy to the Christian spiritual formation methodology know as 'the three ways.'" Dr. Scrapper's book is available in the church office for \$20. If you would like a copy please submit your payment & pick up a copy in Karen's office.



### Vote for Skyline Urban Ministry

Skyline needs you to vote each and every day for the rest of July to win a \$50k grant from Pepsi for school clothing for children in need! We will be short in the number of children we can serve for back-to-school clothes if we don't get enough people voting every day. We've already taken over 500 applications from kids needing new school clothes for this school year. The grant is not automatic. You must vote on-line for Skyline to win! Please help Skyline be in the top 10 this week. **The link is:** <http://www.refresheverything.com/clothesforkids>. Click on the "Vote" button, fill in the information, click on the "sign in" button, click on the "vote" button again to cast your vote. Repeat the next day. If you'd like a daily reminder to vote, please, email [grgriffin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grgriffin@sbcglobal.net)

## Children's Area News



Progress is being made in our children's areas. Ceiling tiles have been replaced and walls have been painted. Children's Day Out has moved back into their rooms and the final details will be completed soon.

During the next few weeks and months light construction will continue.

Some of it will be work we had decided to do earlier, such as update the flooring and place a hand washing sink in the crafts room on the second floor. We will be moving the Sunday School into the nursery until all work is completed.

Please watch for announcements and signs that indicate where your child's room is located. We will try to make this as simple as possible, but again, our main concern is for the safety of our children. - Rev. Dr. Janice K. Meese



## Children's Sabbath

Children's Sabbath 2010 will be celebrated Sunday, September 26. Children are invited to help lead worship, which includes singing in the choir, serving as liturgists, and ushering. Please place the date on your calendar and let me know if your children will be available to participate. Call Rev. Meese at 842-1486 or e-mail [jmeese@nicholshillsumc.org](mailto:jmeese@nicholshillsumc.org). - Rev. Meese



**Way to Go NHUMC! Skyline Urban Ministry asked for your help and you really came through! Skyline needed donations to purchase Clothes for Kids back-to-school clothing and you donated \$9,031 since June!! You did a great thing for kids who needed school clothing. Thank you so much to those who helped!**

### Lectionary Reading

August 8

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

August 15

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Hebrews 11:29--12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

### Cares & Concerns

Epworth Villa: Marybell Luper  
Inn at Canterbury:  
June Parsons  
Sterling House:  
Dorothy Graham  
Town Village: Nancy Garrett & Mary Zachritz

### At Home

Jim Carmichael, B. C. Clark,  
Sue Ann Hyde, Beth Jordan,  
Virginia Marshall, Martha McCauley, Marian Pope, Theda Stevenson, Barbara Sullivant & Joyce Wilson.



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## Oasis Youth

### Yahoo!

I have been fortunate to have been a part of the Nichols Hills United Methodist Church for many months now and I have to say that I am excited about what is going on. As the great prophet Bob Dylan once said, "These times, they are a changin'" and I think that is exactly what is happening at this church and in our youth group. Our youth group is growing and not only in numbers, but in spirit. I know that this youth group has amazing power to do incredible things and nothing is going to stop us from that potential. Even when faced with the adversity of water damage from the flood of '10, we are going to overcome and do some much needed remodeling to one of our youth rooms. I am so excited about what is going on in this group and I hope you are as well. And if your not, talk to me sometime and you will be. We are going to be the people God made us to be and nothing is going to stop us! Yahoo in Christ! - Andy Nelms



### Needed!

We are in the process of planning a Back-to-School Bash and we need your help! If you happen to have a pool that you are willing to let us use please let me know. If you don't have a pool, but would still like to help, we can surely use you as well. Please contact Andy Nelms by calling the church or email [andy.nelms@gmail.com](mailto:andy.nelms@gmail.com).



### Coming Up!

Coming this fall we are going to start youth on Wednesday nights which we will call *Oasis Time!* Each Wednesday night beginning on August 25th (the first night of WOW) we will attempt to experience God in a new way whether it be in different worship styles, liturgy, interactive prayer, silent prayer, etc. We are going to make it our mission to find God and find our rest in God. May we all find the peace that we are so deeply in need of!

