

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

## Bringing in the Harvest

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." -*Matthew 9:35-38*

Have you ever thought about the way that Jesus did ministry? In Matthew 9:35 you see Jesus doing three kinds of ministry: teaching, preaching, and healing. Jesus did not wait for people to come to him; instead, he took the initiative to go where the people lived to minister to them. He taught them how God wanted them to live. He preached to them about the Good News of God's love, grace, forgiveness, and salvation. He also ministered to people who were sick and hurting by offering them healing.

Then, in Matthew 9:36 you begin to see what motivated Jesus to minister to people. He had compassion for them. Jesus loved people, and it grieved him to see children, youth, and adults who were struggling in life. He wanted to bless them and help them experience the love and grace of the God who had created each of them in God's very own image.

Finally, in Matthew 9:37 you see how Jesus invited his disciples to join him in ministering to people. He identified people's needs, and he empowered his disciples to go and minister to those needs. Even though Jesus was the Son of God, he knew that he needed the disciples to help his ministry grow and impact more and more people.

Jesus calls you and me to share in his ministry, and on Sunday we are going to talk about four ways that you can serve in ministry and help bring in the harvest. The first way is to pray for people who don't have a church home and to pray for the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the harvest. The second way for you to serve in the harvest is to find a way to invite the person you have been praying for to come to church with you. The third way to serve in the harvest is to teach someone you know what Jesus has taught you. The fourth way for you to serve in the harvest is to offer healing in the name of Jesus. On Sunday we will discuss in more depth each of these four ways to help bring in the harvest of ministry. I hope you will invite someone you know to come with you to worship with us at 8:30 or 10:50.

I am so grateful for the way God blessed our church in 2016, and I wanted to share some of our ways God has blessed us. In 2016, 22 people joined our church. It is always exciting to meet new people and welcome them into the life of our church. Thank you for the hospitality you show to our guests.

We have also experienced an outpouring of generosity in our congregation over the last few years. Between 2013 and 2016 we have seen 22% growth which is \$122,880 in the amount of money committed to ministry through our pledges to fund God's ministry through our church. I want to thank each of you who give so generously to be part of what God is doing through our church. I also want to thank you for the way you gave generously through the Advent Conspiracy in December. Our church received \$9,934.60 to bless children in need. This amount did not include the food and hygiene donations that were given for the John Marshall Neighborhood Market. Of this money, \$6,634.60 will go to support the John Marshall Neighborhood Market, and \$3,300.00 will be used to sponsor six children through Compassion International. Thank you for the way you give to make a Christian difference.

Blessings,  
Trevor

## Ministry Calendar

### Sunday, January 22

Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 10:50 a.m.

### Monday, January 23

Trustee Meeting at 5:30 p.m.  
Women's A.A. Group, 5:30 p.m.  
Boy Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 25

Newsletter Folding at 10:00 a.m.  
Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
I Am a Church Member Study begins at 6:00 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, January 26

College and Young Adult Group at 7:00 p.m.

### Friday, January 27

John Marshall Market, 10:30-12:30

### Saturday, January 28

Scout Pinewood Derby, 10:00 a.m.

### Monday, January 30

Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m.



## Welcome!

David Lawrence and  
Annie Heinzelmenn joined our  
church on January 8, 2017.

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### The Learning Center

(405)842-5325

## Ministry Opportunities

### Hospitality Greeters

Do you like to smile and talk to people? Are you enthusiastic about our church? If so, please consider becoming one of the Sunday Morning Greeters. If this is an opportunity you would enjoy, please see Alfred Walker for more details.

### Coffee Hosts

Coffee hosts provide 8-9 dozen cookies. At the close of the 10:50 Service, the host(s) stand by the cookie table in the Narthex and greet people. We have openings for coffee hosts for **January 29, and all of February**. To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

### Altar Guild

The sacrament of communion is a meaningful and important part of our weekly worship. If you are interested in helping prepare the table, please contact Carol Magness at 405-640-4429 or Janet Jones at 405-627-1566.

Serving in Altar Guild this month are: Mary Ann Carmichael, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, and Jean Warner.

### Transportation Ministry

Would you like to bring joy to someone by bringing them to church? If you would like to join our transportation ministry contact the church at 405-842-1486.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, January 8.

The coffee hosts are Bill and Sandra Smith.

The chancel flowers are given by General Bill Bowden in honor of Andy Bowden, son, Houston, Texas.

## Cares and Concerns

### Epworth Villa

Maxine Asch, Joanne Crosby, Bonnie Miller, and Sylvia Miller

### Town Village

Joanna Garnett

### The Fountains at Canterbury

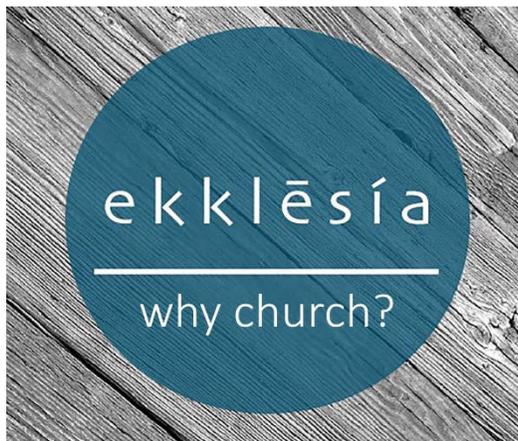
Barney and Virginia Brown  
Anita Dahlgren

### Autumn Leaves

Bill and Katie Alexander

### At Home

Roger Etling, Ann Flesher,  
Jess and Bette Harris, Dale Jordan,  
Frances Lewis, David Mueller,  
and Maxine Permenter



*the hope of the world* and why being part of the church will bless you and build you up in the year to come.

<b>January 22</b>	<i>Bringing in the Harvest</i>
<b>January 29</b>	<i>Beautiful Feet</i>
<b>February 5</b>	<i>Our Mission</i>
<b>February 12</b>	<i>The Body of Christ</i>



Rev. Matt Patrick

## Young Adult Group Returns This Week

This week, our college and young adult group *Remain* returns! I'm excited about all that this new ministry has accomplished in the last year. We are reaching around 30 unique college and young adults in the OKC area. We meet together on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. for dinner, fellowship and Bible study. We will begin our year studying the Book of Genesis and what it means to be human and made in the image of God. I hope that if you have an 18-23 year old in your life that doesn't have a church home, invite them to consider joining us on a Thursday night! I'm looking forward to all of the new possibilities coming up in our new year.

-Matt

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Tausha Davison

Marie L. Masterson, an associate professor at Dominican University writes, "It's not the letter 'A' or the letter 'B' or the letter 'C' that's going to make a life-long difference to a child. They will learn to read. We will engage them in wonderful logic and thinking and higher level cognitive skills. We want to have rich language interactions and make this a real learning community, but what they'll remember about us is not what we say but rather how we make them feel about their relationship with us." She goes on to say the following about addressing challenging behaviors, "We know that children who experience good feeling in their connection with an adult when they are young will continue to seek those good feelings through school experiences with teachers for the rest of their lives. If their early experiences are not positive, they will quickly disengage from the entire learning process."

As Early Childhood Educators at The Learning Center, our common core belief is to give those good feelings to each child and family that we encounter through our program. Our hope is to give a solid foundation of being a good individual through the teachings of Christ in our every day engagements with the hope that they, in return, will do the same for others.

- Tausha Davison,  
Curriculum Specialist  
and Guest Columnist

## Children's Ministry

I hope everyone is having a great week and enjoyed the long weekend!

Our Children's Ministry is off to a great start this year! The kids will be practicing with Michael Wylder for the next time they sing at the 10:50 a.m. service, so please make sure they attend Sunday school so they can start learning the new songs!

We will be having a Children's Ministry Committee meeting in the near future so please keep an eye out for that date!

I am so excited for everything that's happening in our Children's Ministry, and I would love for you and your family to be a part of it!

I hope to see everyone on Sunday!

-Madison



Madison Chillless

## John Marshall High School Ministry Update

The John Marshall Neighborhood Market is growing every week. We are enjoying getting to know the students better, and we are working to add some additional shelving to give us more room for the food. We were disappointed to miss Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, due to the schools closing for the snow, but we were more proactive the following week and served the students on Thursday in anticipation of schools being closed last Friday. The students were very grateful because they were going to be off for Martin Luther King, Junior Day as well.

- We currently have served 145 individual students. We have been averaging about 77 students visiting the pantry over the last three weeks.
- We receive about 1,300 lbs. of food each month from the Regional Food Bank. Due to our high numbers, next month we will be given an increase in our food allocation.

Six members of our church are serving weekly in this ministry, and other members are helping with various other aspects behind the scenes. Still others have expressed an interest in serving.

### On-going Needs for the Neighborhood Market:

- **Women's Deodorant\***
- **Toothpaste\***
- **Small Laundry Detergents** (10 oz size is best for them to carry home)\*
- **Snacks** (bars, crackers, etc.) Anything that you can find a good deal on.
- **Travel Toiletries** (the students love the shampoo, conditioners, and shower gels)

\*You can usually find these at the Dollar Tree or other dollar stores.

## The John Marshall Clothing Closet

We are in the initial stages of setting this up and defining the needs for this ministry. We currently need clothing for students in 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades in adult sizes XS-2XL.

- **Sports Bras**
- **Coats/Jackets** - Anything warm that you might have that a middle school or high school student could or would wear to school.
- **Hats or Gloves** - It really helps us if these items are clean and ready to distribute.
- **T-Shirts** (to be used for athletic practice). No private school names/logos or inappropriate topics. Thunder, old race shirts, OU, OSU, etc. would be great!
- **Gym Shorts** (to be used for athletic practice). Again, no private school logos. They would like these to be longer for the girls. Basketball shorts would be great.

**If you have any of these items, please hang them in the coat closet in the Narthex as soon as possible.**

**Volunteers Still Needed** - If you feel called to get involved with this ministry, please contact Stephanie Henry ([sajhmom@aol.com](mailto:sajhmom@aol.com) or 405-850-5518). We can use help stocking shelves, shopping for supplies, organizing the clothing closet, etc.

## Manage Your Giving Online And Use Our QR Code

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Visit the church website at [www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org).

Click on the blue *Make A Donation* button. Then follow the online instructions.

We also have a QR Code that you can scan with your cell phone to donate. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Glass at the church 405-842-1486.



## Birthdays

01/19	Sue Ann Hyde
01/22	Katie Alexander
01/24	Mary Crownover Barbara Dean Lou Kerr Mason Martin Marjorie Polk
01/25	Fletcher Hill
01/28	Ken Blakley Morgan Hunt Stuart Hunt Rosemary Scalpone
01/30	Nick Berry

**If your birthday isn't included in our list, please contact the church office (405-842-1486) to be added.**

## Chicago Mission Trip

At Nichols Hills U.M.C., we believe that it is important to not only build the kingdom of God within in our own community, but to also pour into other communities around the world. We have an opportunity coming up this Spring for you to travel to Chicago to accomplish that mission with us.

We are planning a mission trip to serve for one week (Saturday, March 11 through Friday, March 17) at the United Church of Rogers Park in northern Chicago. While there, we will serve at the church's after school program, prepare a community garden and help with assorted maintenance tasks around the church.

We will be staying and serving at the United Methodist Church of Rogers Park in Northeastern Chicago. There is a great need in this neighborhood, and we will partner with the local Methodist Church.

The cost is \$350. A \$150 deposit is required.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Matt Patrick at 918-978-9102 or [mpatrick9376@gmail.com](mailto:mpatrick9376@gmail.com).

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## Sunday School Classes - Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

**The Brew Class:** *Meets in the Room 131* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” for fellowship and discussion on topics that provide insight and support for staying on the pathway of a Christian lifestyle in today’s world. For more information about “The Brew” please contact: Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

**KIVA Class:** *Meets in the Parlor* - Professor John Starkey from O.C.U. will teach the class on Christianity and Four Religions. Leaders: Mike and Pama Palmer.

**Reveille Class:** *Meets in the Library* - Do you like to see how your faith impacts your everyday life? Join us for a discussion of how the Bible speaks to the current events in our lives. Teacher: Tom Fraley.

**Open Circle Class:** *Meets in the Archives Room* - The Open Circle Class primarily utilizes the Lectionary approach to studying scriptures, which excerpts scriptures from the Bible so that the full Bible is covered every two years. We also study hymns. Teacher: John Marshall.

**The Bible Class:** *Meets in the Conference Room.* - Join us as we study the Bible through the Adult Bible Study curriculum. Teacher: Dr. Jerry Perryman. For more information, contact the Church Office at 405-842-1486.

**Youth Class:** *Meets in the Youth Basement* - Join us for fun, fellowship, and a lesson that will bring you closer to God. Leaders: Rev. Matt Patrick and Matt Eales.

**Second Graders through Fifth Graders:** *Meets in Room 124.* Join us for a fun time with your friends as we grow closer to God and each other. Director of Children’s Ministry: Madison Chillless.

**Children’s Class:** *Meets in the Children’s Area.* - Join us for a child-friendly lesson, snacks, and crafts as we learn about the Bible together. Director of Children’s Ministry: Madison Chillless.

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**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music  
**Madison Chillless**, Director of Children’s Ministry  
**Delaney Sheffield**, Administrative Assistant  
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