



# NICHOLS HILLS

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Dr. Trevor Smith

## Consecration Sunday

<sup>1</sup> He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; <sup>2</sup> he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. <sup>3</sup> He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; <sup>4</sup> for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on." -Luke 21:1-4

As Thanksgiving approaches I hope you will find a few quiet moments to think about the blessings God has poured into your life. When I do this I find myself overwhelmed by the abundance of love God has poured into my life. I have been blessed with a wonderful wife and two sweet daughters along with a loving family. God has given me the opportunity to serve in ministry with wonderful people at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church and has abundantly provided for my family's needs.

November 19 is Consecration Sunday. I am excited to welcome Dr. Dick House as our guest preacher for that day. Dick served as the interim pastor at our church in the fall of 2014, and I had the pleasure of working with Dick when I served as his associate pastor at McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church. Dick has an affinity for our church, and he has continually encourage me and cheered us on as our church has stepped out in faith to minister to people in our community. I believe we will all be blessed and challenged as he shares God's Word with us on Consecration Sunday.

During our worship services that day, we will each have the opportunity to make a commitment to God by filling out an estimate of giving card as an act of worship. No one will be pressured to do this, but you will have the opportunity to participate in this meaningful service. In the coming days, I hope you will spend some time prayerfully asking God, "Lord, what percentage of my income are you calling me to give?"

I am very grateful for the way that so many people in our church give generously and serve in ministry. Your generosity and your willingness to serve in ministry truly makes a Christian difference in our church, in our community, and in the world. Thank you for the ways you contribute to what God is doing in our church and in our lives.

This Sunday we will also enjoy our Harvest Dinner which will be a free catered meal. It is one of the ways we express our gratitude to you for all of the ways you give and serve in ministry in our church. Ned's Catering will cater our meal, and the menus will include a tossed green salad with dressings, seasoned roasted breast of turkey with cranberry sauce, country style corn bread dressing, homemade mashed potatoes, sauteed fresh green beans, homemade rolls and butter, pumpkin pie and chocolate cake, iced tea, water, and coffee.

If you attend our 8:30 worship service, we invite you to attend a Sunday School class at 9:45 and then enjoy the Harvest Dinner at 11:00 a.m. If you attend our 10:50 worship service, we invite you to enjoy the Harvest Dinner at noon. I hope you will join us for a wonderful Consecration Sunday and Harvest Dinner. May God continue to richly bless you.

Blessings,  
Dr. Trevor Smith

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday, November 19

Consecration Sunday-8:30 & 10:50  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Harvest Dinner at 11:00 and 12:00  
Girl Scouts at 2:00 p.m.

#### Monday, November 20

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 9:00  
Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 22

#### to Friday, November 24

Church Office and The Learning Center Closed for Thanksgiving

#### Tuesday, November 28

Decorate Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

#### Sunday, December 3

Confirmation at 12:15 p.m.  
Girl Scouts at 2:00 p.m.  
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, December 10

Christmas Drama at 10:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday, December 13

T.L.C. Christmas Program at 10:00

#### Sunday, December 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

#### Monday, December 25

Church Office is Closed

#### Monday, December 25

#### to Tuesday, January 1

The Learning Center is Closed

#### Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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#### The Learning Center

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(405)842-5325



## Ministry Opportunities

### Hospitality Greeters

Are you enthusiastic about our church? If so, this is an opportunity you might enjoy. Please see Alfred Walker for more details.

### Newsletter Folders Needed

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room every other week.

### Coffee Hosts

Coffee hosts provide 4-5 dozen cookies. At the close of the 10:50 Service, the host(s) stand by the cookie table in the Narthex and greet people. To serve, sign-up outside the office.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, November 19

The mission candle is lit by Bill Bowden in honor of Mary Montgomery, his first cousin.

The altar flowers are given by Janice Pitney in loving memory of Thomas C. Pitney.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Charlotte and Avery Smith.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, November 26

**We need a coffee host for this week. If interested, please contact the church office.**

The chancel flowers are given by Cindy and Turner Davis.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Avery Smith and Reagan Miller.

### Chancel Flower Delivery

We are in need of people to deliver the chancel flowers to homebound members. If this opportunity is for you, please sign-up in the Narthex.

### 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: Carla Hill, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, Karen McLain, Beverly Perri, and Marty Smith.

### Birthdays Continued

11/12 Mary Bentley  
11/12 Martin Howell  
11/13 Katherine Buxton  
11/14 Jack Love  
11/14 Mary Kate Magness  
11/15 Ryan Sandfort

# Making Money Behave

Money always behaves. It always does what you tell it to do. Join us for worship at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church for as we explore Biblical concepts for how we can make money behave in a way that will bless you and honor God.

**November 19** *An Act of Worship*



## Thank You for the Support!



Rev. Matt Patrick

Last week I had my final interviews with the Board of Ordained Ministry of the United Methodist Church. These interviews were to examine whether or not I was ready to be commissioned as a Provisional Elder within the church. I am pleased to report that I was passed by the board, and I will be commissioned by the Bishop at our Annual Conference in late May. I just wanted to take this moment in the newsletter to thank you all for being such a supportive church during my time in seminary as I have gone through this process. This is a huge milestone in my life and I am appreciative and honored that I get to share it with you all.

Blessings,  
Matt

## John Marshall Clothing Closet

Thank you for your continued support of the Bear Cave. Your generosity has been so amazing that we need to temporarily change our game plan. We have received so many clothing donations that we literally DO NOT have room to store additional clothing donations at this time. I know you want to continue to make the Bear Cave a wonderful experience for the students at John Marshall Mid/High School. The following list will provide you with items that match the current needs of students being served. If you prefer, you can donate to the Mission fund indicating that the money should be used to provide needed clothing items for the Bear Cave. We will be happy to do the shopping for you!



**NEW SOCKS:** dress socks, athletic socks (low cut and ankle sports socks, and calf length) in black, white, multi-colored, male and female in sizes that will work for students wearing shoe sizes 7 and above.

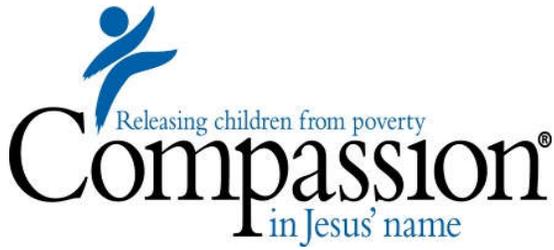
**FRONT-ZIP HOODIES:** Fleece, sweat shirt material, nylon or waterproof (preferred colors – white, black, navy, gray).

**NEW underwear:** MONETARY DONATION ONLY.

**NEW Shoes or GENTLY WORN (in good condition):** Boys/Men's sizes 9-12 and Girls/Women's sizes 8-10. (Athletic, casual, boots, dress shoes)

If you would like to serve in our Bear Cave Clothing Closet, please contact Christie Baker at (405)922-5154 or email [cbaker50@earthlink.net](mailto:cbaker50@earthlink.net). We need volunteers who can commit to a minimum of 2-4 hours/week on Mondays and/or Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

# Honoring and Remembering Our Loved Ones



Grace



Cristian



Madochee



Moses



Brenda



Kelly



## Honoring and Remembering Our Loved Ones

Christmas is a time to remember our loved ones who have passed away and to honor our loved ones who have made a difference in our lives. This year, the Altar Guild has purchased our Christmas poinsettias, but we are giving you the opportunity to honor or remember a loved one this Advent by giving in one of three ways:

- Give \$45 to sponsor one of our Compassion International children for one month.
- Give any amount to support the John Marshall Neighborhood Market.
- Give \$150 or any part of this amount to help purchase food baskets for families of John Marshall High School and North Highland Elementary School students.

Gifts in any amount are appreciated.

If you would like to honor or remember someone in this way, please fill out the form below.

Person to be honored or remembered: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of the person to you: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate to (circle one):

**Compassion International, John Marshall Neighborhood Market, or Food Baskets**

Amount of Gift: \_\_\_\_\_

# The Journey

## Walking the Road to Bethlehem

Join *The Journey* at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church as we light the Advent candles, sing carols, prepare our hearts for Christmas, and walk the road to Bethlehem to experience the Christmas story like never before.

Bring a friend and worship with us on Sunday mornings at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m.

December 3	<i>Mary of Nazareth</i>
December 10	<i>Joseph of Bethlehem</i>
December 17	<i>Mary's Visit to Elizabeth</i>
December 24	<i>From Nazareth to Bethlehem</i>
Christmas Eve	<i>The Manger</i>
December 31	<i>What Child is This?</i>



*Childcare available on Sunday mornings.*

**Christmas Drama — Sunday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m.**



## Preparing for Christmas

Join the Open Circle Class, the Reveille Class, The Bible Class, and The Brew Class for a 4-week study beginning on Sunday, December 3 at 9:45 that will help you Prepare for Christmas. Our senior pastor, Trevor Smith, will highlight some of the ways our church is changing lives in our community and around the world as we hear how we are blessing students at John Marshall High School and North Highland Elementary School as well as how our children connect with impoverished children around the world through Compassion International. Our children will also perform their Christmas Drama for us on December 10 at 10:00 a.m. Sign up in the Church Office.

## Candlelight Christmas Eve

**This Christmas Eve**, connect to the Christmas story like never before.

Journey to **the manger** to celebrate the joy and hope that surrounds the miracle of Christmas. It's a chance to hear beautiful Christmas music and old familiar carols with family, friends, and neighbors.

Listen as the cherished Christmas Story of Jesus' birth comes alive through music and scripture in the warm glow of candlelight. We will conclude our service with our cherished tradition of passing the lighted candles as we sing *Silent Night*. It's a Christmas tradition you will not want to miss!

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service**  
Sunday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
*Childcare is available on Christmas Eve.*

*Christmas Eve*  
**CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICES**

**December 24, 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

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## Chancel Choir Singers to Perform in *Marriage of Figaro*

Joe Caskey, Jessica Fritts, Vance Klassen and Hallie Schmidt, members of the NHUMC chancel choir and OCU music majors, have been cast in OCU's upcoming production of Mozart's comic opera *Marriage of Figaro*. Performances are scheduled in OCU's Kirkpatrick Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, November 17 and 18, and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 19. Tickets are available at 405.208.5227.



Joe Caskey



Jessica Fritts



Vance Klassen



Hallie Schmidt

## Children's Ministry

Hello NHUMC family!

Our Children's Christmas Pageant will be on December 10, at 10:00 a.m. We will begin practicing for our play on Sunday, November 12, 2017 during Children's Church. We would like to encourage all families who would like for your child to participate to please join us during Sunday school and our 10:50 Children's Church service. We will continue to practice during these times (learning our lines and singing songs) every Sunday up until the big day.

Blessings,  
Tausha Davison- Beverly



Tausha Davison-Beverly,  
Director of Children and Family Ministry

## Tidbits from The Learning Center

In his *Mindful* magazine article, "The Power of Kindness," Dacher Keltner discusses how his research shows that sustained power comes from practicing the following traits:

**"Empathy:** Ask a great question or two in every interaction... Listen with gusto... When someone comes to you with a problem, signal concern with phrases such as, 'I'm sorry' and 'That's really tough.' Avoid rushing to judgment and advice... Before meetings, take a moment to think about the person you'll be with and what is happening in his or her life.

**"Gratitude:** Make thoughtful thank-you's a part of how you communicate with others... Send colleagues specific and timely

emails or notes of appreciation... Publicly acknowledge the value that each person contributes to your team... Use the right kind of touch – pats on the back, fist bumps, or high fives – to celebrate successes.

**"Generosity:** Seek opportunities to spend a little one-on-one time with people... Delegate some important and high-profile responsibilities... Give praise generously... Share the limelight. Give credit to all who contribute to the success of your organization."

Blessings,  
Denise

Source: "The Power of Kindness," by Dacher Keltner, *Mindful* magazine, February, 2017.

## Birthdays Continued

11/17 Susan Morrison-Dyke  
11/18 John Heflin  
11/19 Frances Thompson  
11/20 Frank Miskovsky, III  
11/21 Win Holbrook  
11/21 Angie Sanger  
11/27 Sondra Barker  
11/28 Rich McLain  
11/28 Alfred Walker  
11/29 Traci Miller  
11/30 Geraldine Raupe  
11/30 Mark Sullivan  
11/30 Perry Tirrell

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

## Cares and Concerns

### Epworth Villa

Joanne Crosby and Sylvia Miller

### Town Village

Joanna Garnett

### The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

### Autumn Leaves

Katie Alexander

### At Home

Roger Etling, Ann Flesher,  
Jess and Bette Harris, Frances Lewis,  
and David Mueller

## Manage Your Giving Online And Use Our QR Code

Visit the church website at



[www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org), to make an online donation. Then 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 questions, contact the church.

## John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet

We are in need of:

- Individual Bags of Snacks such as Cheez-its, Goldfish, etc.
- Peanut Butter Crackers
- Cheese Sandwich Crackers
- Fruit Snacks (Rollups or Gummy)
- Nature Valley Granola Bars
- New Socks
- Front Zip Hoodies
- Monetary donation for underwear
- New or gently worn shoes  
Boys/Men's: 9-12  
Girls/Women's: 8-10

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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” as we gather for fellowship and for a Bill Hybels study called *Simplified*. For more information about “The Brew” contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

**KIVA Class:** *Meets in the Parlor* - Join us as O.C.U. professor, John Starkey, teaches our class.

**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* - Our Open Circle Class focuses on the Lectionary approach with studies of scriptures from both the Old and New Testaments. Although we change our approach for “special Bible-study events,” the Lectionary approach is based on “The United Methodist Music and Worship Planner.” Class discussion and applying Christianity in today’s world are an important parts of our lessons. Teacher: John Marshall.

**The Bible Class:** *Meets in the Conference Room*. - Please join The Bible Class as we learn from the *Adult Bible Studies* curriculum.

**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. Teacher: Lecye Lippoldt.

**Children’s Class:** *Meets in the Children’s Area*. - Join us for a child-friendly lesson as we learn about the Bible together.

Director of Children’s Ministry: Tausha Davison-Beverly.

**Dr. Trevor Smith**, Senior Pastor

**Rev. Matt Patrick**, Student Pastor

**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music

**Tausha Davison-Beverly**, Director of Children and Family Ministry

**Delaney Sheffield**, Administrative Assistant

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**Brandon Price**, Custodian

**Alfred Walker**, Sunday Host

**Jessica Mayberry**, Nursery Attendant

**Ashley Edwards**, Nursery Attendant

**Marita Barkus**, Nursery Attendant