

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Because of You

⁶ But now Timothy has just returned, bringing us good news about your faith and love. He reports that you always remember our visit with joy and that you want to see us as much as we want to see you. ⁷ So we have been greatly encouraged in the midst of our troubles and suffering, dear brothers and sisters, because you have remained strong in your faith. ⁸ It gives us new life to know that you are standing firm in the Lord. ⁹ How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God's presence.

-1 Thessalonians 3:6-9

On Tuesday I went with Alfred Walker, Marty Smith, and Mary Forster to Epworth Villa to visit Joanne Crosby, Bonnie Miler, Maxine Asch, and Sylvia Miller and to wish them a happy Valentine's Day. We also celebrated Joanne's birthday. Each of the four ladies was so grateful to see us and to have the opportunity to visit and share in fellowship with our church. This is just one example of how our church shares God's love, and it happens because of you.

Two weeks ago, Stephanie Henry called and invited me to come to John Marshall High School to see how a group of people from our church was re-stocking the food in our Neighborhood Market. When I arrived I found Paul Lindsey, Sherron Evans, Christie Baker, Carol Joullian, Sharon Ives, Dudley Hyde, Donna Blakely, and Cindy and Turner Davis all working with Stephanie to get the Market ready for Friday when over one hundred students come to receive food for the weekend. I was impressed with how joyfully each person was serving, and I sensed that each person knew that we were making a Christian difference for each of the students we have come to know and serve. This is just one example of how our church shares God's love, and it happens because of you.

Our church is making a Christian difference in our community in so many ways. On Sunday we will begin a two week sermon series called ***Because of You*** in which we will take a closer look at the way the Holy Spirit is working through our lives to bless people in our church, in our community, and around the world. We're going to highlight the mission and the vision of our church and let God's Spirit drive this vision deep within our hearts. I hope you will join us for worship at 8:30 or 10:50 this Sunday as we celebrate the beautiful things God is doing ***Because of You***.

This Sunday, Rev. Darrell Cates from the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation will be presenting in the Kiva Class about ways you can make planned gifts to our church. If you have ever thought about your legacy and how you can make a Christian difference even after you die, I hope you will join us at 9:45 in the Parlor.

I also want to let you know that I will be leading a six-week Lenten study on Adam Hamilton's book, *John: the Gospel of Light and Life* beginning on Wednesday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m. This study will complement our Lenten sermon series, *Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John*. The price of the book is \$13.00. You can sign up in the church office or in the narthex on Sunday morning to be part of this engaging study.

Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, February 19

Scout Sunday

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Monday, February 20

Women's A.A. Group, 5:30 p.m.

Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22

Newsletter Folding at 10:00 a.m.

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.

I Am a Church Member Study at 6:00

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

Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 24

John Marshall Market, 10:30-12:30

Saturday, February 25

Boy Scout Blue and Gold Banquet at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 26

John Marshall Sunday at 8:30

and 10:50 a.m.

Tuesday, February 28

Open House at John Marshall

High School at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00

Tuesday, March 21

John Marshall Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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

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 **February 19, 26, and all of March.** 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, Carla Hill, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, and Kathy Walker.

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, February 19.

The coffee host is Ann Garrett, Jereme Cloud and Janice Pitney.

The chancel flowers are given by Jim and Bette MacKellar honoring their son Bruce on his birthday..

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

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

Town Village

Joanna Garnett

The Fountains at Canterbury

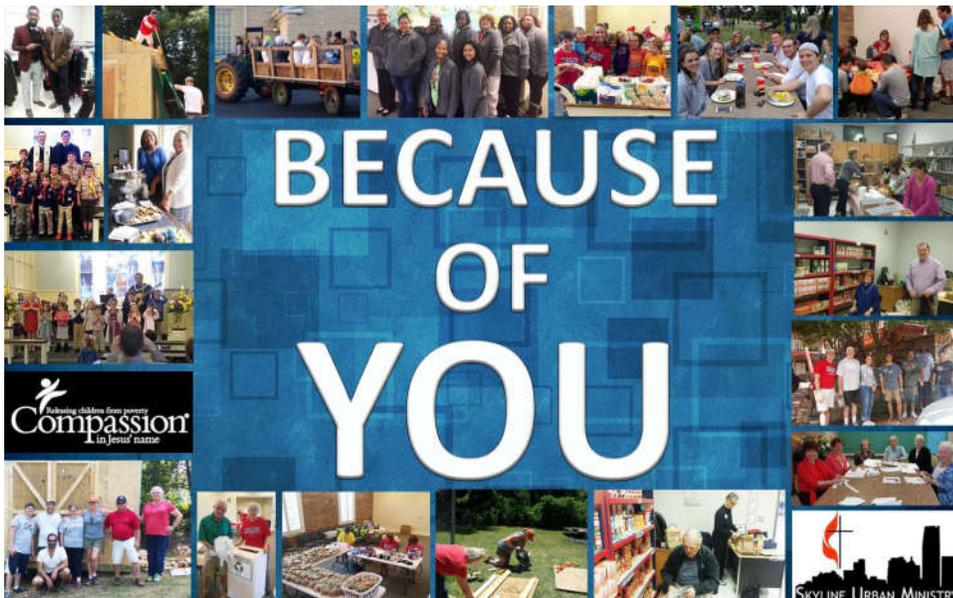
Virginia Brown and Anita Dahlgren

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



Because of You

Beautiful things happen when you invest your life in the work of Jesus. Hunger finds nourishment. Sorrow meets healing. Dreams see daylight. Join us for worship as we take a look at what's coming to life ***Because of You.***

Scout Sunday, February 19 - *Because of You*

John Marshall Sunday, February 26 - *God Is Changing Lives*



Rev. Matt Patrick

Nichols Hills U.M.C. Wins Scouting Award

Last Thursday night, I had the pleasure of attending an award's ceremony for the Baden Powell District of the Boy Scouts of America here in Oklahoma City. When I attended, I was expecting to show our church's support for the scouting programs of Boy Scout Pack 55 and Boy Scout Troop 55. However, I was pleasantly surprised to accept an award on behalf of our church. Our church received the award for "Charter Organization of the Year." One of the Scout representatives told us that we received this award because our church has gone "above and beyond" to make sure our scouting program is successful and that our Scout leaders feel welcomed in our church. I want to thank everyone for your continued support of this program!

-Matt



Children's Ministry

The children will have the chance to sing at the 10:50 service on February 26th. They will be practicing with Michael Wylder during Sunday school on February 19th and February 26th so please bring your kids so they can practice and then perform in front of the church! It is such a joy to watch our children in the church sing and show their love for God.

We are always searching for and welcoming people who would like to volunteer in Children's Ministries so if you are interested in doing that please email me at mchilless@uco.edu.

You all are such a blessing to me and the Children's Ministry Program! Have a great week, and I'll see you on Sunday!

-Madison



Madison Chilless

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
Director

Each week 96 children come to The Learning Center for quality child care and perhaps the beginning of their faith journey. Our mission is *to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*. There are many facets to this journey. We encourage appropriate behavior and offer choices for children to grow and learn. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." Our beautiful mural at the front desk says this to each child and their family every day. We have added more exposure to Christ by offering a morning devotional with the staff. It is called "the huddle," and it really shapes our day to remember we are not in control of the day (other than how we handle ourselves.) We pray for guidance and support in our work with the children, and it really helps us.

Our children who are three years and older attend Chapel three times a week and LOVE it. They arrive in the sanctuary and light candles, sing songs of their choice, hear a bible verse of the week and a story about Jesus. Then they come to the communion rail, get their prayer hands out, and repeat a prayer. Blowing out the candles is always a big deal. Children recite a prayer before meals or snacks, too.

In the last year we have also added art classes twice a week with our art teacher, Heather White, who happens to be a parent at T.L.C. She guides the children through activities that are very open-ended: painting with ice cubes, bubble wrap, branches, straws, etc. Then she displays their work in a manner that is comparable to an art gallery.

Our music teacher, Andrea, incorporates Christian music, finger plays, exploration of rhythm instruments, and creative movement activities with all of the children. Yes, even the infants! Our families are invited to every function at our church including the Block Party, Fall Festival, Easter Egg Hunts and much more.

Twice a week we also offer Amazing Athletes, a program that teaches children about nine different sports and seven key areas of motor-development. These extras and our day to day program with these wonderful teachers have made T.L.C. the place to be.

Our wait list continues to grow, and we want our families to consider The Learning Center and Nichols Hills U.M.C. as their home away from home. They know and feel the love of Jesus Christ in all we do which leads us to *the transformation of the world*. Thank you for this blessing.

- Denise



We blessed our teachers from The Learning Center in worship on February 12! Pictured are Pastor Trevor, Pastor Matt, Miss Mary, Miss Krystle, Miss Marita, Miss Denise, and Miss Maggie. We are grateful for our T.L.C. teachers.

John Marshall High School Neighborhood Market Important Dates

**Sunday, February 26th at 8:30 and
10:50 a.m.**

Rufus Howard, our special guest from the John Marshall Administration, will be speaking at both services.

Tuesday, February 28th at 5:30 p.m.

We will host our *Open House and Blessing* for our church at John Marshall High School. Come for a tour of the Market and Clothing Closet. The school is located at 12201 Portland Avenue.

Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m.

We will host our **third annual John Marshall Sports Dinner** in the Fellowship Hall. You will be able to sign up to volunteer at the end of February.



Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering in the Neighborhood Market or Clothes Closet on Tuesday or Friday mornings or want to do some shopping, sew on buttons, do laundry, etc., please contact Cheryl Fraley at cherylfraley@gmail.com. We will find a place for you to serve!

John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet Needs:

Neighborhood Market Needs:

- Snacks – small snack bags of Goldfish, Cheez-Its, Pretzels, etc.
- Regular Feminine Hygiene Pads
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes

Clothing Closet Needs:

- Jeans (men and women – appropriate for teenagers)
- Women's uniform type pants (washable) in black, khaki or navy
- Polo shirts for men and women in white, red or black
- Women's shoes for school
- Prom Dresses, shoes, bags, jewelry

Clothing should be clean and ready to wear. Please drop off clothing and food at the church or call the church office for more information.

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. 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

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| 02/18 | Jerry Jennings |
| 02/19 | Gloria Crownover
Jennifer Klos |
| 02/20 | Gene Rainbolt |
| 02/21 | Becky Buchanan
Doug Franklin
Kathy Smith |
| 02/24 | Larry Johnson
Kaleigh Slack
Jean Warner |
| 02/26 | Avery Niemann |
| 02/27 | Ryan McLain
Joy Richardson |
| 02/28 | Ken Howell |

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

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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 study Max Lucado's book, *Next Door Savior*. This Sunday we will have breakfast together during Sunday School. 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* - Rev. Darrell Cates from the United Methodist Foundation will speak on opportunities to for planned giving to our church. 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 three 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. Each week covers a different scripture and lesson, and you are given a new book of studies each quarter. Come prepared to join in the discussions and fellowship. This class rotates teachers. 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.
Leaders: Cynthia Meyerson and Morgan Hunt.

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 Chilless.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor
Rev. Matt Patrick, Student Pastor
Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music
Madison Chilless, Director of Children's Ministry
Delaney Sheffield, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Antone Godding, Organist
Kathy Smith, Treasurer

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