

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

## Anointing the King

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. -John 12:1-3

He wasn't supposed to be at the dinner. Just weeks before, Lazarus had grown deathly sick, and even though his sisters, Martha and Mary, had sent for Jesus to come quickly and heal their brother, Jesus did not arrive in time to heal him. Lazarus died, and he had been in the tomb four days when Jesus finally arrived. When they took him to the tomb, <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

When Jesus returned to Bethany, what could have been a funeral meal was now a thanksgiving meal to honor Jesus. Martha served, because Martha always served. She had a servant's heart and the gift of hospitality. Lazarus shared table fellowship with Jesus and embraced his new lease on life. Then Mary did something extravagant. She took a pint of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house that had been filled with the stench of death just a week ago was now filled with the fragrance of the perfume. What an extravagant and costly gesture. The perfume was very expensive; it was worth nearly a year's wages. Mary worshipped Jesus. She anointed him in preparation for his death. She humbled herself by anointing Jesus' feet and then wiped his feet with her hair. Can you even begin to imagine how much this loving gesture meant to Jesus? She didn't even say a word. She showed Jesus how much she loved him through this costly act.

How do you express your love to Jesus? What is the most extravagant gift you have ever given Jesus? On Sunday morning we will take a closer look at the generous way Mary anointed Jesus and helped prepare him to face the cross.

I also want to invite you to make plans to participate in our Holy Week Worship Services. Join us for our **Maundy Thursday Service on April 13 at 6:30 p.m.** The service will conclude with Holy Communion and the *stripping of the sanctuary* as Jesus is taken into custody by the Roman soldiers. We will remember our Lord's passion and death on the cross in our **Tenebrae Service of Darkness on Good Friday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m.** I hope you will join us for these meaningful services.

**Easter Sunday on April 16** will begin at **8:30 a.m.** with our **Early Worship Service** followed by **Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., a Family Breakfast at 9:45 a.m., an Easter Egg Hunt for our children at 10:15 a.m., and our Late Worship Service at 10:50 a.m.** It will be a joyous day you will not want to miss.

Most people are more open to an invitation to come to church at this time of the year, and I pray that you will take advantage of this opportunity to make a Christian difference by inviting someone you know to come to our Easter Services. I am looking forward to celebrating Easter with you on April 16. Have a great week, and may the Holy Spirit work through you as you share the hope of Easter with the people in your life.

Blessings,  
Trevor

## Ministry Calendar

### Sunday, April 2

Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 10:50 a.m.  
Children's Ministry Meeting, 12:15  
Girl Scout Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

### Monday, April 3

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.  
Women's A.A. Group, 5:30 p.m.  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 5

Newsletter Folding at 10:00 a.m.  
Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
Gospel of John Study at 5:30 p.m.  
Sacred Secrets Study at 5:30 p.m.  
College and Young Adult Group at 7:00 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, April 7

John Marshall Market, 10:30-12:30

### Saturday, April 8

Youth Group at Food Bank, 9:30

### Maundy Thursday, April 13

Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30

### Good Friday, April 14

Tenebrae Service at 6:30 p.m.

### Easter Sunday, April 16

Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Family Breakfast at 9:45 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m.  
Worship at 10:50 a.m.

### Monday, April 24

Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m.

### Marathon Sunday, April 30

Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50

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## 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 **April 16, 23, and 30**. To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, April 2.

The coffee host is Kathy Walker.

The chancel flowers are given by Christi and Nolan Coyle in loving memory of Lelah Craig.

The mission candle is lit by Jim and Becky Buchanan in honor of Dick and Jean Webber for their many contributions to our church.

### 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, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, Cinda Lafferty, Carol Magness, and Beverly Perri.

### Job Opportunity

Nichols Hills U.M.C. is in search of a full-time Director of Children and Family Ministry. Call the church office at 405-842-1486 if you are interested.

### Cares and Concerns

#### Epworth Villa

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

#### Town Village

Joanna Garnett

#### The Fountains at Canterbury

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

## Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John

This Lenten season we will come to know Jesus through the most loved of all gospel stories. Join us as we focus our sermons on *Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John*—stories of Jesus' ministry with people that will touch your heart and deepen your faith.

**April 2**

*Anointing the King*

**April 9**

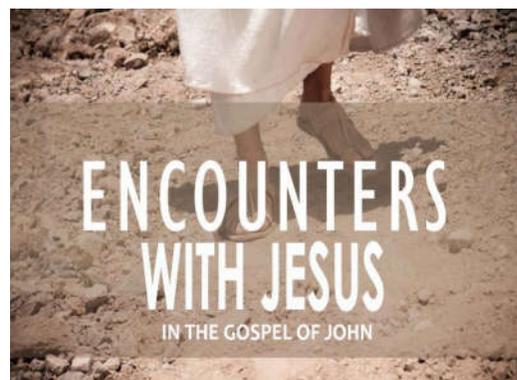
*The Parade and the Passion*

**April 16**

*In the Garden*

**April 23**

*Believing Thomas*



## Youth to Serve at Regional Food Bank!



Rev. Matt Patrick

Hey everyone! I just wanted to give you an update on the next upcoming youth activity. On Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. our 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will go to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. We will serve by packing food for families in need all across our state.

The Regional Food Bank provides hundreds of thousands of meals to those in need every year. It is a fun, informative, and impactful way to serve.

Serving together as a group is an important part of group building and discipleship. If you have a young person in your family between 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade who would love to join us for a morning of service, contact me at 405-842-1486 for more details!

- Matt

## Children's Ministry

On Sunday, April 2nd, we will be having a Children's Ministry committee meeting at 12:15. We would love to have you there so we can discuss the upcoming future for Children's Ministry and exciting events coming up for Easter!

During Sunday school our children will be practicing with Michael Wylder to learn the song they will be singing on April 9th for Palm Sunday. We love having the kids get involved with the congregation and showing the church how much they love God! Having your child be a part of this is an awesome experience means the world to us! We'd love to see you at Sunday school to practice and on April 9th to perform!

Thank you all so much for everything you do for our Children's Ministry. We are so blessed to have you and your families with us on Sunday's!

Have a great rest of the week and we will see you on Sunday!

- Madison



Madison Chillless

# Find Hope In The Garden

**Easter Sunday, April 16**

**Easter Worship Services**

**8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.**

**Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m.**

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## Holy Week Schedule

### **Maundy Thursday, April 13**

Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m.

The service will conclude with Holy Communion and the stripping of the sanctuary.

### **Good Friday, April 14**

Tenebrae Service of Darkness at 6:30 p.m.

We will remember our Lord's passion and death on the cross.

### **Easter Sunday, April 16**

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Family Breakfast at 9:45 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt for our children at 10:15 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:50 a.m.

Join us on Easter Sunday for a celebration filled with hope and joy. You'll experience a beautiful worship service, complete with heart-stirring music and a message that relates the events of Jesus' death and resurrection to what is happening in your life today. Bring your family and friends for an Easter celebration that will send you home renewed, refreshed, and full of hope for the future.

# John Marshall Dinner 2017

Thank you for making this year's John Marshall Dinner the best yet! Below are some photos of the fun.





## Easter Eggs and Brunch

Easter Sunday is on April 16, and we have some exciting things planned! However, we need your help to make these events amazing!

We will have an Easter Brunch at 9:45 a.m. We are asking people to sign up in the Narthex to bring a brunch item.

At 10:15 a.m. we will have our Easter Egg Hunt. We are asking people to donate eggs and individually wrapped candy to place in the eggs. Please bring them to the church before Sunday, April 9.

Thank you for helping make these exciting events a huge success!



## Girl Scout Meeting April 2!

Nichols Hills U.M.C. will be hosting the first meeting of our Girl Scout Troop on Sunday, April 2 from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. in the Scout Hut. Any girls that are interested are invited to attend.

Girl Scout fun fact - the career high Girl Scout cookie salesmen is from Oklahoma City. Katie Francis has sold a career record-breaking high of 100,106 boxes of cookies. She appeared on Jimmy Fallon on Monday where Fallon bought the record breaking boxes. She was awarded a check for the Girl Scouts of \$15,000. Amazing!

## Circle of Care Banquet

Saturday, April 29 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

National Cowboy and Western Heritage

Featuring: Jackie Joyner-Kersey

Individual Tickets and Group Tables Available

Reserve online at [circleofcare.org](http://circleofcare.org)

Attire is Semi-Formal



## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion  
Director

We are so happy to share that our teacher, Yamilex Longoria, received her Child Development Associate Certificate. She attended Moore-Norman Technology Center for a year to complete her classroom instruction of 120 hours. Then she compiled a very comprehensive portfolio that contained her competency



statements in eight areas: safe and healthy environments, physical and intellectual development, social and emotional development, productive relationships with families, effective program operation, commitment to professionalism, observation of children's behavior, and principles of child development and learning. She then had a four-hour observation by a professional in our field to demonstrate her competence in working with young children. This is often one of the most nerve wracking steps for candidates. Later she completed an oral interview and a written exam to complete the process. This is just the beginning for new teachers. Needless to say, we are very proud of her commitment to earn her CDA credential. Join us in celebrating her accomplishment. Congratulations Yamilex!

-Denise

## John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet Needs

### Neighborhood Market Needs

- Snacks – bars, snack bags of
- Goldfish, Cheez-Its, Pretzels, etc.
- Chicken salad and tuna salad boxes (found at Dollar Tree)

### Clothing Closet Needs

- Hangers (from the dry cleaners)
- Jeans (men and women – appropriate for teenagers)
- Women's uniform type pants (washable) - 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](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

- 03/28 Layton Hill, IV  
Drake Parsons  
Charlette Perryman  
Bruce Rosier  
Della Walker  
Dick Webber
- 03/29 Ann Brown
- 03/29 Judith Flesher
- 03/31 Preston Parsons

**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 Adam Hamilton's book, *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why*. 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* - On Sunday, April 2, Dean Mark Davies of O.C.U. will be speaking on the subject, "The Beloved Community". He is the past Director of the O.C.U. School of Religion and recent Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at O.C.U.  
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. 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: 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 Chillless.

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**Rev. Matt Patrick**, Student Pastor  
**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music  
**Madison Chillless**, Director of Children's Ministry  
**Delaney Sheffield**, Administrative Assistant  
**Dr. Antone Godding**, Organist  
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**Denise Buthion**, Director of The Learning Center  
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