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Dr. Trevor Smith

In the Garden

³⁸ After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body.

³⁹ Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰ They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

-John 19:38-42

Only John tells us that Jesus' tomb was in a garden, and he wants us to remember the Garden of Eden as we hear the Good News of Easter. Everything went wrong in the Garden of Eden. Sin and death entered the world, and relationships were broken. In spite of all of the hurt, God never gave up on us, and in the garden where Jesus' body was buried, God was determined to make all things new and restore all of the relationships that had been broken through the centuries.

Easter is the story of how God is making everything right again though Jesus' resurrection in another garden. In the face of despair, we find hope in this garden. In the face of death, we find resurrection. In the face of sin, we find forgiveness. In the broken places in our lives, we find healing and wholeness. The resurrection means that goodness will always triumph over evil, grace will always prevail over sin, hope will always triumph over despair, and life will always have victory over death.

This Easter, you can help others find hope at the tomb by inviting them to experience the Good News that Jesus really is alive. **Easter Sunday** will begin at **8:30** with our **Early Worship Service** followed by **Sunday School at 9:45, a Brunch at 9:45, an Easter Egg Hunt for our children at 10:15, and our Late Worship Service at 10:50**. It will be a joyous day you will not want to miss.

I believe in my heart that people need the hope that Jesus offers us. I hope you have been thinking about the people you know who are not actively part of a local church. I invite you to pray for these people and to find an opportunity to invite them to come to one of our Easter Worship Services. Most people are more open to an invitation to come to church at this time of the year. 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 with you and find hope. I am looking forward to celebrating Easter with you. I'll see you on Sunday morning.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

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 17

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

Wednesday, April 19

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 21

John Marshall Market, 10:30-12:30

Sunday, April 23

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Girl Scouts at 2:00 p.m.

Marathon Sunday, April 30

Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50

Monday, May 1

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.
Trustee Committee at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2

Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m.

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The Learning Center

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Ministry Opportunities

Hospitality Greeters

Do you like to smile and talk to people? Are you enthusiastic about our church? If so, this is an opportunity you might 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 23, and 30**. To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, April 16

The mission candle is lit by Jim and Becky Buchanan in honor of Ray Greene on his 99th birthday.

Chancel Flower Delivery

We are in need of people to deliver the chancel flowers to homebound members. If this opportunity is one you would enjoy, please sign-up on the bulletin board outside of 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: Carla Hill, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, Ellie Roberts, and Kathy Walker.

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

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

Town Village

Joanna Garnett

The Fountains at Canterbury

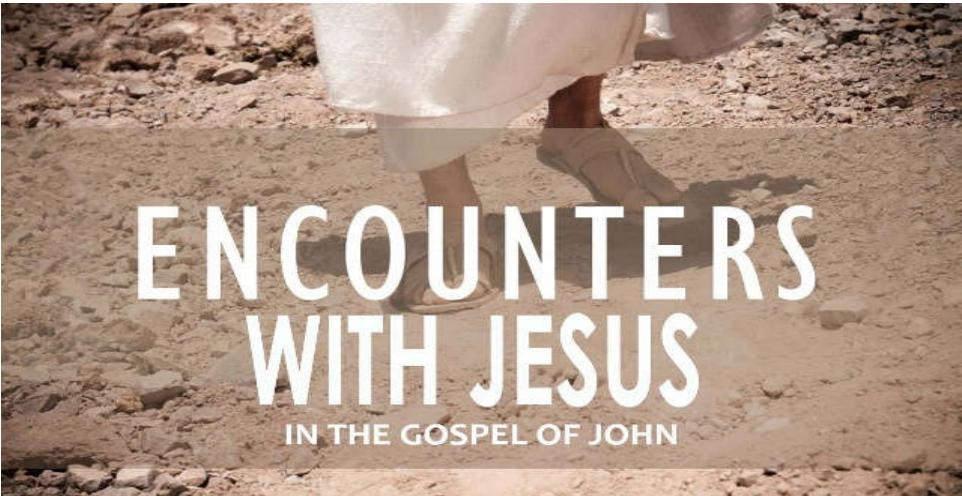
Anita Dahlgren

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 16

In the Garden

April 23

Believing Thomas

Incoming 6th Graders Can Now Join Youth Group!



Rev. Matt Patrick

It is that time of year when school is beginning to wrap up, we are facing Easter, graduations, weddings, and other occasion of change in our lives. The youth group is now welcoming those who are currently in 5th grade to begin coming to youth Sunday School at 9:45am and our youth group activities including service days, fellowship meetings, dinners, and even summer camps. If your child or grandchild is a 5th grader, please let them know about this exciting opportunity to move up into the youth group! We look forward to welcoming them soon!

-Matt

Easter Eggs and Brunch



Easter Sunday is on April 16, and we have some exciting things planned! However, we need your help!

We will have an Easter Breakfast at 9:45 and an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m. Thank you to each of you who have signed up to bring a brunch or breakfast food.

Please bring your food to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday. Also, thank you to each of you who donated candy and plastic eggs. We appreciate you. Thank you for helping make Easter Sunday a huge success!

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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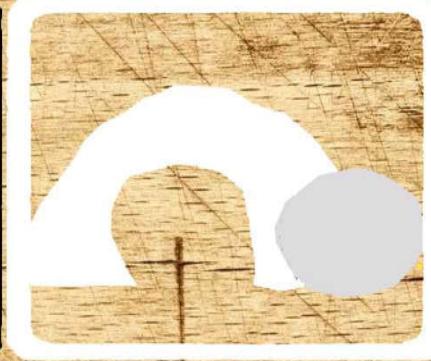
Holy Week



Maundy Thursday
April 13
Service: 6:30 p.m.

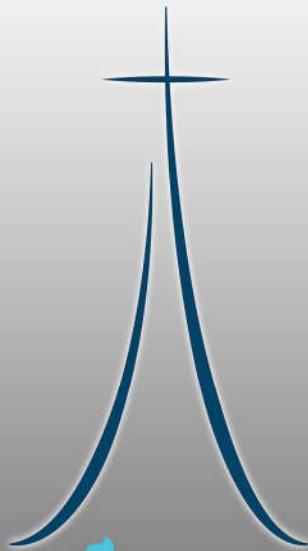


Good Friday
April 14
Tenebrae Service: 6:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday
April 16
Worship: 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

**Join us on Easter Sunday for our family breakfast
at 9:45 a.m. and our Easter egg hunt at 10:15 a.m.**



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We Remember



The Memorial Marathon Is Coming!

The Memorial Marathon is on Sunday, April 30. We have planned special Sunday worship services outside! Stay tuned for details!

Below are a couple of photos from last year's Memorial Marathon Sunday.



Upcoming Meetings

Trustees - Monday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m.
Finance - Tuesday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Children's Ministry

Greetings, from our Family and Children's Ministry! We are so sad to see Ms. Madison leave our family here at N.H.U.M.C. yet we know that she will continue to do God's work as God moves her forward into new endeavors.

We are looking for volunteers in our Children's Ministry on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact our church office.

Our children have commented on how they see God in their community, at school, at soccer games, and even at the grocery store. As a church family, we would like to continue to find ways to further this mission of touching lives through our Father.

We are excited about showing others how God can move on their behalf and change entire situations by his Grace. Have a blessed week!

-Tausha



Tausha Davison,
Director of
Children and
Family Ministry

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion
Director

We are so fortunate to have the University of Central Oklahoma share their students with us for practicum and observations. This semester we have had the privilege of working with Holly Cuthbertson. She chose to enter the child development field because of her passion for children. It has been her life-long goal to work with children and learn as much about their developmental stages as she could.

Holly writes "I hope to be a director of a child care center when I graduate. Working



with Denise has shown me many helpful techniques that will assist me in my future career. I've observed team building skills and how to interact with families and staff."

Holly's project was to prepare the summer activity calendar for our program. She made reservations for the Zoo, the Science Museum, the Snow Cone Company, and the Bowling Alley. She spent a lot of time on the phone and making the connections necessary for a fun summer.

We are grateful for the 25 hours that Holly gave to The Learning Center on this project. She will make a great director. Best wishes to you Holly!

-Denise

Circle of Care Banquet

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

National Cowboy and Western Heritage

Featuring: Jackie Joyner-Kersee

Individual Tickets and Group Tables Available

Reserve online at circleofcare.org

Attire is Semi-Formal



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, 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

04/13	Avery Smith
04/14	Alivia Rogers
04/15	Emily Ellis
04/16	Delaney Sheffield
04/17	Cathy Betterton
	Tom Knott
04/18	Thad Butler
	Raymond Greene
04/20	Alan Chase
	Carter Cloud
	Louis Fraley
	Griffin Jones
	Jim Jones
04/21	Bernadene Moore

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 - Join us as we learn from different speakers about how we can make a Christian difference in the world. 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. Please join us this week as we explore God's saving love in Christ. The background text is John 3:1-16. John presents us with a Jesus who was undeniably human and yet undeniably divine See you Sunday in the conference room. 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. Leader: 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: Tausha Davison.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor

Rev. Matt Patrick, Student Pastor

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Tausha Davison, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Delaney Sheffield, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Antone Godding, Organist

Kathy Smith, Treasurer

Louise Glass, Financial Secretary

Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center

Michael Hall, Maintenance/Custodian

Alfred Walker, Sunday Host

Randall Blair, Sunday Host

Rachel Spear, Nursery Attendant

Shendra Stevens, Nursery Attendant