

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

The Parade and the Passion

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. -John 12:12-16

Our Children's Ministry will be going through a transition in the coming week. Madison Chillless has served as our Director of Children's Ministry for the last year, and this will be her last Sunday. I want to thank Madison for the way she has helped our children grow closer to Jesus. The Children's Sunday School Class will have a party to say, "Thank you," and to wish Madison well in her future endeavors.



I am also excited to announce that the Staff Parish Relations Committee has hired Tausha Davison to serve as our Director of Children and Family Ministry. For the last year, Tausha has served as the Curriculum Specialist for The Learning Center. Tausha will work 25 hours per week with the Children's Ministry and will continue to work 15 hours per week in her role in The Learning Center. She is a mother of four children ranging in age from 19 to 3 years old, and God has called her to help children grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. I hope you will join me in welcoming Tausha to our church staff.

On **Palm Sunday**, our children will wave Palm Branches and sing a special song. We'll remember Jesus' triumphal journey into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and his death on the cross on Good Friday.

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 your share the hope of Easter with the people in your life.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, April 9

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

Monday, April 10

TLC CPR Training at 3:00 p.m.
Women's A.A. Group, 5:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12

Newsletter Folding at 10:00 a.m.
Nichols Thrills Meal 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.

Maundy Thursday, April 13

Service at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14

John Marshall Market, 10:30-12:30
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.

Sunday, April 23

Girl Scouts at 2:00 p.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, 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 16, 23, and 30**. To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, April 9

The coffee hosts are Billie Boston and Kay Musser.

The chancel flowers are given by Sara Lyn Pascal and Sue Goodman in memory of Scott Shdeed and carpool days at Casady.

The mission candle is lit by Ellie Roberts, Jerry Jennings, Sharon Ives, and Jean Warner in honor of Madison Chilless, our Children's Director. Thank you for helping us with the newsletter.

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

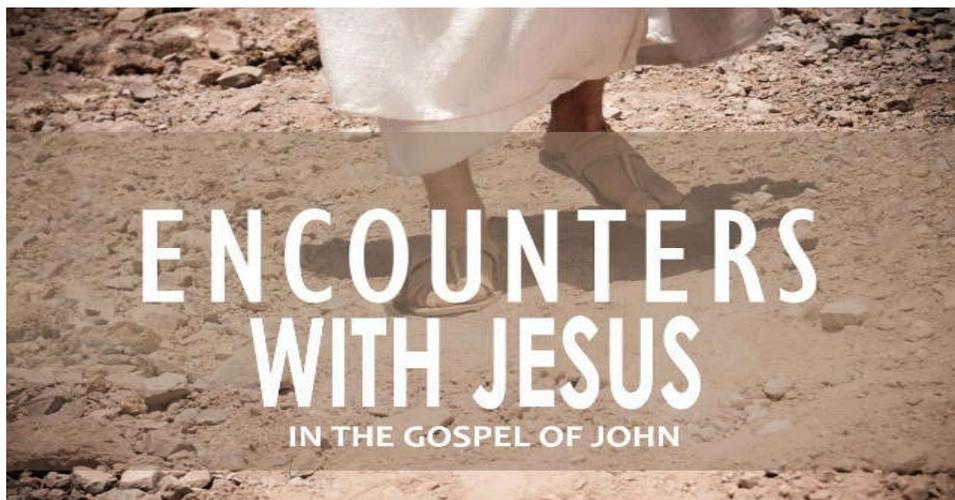
Anita Dahlgren

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 9

The Parade and the Passion

April 16

In the Garden

April 23

Believing Thomas

Young Adult and College Study: Ecclesiastes



Rev. Matt Patrick

From time to time, I think its important to give the church an update about some of the studies and happenings within specific groups in the church that many people may not be aware of. It is important that we all keep up with each other so that we can build one another up.

Currently, in our college and young adult group, we are studying the mysterious Book of Ecclesiastes.

Ecclesiastes is one of the most confusing and profound books in the Bible. It functions as sort of a "Part 3" in the Wisdom Literature section after Part 1: Song of Solomon and Part 2: Proverbs. The author of Ecclesiastes seems to be speaking from the context of an elderly man who is looking back on his life and reflecting on what is truly important. There is much wisdom to be gained in this text, and I'm having a good time diving into elderly wisdom with our group of young people. For those of you who are a little "more experienced" than us younger folk, I encourage you to share your wisdom. Its an important part of our Christian community.

If you have a child or grandchild in college, or a young adult who is looking for a place to belong, I'd be happy to contact them about our group that meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

I hope that you will continue to pray and encourage our young people in the months and years ahead. Thanks for all of your support!

-Matt

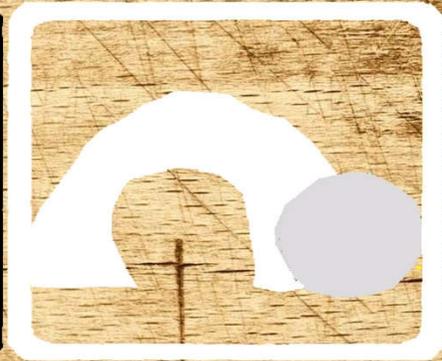
Holy Week



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.

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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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 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 Wednesday, April 12.

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

Special Thank You Notes From John Marshall Students

We received some wonderful thank you notes from the students that attended the John Marshall Banquet. Some of the coaches and students wrote:

“Thank you for being a blessing to my basketball program. - Coach Williams”.

“We would like to thank all of you at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church for your prayers, support, and the wonderful banquet that we look forward to every year. We really enjoyed ourselves and are so grateful to spend that evening with you all. Thank you for all that you do for our students and staff! Love always, J.M. Varsity Cheer Squad.”

“Thank you for everything! - Jemisha”

“Thank you so much! - B-Yanea E.”

“Thank you for putting on a great banquet!
- Patrick G. Cudgae”

“Thank you for all you do!” - Ladies Soccer

“Thank you! - Courtney”

“Thank you!” - Jayia

Nichols Hills U.M.C. is making a difference in the lives of these student’s lives. Thank you to all who participated!



Welcome Christi Coyle!

Christi Coyle joined Nichols Hills United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 9. We are so glad you are part of our church family!

Children's Ministry

I hope everyone is having a great week! We have a very exciting Sunday coming up! For Palm Sunday our kids will be singing at the 10:50 service! We will get to practice during Sunday school with Michael Wylder so please have your kids there so they will know the song!

This will be my last Sunday at Nichols Hills U.M.C. so being able to see you all and your families would mean the world to me. I have had the best time working at this amazing church for the last year a half! Thank you for letting me be apart of you and your children's lives. I wish you all the best, and I know this church will continue to do amazing things!

I hope to see you all on Sunday!

- Madison



Madison Chilless

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion
Director

I have been a proud grandmother for over seven years. All three of my grandchildren are boys, whom I adore. On March 8th I received my first grand-daughter, Madeline Elle Lemmings. It is such a joy to have one girl among the mix. I am excited to share that she looks just like her Mommy did when she was born. She has lots of dark hair (which we know meant a lot of heartburn.)



Madeline
(two weeks old)

Madeline is the fourth female born into the Buthion family since 1984. She will have many protectors in her life as there are lots of boys in our family. We know that she is special to us and just what we prayed for, a happy and healthy girl. Thank you for your well wishes and blessings. I just had to share our joyous news!

-Denise



The photo to the right is Brother Bennett and baby Madeline.

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
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

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| 04/03 | Jim Buchanan, III
Amy Hall |
| 04/05 | Maxine Permenter
Avery Robinson |
| 04/07 | Jake Huchton |
| 04/08 | Mason Heflin
Leigh Love |
| 04/09 | Calli Heflin
Nell Johnson |
| 04/10 | Olivia Miller
Jean Webber |
| 04/11 | Robert Sullivan |
| 04/12 | John McKee |
| 04/13 | Avery Smith |

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 9 our Student Pastor, Matt Patrick, will be speaking to the class. We would love for you to join us. 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.
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 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

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

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