



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

First Love

⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. -1 John 4:9-12

On November 27, 1960 our church broke ground on a building project for our current sanctuary. They designed a beautiful worship space that is layered with symbols, pictures, and scriptures that tell the story of our faith. On October 1, 1961, the first worship service was held in the new sanctuary. That morning, Rev. Byron Cravens preached on the stories represented in the stained glass.

On Sunday we will begin a new sermon series called *Stained Glass Stories for Lent* in which we will explore the stories of our faith that we see every Sunday in our sanctuary. We will begin by taking a closer look at two of the windows in the south transept including the picture of John Wesley and the window that says, "Religion is the plainest and simplest thing in the world. It is only this: we love Him because he first loved us." We'll tell the story of how John Wesley became convinced to be more vile and take on the practice of field preaching, and we'll talk about our Wesleyan understanding of prevenient grace which is our belief that God loves us first and how we respond to God's love by loving God and loving our neighbors. We will also celebrate **Scout Sunday** by having our Cub Scouts lead worship that day.

Then, on Sunday, February 25 we will turn our attention to two of the windows in the north transept including the picture of Martin Luther and the window which says, "Through baptism all of us are consecrated to the priesthood. Ye are all a royal priesthood." We'll discuss the way the Reformation moved the Church forward, talk about our understanding of the priesthood of all believers, and remember our baptism. It is my hope that this sermon series will help you grow deeper in your faith and become more aware of all of the ways that the stories of God are present in our sanctuary when you come to worship.

On Sunday, February 25, we will celebrate **Girl Scout Sunday** by having our Girl Scouts help lead worship. Our Girl Scouts will also be selling their wonderful cookies that day.

I will lead a Lenten study of John Ortberg's book, *Who Is This Man?* on **Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m.** beginning on **February 21**. You can sign up in the narthex on Sunday or contact the church office if you would like to join in this meaningful small group opportunity.

I am also very excited for our church to be hosting our **4th Annual John Marshall Sports Dinner on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.** If you would like to serve at the Dinner you can sign up in the narthex or contact the church office. It will be a wonderful night that will bless you and allow you to bless the students and coaches at John Marshall High School. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Saturday, February 17

John Marshall Shelf Stocking-9:00
Funeral for Norma Moe at 2:00

Scout Sunday, February 18

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Confirmation at 12:15 p.m.
Girl Scouts at 2:00 p.m.

Monday, February 19

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 9:00
Funeral for Marvin Margo at 11:00
Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20

John Marshall Shelf Stocking-9:30

Wednesday, February 21

Who Is This Man at 5:30 p.m.
Financial Peace University at 5:30
Choir at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 22

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 9:00

Friday, February 23

John Marshall Market at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 24

Blue and Gold Banquet at 6:00

Girl Scout Sunday, February 25

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Monday, February 26

Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27

John Marshall Shelf Stocking-9:30

Monday, March 5

4th Annual John Marshall
Sports Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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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.

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, February 18

The coffee host is Marty Smith.

The altar flowers are given by the five Jennings girls in honor of their mother's birthday.

The mission candle is given by Ande and Jacob Robertson in honor of Jerry Jennings.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Maggie Brown and Gracie Buxton.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, February 25

The coffee host is available.

The altar flowers are given by Cindy Davis in honor of Turner's birthday.

The mission candle is available.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Regan Miller and Charlotte Smith.

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

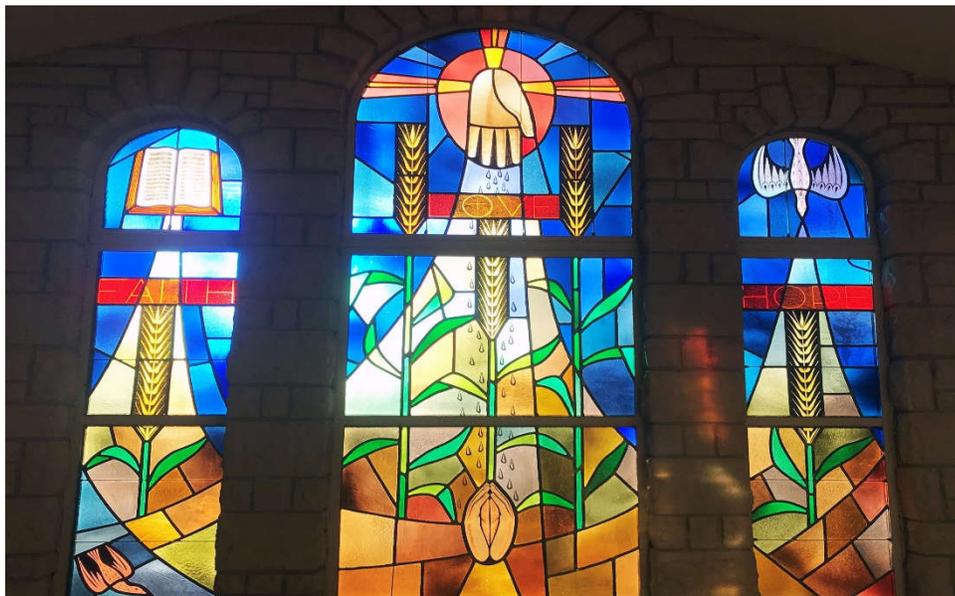
The sacrament of communion is a meaningful and important part of our weekly worship. If you are interested in helping prepare the table, please contact Carol Magness at 405-640-4429 or Janet Jones at 405-627-1566.

Serving in Altar Guild this month are: Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, and Marty Smith.

Birthdays

02/16 Trent Saunders
02/16 Laura Tirrell
02/17 Kellie Fischer
02/18 Jerry Jennings
02/19 Gloria Crownover
02/19 Jennifer Klos
02/21 Becky Buchanan
02/21 Doug Franklin
02/21 Kathy Smith

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Stained Glass Stories for Lent

When you walk into the sanctuary you experience peace. As you sit in one of the pews you notice the beautiful stained glass windows. These stained glass windows tell the stories of our faith. Join us for worship during the Sundays of Lent as we take a closer look at our *Stained Glass Stories*.

February 18	<i>First Love</i>
February 25	<i>Baptized with a Purpose</i>
March 4	<i>Head and Heart</i>
March 11	<i>Abide in Me</i>
March 18	<i>It's a Big, Big House</i>
March 25	<i>Do This in Remembrance of Me</i>
April 1	<i>He Is Risen</i>

Lenten Study

Jesus' impact on our world is highly unlikely, widely inescapable, largely unknown, and decidedly double-edged. His life and teaching simply drew people to follow him. His influence has swept over history bringing inspiration to what has happened in art, science, government, medicine, and education; he has taught humans about dignity, compassion, forgiveness, and hope.

Beginning on Wednesday, February 21 at 5:30, join as we study John Ortberg's book **Who is this Man?** The price of the book is \$10. Leader: Dr. Trevor Smith



John Marshall Saturday of Service

This Saturday, February 17 our church and our youth group will be participating in the Saturday of Service at John Marshall High School in our Neighborhood Market. Our Market has continued to reach hundreds of students each week, and it requires a lot of volunteer support to function effectively. We are incredibly thankful for the many servant leaders who help us on Tuesdays and Fridays, but this is a weekend opportunity to get involved for those who work during our regular operating hours. We hope that you will consider starting your Lenten season off right by serving in our community. We will be serving from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. this Saturday, February 17. John Marshall High School is located at 12201 N Portland Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73120

Blessings,
Matt



Tausha Davison-Beverly,
Director of
Children
and Family
Ministry

Children's Ministry

Over the past month our wonderful Cub Scouts enjoyed competing in the Pine Wood Derby at our church. I love that our church family has partnered with Cub Scouts to host this event for our young men. We look forward to having our Cub Scouts lead our worship services on Scout Sunday, February 18.

We are also looking forward to having our Girl Scout serve in worship on Girl Scout Sunday on February 25. They will also have cookies to sell during the month of February. As they grow, my prayer is that the Cub Scouts and the Girl Scouts may look back and reflect upon their experiences here and how we embraced them with encouragement, love, and support as a Church.

One expression of love can last forever in a child's mind. Maybe they will remember when someone helped them with a project, gave them a pat on the back, or offered verbal praise. Some will just remember seeing their picture on the bulletin board or the wall and remembering how they felt loved and were part of something bigger than themselves. One of God's greatest commandments is to love one another. I pray that all of the children connected to our church will remember all the wonderful moments that they share with us. As they become young adults and start families of their own, they will remember all the love and encouragement they felt at our church and will want to plant seeds here that will continue to flourish in our church family.

Blessings,
Tausha Davison-Beverly



Boy Scout Pinewood Derby



Pinewood Derby



Boy Scout Pinewood Derby



Girl Scouts Cookie Training

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

Did you know the first Girl Scout cookies were sold in the United States? They were sold in Muskogee, Oklahoma in December 1917. The Girl Scouts had to bake the cookies themselves back then. Our Girl Scout troop will be selling cookies at the Church twice this year. The first date will be on Girl Scout Sunday, February 25.

If your diet will not allow you to have cookies, we will happily accept cookie purchases for the John Marshall Neighborhood Market. Cookies are \$4 except for Toffee (gluten free) and S'mores which are \$5. Part of the money raised in cookie sales stays with the troop. The troop uses the money for supplies and activities for the girls.



North Highland Elementary Update

NHUMC continues to have a seat on the Community Oversight Committee at North Highland Elementary. We talk about school progress and find out ways to assist the school. A big focus is to improve test scores.

Thank you for your donations over the Advent season! Your generosity allowed us to be able to help with North Highland's Fall Festival, buy 5 turkeys for food baskets at Thanksgiving, assist with PTO bingo prizes, and supply 5 food baskets at Christmas. North Highland's social workers gave us two referrals for people needing financial assistance. We were able to give utility assistance to a family that both parents had lost their jobs, and we also helped a single mom get her car fixed so she could get to work. We provided a Christmas party and small gifts bags with treats, gloves, drink cups, and school supplies to 4th grade students. We gave sets of reading books to each class so that every student had the same book as requested by the teachers. Thank you to Full Circle Bookstore who provided a discount for us!

Thanks to those that brought Angel Tree gifts. Your donations helped encourage the 4th grade teachers, as well as supply other classroom items the teachers would not have to buy them out of their pocket.

Thank you to Alfred Walker, who worked on North Highland's flower beds and planted vegetables this past Fall.

If you would like to be on an email list to help with North Highland's specials needs or to volunteer, please send an email to Jennifer McGinnis at skipjip@aol.com. The school always needs testing monitors and short term volunteers.

4th Annual John Marshall Winter/Spring Sports Dinner



On **Monday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m.** we will be hosting our 4th annual John Marshall Sports Dinner, and it's time to volunteer! We are inviting about 200 students and staff from John Marshall, and it will take about 55 of us to host them. We need people to help set-up, greet, serve in the kitchen (no cooking, just plating, setting up drinks, dishwashing, etc.), serve the meals at the tables, and to host students at the tables. This dinner is a lot of fun and a great opportunity to get to know some awesome kids and coaches as we celebrate their successes and hard work. You can sign up in the Narthex on Sunday or call the church office at 405-842-1486. You will be contacted closer to the event with more

information about your service assignment.

We are also looking for prizes for the students and coaches. If anyone would like to donate movie passes, food gift cards (Sonic, City Bites, Taco Bell, etc.), Thunder tickets, OU or OSU apparel, etc., please bring them to the Church Office.

The John Marshall Bear Cave Clothing Closet Needs You!

The John Marshall Bear Cave is looking for "Personal Shoppers." If you are available on Mondays and/or Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., know a thing or two about color, style and fashion (or not), and love to see smiles on student's faces, the Bear Cave Clothing Closet has a place for you!

Please contact Christie Baker at 405-922-5154 if you are interested in serving in this life-changing ministry.



SAT Monitors Needed at John Marshall High School

John Marshall High School will be an SAT site on Tuesday, April 10th and Tuesday, April 24th (make up). They are in need of monitors. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lindsey Williams at lmwilliams@okcps.org or 405-587-7264. Thank you.

John Marshall Neighborhood Market February and March 2018

Shelf Stocking and Food Delivery

February

Saturday, Feb. 17th, 9:00-11:00 – Shelf Stocking

Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 9:30-11:00 – Shelf Stocking

March

Tuesday, Mar. 6th, 9:30-11:00 – Shelf Stocking

Monday, Mar. 12th, 9:30-11:30 – Delivery/Stocking

Saturday, Mar. 31st, 9:00-11:00 – Shelf Stocking

Contact Stephanie Henry to volunteer:
sajhmom@aol.com or 405-850-5518.

Market Open for Shopping

February

Friday, Feb. 16th, 10:00-12:40

Friday, Feb. 23th, 10:00-12:40

March

Friday, Mar. 2nd, 10:00-12:40

Friday, Mar. 9th, 10:00-12:40

Friday, Mar. 30th, 10:00-12:40

OKC Public School Background Check:

Go to www.okcps.org

Click on [Families & Community](#)

Click on [OKCPS Volunteers](#)

Click on orange circle - [Volunteer Application](#)

Under *Community Partners*, you will find

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church

Chancel Choir Singers to Perform in World Premiere

Konnor Callender, Joe Caskey, Jessica Fritts, Anna Lasbury, and Hallie Schmidt, members of the NHUMC chancel choir and OCU music majors, have been cast in OCU's upcoming production of *The Vaudevillian*. The new opera by Thomas Pasatieri is receiving its world premiere with this OCU staging. The plot involves the rise and fall of American soprano Rosa Ponselle. She was a star at the New York Metropolitan Opera and is generally considered to have been one of the greatest sopranos of the past 100 years. Performances are scheduled in OCU's Kirkpatrick Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, February 16 and 17, and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 18. Tickets (\$14 - \$28) are available at 405.208.5227 or www.okcu.edu/tickets.



Konnor Callender



Joe Caskey



Jessica Fritts



Anna Lasbury



Hallie Schmidt

Tidbits from The Learning Center

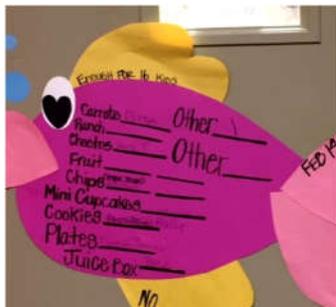


Denise Buthion,
Director

Each year we celebrate Valentine's Day with a party and exchange valentines. Many of our families come and join us, too. They delight in the pleasure of the children getting "valentines" from their friends. Rituals, such as this, are very important for children (and adults.) Our daily rituals are building memories for the children that support social, emotional, and academic success. We greet each child by name as they enter The Learning Center. Who doesn't appreciate hearing their name and being acknowledged?

Everyone has day-to-day rituals built into their lives. Rituals and routines give children the power to know what is going to happen next. So, throwing in a party from time to time keeps things interesting. Our program is fostering a sense of belonging for children and families. Can you think back to your first Valentine's Day celebration? These memories can make us smile.. Feel free to come and join our party, February 14 at 1:45 p.m. for another celebration of one of our annual rituals.

Blessings,
Denise



Birthdays

02/24	Larry Johnson
02/24	Kaleigh Slack
02/24	Jean Warner
02/26	Avery Niemann
02/27	Ryan McLain
02/27	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.

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Joanne Crosby and Sylvia Miller

Town Village

Joanna Garnett and
Jess and Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

Autumn Leaves

Katie Alexander

At Home

Roger Etling, Ann Flesher,
Frances Lewis, and David Mueller

John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet

We are in need of:

- Men's Deodorant
- Women's Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes (prefer the 4-pack at Dollar Tree that can be cut apart)
- Bars of soap (Sam's Club also has good pricing on packages of soap)

NOTE: The best prices on these items is generally at the Dollar Tree. The best Dollar Tree Stores are: 10908 N. May Ave. and 2221 NW 138th Street.

- New Socks
- Front Zip Hoodies
- Monetary donation for underwear
- New or gently worn shoes
Boys/Men's: 9-12
Girls/Women's: 8-10
- Sweat Pants

Please deliver clothing items directly to John Marshall High School.

Would you like to help at John Marshall on Saturdays?

The Neighborhood Market would like your help on **February 17, March 31, and May 12!** Contact Stephanie at 405-850-5518 or sajhmom@aol.com for more information.



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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 study *The Letter of James* during Lent. For more information about “The Brew” contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Parlor* - On February 18, our senior pastor, Dr. Trevor Smith, will lead us in a discussion about the ways God is working through each person in our church to transform our community and our world. Leader: Dudley Hyde.

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. Student Pastor: Rev. Matt Patrick.

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, snacks, and crafts 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
Dr. Antone Godding, Organist
Kathy Smith, Treasurer
Louise Glass, Financial Secretary

Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center
Brandon Price, Custodian
Alfred Walker, Sunday Host
Tyral Hayes, Sunday Host
Jessica Mayberry, Nursery Attendant
Ashley Edwards, Nursery Attendant
Marita Barkus, Nursery Attendant