



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### It's a Big, Big House

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.”  
 -John 14:1-3

Last Monday, I had the pleasure of sitting with a group of girls at our John Marshall Winter and Spring Sports Banquet. A student named China has sat at my table for the last four years, and she expressed her gratitude to me for all of the banquets our church has hosted and for the ways we are in ministry with the students at John Marshall High School. She also expressed her desire to give back to our church and help in any way. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to know China and for the way our church has developed such a good relationship with the school. It makes me very proud of our church.



This Sunday we will continue our *Stained Glass Stories for Lent* sermon series by focusing on the window that says, *In my Father’s house are many mansions*. Losing a loved one in the most painful thing we experience in this life. We’ll take a closer look at John 14 and spend some time discussing the issue of suicide. We’ll also consider the promise Jesus made to prepare a place for us in his Father’s house and raise us up to be with him and our loved ones.

On **Palm Sunday**, our sermon will focus on the window that says *This do in remembrance of me*. Our children will wave Palm Branches and sing a special song, we’ll tell the story of how Jesus gave us a special meal we call Holy Communion, and we’ll point out all of the crosses in our sanctuary as we remember our Lord’s passion and death.

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 March 29 at noon** followed by our **Maundy Thursday Lunch at 12:30 p.m.** The service will include Holy Communion and the *stripping of the sanctuary*. We will remember our Lord’s passion and death on the cross in our **Tenebrae Service of Darkness on Good Friday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m.** I hope you will join us for these meaningful services.

**Easter Sunday on April 1** will begin at **8:30 a.m.** with our **Early Worship Service** followed by **Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.**, a **Easter Brunch 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 hope you will take advantage of this opportunity by inviting someone you know to come to our Easter Worship Services. I am looking forward to celebrating Easter with you on April 1. May the Holy Spirit work through you as you share the hope of Easter with the people in your life. I’ll see you on Sunday morning.

Blessings,  
 Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday, March 18

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
 S.P.R.C. Meeting at 12:15 p.m.

#### Monday, March 19

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 9:00  
 Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30  
 Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 21

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

#### Sunday, March 25

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

#### Monday, March 26

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 9:00  
 Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30  
 Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, March 27

John Marshall Shelf Stocking, 9:30

#### Thursday, March 29

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 9:00  
 Maundy Thursday Service at Noon  
 Maundy Thursday Lunch at 12:30

#### Friday, March 30

John Marshall Market at 10:00 a.m.  
 Tenebrae Service of Darkness at 6:30 p.m.

#### Easter Sunday, April 1

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

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#### The Learning Center

(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, March 18

The coffee host is Janet Harlow.  
The chancel flowers are available.  
The mission candle is available.  
The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.  
The acolytes for 10:50 are Avery Smith and Lucy Ann Vaughn.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, March 25

The coffee hosts are Kathy and Russ Walker.  
The chancel flowers are available.  
The mission candle is available.  
The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.  
The acolytes for 10:50 are Graham Fraley and Marlon 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: Mary Ann Carmichael, Carla Hill, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, and Marty Smith.

### Birthdays

03/15 Lydia Hunt  
03/15 Gordon Ryan  
03/16 Kathryn Guerra  
03/19 Mary Ann Carmichael  
03/20 Kneely Buxton  
03/20 Caleb Magness  
03/21 Jacob Robertson  
03/21 Becky Sims  
03/22 Stephanie Henry  
03/24 Dick Graves

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## Stained Glass Stories for Lent

When you walk into the sanctuary you experience peace. As you sit in a pew 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*.

**March 18**

*It's a Big, Big House*

**March 25**

*Do This in Remembrance of Me*

**April 1**

*He Is Risen*



Rev. Matt Patrick

## Confirmation Interviews

Our four confirmands have made it through all of their learning session for our Confirmation process this year. In the next month, our confirmands will have an interview with Pastor Trevor and me to talk about membership vows and what it means to follow Christ and join the church. I hope that you will join me in praying for these students as they finish up this process and head towards Confirmation Sunday on May 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the most important decision these students will ever make, whether to follow Christ and join His Church. Thank you for providing a wonderful church home for them to join, learn and grow in.

Blessings,  
Matt

## Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase a lily for Easter Sunday please fill out this form below, and return it, along with a check or cash, to the church office. The price is \$15 per lily, or you can have your donation go towards our Missions. Forms must be received in the church office before March 26.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of lilies: \_\_\_\_\_ Check/Cash enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my donation to go towards purchasing a lily.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my donation to go toward Missions.

Lilies may be picked up after the 10:50 worship service or they will be delivered to a homebound person.



## Easter Eggs and Brunch

Easter Sunday is on April 1, and we need your help for the exciting things we have planned!

We invite you to sign up in the Narthex to bring food to our Easter Brunch which will be at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

We also invite you to donate prefilled plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring them to the church by Sunday, March 25.

Thank you for helping make Easter Sunday a huge success!

THEY TOOK HIM DOWN FROM THE CROSS AND BURIED HIM  
 THE WOMEN WERE OVERWHELMED WITH GRIEF  
 THE DISCIPLES WERE FILLED WITH HOPELESSNESS  
 ON SUNDAY WHEN THEY RETURNED TO THE TOMB  
 THE STONE WAS ROLLED AWAY  
 THEN THEY SAW HIM  
 PEACE BE WITH YOU  
 IT IS ME. DON'T BE AFRAID  
 LOVE HAS CONQUERED HATE  
 LIFE HAS CONQUERED DEATH  
 THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE  
 GOOD HAS ALWAYS OVERCOME EVIL  
 ALWAYS

# Find Hope

## Easter Sunday, April 1

Easter Worship Services  
 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt - 10:15 a.m.

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## Holy Week Schedule

### Maundy Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday Service at Noon

Maundy Thursday Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

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

### Good Friday, March 30

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

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

### Easter Sunday, April 1

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Family Brunch 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 2018

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





Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

## Children's Ministry

As you all know Easter is fast approaching. The Children's Ministry has started planning our Easter Egg Hunt. We will need lots of prefilled plastic eggs to make this a memorable event for our children and the families in our surrounding community as well. If you are able to donate some prefilled plastic eggs, please bring them to the church by March 25.

In February we had Cub Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Sunday. Our Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts had a wonderful time participating in worship. They participated in both the 8:30 and the 10:50 worship services. The Girl Scouts had a wonderful experience. The cookies were delicious as well. Many of the Scouts commented on how they had a wonderful time and hoped to have the chance to come back soon. Below are some pictures from the Cub Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Sunday.

Tausha Davison-Beverly



## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion Director

We are so fortunate to find educated and experienced teachers every time we have an opening. This month we hired two new floaters. Here are their biographies:

Hi! My name is Ashley Butler. I have a ten-year old daughter named Quan'Nae. I have worked in child care for the last ten years and have my Child Development Associate certification. I love working in the childcare field because you learn something new every day from the children or in general. There is never a dull moment.

Hello, my name is De'Angela Sadler. I was born and raised in Oklahoma City. I am a single mother of three handsome sons. My certificate of mastery is from OSU-OKC in early childhood education. I love to try new things in food and to travel.

We are thrilled to welcome Ashley and De'Angela into the Nichols Hills United Methodist Church family. Welcome ladies!

The Learning Center is closed this week for spring break. We will see you on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

-Denise



Ashley Butler



De'Angela Sadler

### Birthdays

03/24	Helen Sullivan
03/24	Russell Walker
03/27	Buzz McDaniel
03/28	Layton Hill, IV
03/28	Drake Parsons
03/28	Bruce Rosier
03/28	Della Walker
03/28	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.

### 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

The best prices on the following items is generally found at the Dollar Tree.

We are in need of:

- Men's and 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)
- 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.

### Saturday Help Needed!

The John Marshall Neighborhood Market would like your help on **Saturday, March 31!** Contact Stephanie at 405-850-5518 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* - Join us as we learn from different leaders on various topics. 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