



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

He Is Risen

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the

right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." -Mark 16:1-7

Through the centuries Christians have expressed their love of God by creating works of art with which to glorify Him. In 1997, the dream of one of our charter members was adopted as a project by the Fiftieth Anniversary Task Force. Cynthia Meyerson had long wished for some form of art in our sanctuary which would recognize the role of women in the history of Christianity. The tapestry that resulted was dedicated on May 9, 1999.

Inspired by the 1996 visit to the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem by a Volunteers In Mission Team from our church, this unusual needlepoint is the size of the existing stained glass windows. It fulfills the planners' wish to honor the women who were the first witnesses to Jesus' resurrection and whose message to the disciples brought hope to the world as they shared the Good News of his resurrection. These women faithfully followed Jesus, witnessed his crucifixion, watched as he was buried, and were the first to see the empty tomb. Following research on the women of the Gospels, Mark 16 was selected because it names Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome. These three women personified the deep commitment of Jesus' female followers. They were from different generations and backgrounds. Mary Magdalene was Jesus' devoted disciple and is the central figure in the tapestry. Mary the mother of James the Less is believed by many scholars to have been the wife of Cleopas as well as a sister of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The oldest woman in the group, Salome, was commonly believed to be the wife of Zebedee and the mother of James and John.

Oklahoma City artist Jan Scott Hurley delicately captured the colors, style, and feeling of the unique stained glass windows in our sanctuary. A variety of elements are repeated on the needlepoint canvas. Hands turned upside down became a dove with its tail formed from a flower. The nimbus highlighting each apostle's head over the altar is repeated behind each of the women. Patterns on the women's robes are also seen on the apostles' robes. The morning sun above the tomb replicates the light shining on Paul in the right-hand altar window. Mary Magdalene is looking upwards, while Mary and Salome have their heads bowed, as in the presence of the Holy Spirit. The three crosses are behind them, as is their suffering.

I hope you will invite someone you know to come with you to worship on Sunday as we celebrate Easter and the hope we find in Jesus' resurrection. He is risen. He is risen indeed.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Saturday, March 31

Shelf Stocking at John Marshall Neighborhood Market at 9:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday, April 1

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

Monday, April 2

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 9:00
Care Committee Meeting at 4:00
Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4

Nichols Thrills Meal and The Life You've Always Wanted at 5:30 p.m.
S.P.R.C. Meeting at 5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 5

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 9:00

Friday, April 6

John Marshall Market at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 8

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

Monday, April 9

John Marshall Food Delivery and Stocking at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 11

Nichols Thrills Meal and The Life You've Always Wanted at 5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Marathon Sunday, April 29

Outdoor Worship at 8:30 & 10:50

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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, April 1

Join us for our Easter brunch at 9:45. The mission candle is lit by Bethany Spiers.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Charlotte and Avery Smith.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, April 8

The coffee host is available.

The chancel flowers are available.

The mission candle is available.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

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

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, Marty Smith, and Kathy Walker.

Birthdays

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
04/03 Jim Buchanan, III
04/03 Amy Hall
04/05 Maxine Permenter
04/05 Avery Robinson

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Stained Glass Stories for Easter

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words. Our stained glass windows tell the stories of our faith. Join us for worship during the Sundays of Easter as we explore the meaning of Easter through our *Stained Glass Stories*.

April 1	<i>He Is Risen</i>
April 8	<i>First Things First</i>
April 15	<i>Blinded by the Light</i>
April 22	<i>The Good Shepherd</i>
April 29	<i>Rest Stop</i>
May 6	<i>The Mission</i>
May 13	<i>Child Friendly</i>
May 20	<i>Preachers All</i>

John Marshall Service Saturday



Rev. Matt Patrick

On Saturday March 31st, our church will be having a morning of service at John Marshall High School from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 am. We will be stocking shelves and organizing the Neighborhood Market to be ready for students the following week. Children, youth, and adults are invited to come out and serve with us. If you have not been to visit and see what we are doing at John Marshall, I highly encourage you to do so. If you only have an hour or so to give, we would appreciate that. I'm proud of the many people who give their time and energy to make this ministry possible. I hope to see you there.

Blessings,
Matt

Children's Ministry

Greetings church family! This is an exciting time for our Children's Ministry! Holy Week is here, and we have different songs and tactile activities to bring more meaning to the days before the crucifixion. Ms. Victoria, Ms. Lecye and Ms. Marita have done an awesome job helping our children to prepare their songs that they will sing on Easter.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Sunday, April 1 at 10:15 on the playgrounds (weather permitting). Our infants and toddlers will hunt on the smaller playground, while our elementary age children will hunt on the larger playground. Our eggs will have a variety of items in them such as confetti, candy, free sundae tokens from *Freddy's*, and free Kid Combo Cards from *Raising Cane's*.

Our Sunday mornings provide fun interactive experiences for all young children. I would like to personally invite your child to join us this Sunday to participate in our wonderful Children's Church during our worship services, as well as Sunday School with Ms. Lecye and me at 9:30 a.m.

Next week we will begin enrollment for our first Sports Summer Camp. It will be on June 11-15, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Children from 4 years old through 6th grade are welcome to attend. The cost is \$55.00 per child. Children can choose to participate in either Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, or Team 45 (which teaches the fundamentals of motion, rhythm, and balance development to 4 and 5-year-olds) all while experiencing God's love! Registration forms can be found in the church office or online at www.nicholshillssumc.org/nichols-hills-united-methodist-church-sports-camp.

-Tausha Davison-Beverly

Gifts for Easter Lilies and Missional Ministries To Honor and Remember the following People:

Lance and Linda Benham in memory of Lilly Antoinette Kalkbrenner.

Betsy Berry in memory of Pat Samter, our Godfather, from Robert and Clark Hyde.

G.T. and Libby Blankenship in honor of our twin great-granddaughters.

Bill Bowden in honor of Andy Bowden and Marjorie Trammell and in memory of Isobel Bowden.

Steve and Lora Brown and Becky and Brad Johnston in memory of Barney and Virginia Brown.

Anita Dahlgren in memory of Jack D. Dahlgren.

Turner and Cindy Davis in honor of our grandchildren and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Leese.

Ann Garrett in memory of my parents: Dottie and Jim Greely.

Sue Goodman in memory of John Goodman, husband.

Jane Harlow in memory of James Harlow, Jr.

Dudley Hyde in memory of Homer and Winoneh Hyde, and Thurman and Corrine White.

Becky and Brad Johnston in memory of Virginia Brown and Barney Brown.

Ryan Johnston, Megan Barron, Rachel Peck in memory of Mac and MeMe... Barney and Virginia Brown.

Jim and Janet Jones in memory of Jim and Myonza Jones.

Judy and Chris Kauffman in honor of Coley, Jeffrey, and Carson Lee, grandsons, and Bruce Scott Lee, Judy's son.

Lou Kerr in memory of Robert S. Kerr, Jr.

Cinda and Owen Lafferty in memory of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Lafferty and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Wheeler.

Sarah, Kent, and Hayden Lee in memory of Donya Hicks Dunn.

Bette and Jim MacKellar in memory of Tommye B. Smith, Bette's sister.

George Malone in memory of Sandra Malone.

Marty and Robert Margo in memory of our parents.

Joe McClendon in memory of Carole Kerr McClendon, my wife of 61 years.

Lew McGinnis and Jennifer Price in honor of Geneva Price and in memory of Royal Price, Stewart "Mack" McGinnis, and Mary McGinnis.

Sara Lyn Pascal and Sue Goodman in memory of Scott Shdeed.

Janice Pitney in memory of John and Tsinena Thompson, Jill Morgan Thompson, and Thomas C. Pitney.

Sue and Gordon Ryan in loving memory of Sue's beloved aunt, Rosemary Fair Mock, who died March 20 at the age of 97.

Pat and Fred Schonwald in memory of Elsa and Fred Schonwald and Loyle and Velma Miller.

Dick Sias in memory of Jeannette Sias.

Bill and Sandra Smith in memory of A.B. Cochran - Sandra's dad.

William and Mike Stafford in honor of the Stafford family and in memory of Rosemary Stafford, Bill Doyle, Mena and Ival Stafford, and Howard Bertram Hopps, Jr.

Sally Stringer, Sarah Butler, and Kate Koetting in memory of Sarah Ann and Bob Morrison (Mema and Deda).

Sally Stringer and Luke, Thad, Beau, and Blythe Butler in memory of Ed Stringer.

Margaret and Bill Wells in memory of Nancy Holloway Rea and Susanne Wells Blinn.

Welcome Rev. Michael Carpenter, Our New Associate Pastor!



Rev. Michael
Carpenter

Rev. Michael Carpenter has been appointed to be our new Associate Pastor beginning on Sunday, June 10. Please enjoy reading his biography below.

A fourth-generation Methodist, I was born in Chicago, Illinois, in August 1992. My family, my father and mother, and one brother, moved to Ardmore, Oklahoma, in 2000, where I spent the rest of my childhood. Though I was baptized as an infant in the United Methodist Church, we were not serious Christians in Illinois, but we became very active in First United Methodist Church in Ardmore. During those years, from 2000 to my graduation in 2010, I regularly and actively explored my faith and deepened my participation in church activities.

I first felt a call to ministry in the summer of 2009, before the start of my senior year of high school. As I contemplated colleges and career paths, I discerned the Spirit telling me that my passions for people, service, and sharing my faith would only be truly fulfilled by vocational ministry. I decided, however, to continue my educational track of engineering while I further discerned this calling. So I began studying Civil Engineering at Oklahoma State University, and my years in college only served to strengthen my belief that I am called to ordained ministry. I became a certified candidate through First United Methodist Church in Stillwater in December 2014, and I graduated two weeks later, summa cum laude and with a minor in Religious Studies.

At FUMC, Stillwater I met my wife, Rachel. We married a week after graduation and moved to Oklahoma City in the summer of 2015, so I could begin my seminary education at Saint Paul School of Theology. At the same time, she began medical school at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and will become a physician in 2019. We welcomed the birth of our first child, Oliver, in May 2017.

Through my seminary's Fellows Program, I have served as an Associate Minister at UM Church of the Servant in Oklahoma City, after being licensed as a local pastor in 2015. Initially tasked with our church's Young Adult Ministry, I have also stepped into the role leading our Hospitality Ministries, as well as providing worship planning and leadership for our Chapel service. In May 2017, I was commissioned as a Provisional Elder, on track to be ordained in 2020.

I am very excited to begin serving in ministry at Nichols Hills UMC! I have heard so much about your hearts for ministry, your wonderful worship, and the closeness of your connection to each other. My family and I look forward to getting to know your families and growing together as disciples and apostles of Christ. I am ready to hit the ground running come June, and I cannot wait to see how God's Spirit is moving among you!

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion
Director

I am pleased to share with you that Mary Proctor, our Cubs infant teacher, received her Child Development Associate Certificate, also called CDA. Mary has completed 120 clock hours of professional Early Childhood education, prepared an extensive portfolio of her practice in the classroom, completed family questionnaires, and acquired her resource collection items from about 25 different agencies. She also completed a three-hour observation by a professional instructor from the Council for Professional Recognition, an interview, and her portfolio demonstration as well as a national exam taken on-line at Oklahoma City Community College. Mary has worked for over 25 years with the youngest of children and was willing to take on the additional work to achieve this credential. Needless to say, we are very proud of her and the example she has set. Just this past week one of the other staff members completed her three-hour observation, her interview, and her portfolio demonstration. Great things are happening at TLC and we are so proud of Mary. Congratulations!



Mary Proctor

-Denise



Marathon Sunday - April 29

Join us for Marathon Sunday as we move our worship services outside. There will be bounce houses, face painting, and other fun things for children. Bring a lawn chair and dress casually as we cheer on the runners.

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 include 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.

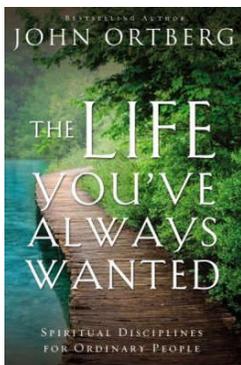
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

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. Bring your family and friends for an Easter celebration that will send you home renewed, refreshed, and full of hope for the future.



The Life You've Always Wanted

What does the true spiritual life really look like and what keeps you from living it? **The Life You've Always Wanted**, by John Ortberg, is a six-week study that will guide you through the spiritual disciplines and teach you how they can transform your life. This meaningful study will begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4.

Sign up in the Narthex after worship or in the Church Office during the week. Childcare is provided. The price of the book is \$11. Leader: Dr. Trevor Smith

Birthdays

04/07	Jake Huchton
04/08	Mason Heflin
04/08	Leigh Love
04/09	Calli Heflin
04/09	Nell Johnson
04/10	Olivia Miller
04/10	Jean Webber
04/11	Robert Sullivan
04/12	John McKee
04/13	Avery Smith
04/14	Alivia Rogers
04/15	Emily Ellis
04/16	Olivia Brien
04/16	Delaney Sheffield
04/17	Cathy Betterton
04/17	Tom Knott

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. 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: Lacey 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

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Alfred Walker, Sunday Host
Tyral Hayes, Sunday Host
Jessica Mayberry, Nursery Attendant
Ashley Edwards, Nursery Attendant
Marita Barkus, Nursery Attendant