

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Child Friendly

³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve; and he said to them, "If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ And he took a child, and put him in the midst of them; and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me." -Mark 9:35-37

In our child-centric culture today we are not surprised to learn that children have a special place in the kingdom of God, but in Jesus' day children were not valued as having sacred worth. In the ancient world, unwanted children were often simply left to die, a practice called "exposure." This decision was usually made during the first eight days of life. This custom changed because of a group of people who remembered that they were followers of a man who said, "Let the children come to me."

On Sunday we will continue our Stained Glass Stories for Easter sermon series by taking a closer look at the tapestry which says, "Let the children come to me." We'll discuss the special relationship Jesus had with children and the way he calls us to bless children in our church. We will also honor and bless all of the women in our church as we observe Mother's Day. I hope you will join us for these meaningful worship services.

Then, on May 20 we will celebrate Pentecost and honor our graduating seniors. Please let us know if someone close to you is graduating from high school, college, or graduate school. We will be glad to celebrate their accomplishments.

I am excited that we will be hosting our first Sports Camp on Monday, June 11 to Friday, June 15. The Sports Camp is for children ages 4 years old to 12 years old and will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please let us know if you know a child who would like to attend or if you would be willing to help with the Sports Camp. You do not have to be athletic or know anything about sports to help. You just need to care about children.

It has also been a joy to welcome several people into our church as new members. During our Marathon Sunday worship services we welcomed Lance and Linda Benham, Medhat and Angela Michael, Lora Brown, and Van and Clara Lafferty into church membership. Then, on Confirmation Sunday we welcomed Kneely Buxton, Thad Butler, Molly Love, and Sarah Tirrell as our youngest new members. It is exciting to be part of a growing church, and we truly value each of our new members. I know you will take the time to welcome and congratulate each of our newest members. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor



Ministry Calendar

Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day

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

Monday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 16

Nichols Thrills Meal and The Life You've Always Wanted at 5:30

Thursday, May 17

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 9:00

Friday, May 18

John Marshall Market at 10:15 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday, May 19

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

Monday, May 21

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

Memorial Sunday, May 27

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

Memorial Day, Monday, May 28

Church Offices and The Learning Center Closed

Tuesday, May 29-Friday May 1

The Learning Center Closed

Monday, June 11-Friday, June 15

Sports Camp from 9:00 to Noon

Sunday, June 17 - Father's Day

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

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The Learning Center

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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, May 13

The coffee host is Courtney Vaughn.

The mission candle is lit by Mary Ann Carmichael in memory of Mary Alice Carmichael, her mother.

The chancel flowers are given by Judy and Chris Kauffman in memory of Bruce Scott Lee.

The acolytes for 8:30 are Gabriel Ireland and Kate Maloney.

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

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, May 20

The coffee host is Katherine Buxton.

The chancel flowers are given by Jane Harlow in honor of her granddaughter, Kristina Harlow, on her 22nd birthday and her graduation from S.M.U.

The mission candle is given by Lindsay Ocker in memory of Bill Shakespeare.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are Graham and Louis Fraley.

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 Crownover, Gloria Crownover, Ann Garrett, Jennifer McGinnis, Karen McLain, Beverly Perri, and Marty Smith.



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*.

May 13 *Child Friendly*

May 20 *Preachers All*

Special Sundays in May!

Join us for three special Sundays in May!

On May 13, we will honor the women in our church as part of our Mother's Day Celebration.

On May 20, we will honor our graduating seniors.

On May 27, we will observe Memorial Sunday and remember our loved ones who have passed away by lighting a candle in their memory.

Graduate Sunday

On May 20, we will honor our graduating seniors and hear their plans for their futures. If you have a graduating senior that you wish to include, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office.

Graduate Name: _____

School: _____

Degree: _____

Relationship of the person to you: _____

Memorial Sunday

On May 27, we will observe Memorial Sunday and remember our loved ones who have died in the last year by lighting a candle in their memory. If you would like your loved one remembered, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office.

Person to be remembered: _____

Your name: _____

Relationship of the person to you: _____

Marathon Sunday

Marathon Sunday was a great day for our church! Thank you to everyone who made it possible. Below are some photos of the fun, including the seven new members who joined our church: Lora Brown, Lance and Linda Benham, Van and Clara Lafferty, and Medhat and Angela Michael.





Nichols Hills United Methodist SPORTS



Basketball



Cheerleading



Soccer



Ultimate Frisbee



4 - 5 Year Olds

CAMP

June 11 - 15
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church Sports Camp

June 11- 15 from 9:00 - Noon

\$55 per child

4 year olds through 6th graders

Children may participate in 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!

Register by filling out the form below and returning it to the church office.

Name(s) and Age(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sport: _____

Sports include: Basketball, Cheerleading, Ultimate Frisbee, Soccer, or Team 45.

Cost: \$55 per child - Pay by cash, check, or credit card.

Volunteers Needed!

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church Sports Camp

June 11- 15 from 9:00 - Noon

We are in need of volunteers to help with our Sports Camp on June 11 - 15. We have several positions available. Please call the church office at 405-842-1486 or email tdavison@nicholshillsumc.org for more information!

Getting To Know You

Our church makes a Christian difference through the many wonderful people in our congregation. This week, Lance and Linda Benham share with us about their lives and how Nichols Hills U.M.C. is blessing them.

Lance and Linda have been married for 31 years. They have four children and twelve grandchildren. Linda was raised in a Navy family and moved often while growing up. She has a passion, as well as a gift, for helping animals. She has provided a foster home for many pets, through the Humane Society, in addition to caring for several exotic animals with special needs. She enjoys gardening, all aspects of nature, and likes being outdoors, especially with her grandchildren. “She is the hub of our family wheel!”



Lance had a career in the U.S. Navy as well as a career in the architecture-engineering design profession. He retired from working full time in 2013 and now engages as a community volunteer within the non-profit sector. He plays the guitar and enjoys riding a motorcycle.

Together Lance and Linda enjoy trail riding (horses), camping out, and sailing.

Both Lance and Linda grew up in the Methodist Church. “We attended several local metro churches over the years but never found one that particularly drew us in. Several months ago our friends Sue Ann and Dudley Hyde invited us to attend their Sunday School (Kiva Class). We really enjoyed that experience as well as the church service afterwards. Trevor’s sermon struck a positive chord with us. We kept coming to the Kiva Class and continued attending the church services. After a few months we both agreed that we wanted to be more involved with the church so we joined.”

“It has been wonderful renewing old friendships and meeting new people who share the common desire to be better human beings by aligning spiritually and behaviorally with the teachings of Jesus. We have a long way to go on this journey, so we are excited that so many others are with us!”

“We appreciate the welcoming atmosphere of the church and especially value the church’s desire to be a place that is defined by the diversity and inclusiveness of its membership. We also like the mix of contemporary music along with the more traditional hymns. We appreciate the simple, more traditional church service that is more informal and welcoming.”

Lance and Linda joined our church on Marathon Sunday, April 29. We are happy to have them in our Nichols Hills United Methodist Church family!

Congrats to Our Confirmands!



Rev. Matt Patrick

Last Sunday, four of our students made public professions of faith and vows of membership to join our church. Kneely Buxton, Sarah Tirrell, Thad Butler, and Molly Love all joined our church, and we are very proud of them. When you see them around the church, be sure to congratulate them on completing their confirmation journey. However, as Methodists, we believe that Confirmation is only the beginning of a life long journey of faith in which God continues to sanctify us. I hope that you will join me in praying for them and supporting them as they continue to grow in our church!

Blessings,
Matt

Children's Ministry



Tausha
Davison-Beverly,
Director of
Children and
Family Ministry

On Marathon Sunday we had a blast encouraging the OKC Memorial runners as they ran by our church. The children and some of the choir members made signs to let the runners know that we love and support them. Our very own Ms. Victoria Ecker, who teaches our children fun and uplifting songs, participated in the Marathon, as well as other members such as Mr. Dudley Hyde. Way to go! We love you all!

We reached over 25 children throughout the morning. Most of the families walking by said they were drawn in by the wonderful music from our amazing choir, the big tent, and the bounce house. Some of those families also decided to stay to listen to the wonderful message and partake in the brunch while the children enjoyed face painting and crafts. Marathon Sunday was a huge success because of your help! Thank you N.H.U.M.C. family!

Be Blessed,
Tausha Davison-Beverly

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion
Director

Each year schools and programs around the country celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. The primary focus for the week is to display gratitude for the many contributions that teachers provide children every day. Chances are you may recall a teacher who made a difference in your life.



Children who have had at least one significant teacher in their life are more resilient and enjoy school more than those who have not. To display their gratitude, our families brought treats, cards, flowers, and gifts. The teachers had a bagel breakfast, a Mexican lunch, and snacks throughout the week. Our staff enjoyed every single day. Guiding little ones is no easy task, but they make it look like it is.

-Denise

Thank You!

Thank you for your continued support of the John Marshall Bear Cave Clothing Closet! We will no longer be accepting clothing due to summer break. We will begin accepting donations again in the fall. We appreciate you!



Birthdays

05/10	Norma Baker
05/10	Mark Miller
05/13	Roger Etling
05/17	Rosemarie Chase
05/17	Rachel Huchton
05/18	Warren Henry
05/18	Charlotte Smith
05/20	Dudley Hyde
05/21	Jeff Cloud
05/23	Jerry Richardson
05/23	Trevor Smith
05/24	Michael Wyder
05/28	Sharon Ives
05/29	Rob Saunders

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

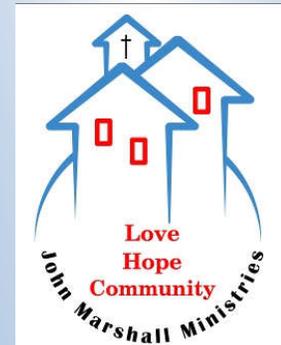
Joanna Garnett and
Jess and Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

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)

We are no longer accepting clothing donations until the Fall of 2018.

Thank you for your continued support!

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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: 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
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Kathy Smith, Treasurer
Louise Glass, Financial Secretary

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Ashley Edwards, Nursery Attendant
Marita Barkus, Nursery Attendant