



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

In the Garden

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. -*Genesis 3:1-6*

The Bible begins in a garden where God creates Paradise. At the heart of the gospels is another garden, the garden of redemption. Jesus suffers, dies and is buried in a garden, but on the third day he emerges from the tomb, conquering sin and death. The Bible ends in a garden. Revelation 22 paints a picture of the saints dwelling with God in a restored Paradise. On Sunday we will continue our *In the Beginning* sermon series by taking a closer look at Genesis 3. We will discuss the consequences of sin and the graciousness of God. I hope you will invite someone you know to worship with us as we consider how we can live in right relationships with God, each other, and all of creation.

It was exciting to be part of our first Sports Camp. Of the fifty children who participated, 75% of them were from new families in our community. We saw many smiles on the faces of children and parents throughout the week as we helped children learn new skills relating to Soccer, Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, and Cheerleading all while experiencing the love of God. I want to thank Alfred Walker, Della Walker, Lecye Lippoldt, Emma Speir, Cara Fraley, Allyson Smith, Dustin Davis, Michael Carpenter, Delaney Sheffield, Gracie Sanders, Craig Sanders, Krystian Smith, Kneely Buxton, Meg Miller, and Graham Murphy for the way each of them served and blessed the children. I especially want to thank Tausha Davison-Beverly for her hard work to organize the Sports Camp. I am glad to be part of a church that welcomes and loves children.

I also want to thank Meg Miller, Gracie Sanders, Mary Ann Sanders, and Ann Millerborg for baking all of the cookies that we gave to the men in our church on Father’s Day. The cookies were delicious, and I was proud to see the way our young people serve in our church.

As we journey through the summer, I want to let you know that we have scheduled Mission Madness for Saturday, July 28. Our Mission Committee is making plans to have our children serve at Cleats 4 Kids, to have our Cub Scouts and Girls Scouts serve at North Highland Elementary School, and to have our youth and adults serve at John Marshall High School. We will share more details in the near future, and we hope you will plan to serve with us as we make a Christian difference in our community.

Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, June 24

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

Monday, June 25

Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30

Sunday, July 1

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

Monday, July 2

Care Committee Meeting at 4:00
Alcoholics Anonymous at 5:30

Wednesday, July 4

Church Office and
The Learning Center Closed for
Independence Day

Saturday to Sunday, July 21-22

Sonshine Church Camp
For 1st and 2nd Graders

Saturday, July 28

Mission Madness at 9:00 a.m.



We have three lovely new flags in our church lawn. They look great during the day and even better at night with their solar powered lights, all made possible by a generous donor.

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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 or Michael Carpenter 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, June 24

The coffee host is Sandra Smith.

The mission candle is lit by Bethany Kyle Cue Spiers.

The chancel flowers are given by Judy and Chris Kauffman in honor of their wedding anniversary.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

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

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, July 1

The coffee host is available.

The mission candle is available.

The chancel flowers are available.

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

The acolytes for 10:50 are Regan Miller and Lucy Ann Vaughn.

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: Ann Holbrook and Janet Jones.



The Kiva Sunday School Class party was a lot of fun!

In the Beginning



In The Beginning

Have you ever wondered what really happened *In the Beginning*?

The word *genesis* means *the origin or coming into being of something*, and *The Book of Genesis* tells the old, old, stories about how God created us. These stories tell us who God is and how we are to live in relationship with God, each other, and all of creation. Join us for worship at Nichols Hills U.M.C. as we find meaning in the stories that took place *In the Beginning*.

Children's Ministry

Greetings!

This is an exciting time for our Children's Ministry. We just finished our first Sports Camp. Our church partnered with UW Sports Ministry and we reached 50 children and their families. I would like to thank everyone who gave a donation to our Sports Camp. Your donation helped families across Oklahoma City and the surrounding areas participate and learn about God.

Our volunteers were amazing! I would like to thank all of you for your time and your enthusiasm. Your overwhelming passion to help made our camp a success! We were even blessed to have a lot of our youth volunteer in each sport as assistant coaches. Awesome job guys!



Tausha
Davison-Beverly,
Director of
Children and
Family Ministry

At the Sports Camp we taught the children Bible lessons, sport-related drills, worship songs, and a memory verse. At the end of the week the children in Soccer and Basketball participated in a scrimmage against their coaches, and the children in Cheer performed a cheer that included stunts. The children in Team 45 performed a song with motions.. We pray that everyone that participated has been moved by the Holy Spirit to have a relationship with God and will want to get connected in our church. Next month, our children will attend Children's Church Camp and participate in Mission Madness.5 We look forward to making new connections with other children that will hopefully last a lifetime. Please enjoy the pictures of our exciting week on the next page.

Be Blessed!
Tausha

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church Sports Camp 2018



Cheer



Basketball



Ultimate Frisbee



Team 45



Soccer



Canyon Camp Information



Sonshine Camp, for students entering 1st through 2nd grade
Saturday, July 21 to Sunday, July 22
Price: Campers: \$84

Growin' In Grace Camp, for students entering 3rd - 5th grade
Monday, July 16 to Wednesday, July 18; Price: \$192

For more information, contact the church office at 405-842-1486.

Thank You!

Thank you for the wonderful welcome reception you gave for Rev. Michael Carpenter and his family on June 10th. The supportive prayer that you shared with Michael through the laying on of hands was very much appreciated. A special thank you to the Staff Parish Relations Committee for the delicious food and treats! Below are a few photos from Michael's first Sunday at Nichols Hills U.M.C.



Father's Day Blessings

On Father's Day we handed out delicious cookies to our men to honor them for their role in our lives as Christians and in families. It was a great treat and a wonderful morning. We want to thank Meg Miller, Gracie Sanders, Mary Ann Sanders, and Ann Millerborg for baking all of the cookies that the men enjoyed last Sunday. We also want to thank our coffee host, Sharon Ives, for her wonderful treats, as well. You all are great blessings to our church!

Youth News



Rev. Michael
Carpenter

You've probably heard it said that "Youth are the future of the Church." This is probably true, but I think it misses something, too. Youth are the future, but they're the present, too. The service, discipleship, and spiritual growth of our youth right now makes a huge impact on our church, right now. Many of us can probably point to life-changing experiences that we had in church while we were youth-aged. Personally, I first felt a call to ministry as a high school student, and I preached my first sermon as a high school junior.

To illustrate my point, I want to thank all the youth who have helped all week at our Sports Camp. Gracie, Craig, Krystian, Janicea, Kneely, Meg, and Graham, thank you so much for all your help! I know all the children at camp looked up to you and had an even greater time because of you. The energy you brought, the love that you showed, and the actions of Christ that you modeled made an eternal difference in the lives of those children.

So, for everyone in the church, please consider being partners with the future and present of our church. If you can help with the youth ministry, volunteer to teach a Sunday school class for a season, or even just strike up a conversation with one of our students, our church will be better for it, and you probably will be, too!

Grace upon Grace,
Michael



Rev. Michael Carpenter

Hospitality Ministry

Church consultant Jim Ozier says that, "No church thinks they're the second-friendliest church in town." Many churches talk the talk about being welcoming, but walking the walk is another story. In my few weeks here at Nichols Hills UMC, I've seen a level of authentic, unforced, and wonderful hospitality, both toward my family and others.

I want to make sure that everyone experiences that hospitality and that no one slips through the cracks in our front lines of welcome. One of the areas that I have been brought on board to work with and strengthen is our Hospitality Ministry. From Sunday greeters at each set of doors and the Welcome Counter, to follow up and welcome for visitors, to volunteers for special events, we can show our community that we truly share God's welcome. There are already many wonderful members who are welcoming and providing hospitality to others, and we are going to affirm their ministry and come alongside it.

If you are looking for a way to serve and make a difference in the life of the church, consider our Hospitality Ministry. More information will be coming soon, so spend this time in prayerful discernment! God may be calling you to show others how warm, caring, and inviting you know we are!

Grace upon Grace,
Michael C.

MISSION MADNESS

Mission Madness

Mission Madness is scheduled for Saturday, July 28. There will be Mission Opportunities for everyone from pre-school through adults. More information to come!

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion
Director

Our summer session is in full swing and we are full to the maximum numbers. The children have established routines and know the expectations of their classroom. Every day we provide additional experiences from which they learn a myriad of things.

On Mondays we have the Kona Ice truck come in the afternoons. Each child builds a snow cone and chooses what flavor they would like for their snow cone. Then we sit under the big tree on our little playground and slurp up the juicy treat. They are learning patience, decision making, natural consequences of eating too quickly and getting a brain freeze, and so on. Recently one of our church members donated money for the children to enjoy this special activity. We are so fortunate to have supporters in our church family. These contributions make a difference and we are very grateful for your generosity. Thank you for helping our children enjoy the thrill of snow cones and summer fun.

-Denise



Birthdays

- 06/24 Jackson Edmonds
- 06/27 Mary Forster
- 06/29 George Malone
- 07/01 Carla Hill
- 07/03 Tom Klos
- 07/03 Chris Lansden
- 07/04 Will Malone
- 07/04 Pam Shdeed
- 07/06 Ronald Elkins
- 07/07 Sue Goodman
- 07/07 Jane Harlow
- 07/07 Allyson Smith
- 07/09 Melita James
- 07/09 James Meyerson
- 07/09 Gladys Miskovsky
- 07/09 Michael Palmer
- 07/10 Nathaneal Crownover
- 07/14 Bret Davis
- 07/14 Steve Dickey
- 07/15 David Brown

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)

Bear Cave Clothing Closet

Thank you to all of you who have supported the Bear Cave Clothing Closet for the last two years. Your generosity continues to be appreciated. However, with the school coming to a close, the Bear Cave Clothing Closet will be on summer break after this Friday, and we will not be accepting donations over the summer.

Please watch the church newsletter throughout the summer for changes in the donation process and updates regarding needed items that will meet the needs of the John Marshall students and staff.

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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.
Associate Pastor: Rev. Michael Carpenter.

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. Michael Carpenter, Associate Pastor
Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music
Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry
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