

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Won't You Be My Neighbor?

<sup>13</sup> It was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. -Psalm 139:13-16

Even though the day began with rain showers, the sun came out, and we had a beautiful night for our Block Party. I want to thank all of you who invited someone to come with you that evening. With more than 350 children, youth, and adults in attendance it was such a blessing to have the opportunity to meet new friends. I want to thank our Cub Scouts and their families for providing and cooking our hot dogs. Of course, I am also very grateful to all of you who made homemade ice cream and other goodies. I sampled them all, and everything was delicious. Thanks to Lakeside United Methodist Church for loaning us the Bingo equipment and to each of you who contributed prizes and school supplies. I also really appreciate our church staff and the T.L.C. staff. Each one is so gifted and contributes so much to our church. It is amazing to see what God can do through us when we work together to make a Christian difference in our community.

August 26 is our **Bring A Friend Sunday**, and I know that many of you have been praying for the people you know who do not have a church home. I hope you will step out in faith to invite those friends and family members to come to worship with you as we begin a sermon series called **Won't You Be My Neighbor?** in which we will take a closer look at the way Mr. Rogers embodied the love of God. We'll take a look at some of the clips from the recent documentary and then turn to what the Bible has to say about the virtues Mr. Rogers lived out in his life. We'll begin by looking at the difference Mr. Rogers made in the life of Jeff Erlinger who was confined to a wheelchair as we explore God's love for us.

**Nichols Thrills** will begin on **Wednesday, August 29 at 5:30** with a Meal. Please let me know if you would like to cook or provide one of our meals. You can really get to know people when you cook together.

We will offer two small group studies for adults.

I will lead a 5-week study of Bob Goff's book **Love Does** which focuses on the way God calls us to put God's love into action because love does. The price of the book is \$8.00.

Michael Carpenter will lead a 5-week study on hospitality and evangelism based on Debi Nixon's book, **Catch**. The price of the book is \$8.00

I am so grateful to be part of the wonderful things God is doing in our church, and I invite you to come and share in God's blessings as we step into the future God has for us.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday, August 26

Bring A Friend Sunday at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

#### Monday, August 27

Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m.  
Women's A.A. Meeting at 5:30  
Cub Scouts at 5:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, August 28

Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, August 29

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
*Love Does* Study at 5:30 p.m.  
*Catch* Study at 5:30 p.m.

#### Monday, September 3

Church Offices and The Learning Center Closed for Labor Day  
Women's A.A. Meeting at 5:30

#### Tuesday, September 4

Nominations Committee at 5:30

#### Wednesday, September 5

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
*Love Does* Study at 5:30 p.m.  
*Catch* Study at 5:30 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, September 9

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

#### Monday, September 10

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, September 11

S.P.R.C. Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, September 18

Nominations Committee at 5:30

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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 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, August 26

The coffee host is Helen Sullivan.  
The mission candle is available.  
The chancel flowers are available.  
The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.  
The acolytes for 10:50 are  
Regan Miller and Lucy Ann Vaughn.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, September 2

The coffee host is available.  
The mission candle is available.  
The chancel flowers are available.  
The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.  
The acolytes for 10:50 are  
Louis Fraley 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

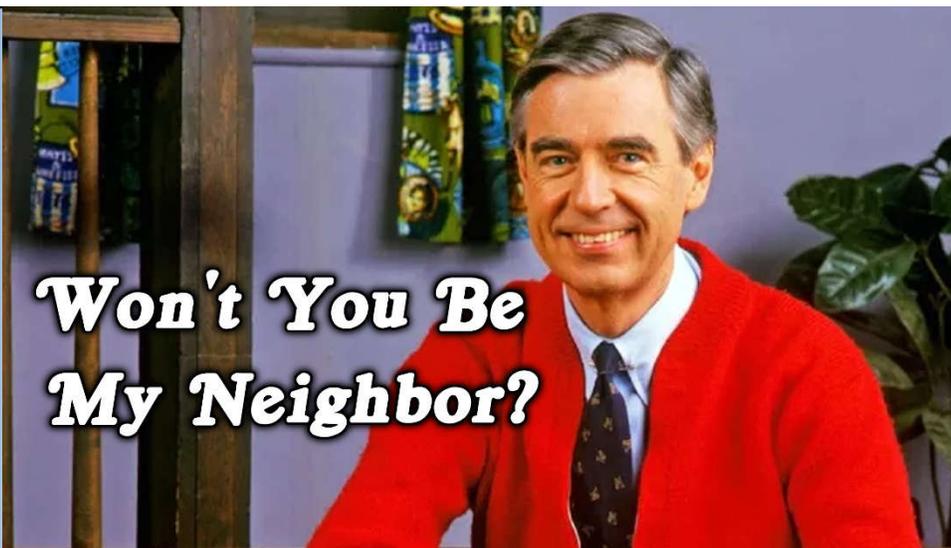
The sacrament of communion is a meaningful and important part of our weekly worship. If you are interested in helping prepare the table, please contact Carol Magness at 405-640-4429 or Janet Jones at 405-627-1566.

Serving in Altar Guild this month are:  
Ann Holbrook, Janet Jones,  
Marty Smith, and Kathy Walker

### Birthdays

08/24 Bruce Fraley  
08/24 Tom McDaniel  
08/25 Thomas Flesher, III  
08/26 Claire Vick  
08/28 Michael Carpenter  
08/30 Judy Kauffman  
08/31 Sue Hood  
08/31 David Reed

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## Won't You Be My Neighbor?

One man reminds us that a little kindness can change the world. "Won't you be my neighbor?" It's an invitation for someone to be close to you.

Mr. Rogers taught us that the greatest thing that we can do is to help people know that they're loved and capable of loving.

Join us for worship on Sundays at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we begin a new sermon series: **Won't You Be My Neighbor?**

**August 26** *It's You I Like*  
**September 2** *Sometimes I Wonder If I'm a Mistake*  
**September 9** *Speaking for Those Who Can't Speak*  
**September 16** *There Are Many Ways to Say, "I Love You"*

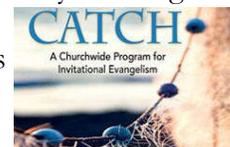
## Hospitality



Rev. Michael  
Carpenter

The writer of Hebrews tells us in chapter 13, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for in doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it." I believe that there are angels around us all the time—walking through our church on Sunday mornings, shopping next to us in the grocery store, parking their car next to the church as they start their morning run. All around us, there are angels.

Let's show them hospitality! Our church is doing an incredible job already. My job here at the church is to create a system so that we don't miss any angels in our midst. If you have a heart for people or a heart for people's impression of our church Hospitality Ministry is your place! Catch me on Sunday mornings or give me a call during the week if you feel a pull toward Hospitality Ministry. Even better, sign up for the Nichols Thrills study I'll be leading, starting August 29, called CATCH, which will motivate and inspire us to see all these angels!



Grace upon Grace,  
Michael

# BLOCK PARTY

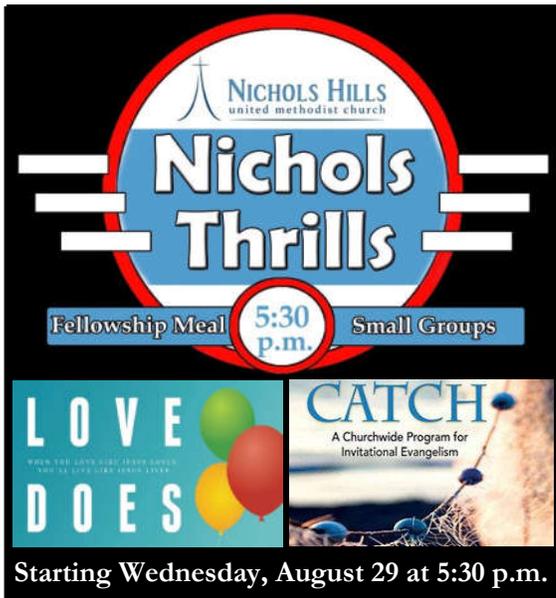
## Block Party

Thank you to all who helped make the Block Party a huge success! We had around 350 in attendance! Please enjoy some photos of the fun!



# BLOCK PARTY





## Nichols Thrills Is Returning!

Nichols Thrills will begin again on Wednesday, August 29 with a Meal at 5:30 p.m. and two meaningful studies for adults.

**Love Does** is a five-week study that focuses on what love does. Bob Goff believes that love takes action. Love Does. When you love like Jesus loves, you'll live like Jesus lives. Join us as we learn together how we can put our love into action and change our community for the better. The price of the book is \$8. Leader: Dr. Trevor Smith

**Catch** is a five-week study that focuses on invitational evangelism. This study includes daily scripture readings for you to do at home and will help you learn how you can be part of helping our church attract people in our community and help them grow in faith. The price of the devotional book is \$8. Leader: Rev. Michael Carpenter

We hope you will us for one of these meaningful small group opportunities. Sign-up in the Narthex after worship or in the Church Office at 405-842-1486 during the week.

## Fall Into Choir



Michael Wylder

It's been a great summer worshipping with our praise band and summer choir. My thanks to Collins Peck for his beautiful guitar arrangement of *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring* during communion this month.

Fall is quickly approaching, school is back in session, and it's time to fire the full choir up again! We will begin rehearsals Wednesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. Choir is a great way to study the scriptures in a small group setting, and the Word takes on great meaning in our daily lives when it is combined with the melodies we hear in our minds. If you are interested in giving church choir a try for the first time or looking to get back in the saddle again, please join us on September 5<sup>th</sup>. I guarantee you will love the challenge of singing God's music... "It's such a good feeling when you're growing inside, it's such a happy feeling to sing 'You're Alive!!'"

- Michael Wylder

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion

Our work week on July 30 to August 3 was very productive. We held training for teachers and updated our classrooms. The Monkeys' classroom floor was replaced with a beautiful vinyl floor. The teachers received training in Conscious Discipline to help them connect emotionally with the children in their classrooms. This directly impacts guiding their behavior. It is funny how the heart and head work together. We also went to see the movie, *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*, with our church staff. The staff also established themes and



learning objectives for the year and prepared curriculum for our Fall Session which began on August 6 .

We will have our annual Open House on Thursday, August 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please plan to join us. We are looking forward to another successful and rewarding Fall session.

-Denise



## Interested In Serving in the Neighborhood Market?

The John Marshall Neighborhood Market could use a few people who would like to serve a couple times a month or substitute when we have a open spot on Fridays. We will also be offering opportunities for serving on our shelf stocking days or in the Clothing Closet in the near future. Call or email Stephanie Henry (405-850-5518 or [sajhmom@aol.com](mailto:sajhmom@aol.com)) if you are interested in helping. All who serve must complete the volunteer application with the OKC Public Schools. This must be done every school year. If you would like to serve with us, please follow the steps below.



### OKCPS Volunteer Application:

Go to [www.okcps.org](http://www.okcps.org)

Click on *Families & Community*

Click on *OKCPS Volunteers*

Click on yellow circle – *Volunteer Application*

Check the box that you volunteer for a Community Partner. There will be an arrow to the right that you can click on to get the list of Partners. Highlight Nichols Hills United Methodist Church.

### John Marshall Neighborhood Market 2018 Fall Schedule

10:00 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

Friday, August 31  
Friday, September 7  
**Thursday, September 13**  
Friday, September 21  
Friday, September 28  
Friday, October 5  
Friday, October 26

Friday, November 2  
Friday, November 9  
Friday, November 16  
Friday, November 30  
Friday, December 7  
Friday, December 14

## Read, Read, Read



We would love to take your old books off your hands and put them to good use. We are joining with Read OKC to put books in free kiosks in our nearby neighborhoods. We will funnel children's books to North Highlands, teen books to John Marshall, and adult books to the kiosks with neighborhood access.

Please check out the list of books that North Highland Elementary School Library is requesting. The list is located outside the church office on the bulletin board. You can purchase the books or donate money to our church, and we will buy the books needed from Full Circle Bookstore for you. Please notate North Highland Library Books on your check.

## North Highland Butterfly Garden

Thank you to all the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and parents who helped at Mission Madness to make a beautiful butterfly garden. Also a special thanks to T.L.C. Lawn and Garden for giving us special pricing to purchase all of the plants. It was a great team effort all around!

## Youth News



Rev. Michael  
Carpenter

Rejoice with me! For the first time in 21 years, I won't be starting another semester of school this Fall! For most of the youth in our church, however, school is now back in session. Many of our youth are in new schools this year, and all of them are facing new opportunities, challenges, and experiences in some way.

To help start the new school year right, we will be starting a new Sunday school series after Labor Day titled "Back to School." We'll spend four weeks talking about belonging, priorities, joy, and worth, all issues in which Christ can speak into the lives of a student. Your youth won't want to miss this fun, engaging study, and it will be a perfect opportunity to bring a friend!

Grace upon Grace,  
Michael

## Children's Ministry



Tausha  
Davison-Beverly,  
Director of  
Children and  
Family Ministry

Our annual Block Party was a huge success! We were able to help make a Christian difference to around 350 adults and children!



The children and families that attended were given school supplies, grilled hot dogs, cookies, brownies, ice cream, prizes from Bingo, and a great time fellowshiping with others. We were able to partner with Raising Cain's, Trader Joe's, our T.L.C. family, and our always dependable Scout families that helped set up, tear down, cook, and manage this event. Thank you, church family, for all of your ongoing love, generosity, and support as we helped to show God's love to all in attendance.

Our annual Bingo game was led by the one and only Mrs. Lecye Lippoldt. Lecye is our wonderful, and very funny, Sunday School teacher for our elementary age children. She did a wonderful job as our 2018 Bingo Host! Thank you, Lecye! We were also blessed with many amazing prizes, as always. We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fraley, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Gober, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Henry, Joy Richardson, Big Sky Bakery, Earl's BBQ, and Trader Joe's for the wonderful gifts that were provided for our Bingo games.



Our next large outreach event will be our annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 28. There will be a Chili Cook Off, Crafts, Music, S'mores, and last but certainly not least Michael Wylder's wonderful hay rides! We look forward to seeing you there.

*"We are all created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." -Ephesians 2:10*

Blessings,  
Tausha

## Birthdays (Continued)

09/02 J.B. Sims  
09/06 Ryan McNeill  
09/10 Frances Rosier  
09/10 Jack Story  
09/11 Donna Blakley  
09/11 Julie Fischer  
09/12 Audrey Harrah  
09/14 George Craig  
09/14 Robert Vick  
09/15 Gracie Sanders  
09/16 Geoffrey Stafford  
09/16 William Stafford  
09/17 Kerry Maye  
09/17 Sally Stringer

**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.*

### Neighborhood Market

#### 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*)
- 8 oz. Body Lotions
- 10 oz. Laundry Detergent (*Tide or Gain*)

### Bear Cave Clothing Closet

We are in need of help in the Clothing Closet. If interested, please contact Christie Baker at 405-922-5154.

#### Items needed are:

- Athletic Socks (*above ankle/footies*)
- Men's White T-Shirts (*all sizes*)
- Men's and Women's Jeans (*all sizes*)
- Sweat Shirt "Hoodies" or Crew Neck
- Men's and Women's Coats/Jackets
- Men's and Women's Sweatpants, Athletic Shirts, Shorts, Jerseys, and T-Shirts
- Men's and Women's Shoes (*Men's 7 - 12 and Women's 6 - 12*)
- Odds and Ends (*New or Gently Used*)  
Purses, Wallets, Note Pads, Scarves, Accessories, Perfume, Cologne, etc.

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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.

**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: 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. Michael Carpenter**, Associate 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  
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