

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Speaking for Those Who Can't Speak

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." -*Mark 10:13-14*

Jesus said, <sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?' <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?' <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" -*Matthew 25:37-40*

In the 1980's David Newell, who played Mr. McFeely the mailman on Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, showed Fred Rogers an article about a little boy who had jumped off a roof wearing a towel around his neck because he was playing Superman. It hit him because he thought he had covered everything in child development, but this was a new problem. Fred didn't become angry a lot, but he just became so angry about the fact that people would mislead a small child and angry that it was his medium that was doing this. Mr. Rogers' anger and concern for children led him to say, "I am tired of hearing people who long ago set aside the concerns of childhood telling everybody what children really need. I'll tell you what children need. They need adults who will protect them from the ever-ready molders of their world." That was the moment Mr. Rogers decided to do a week on super heroes to talk about the pretend-ness of it.

I am convinced that Fred Rogers learned to speak for those who have no voice from Jesus who spoke up for the children. When his own disciples wanted to keep children from coming to him, Jesus spoke up for them and welcomed them. On Sunday we are going to continue our *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* sermon series by talking about the way God calls us to speak for those who can't speak and make a Christian difference in our community and the world. We will also recognize and bless our teachers from The Learning Center for the ways they bless children.

On Sunday, September 16, we will talk about the way Fred Rogers modeled racial reconciliation and demonstrated God's love for all people as we take a closer look at one of the most memorable scenes from his show when he invited Officer Clemons to join him in soaking their feet in a pool on a hot day. Then, with a simple gesture, Mr. Rogers showed servant leadership by offering to dry off Officer Clemons feet with his towel. This was a gesture I am sure he learned from Jesus who washed the feet of his disciples. We will also recognize and bless our police officers who serve in the Nichols Hills Police Department that morning.

I feel very blessed to see the way the Holy Spirit is working through our church to bless many people in our community and to welcome many people into our church family. I hope you will invite someone to worship with us at 8:30 or 10:50 on both of these next two Sundays. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

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

#### Tuesday, September 11

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

#### Wednesday, September 12

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 16

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 17

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

#### Tuesday, September 18

Nominations Committee at 5:30

#### Wednesday, September 19

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.

#### Monday, October 1

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, October 2

Stewardship Committee at 5:30

#### Tuesday, October 9

Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, October 16

Church Council at 5:30 p.m.

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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, September 9

The coffee host is The Learning Center.

The chancel flowers are available.

The acolyte for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.

The acolytes for 10:50 are

Louis Fraley and Lucy Ann Vaughn.

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, September 16

The coffee host is Kati Miller.

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

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, Mary

Crownover, Ann Garrett, Ann

Holbrook, Janet Jones, Carol Magness,

Beverly Perri, and Marty Smith.

### Birthdays

09/10 Frances Rosier

09/10 Jack Story

09/11 Donna Blakley

09/11 Julie Fischer

09/12 Audrey Harrah

09/14 George Craig

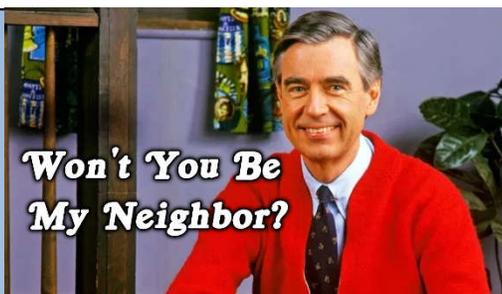
09/14 Robert Vick

09/15 Gracie Sanders

09/16 Geoffrey Stafford

09/16 William Stafford

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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?**

**September 9** *Speaking for Those Who Can't Speak*

**September 16** *There Are Many Ways to Say, "I Love You"*



Rev. Michael  
Carpenter

## Hospitality Team

Imagine you're a first-time guest in our church. Maybe your friend invited you; maybe you just saw it driving by and pulled up. You park your car, just in time for worship or Sunday school, and walk up to the door. You don't know what to expect as you walk up, but to your amazement, someone is ready to open the door and welcome you! She offers an inviting handshake and asks you your name. Even more amazingly, she remember it, too! You immediately feel like this is a place where you belong so you settle in for worship and Sunday school in your new church home.

If imagining that experience struck a chord with you, or if it made you feel pride for our church, then you are indispensably needed as a Greeter on our Hospitality Team. As we work to make that experience a reality for each and every person who walks into our church, we need **30 people** to commit to serve God by welcoming others. We're asking simply for 20 minutes of your time to be on the front lines of welcome in our church. The times you can serve are: **8:15-8:35 a.m., 9:30-9:50 a.m., or 10:35-10:55 a.m.**

I believe God is calling you to minister on our Hospitality Team to show the love and welcome that we have received from Christ. Call the church office or email me at [mcarpenter@nicholshillsumc.org](mailto:mcarpenter@nicholshillsumc.org) to be a part of this vital team!

Grace upon Grace,  
Michael

## Youth News

On Sunday, September 16, the youth will be worshipping with other Methodist youth from all around Oklahoma City. Metro Worship is a phenomenal way to engage youth in worship and fellowship with friends from our church and with youth throughout the Metro. We'll be worshipping at St. Luke's U.M.C. at 6:00 p.m. If you know of or have a youth who would love the opportunity to worship with other youth, let me know!

Additionally, we will start a new Sunday school series this Sunday titled "Back to School." In this four week study, we'll discuss how to live Christ-centered lives in the midst of schoolwork, extracurriculars, and constant change. Your young person won't want to miss this fun, important 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

This past August our Elementary Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Lecye Lippoldt, celebrated her one-year anniversary of teaching God's Word to our children. Lecye brings lots of laughter, and the children have a great time listening and learning about the lesson in her classroom. Thank you for all that you do to make our children feel loved!



Now that everyone has officially started school, please join us in praying for our children as they grow in knowledge and understanding and also for our schools and teachers, and the lasting connections that they will make in sharing God's love with children. I pray that wherever God may take them on their educational journey that they be the light of the world and that God's light and love may shine through them.

Blessings,  
Tausha

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion

Our annual Open House was held on August 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Several of our specialists from Art, Dance, Amazing Athletes and Music were present so that families had an opportunity to meet them and add a face to their name. All of the specialist's activities take place during the day so families rarely get to see them. They add so much to the lives of our children! Many families say this is a unique feature of our ministry that distinguishes us from other child care programs.

We introduced our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Representatives from the different classrooms, too. The PAC meets monthly to discuss current events, suggestions for improvements and updates to The Learning Center. These family members give us wonderful insight and support regarding policies, special events, and facility improvements.

Associate Pastor Michael Carpenter played a clip from the Mr. Rogers' film, *Won't You Be My Neighbor*, to highlight our current sermon series based on the work of Fred Rogers. We served refreshments and then visited the classrooms.

Enjoy our photos compliments of Jessica Mayberry, nursery attendant on Sundays and T.L.C. teacher in the Monkeys Classroom Thanks Jess!

-Denise



## Birthdays (Continued)

09/17 Kerry Maye  
09/17 Sally Stringer  
09/19 Jess Harris, Jr.  
09/22 Billie Boston  
09/22 Jami Cravens  
09/22 Meg Miller  
09/24 Jason Ott  
09/26 Ellie Roberts  
09/27 Alan Niemann  
09/28 Caitlin Dyke  
09/30 Cara Fraley

**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 Eding, 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 Clara Lafferty helps us to learn about safety in Oklahoma City Public Schools. 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  
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