



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

## Because of You, God's Kingdom Will Grow

<sup>7</sup> Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

<sup>8</sup> And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. -II Corinthians 9:7-8

As Thanksgiving approaches I hope you will find a few quiet moments to think about the blessings God has poured into your life. When I do this I find myself overwhelmed by the abundance of love God has poured into my life. I have been blessed with a wonderful wife, two sweet daughters and a loving family. God has given me the opportunity to serve in ministry with wonderful people at our church and has abundantly provided for my family's needs.

November 18 is Consecration Sunday. I am excited to welcome Rev. D.A. Bennett as our guest preacher for that day. D.A. is the senior pastor of Saint Andrew's Community United Methodist Church in Moore. I have known D.A. for many years and consider him a good friend and a leader in our Annual Conference. I am sure D.A. will bless us and challenge us as through his sermon on Consecration Sunday.

During our worship services that day, we will each have the opportunity to make a commitment to God by filling out an estimate of giving card as an act of worship. No one will be pressured to do this, but you will have the opportunity to participate in this meaningful act of worship. In the coming days, I hope you will spend some time prayerfully asking God, "Lord, what percentage of my income are you calling me to give?"

I am very grateful for the way that so many people in our church give generously and serve in ministry. Your generosity and your willingness to serve in ministry truly makes a Christian difference in our church, in our community, and in the world. Thank you for the ways you contribute to what God is doing in our church and in our lives.

On Sunday we will also enjoy our Harvest Dinner which will be a free catered meal. It is one of the ways we express our gratitude to you for all of the ways you give and serve in ministry in our church. Ned's Catering will cater our meal, and the menu will include a tossed green salad with dressings, seasoned roasted breast of turkey with cranberry sauce, country style corn bread dressing, homemade mashed potatoes, sauteed fresh green beans, homemade rolls and butter, pumpkin pie and chocolate cake, iced tea, water, and coffee.

If you attend our 8:30 worship service, we invite you to attend a Sunday School class at 9:45 and then enjoy the Harvest Dinner at 11:00 a.m. If you attend our 10:50 worship service, we invite you to enjoy the Harvest Dinner at noon. I hope you will join us for a wonderful Consecration Sunday and Harvest Dinner. May God continue to richly bless you.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday, November 18

Consecration Sunday  
at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Harvest Dinner at 11:00 and 12:00  
Girl Scouts at 2:00 p.m.

#### Monday, November 19

Altar Guild at 10:00 a.m.  
Women's A.A. Meeting at 5:30  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 21 to Friday, November 23

Church Office and The Learning  
Center Closed for Thanksgiving

#### Tuesday, November 27

Decorate the Sanctuary at 10:00

#### Sunday, December 2

Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50  
The Real Story of Christmas  
All Church Sunday School at 9:45

#### Monday, December 3

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 12

T.L.C. Christmas Program at 10:00

#### Sunday, December 16

Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50  
Children's Christmas Pageant at  
9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, December 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services  
at 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

#### Monday, December 24 -

#### Tuesday, January 1

The Learning Center Closed

#### Tuesday, January 1

Happy New Year!  
Church Office Closed

### Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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[www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org)

### The Learning Center

(405)842-5325



## Ministry Opportunities

### Hospitality Greeters

Are you enthusiastic about our church? If so, this is an opportunity you might enjoy. Please see 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, November 18

The mission candle is available.

The chancel flowers are given by Janice Pitney in memory of Thomas C. Pitney.

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

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

### Serving In Ministry on Sunday, November 25

The coffee host is Carol Magness.

The mission candle is available.

The chancel flowers are given by Ken Reitz in honor of Alfred Walker, my dear friend.

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

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

### Chancel Flower Delivery

We are in need of people to deliver the chancel flowers to homebound members. If this opportunity is for you, please call the church office.

### Altar Guild

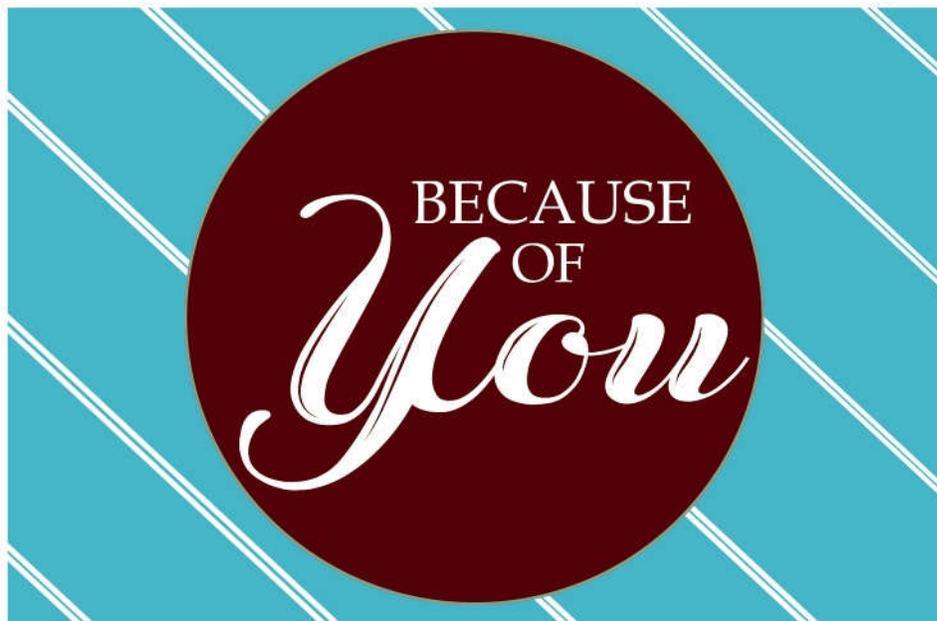
The sacrament of communion is a meaningful and important part of our weekly worship. If you are interested in helping prepare the table, please contact Carol Magness at 405-640-4429 or Janet Jones at 405-627-1566.

Serving in Altar Guild this month are: Carla Hill, Anne Holbrook, and Janet Jones.

### Birthdays

11/17 Ian Heflin  
11/17 Susan Morrison-Dyke  
11/18 John Heflin  
11/19 Frances Thompson  
11/20 Frank Miskovsky, III  
11/21 Win Holbrook  
11/21 Angie Sanger  
11/28 Rich McLain  
11/28 Alfred Walker

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## Because of You

Beautiful things happen when you invest your life in the work of Jesus. God is glorified, disciples are made, lives are changed, and God's kingdom grows. Join us for worship as we take a look at what's coming to life *Because of You*.

**November 18** *God's Kingdom will Grow*

## Youth News

Thank you to the youth who came and helped at the John Marshall Work Day on Saturday, November 3. It was a great time to help our missional efforts at John Marshall, and it is always especially meaningful when youth get involved in mission with other youth.

On Sunday evening, we have a District Game Night for all the Methodist youth in our North OKC district. It is hosted by New Hope U.M.C. (11600 N. Council) from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. We'll have dinner, play active games like dodgeball and 9 Square, and play some board games as well.

If you've never played 9 Square before, imagine your parents' game of 4 Square, but instead of 2 by 2 grid it's played on a 3 by 3 grid in the air! Bring a friend and join the fun!

Grace upon Grace,  
Michael

## Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry has begun practicing for our Christmas Pageant which Lecye Lippoldt wrote. She based it on the birth of Jesus told from the perspective of the animals. We are rehearsing during Sunday school. Practice will continue through December 9th, and our performance will be on Sunday, December 16th at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a child who would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant, please bring him or her to Sunday School. If you have any questions, please call me at 405-894-1486.

Blessings,  
Tausha



Rev. Michael  
Carpenter



Tausha  
Davison-Beverly,  
Director of  
Children and  
Family Ministry

# Sing We Now of Christmas

Everywhere we go we hear Christmas songs—on the radio, on commercials, and at the mall. There's just something about Christmas that makes the whole world sing.

Join us each Sunday during Advent as we sing your favorite Christmas carols and take a closer look at the Christmas stories that inspired them.

Each Sunday we'll share familiar carols, scriptures, and messages that offer encouragement and hope. Bring a friend and worship with us on Sunday mornings at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m.

December 2	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>
December 9	<i>Joy to the World</i>
December 16	<i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i>
December 23	<i>Away in a Manger</i>
December 24	<i>Silent Night</i>

*Childcare available on Sunday mornings.*

Christmas Pageant — Sunday, December 16 at 9:45 a.m.



## The Real Story of Christmas

Join the Open Circle Class, the Reveille Class, the Kiva Class, and The Brew for a 4-week study beginning on Sunday, December 2 at 9:45 that will help you celebrate Christmas in a refreshingly new way. During these four weeks, our pastors, Dr. Trevor Smith and Rev. Michael Carpenter, will help us examine how some of our most beloved Christmas traditions began and why we still do them today. We'll also take a look at some of our favorite Christmas movies as we explore **The Real Story of Christmas**.

Our Children's Christmas Pageant will be part of our time together on Sunday, December 16 at 9:45 a.m. Sign up in the Narthex or the Church Office.

## Candlelight Christmas Eve

**This Christmas Eve**, connect to the Christmas story like never before.

Journey to **the manger** to celebrate the joy and hope that surrounds the miracle of Christmas. It's a chance to hear beautiful Christmas music and old familiar carols with family, friends, and neighbors.

Listen as the cherished Christmas Story of Jesus' birth comes alive through music and scripture in the warm glow of candlelight. We will conclude our service with our cherished tradition of passing the lighted candles as we sing **Silent Night**. It's a Christmas tradition you will not want to miss!

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service**  
Monday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
*Childcare is available on Christmas Eve.*

An advertisement for Candlelight Christmas Eve Services. The background is black with a row of lit candles at the bottom. The text is white and yellow. The title 'Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICES' is in a mix of cursive and bold sans-serif fonts. The date and times are 'December 24, 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.'. The church name and address are 'Nichols Hills United Methodist Church, 1212 Bedford Drive / Nichols Hills, OK 73116'. The phone number and website are '405-842-1486 / nicholshillsumc.org'.

# Honoring and Remembering Our Loved Ones



Grace



Cristian



Madochee



Moses



Brenda



Kelly



## Honoring and Remembering Our Loved Ones

Christmas is a time to remember our loved ones who have passed away and to honor our loved ones who have made a difference in our lives. This year, the Altar Guild has purchased our Christmas poinsettias, but we are giving you the opportunity to honor or remember a loved one this Advent by giving in one of three ways:

- Give \$45 to sponsor one of our Compassion International children for one month.
- Give any amount to support our John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Bear Cave Clothing Closet.
- Give \$150 or any part of this amount to help purchase food baskets or provide for emergency needs for families of John Marshall High School and North Highland Elementary School students.

Gifts in any amount are appreciated.

If you would like to honor or remember someone in this way, please fill out the form below.

Person to be honored or remembered: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of the person to you: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate to (circle one):

**Compassion International, John Marshall Missional Ministries, or Food Baskets**

Amount of Gift: \_\_\_\_\_



## Getting To Know You

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

My husband, Michael, and I both grew up in Lawton, Oklahoma. We met at the University of Oklahoma and married in 2012. We have a 3-year-old daughter named Carter and a 5-month-old son named Jack. Michael owns a construction company called Encompass Design Build, and

I have a private practice specializing in mental health counseling. We recently moved to Quail Creek!

Carter started attending The Learning Center when she was 2 months old. Our whole family has loved The Learning Center and recently put Jack into the program. We felt very connected and wanted to learn more about the church. The community is very welcoming and we felt very at home after the first service.

We are excited to grow our faith as a family. It was important for our children to grow up in a church. We hope to find time to join a Sunday school group and/or Wednesday evening class.

Michael and Mary joined our church and Michael and Jack were baptized on Sunday, October 28. We are happy to have them in our Nichols Hills United Methodist Church family!

## Chancel Choir Singers to Perform in *Susannah*

Joe Caskey, Josh Kelley, Kaden Mahle, Tessa McQueen, Chelsea Mondesir, and Stewart Ottersberg, members of the N.H.U.M.C. Chancel Choir and O.C.U. music majors, have been cast in O.C.U.'s upcoming mainstage musical production of *Susannah*. The opera is by the American composer Carlisle Floyd, who adapted the story from the Apocryphal tale of Susannah and the Elders, though with a more positive ending. The story focuses on 18-year-old Susannah Polk, an innocent girl who is targeted as a sinner in the small mountain town of New Hope Valley, in the Southern American state of Tennessee. Performances are scheduled for the Kirkpatrick Auditorium in O.C.U.'s Bass Music Center on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 16-18. Tickets are available at 405.208.5227 or online at [www.okcu.edu/tickets](http://www.okcu.edu/tickets).

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,  
T.L.C. Director

We are busy getting our new staff members acclimated to The Learning Center. Each month our staff do activities together outside of work. This builds a nice collegial environment. Recently several teachers went to see the Halloween movie. In the middle of the show a person in the audience had a medical emergency. Two of our staff assisted the poor woman and called 911.

These young women sprang into action and made a difference, just as they do every day at T.L.C. We are always working to welcome our new staff members, and we find ways to help them feel like this is a home away from home. Here is a fun photo of the staff who dressed up for our Halloween parties. Enjoy!

-Denise



## Birthdays (Continued)

11/29	Michael Hall
11/29	Traci Miller
11/30	Geraldine Raupe
11/30	Mark Sullivan
11/30	Perry Tirrell
12/01	Sarah Butler
12/01	Elizabeth Prosser
12/01	Alesha Rogers
12/03	Tony Dyke
12/04	Ronald McLeod
12/06	Jackie Hall
12/06	Nancy Rowntree
12/07	Charlotte Brown
12/07	Reid Robison
12/08	Maddy Eales
12/09	Larkin Warner .
12/09	Phil Withrow
12/10	Denise Buthion
12/11	Kelsey Lyle

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 (*Small Sizes Please*)
- Sweat Shirt "Hoodies" or Crew Neck
- Men's and Women's Coats/Jackets
- Men's and Women's Sweatpants, Athletic Shirts, Jerseys, T-Shirts
- Men's and Women's Shoes (*Men's 7 - 12 and Women's 6 - 12*)

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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. We are currently doing a study called *Modern Parables* which focuses on six of Jesus' life-changing stories. Join us on Sunday as we study the Parable of the Good Samaritan. 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 hear from Gary Brown. 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**, Director of Communications  
**Dr. Antone Godding**, Organist  
**Kathy Smith**, Treasurer  
**Louise Glass**, Financial Secretary

**Denise Buthion**, Director of The Learning Center  
**Brandon Price**, Custodian  
**Alfred Walker**, Sunday Host  
**Randall Blair**, Sunday Host  
**Jessica Mayberry**, Nursery Attendant  
**Brandy Jones**, Nursery Attendant  
**Ashley Huling**, Nursery Attendant