

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

A Legacy of Faithfulness

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. -Peter 2:9

Legacy is about life and living. It's about learning from the past, living in the present, and building for the future. Legacy is fundamental to what it is to be human. Research shows that without a sense of working to create a legacy, adults lose meaning in their lives. Exploring the idea of legacy offers a glimpse not only into human relationships and building strong communities, but also the human spirit. The idea of legacy may remind us of death, but it's not about death. Being reminded of death is actually a good thing, because death informs life. It gives you a perspective on what's important. But legacy is really about life and living. It helps us decide the kind of life we want to live and the kind of world we want to live in.

On Sunday we will begin a three-week sermon series called *Legacy—Leave Your Mark* in which we will explore the way our words and actions can make an eternal difference and build a lasting Legacy. We'll begin by answering the question, "What is a faithful life?" And we will talk about some of the ways people in our church embody faithfulness and impact lives through our church's ministries. I hope you will invite someone you know to come with you and worship with us this Sunday.

We were blessed to have our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts lead our worship services on Sunday. Our church has been supportive of Scouting for many years, and I am always grateful for the ways our scouts serve at our Block Party and our Fall Festival. I am also looking forward to our Girl Scout Sunday on February 24. The Girl Scouts will help lead our worship services that day, and I am sure they will have some delicious cookies to sell as well. That morning our message will focus on the way we create a legacy by pouring into younger generations.

On Sunday, March 3, The Brew Sunday school class will host a Wills Seminar in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. Whether you are creating a will for the first time or revising it for the fifth time, this seminar, led by David Battles from the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation, will be helpful to you in thinking about your estate plan. To learn more or to sign up, please contact the church office.

Lent will begin on March 6 with our Ash Wednesday Service at noon. The worship service will last 30 minutes, and a lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. I hope you will make plans to spend your lunch hour with us that day as we begin the Lenten journey to Easter.

Our John Marshall Sports Banquet will be on April 1 at 6:30 p.m. In the coming month we will be sharing with you many opportunities to serve at the Banquet which is always one of the highlights of our church's ministry.

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

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, February 17

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

Monday, February 18

Women's A.A. Meeting at 5:30
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.
Why Jesus? Study at 5:30 p.m.
Congregational Care Ministers Training at 5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 24

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

Tuesday, February 26

Church Council at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.
Why Jesus? Study at 5:30 p.m.
Congregational Care Ministers Training at 5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday Worship Service
At 12:00 p.m.

Monday, March 18 to

Friday, March 22

The Learning Center closed for
Spring Break

Monday, April 1

John Marshall Sports Banquet at
6:30 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 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 in the Narthex.

Serving In Ministry

on Sunday, February 17

The coffee host is Kathy Walker.
The chancel flowers are available,
The mission candle is available.
The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.
The acolytes for 10:50 are Charlotte and Avery Smith.

Serving In Ministry

on Sunday, February 24

The coffee hosts are Tracey and Rob Saunders.
The chancel flowers are available.
The mission candle is available.
The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.
The acolytes for 10:50 are Louis Fraley and Regan Miller.

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.

Altar Guild this month are:
Donna Blakley, Alison Calhoon,
Mary Ann Carmichael,
Mary Crownover, Cheryl Fraley,
Anne Holbrook, Beverly Perri,
Marty Smith, and Alfred Walker

Birthdays

02/13 Gwen Griffin
02/13 Violet Robinson
02/13 Hannah Story
02/14 Joanne Crosby
02/15 Nancy Flesher
02/15 Bill Wells
02/16 Trent Saunders
02/16 Laura Tirrell



Legacy - Leave Your Mark

The goal of life isn't to live on earth forever but to leave something that does. Legacy is about life and living. It's about learning from the past, living in the present, and building for the future. Legacy is fundamental to what it means to be human. Research shows that without a sense of working to create a legacy, adults lose meaning in their lives. Exploring the idea of legacy offers us a glimpse not only into human relationships and building strong communities, but also the human spirit.

Join us for worship at Nichols Hills U.M.C. as we explore the way our words and actions can make an eternal difference and build a lasting Legacy.

February 17 *A Legacy of Faithfulness*
February 24 *Generation to Generation*
March 3 *A Lasting Legacy*

Youth News

It was so great to have our Scouts in worship this past Sunday! It has been wonderful to see our Cub Scout Pack continue to flourish, as well as to see our re-chartered Boy Scout Troop find their footing. And even though the younger Boy Scouts are fond of reminding me that they were born the year I became an Eagle Scout (way back in 2008), I love working with them and seeing their passion for service and leadership.

Our next Youth event will be the John Marshall Work Day this Saturday, February 16, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the school. Everyone is more than welcome to join us. This will be a great opportunity for our youth to work together for a great purpose. And if you can, stick around for lunch afterward!

Finally, I sent out a link to all of the youth families with a survey for possible Youth Force dates this summer. Youth Force is a weeklong mission trip and church camp, so you do not want your youth to miss it! The weeks are: June 16-21, June 23-28, and July 7-12. We'll settle on a week soon, so complete the survey if you haven't already!

Grace upon Grace,
Michael



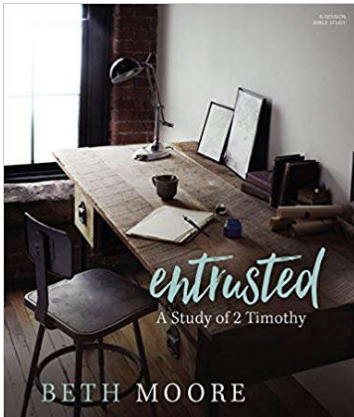
Rev. Michael
Carpenter



Saturday of Service

The next Saturday of Service will be at the John Marshall High School (12201 Portland Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73120) this Saturday, February 16, from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. at the School. Everyone is welcome! This will be a wonderful opportunity to serve together for a great purpose.

Lenten Bible Study - *Entrusted* by Beth Moore



Join us as we start a new Lenten Bible study by Beth Moore called *Entrusted*. We will begin on Wednesday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m. Allyson Smith will lead the study.

In this 6-session Bible study which focuses on II Timothy, you will be encouraged to guard what God has entrusted to you, further His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and pour into future generations just as Paul once mentored Timothy. In this journey of joy and hardship, we need each other to stay the course and live a life of faithfulness.

The price of the book is \$13. Sign up in the Narthex or by calling at the church office at (405)842-1486. We hope you will join us for this wonderful Lenten study.

Wills Seminar - Sunday, March 3 at 9:45 a.m.

Just as the church is concerned about your spiritual health, we are conscious about the need each of us has to be good stewards of our accumulated wealth and assets. Being a good steward of your assets is difficult after your death unless you establish a plan before that will carry out your wishes. That plan is called a will or trust.

Many people are reluctant to write a will, or even discuss one. However, those who do are always glad they did. A well-written plan is never about life without us, it only affirms the life within us.

When we write a will, we tell the world what is important to us. A will affirms our hopes, dreams and protects our loved ones and cherished causes. It becomes part of our legacy which lives on and continues to bless the people we love.

On Sunday, March 3 at 9:45 a.m. The Brew Sunday school class will host a Wills Seminar in the Fellowship Hall. David Battles, CPA and executive vice president of the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation, will lead the seminar. The seminar will answer the following questions and more:

What is a will?

What if I die without a will?

Is joint tenancy a substitute for a will?

What is a revocable living trust and what are its advantages over a will?

Do I need a will or trust to leave a gift to the church or other charitable organizations?

There will be plenty of time for questions and individual consultations. A packet of information will be provided to each participant at this free seminar.

Please let us know if you would like to attend by signing up in the Narthex or contacting the church office at (405)842-1486.

Chancel Choir Singers to Perform in *Cendrillon*

Tessa McQueen, Allie Milburn, and Hallie Schmidt, members of the NHUMC chancel choir and OCU music majors, have been cast in OCU's upcoming production of Jules Massenet's opera *Cendrillon* ("Cinderella"). The French opera will be sung in English, with supertitles. Performances are scheduled in OCU's Kirkpatrick Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, February 22 and 23, and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 24. Tickets are available at 405.208.5227 or online at okcu.edu/tickets.

Save the Dates for Camp!

Sports Camp

Monday, June 10 - Friday, June 14

4 year olds through entering 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!

Sonshine Camp

Saturday, June 29 - Sunday, June 30

Entering 1st through 2nd grade at Canyon Camp

Early elementary campers enjoy a taste of hiking, swimming, crafts, and active learning in small groups under the caring and watchful eye of adult leaders.

All activities and creative worship in this overnight camp are geared for this younger age-level. After this fun camping experience, children will want to return to camp year after year.

Growin' In Grace Camp

Monday, July 15 - Wednesday, July 17

Entering 3rd through 5th grade at Canyon Camp

Older elementary campers have the opportunity to experience God's love in God's beautiful creation over this three day; two night camp. In addition to hiking, swimming, recreation, and crafts, campers participate in interactive small group learning and creative worship.

During these experiences, campers build relationships with new friends from other churches around the state that continue as they return to camp year after year. If you would like more information, please contact the church office at 405-842-1486.



Interested In Serving in the John Marshall Clothing Closet or Neighborhood Market?

The John Marshall Neighborhood Market and Clothing Closet could use a few people who would like to serve a couple times a month or substitute when we have a open spot. Call the Church office for more information at 405-842-1486.

Help us stock shelves in the Neighborhood Market this Saturday, February 16 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Just meet us at John Marshall High School—12201 Portland Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73120.



Children's Ministry



Tausha
Davison-Beverly

I would like to thank our wonderful Scout families for their overwhelming support this past Sunday. We were blessed to have our Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack at both of our worship services. Our Scouts play a very active part in our surrounding communities, and we are blessed to have them our church. If you need info on how to become a Scout please contact our church office. Here are a few pictures for you to enjoy!

Blessings,
Tausha



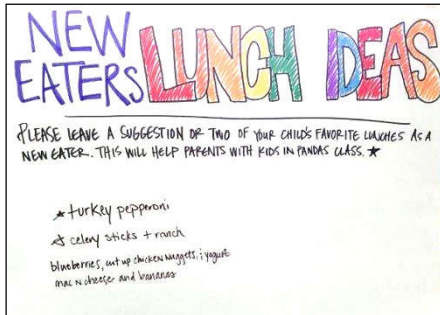
Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

We have several partnerships in The Learning Center. One of the most important is the partnership we make with our families. Their input is vital to the outcomes of our program. Each month parents come to the Parent Advisory Committee meeting to discuss, review, suggest or propose any ideas, concerns, or needs regarding the classroom. There is one person who helps to disseminate information. Our Parent Advisory Committee

representatives motivate the families to participate in events held in our church like the Block Party, Fall Festival, and Marathon Sunday. When we cancelled school (due to the ice last week) our Parent Advisory Committee representatives send out texts to the families in their classroom to let them know that The Learning Center will be closed. One mother is a Parent Advisory Committee representative for two classrooms! This group celebrates our teachers on their birthdays, anniversaries, and special holidays. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month, for 30 minutes. Our meetings are quick but produce many good ideas. We are grateful for their support and couldn't be the program we are today without their assistance.



-Denise

Birthdays (Continued)

- 02/17 Kellie Fischer
- 02/18 Jerry Jennings
- 02/19 Gloria Crownover
- 02/19 Jennifer Klos
- 02/21 Becky Buchanan
- 02/21 Doug Franklin
- 02/21 Kathy Smith
- 02/24 Larry Johnson
- 02/24 Kaleigh Slack
- 02/24 Jean Warner
- 02/26 Avery Niemann
- 02/27 Ryan McLain
- 02/27 Joy Richardson
- 02/28 Ken Howell

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

Jess and Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

StoneCreek

Joanna Garnett and
Ray and Lynn Greene

At Home

Roger Edling, 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

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Sunday School Classes - Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

The Brew Class: *Meets in Room 131* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” as we gather for fellowship and a meaningful study on the Gospel of Matthew. For more information about “The Brew” contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Fellowship Hall* - Join us as Bruce Stover speaks to us about 4th Quarter. Leader: Lance Benham.

Reville 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 part 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 and celebrate Christmas. 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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