



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

A Lasting Legacy

Jesus said, ¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” -Matthew 6:19-21

The goal of life isn't to live on earth forever but to leave something that does. On Sunday we will conclude our *Legacy*:—*Leave Your Mark* sermon series by talking about the way we can make an eternal difference by using our accumulated assets to make a planned gift that will bless ministries and people for generations to come. During my sermon I will interview David Battles who is the Executive Vice-President of the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation. David will also lead a Wills Seminar for us in the fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m.

Planned giving is a person's ultimate expression of a life of faithfulness; it is a way for you to make a commitment to leave a legacy and a testimony that will endure. Planned giving is an opportunity to give out of your accumulated assets by giving to support our church's ministry through endowments, wills, bequests, and charitable gift annuities.

According to Donald Joiner, five things happen when a church makes plans to receive planned gifts:

- (1.) The church receives increased gifts to fund various ministries.
- (2.) Members begin to examine their Christian stewardship concepts and understandings in a broader context and begin to include planned gifts as well as current gifts in their stewardship response.
- (3.) Members are educated about the many gift opportunities for mission and ministry through the church.
- (4.) Current contributions given in support of the ongoing annual budget are freed up to strengthen and even expand existing programs.
- (5.) The church and its various ministries and institutions begin to receive major planned gifts that have previously been directed to other causes where planned-giving programs are already in place.

Planned giving yields many blessings. In his book, *Wit, Wisdom and Moxie*, Jerold Panas writes, “Those who provide for charity in their estate plans live longer than the general public—six years beyond the Actuarial Tables.” Planned giving can help you continue your faithful giving even after your death.

I also want to let you know that we will begin the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday Worship Service on March 6 at noon. At the conclusion of the service we will have a lunch at 12:30 in the fellowship hall. If you would like to attend the lunch, please call the church office at (405)842-1486 or email info@nicholshillsumc.org. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, March 3

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

Monday, March 4

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 10:15
Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.
Women's A.A. Meeting at 5:30
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday Service at Noon
Ash Wednesday Lunch at 12:30
Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.
Entrusted Bible Study begins at 5:30
Why Jesus? Study at 5:30 p.m.
Congregational Care Ministers Training
at 5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 7

Bear Cave Clothing Closet at 10:15

Friday, March 8

John Marshall Market at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, March 10

Daylight Savings - Spring Forward

March 18 to March 22

T.L.C. closed for Spring Break

Sunday, March 24

Rising Stars—Music Ministry
Fundraiser Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26

Endowment Committee at 5:00

Monday, April 1

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.
John Marshall Sports Banquet
at 6:30 p.m.

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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 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, March 3

The coffee hosts are the Smith family.
The chancel flowers are available,
The mission candle is available.
The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.
The acolytes for 10:50 are
Lucy Ann Vaughn and Jimmy Tirrell.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, March 10

The coffee host is available.
The chancel flowers are given by Janice Pitney in memory of her daughter, Jill Morgan Thompson.
The mission candle is available.
The acolytes for 8:30 is Gabriel Ireland.
The acolytes for 10:50 are
Charlotte Smith and Collier 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 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:
Becky Buchanan, Anne Holbrook, Janet Jones, and Sarah Lee.



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.

March 3

A Lasting Legacy



Our Next Sermon Series: 24 Hours That Changed the World

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. Beginning on March 10, Dr. Trevor Smith will share a series of messages that guide us through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. Each sermon will help you experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death. Whether you are a long-time Christian or simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion, we invite you to join us for this powerful series as we retrace *24 Hours That Changed the World*.

March 10

The Last Supper

March 17

Betrayed

March 24

Condemned

March 31

Sentenced

April 7

Tortured and Humiliated

April 14

Crucified

April 21

Resurrected

Children's Ministry



Tausha
Davison-Beverly

This past Sunday we were blessed to have our Girl Scout Troop 22 and their families join us in both of our worship services for Girl Scout Sunday. The troop is led by our very own Jennifer McGinnis and Anne Beavers, Heather Small, Megan Fagundes, and Gloria McKinney.

Some of our Girl Scout parents have created their own legacy of being involved in Scouts and all their service projects to give back to the community. Our young ladies have been involved in several community projects including the Bella Foundation, Harvest Hills Veterinary Clinic, providing Christmas gifts to children in foster care, and giving school supplies to children living in transitional housing. Thank you to our Girl Scout families for your wonderful work in serving others in our city.

Blessings,
Tausha



Youth News



Rev. Michael
Carpenter

Over the past few weeks in Youth Sunday school, we've been talking about the importance of serving others, in big and small ways, in our homes, and around the world. Next Sunday, March 3, we're going to put what we've learned to the test with our Mission Relay! Right after church, we'll gather for lunch in the Youth Basement and start a series of fast-paced, impactful mission activities that will help people near and far. Join us and see how your service skills stack up!

Also, our Cub Scouts will be hosting their Blue and Gold Banquet this Saturday, March 2, at the Church. The banquet is the opportunity for the boys who have finished all the requirements of Cub Scouting to cross over into Boy Scouts. We have several Cub Scouts who will be crossing over, and we are so proud of their accomplishment!

Finally, the youth will be attending YouthForce this summer on July 7-12. YouthForce is a weeklong mission trip and church camp you will not want to miss. This will be my first camp experience with our youth, and I am so excited to see how the Spirit moves during the week!

Grace upon Grace,
Michael

ReConnection Ministry

In Hebrews 10:34-35 the writer of Hebrews encourages us, "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Don't stop meeting together, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other." As a family of faith, we cherish the time we spend together and miss each other when one of us is sick or out of town.

In the near future we are launching a ReConnection Ministry to stay connected with people. If a member of our congregation is absent from worship for four weeks in a row, a member of our ReConnection Team will reach out to the person to say that he or she has been missed and to find out if there is any way we can be a better serve them.

If you have a heart for the people in our church, consider volunteering in this new ministry. Email me at MCarpenter@nicholshillsumc.org or call the church office at (405) 842-1486. Your warm spirit and heart for fellowship will spur us toward love!

Grace upon Grace,
Michael

A Guide to Giving

WHICH TYPE OF GIFT FITS YOUR NEEDS?

Each year the generous spirit of donors makes the work of our United Methodist churches and ministries possible. This generosity is evident in countless ways, including financial support. There are many ways people make charitable gifts and careful planning will ensure your desires are met. Below is an overview of the most common ways to make a gift with an explanation of the benefits to you and the beneficiary of each.

	GIFTS THAT PAY YOU INCOME		GIFTS THAT CAN BE USED TODAY	
TYPE	<i>Charitable Gift Annuity</i>	<i>Charitable Remainder Trust</i>	<i>Outright</i>	
BENEFITS	Current income tax deduction Portion of payments may be tax free Fixed and predictable payments	Current income tax deduction Bypass capital gains tax Diversification of investments Payments for life and/or term of years	Current income tax deduction Bypass capital gains tax Enjoy the gift during your lifetime	
BENEFICIARY	One or two annuitant beneficiaries Your church or ministry is future residual beneficiary	One or more income beneficiaries Your church or ministry is future residual beneficiary	Your church or ministry is the immediate beneficiary	
	GIFTS THAT TAKE EFFECT AFTER YOUR LIFETIME			
TYPE	<i>Bequest</i>	<i>Life Insurance</i>	<i>Retirement Plans</i>	<i>Retained Life Estate</i>
BENEFITS	Charitable deduction for taxable estates Allows you to make a large gift at no immediate cost to you	Allows you to make a large gift at little cost to you	Avoid double taxation of retirement assets The Foundation applies the full amount of plan assets to the church or ministry you choose	Current income tax deduction Potential estate tax savings
BENEFICIARY	Your church or ministry is the future beneficiary			You retain lifetime beneficial use of property Your church or ministry receives future rights to property



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 have 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 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 create a will are always glad they did. When we write a will, we tell the world what is important to us. A will affirms our hopes and our 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 contacting the church office at (405)842-1486 or by emailing Delaney Sheffield at info@nicholshillsumc.org.

Nichols Hills UMC Endowments and Managed Accounts

Endowments

Jeannette Sias Memorial Endowment

Rex Kennedy Rosser Memorial Endowment

Ferne Oliver Permanent Fund

Purpose

Income for general use and purposes.

Income used by Endowment Committee for OKC Public School ministry projects w/emphasis (not requirement) on N. Highland Elementary and John Marshall HS

Income for general purposes of the church approved by Endowment Trustees

Managed Accounts

Garden Endowment Fund

General Memorial Endowment Fund

E.L. Oliver Endowment Mgmt. Fund

Ferne Oliver Endowment Mgmt. Fund

Mary L. Oliver Endowment Fund

Pope Lecture Endowment Fund

Mary Rittenhouse Building Endowment

Nichols Hills UMC Fund

Ione Woodberry Endowment Fund

Purpose

Upkeep of gardens

General purposes of the church approved by Endowment Trustees

Income for the music program, including visual effects and other related uses in the worship service

Income for scholarships or stipends to high school or college students engaged in the study of or showing special talents in the field of music

Income for Christen education

Income to host Dr. W. Carrol Pope Lecture – honorariums, travel, lodging, meals for speaker, receptions, dinners and other costs incidental to providing quality program

Building, land acquisitions, major repairs or maintenance, other capital acquisitions of the church

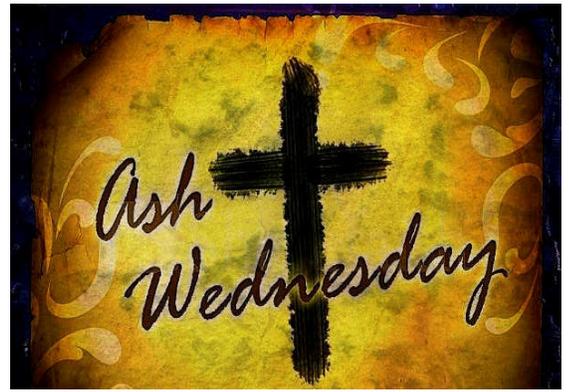
Investment and Management – Principal and income available on request of the Trustees

General purposes of the church approved by Endowment Trustees

Ash Wednesday Service and Lunch

Join us for a 30-minute Ash Wednesday Service at noon, followed by a lunch at 12:30 p.m. This will be a wonderful way to begin the Lenten season.

If you would like to attend the lunch, please email your name and the number of people who will be attending with you to Delaney Sheffield at info@nicholshillsumc.org. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the lunch.

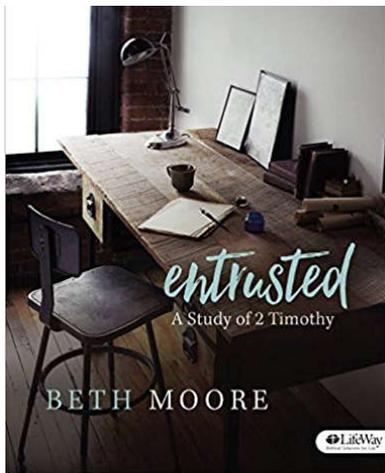


Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, March 6 at Noon

Ash Wednesday Lunch
Wednesday, March 6 at 12:30 p.m.

Name: _____

Number of people attending the lunch: _____



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 Ash 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.

Rising Stars Music Ministry Fundraiser

Sunday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The Music Ministry of Nichols Hills U.M.C. presents *Rising Stars*, a musical review of your favorite songs featuring members of our Chancel Choir. Join us on Sunday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for an elegant evening of dinner and music to support our music ministry.

Encore Table Sponsorships are \$1000.

8 tickets and table name recognition

Ovation Table Sponsorships are \$500.

4 tickets and table name recognition

Individual tickets are \$65 per person.

Checks may be made out to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church.

To reserve your seat, call the church office, 405-842-1486, or email info@nicholshillsumc.org.



Sunday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m.

John Marshall Saturday of Service

Nothing feels better than watching the children and youth in our church serve the students of John Marshall, our missional partner school. On Saturday, February 16, we had a great team of children, youth, and parent volunteers stock the shelves of our Neighborhood Market and organize the storeroom. Jobs that normally take hours were finished quickly! The work of taking inventory of organizing supplies became a competitive, no-nonsense race!

Special thank you to the youth who came out to help: Kneely and Gracie Buxton, Maggie Brown, Sarah Tirrell, Graham and Jackson Murphy, Jack Powell, and Craig and Gracie Sanders! And thank you to the children who came: Regan Miller, Charlotte Smith, Avery Smith, Jimmy Tirrell, and Cameron!

Grace upon Grace,
Michael Carpenter



Josh Kelly to Perform in *L'Amico Fritz*

Josh Kelly, a member of the NHUMC chancel choir and OCU music major, has been cast in OCU's upcoming Spotlight Music Theater production of Pietro Mascagni's opera *L'Amico Fritz*. Fritz is a wealthy and generous landowner who insists he will never marry. His friend Rabbi David, the local matchmaker, sets out to prove him wrong! Performances are scheduled for OCU's Burg Theater at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 3. Tickets are available at 405.208.5227 or online at okcu.edu/tickets.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

We are partnering with Oklahoma State University-OKC to host their students for observations. They spend several hours watching the interactions of our children and staff. Each student must observe for 21 hours in a variety of age groups. Background screenings are made on each student by OSU-OKC. It's challenging to have observers watching your every move, but it is a huge compliment that we were chosen as one of the quality sites. This is also a wonderful connection to students who may want to work in The Learning Center. Two women and one man will do their observations at T.L.C. It is exciting to see our profession include more men. Our children get so excited when the visitors come, and we have to remind them to let our visitors do their work. The feedback from the students has been very kind and positive. It is a win-win for T.L.C.

-Denise

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” for our Will’s Seminar in the Fellowship Hall. 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 Shannon Evers CEO of Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma speaks to the class.
Leader: Lance Benham.

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 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

Delaney Sheffield, Director of Communications

Dr. Antone Godding, Organist

Kathy Smith, Treasurer

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Brandy Jones, Nursery Attendant

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