

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

We Are the Church

Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, ² by which you are saved, if you hold it fast - unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. - I Corinthians 15:1-8

Hendrik Kraemer was a remarkable lay missionary from the Dutch church. He was in his native Holland when World War II began. The Gestapo dominated the nation of Holland, forcing Dutch Jews to places like Buchenwald and Dachau.

Late one night a group of Dutch laypersons came and said to him, “Dr. Kraemer, what shall we do? Our neighbors are dying. We don’t know what is going to become of us as a nation. Please, please, if you can, tell us what to do. We have got to do something, and we have got to do it now.”

Hendrik Kramer said to them, “I am not going to tell you what to do, but I will tell you who you are. And if you know who you are, then you will know what to do.”

He opened his Bible to I Peter 2:9 and began to read: *“But 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.*

Dr. Kraemer closed his Bible. “Do you know who you are?” he asked. “Then you’ll know what to do.” Thanking him, the group left his house. That night, they formed the Dutch Resistance.

We face a similar moment at this point in history. If we know who we are, then we will know what to do. In a world filled with sickness and death, we are the Church. The Church was Jesus’ idea. It belongs to Him, and his Church is the hope of the world.

And so we sing: *I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we’re the church together!*

As we hope for brighter days, I believe Jesus wants to work through the people in His Church to offer hope to people who need hope. This is a critical time for Jesus’ Church to stand up and be the Church. Even as we encounter never-before-seen challenges, Jesus can work through his Church to connect people to God, to each other, to ministry, and to the world.

On Sunday we will begin a new sermon series called **We Are the Church** by turning to Paul’s Letters to the Church at Corinth to explore who we are as the Church and how the Holy Spirit can work through us to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We’ll explore why the local church is the hope of the world and why being part of this church will bless you and build you up in the days and weeks to come. We will begin by discussing how, as **Easter People**, we find hope in the resurrection of Jesus. I hope you will invite someone to join us for online worship as we continue to celebrate the Good News of Easter. Have a great week.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, April 19

Online Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, April 26

Online Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, May 3

Online Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 10

Online Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, May 17

Online Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Memorial Sunday, May 24

Online Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, May 31

Online Worship at 10:50 a.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 Dr. Trevor Smith for more details.

Coffee Hosts

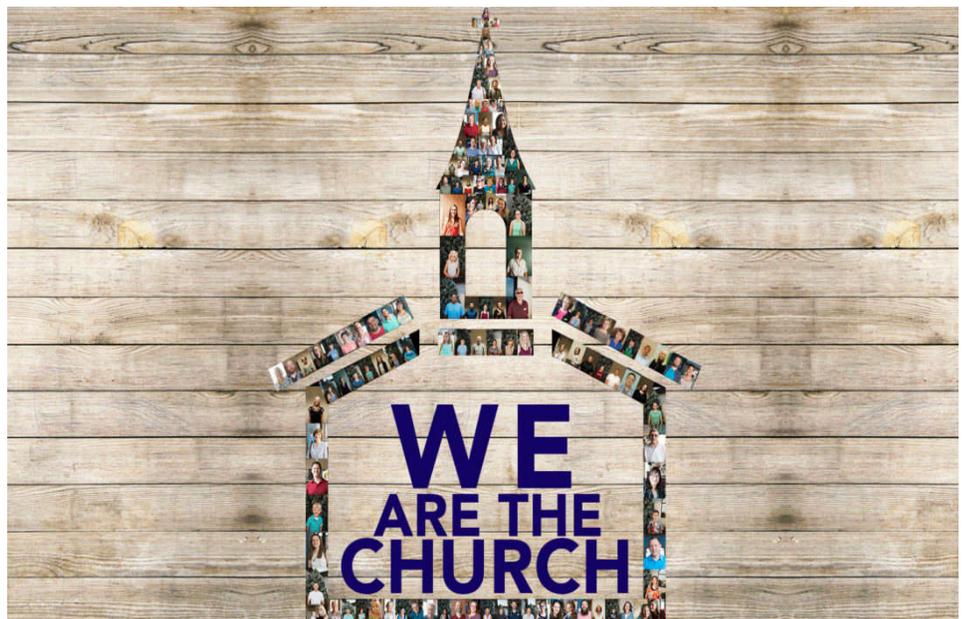
Coffee hosts provide 4-5 dozen cookies. At the close of the 10:50 Service, the host(s) stand by the cookie table in the Narthex and greet people. To serve, sign-up in the Narthex.

Tithes and Offerings

Although we will not be meeting in person the next few Sundays we are continuing the ministry of Jesus Christ at our church and in our community, and your giving makes that possible. There are many ways to give beyond passing the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness. You can mail a check to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church at 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116 or you can give online through our website, www.nicholshillsumc.org.

Church Offices

Our church offices will be closed to the public and our staff will work remotely when possible. You can reach staff members by phone or email. All of our staff are actively working to ensure that our family of faith remains connected through these unprecedented times.



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The word *church* comes from two Greek words: *Ek* means *out*, and *Klesia* means *called*. The church is people who are called out by God to serve God and be God's people. Join us for online worship on Sunday mornings at 10:50 as we begin a new sermon series called **We Are The Church** and learn why *the local church is the hope of the world* and why being part of the church will bless you and build you up in the days and weeks to come.

April 19	<i>Easter People</i>
April 26	<i>Servants, Planters, and Builders</i>
May 3	<i>All Things for All People</i>
May 10	<i>The Power of Love</i>
May 17	<i>Hope and Glory</i>
May 24	<i>The Hope of Resurrection</i>
May 31	<i>The Body of Christ</i>

Worship Online

Join us online for worship! You can view our livestream at 10:50 a.m. on Sundays on our Facebook page, facebook.com/nicholshillsumc. You can also view the worship service throughout the week. Please send us a message on Facebook to let us know you are participating. We will also post the Sermon Notes and the Prayer and Study Guide on Facebook as well as our website, www.nicholshillsumc.org.





Tausha Davison-Beverly

Children's Ministry

As we think about ways that we can bless others, I would like to share a story of how Regan Miller, the daughter of Casey and Kati Miller, has found a way to give others hope. She made rubber band bracelets of faith and then put them in a box in Kite Park in Nichols Hills with a note on the box that says, "Please take a bracelet. Have faith." She calls them her love and hope bracelets. Her hope is that people will take one as they are exercising at the park.

We also have one more story of hope to share. Charlotte and Avery Smith have been sharing a message of joy to others through their chalk decorations on their driveway in Edmond. They wrote out scriptures and made some awesome designs and pictures around them to bring life to God's word.

We would love to hear and see your messages of keeping the faith and inspiring others in the weeks to come. Please feel free to send me pictures of you and your family sharing God's message of love and hope with others at tdavison@nicholshillsumc.org.

Keep the Faith,
Tausha



Birthdays

- 04/16 Olivia Brien
- 04/16 Delaney Sheffield
- 04/17 Cathy Betterton
- 04/17 Tom Knott
- 04/17 Casey Miller
- 04/18 Thad Butler
- 04/18 Raymond Greene
- 04/20 Alan Chase
- 04/20 Carter Cloud
- 04/20 Louis Fraley
- 04/20 Griffin Jones
- 04/20 Jim Jones
- 04/21 Bernadene Moore
- 04/22 Claire Fraley
- 04/26 Kery Mueller
- 04/29 Marty Margo
- 04/30 Colin Anderson
- 04/13 Avery Smith
- 04/14 Alivia Rogers
- 04/15 Emily Ellis
- 04/16 Olivia Brien
- 04/16 Delaney Sheffield
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Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Sylvia Miller

Town Village

Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

StoneCreek

Ray and Lynn Greene

At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,

David Mueller

Ways to Give

Checks may be mailed to 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116.

To make an online donation, visit www.nicholshillsumc.org.

To set up an electronic funds transfer contact Louise Glass in the Church Office at (405) 842-1486 or email her at lglass@nicholshillsumc.org.

We appreciate your generosity as we continue to minister to people in our church, our community, and our world.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion, T.L.C. Director

A beautiful quote came across my desk and I'm going to share it with you. Bertrand Russell said, "We must care about the world of our children and grandchildren, a world we may never see." This speaks to our commitment to reach out to our families and touch base with them during this unique period in our lives. We are learning to navigate the Zoom meetings. Many of the TLC staff are missing all the hugs and smiles from our little ones and their parents. How will this virus change our business in the future? We are discussing those things now so when we return we have some plans. They include checking temperatures of everyone when they arrive, parents dropping off at the doors, and keeping our classrooms clean and healthy.

As a wise person once said, "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." Prayers for health and strength for us all.

Denise

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Sunday School Classes - Sunday at 9:45 a.m. We look forward to gathering together again soon.

The Brew Class: *Meets in Room 131* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” as we gather for fellowship and a meaningful study. 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 speakers on various topics. 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* - Join us as we gather for fellowship and a meaningful study. Our Circle is always Open.

Youth Class: *Meets in the Youth Basement* - Join us for fun, fellowship, and a lesson that will bring you closer to God.

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

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

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