



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Giving Is Good

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ 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 9:6-8

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." On Sunday, we are going to continue our **Making Change** sermon series by embracing our belief that *Giving Is Good*. We serve a God who is so generous and loves us so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. God is so generous that God invites us to share in the ministry of generosity because God blesses us so that we will be a blessing. On Sunday we will discuss three Biblical ways we can grow in our generosity.

Consecration Sunday will be on November 15. Our message that day will focus on our church's future because *Tomorrow Matters*. During our worship services that day, each of us will 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. I hope you will spend some time prayerfully asking God, "Lord, what percentage of my income are you calling me to give?"

On November 15 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. 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. This year you will be able to participate in our Harvest Dinner by dining in our Fellowship Hall or picking up a takeout order. If you have not already let us know if you will be able to participate in Consecration Sunday and the Harvest Dinner, please email Delaney at dsheffield@nicholshillsumc.org to make your reservation. We are looking forward to a wonderful Consecration Sunday and Harvest Dinner.

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 give to be part of what God is doing in our church and in our lives as we work to help many people experience the love of God through our congregation. May God continue to richly bless you. I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, November 8

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 9

Church Council and Stewardship Committee at 5:30
Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Group at 5:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11

Nichols Thrills at 6:00 p.m.
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Consecration Sunday, November 15

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Harvest Dinner at 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Monday, November 16

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Group at 5:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18

Nichols Thrills at 6:00 p.m.
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 22

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Hanging of the Greens at 2:00
Help us decorate the sanctuary.

Wednesday, November 25 -

Friday, November 27

Church Offices and The Learning Center Closed for Thanksgiving



Chancel Flowers

November 8: The chancel flowers are available.

November 15: The chancel flowers are available.

Mission Candle

November 8: The mission candle is available.

November 15: The mission candle is available.

Acolytes

November 8: Gabriel Ireland, Avery Smith, and Lucy Ann Sylvester

November 15: Gabriel Ireland, Louis Fraley, Regan Miller, and Charlotte Smith

Tithes and Offerings

Your gifts and tithes make a Christian difference and help us share the ministry of Jesus Christ with people in our church and in our community.

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 the Church Office.

Thank you for your generosity and
faithfulness.

Worship Online

Join us online for worship! You can view our livestream at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. on Sundays on our Facebook page, [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://www.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.

Making Change

Do your finances bring you fear or freedom? Whether you're worried about today or planning for tomorrow, now is the time to build a future that endures. Investing in a brighter tomorrow starts by **Making Change** today. Join us as we explore Biblical concepts for **Making Change** in ways that will bless you and honor God.

November 8 *Giving Is Good*

November 15 *Tomorrow Matters*

Online Worship: [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://www.facebook.com/nicholshillsumc)



Tausha Davison-Beverly
Children's
Ministry Director

Children's Ministry

As we continue to have in person worship experiences during the fall and winter seasons, we are taking several precautions to reduce the number of germs and keep everyone safe. Before and after worship services the classrooms and materials are sanitized. All our staff and volunteers wear masks to reduce the spread of germs. We are asking children, as they enter the room, to wash their hands before they begin to explore our Sunday activities. In our elementary worship service, every child has their own covered plastic bin with a set of materials for the coming months. Our families who worship online, will continue to receive emails or mail containing Sunday school lessons or materials for their children. There is hand sanitizer located in the hallway, for adults. As more families attend, we will continue to evaluate our procedures to reduce germs. Our goal as always will be to find new ways for children to explore their faith and show compassion toward others through missional opportunities in a clean environment.

Blessings,
Tausha

Youth Ministry



Hunter Patman
Fountain,
Youth Director

Hello, church family! I sincerely hope that everyone has been staying safe and warm during the last couple of weeks. It has been a tough time. We have battled through an ice storm and loss of power for many of us. However, here at the church, I am working hard to stay in contact with as many of you as I can. During this time, I am reminded that the Lord calls us to rejoice in our tribulations because they produce a stronger faith. So, I encourage each and every one of you to keep being faithful to the Lord. He never leaves our side. He will never forsake us. All that he requires is that we follow him through everything!

-Hunter

Consecration Sunday and Harvest Dinner

Consecration Sunday will be on November 15. We hope you will plan to join us for worship in person or online at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

That day we will also enjoy our Harvest Dinner, which will be a free catered dinner. This is one of the ways we express our gratitude to you for all the ways you give and serve in our church. If you attend the 8:30 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.

This year you will be able to participate in our Harvest Dinner by dining in our Fellowship Hall or picking up a takeout order. We will be taking reservations in worship on Sunday, or you can make your reservation by emailing Delaney at dsheffield@nicholshillsumc.org.



Harvest Dinner Reservation Card

I (we) will attend online or in person worship and the Harvest Dinner on Sunday, November 15.

_____ Yes _____ No

Number of Adult Dinners _____

Number of Child Dinners _____

Harvest Dinner Time: **11:00 a.m.** or **Noon** (*Circle One*)

Dine In or **Takeout** (*Circle One*)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Birthdays

- 11/04 General Bill Bowden
- 11/05 Joni Flesher
- 11/05 Bennett Murray
- 11/06 Linda Lyle
- 11/06 Kathy Walker
- 11/09 Tim Baker
- 11/09 Lew McGinnis
- 11/09 Karen McLain
- 11/11 Mary Ann Sanders
- 11/12 Mary Bentley
- 11/12 Martin Howell
- 11/13 Katherine Buxton
- 11/14 Jack Love
- 11/14 Mary Kate Magness
- 11/15 Ryan Sandfort
- 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
- 11/25 Gabriel Ireland
- 11/28 Rich McLain
- 11/28 Alfred Walker
- 11/29 Michael Hall
- 11/30 Mark Sullivan
- 11/30 Perry Tirrell

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

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

We all learn lessons from daily routines and how to handle things when they are not routine. Last week's ice storm and power outage inconvenienced everyone. From the newest babies who were just adjusting to separating from family to the older children who were looking forward to our Halloween party. So now we are encouraging the children to look forward to our Fairy Tale Feast day. They will still have a celebration and wear their costumes but with a different focus to coincide with our weekly theme of Fairy Tales. Children are inclined to look forward to the next big thing. We are learning that things do change. Through these experiences the children and adults are learning to become more resilient. Blessings for all.

-Denise



Join us for Nichols Thrills
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

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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 an in depth study of the *Letter to the Romans*. 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 speakers on various topics. Leaders: Dennis and Delores Bradford.

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.

First 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. Director of Children's Ministry: Tausha Davison-Beverly.

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.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Delaney Sheffield, Director of Communications

Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Hunter Patman Fountain, Director of Youth Ministry

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

Jeremy Gossett, Audio Visual Team Leader

Dustin Davis, Sunday Host and Audio Visual Tech

John Nacher III, Audio Visual Tech

Julie Keller, Nursery Attendant

Patricia Harris, Nursery Attendant