

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Living Boldly

²³ After they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them... grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness. -Acts 4:23-24, 29-31

What do Christians do when persecution threatens to undo the community? They turn to God, the same God who created the world and everything and everyone in it, the God who is bigger and more powerful than all of our problems. God holds us in the palm of his hand and sustains us even when we face persecution and hardship. Prayer is an essential practice for Christians because prayer connects us to the God who loves us, who knows us by name, and who is actively engaged in our lives to help us when we face trials and challenges. The members of the early Church consistently talked to God in prayer.

If I, like Peter and John, had had a close and potentially disastrous brush with the authorities, my prayer would be for divine protection rather than boldness. Yet, the only thing the community asked of God is the power *to speak your word with all boldness*. They asked God to give them boldness so they could live boldly and speak God's word with boldness even when they met resistance and persecution. As God heals and performs signs and wonders, the members of Jesus' Church speak the word with boldness in the midst of the mighty acts of God.

I want to encourage you to join us for worship in person or online for four special Sundays. This Sunday we will pray for God to help us speak God's Word with boldness, and we will honor and bless all of the women in our church as we observe **Mother's Day**. We will give carnations to all of the women and girls, our Children's Choir will sing, and we will have the joy of baptizing Vaughn Manzer, and his parents Jessica and Gregory Manzer will join the church.

On **Graduate Sunday, May 16**, we will honor our graduates in worship. Please make us aware of any of your loved ones who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school.

On **Pentecost Sunday, May 23**, we will celebrate the birthday of Jesus' Church. We invite you to wear red or orange that day as a visible way of remembering the way the Holy Spirit was manifested through tongues of fire on the day of Pentecost.

On **Memorial Sunday, May 30**, we will remember our loved ones who have passed away in the last year by lighting candles for each of them as a sign of our hope in Jesus' promise of resurrection. This is always a very meaningful service.

Much like the Holy Spirit gave the early Church in the days following Pentecost, the Holy Spirit has been giving Nichols Hills United Methodist Church a season of growth and vitality. It seems that every Sunday I meet a new person or family who is worshipping with us in person for the first time or who is returning to Nichols Hills U.M.C. after a long absence. It fills my heart with joy to meet new friends and to welcome people to join us in worshipping and serving Jesus. I was glad to welcome Leslie Patridge into church membership on May 2. I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Saturday, May 8

Blue and Gold Banquet at 5:00

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9

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

Monday, May 10

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

Wednesday, May 11

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
Co-Dependents Anonymous-6:30

Graduate Sunday, May 16

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

Pentecost Sunday, May 23

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.



Welcome Leslie Patridge!

Leslie Patridge joined N.H.U.M.C. on May 2.

We are excited that Leslie has chosen to be part of the Nichols Hills U.M.C. family!

Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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Chancel Flowers

May 9: The chancel flowers are given by Turner and Cindy Davis in memory of our mothers, Freda Davis and Christine Leese.

May 16: The chancel flowers are given by Jane Harlow in honor of her granddaughter Kristina's 25th birthday.

Mission Candle

The mission candle is available on May 9 and May 16.

Acolytes

May 9: Scarlett Hoffman, Gabriel Ireland, Avery Smith, and Collier Vaughn

May 16: Henrietta Dockendorf, Gabriel Ireland, 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 or In Person

We would love for you to join us for in person worship on Sunday mornings at 8:30 or 10:50.

We also are streaming online. You can view our worship services on Facebook every Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:50? Our Facebook page is [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://www.facebook.com/nicholshillsumc). Don't have a Facebook account? No worries. You can view our livestream without having an account. You can also view the worship service throughout the week. If you do have a Facebook account, we encourage you to send us a message and let us know you are participating.

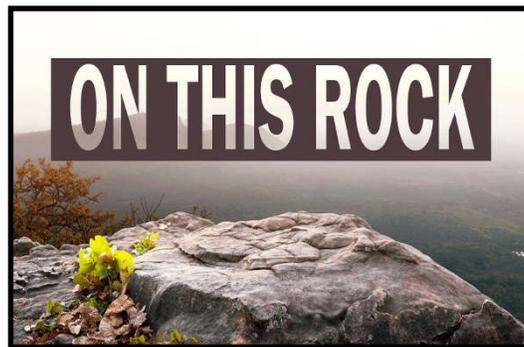
We also post the Sermon Notes and the Prayer and Study Guide on Facebook as well as our website, www.nicholshillsumc.org. We look forward to worshipping with you in-person or online!

On This Rock

Simon Peter pledged to die with Jesus and then denied three times that he even knew Jesus. Yet Jesus called Simon the Rock and said that he would use Peter to build his Church.

Join us for worship in person or online at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church as we turn to the *Book of Acts* to see how the Holy Spirit worked through Peter to build the early Church and transform the world.

- May 9 *Living Boldly*
- May 16 *Unstoppable*
- May 23 *Unchained*
- May 30 *New Life*



Great News From Our Musician Family!

Anna Bookout and Alex Smith are pleased to announce two exciting new developments in their future careers.

Anna Bookout, longtime member of the Nichols Hills United Methodist Church Choir, has been admitted to the University of Oklahoma College of Law on a full-tuition



Michael Wylder,
Director of
Church Music



scholarship starting in the fall. She is interested in Real Estate Law but is looking forward to learning more as she progresses through her 3-year degree program. Anna is thankful for all of the support she has received from NHUMC for the last 11 years and is thrilled about what the future holds. Any advice or well wishes would be welcomed.

Alex Smith, bass player in the praise band, was accepted into the Construction Management Master of Science program at the University of Oklahoma. Classes begin in August. The program is a two-year degree track during which time Alex will serve as a graduate assistant research aid for Dr. Somik Ghosh. Alex plans to use this degree to work as a project manager within the construction industry.

- Michael

Meeting Sheriff Tommie Johnson III

A few of our upper elementary children had the pleasure of meeting Oklahoma County Sheriff Tommie Johnson III. Sheriff Johnson spoke to the Kiva Sunday School class last week.

From left to right: Claire Fraley, Gabriel Ireland, Tommie Johnson III, Charlotte Smith, and Avery Smith.





Claire Fraley,
Director of
Children and
Family Ministry

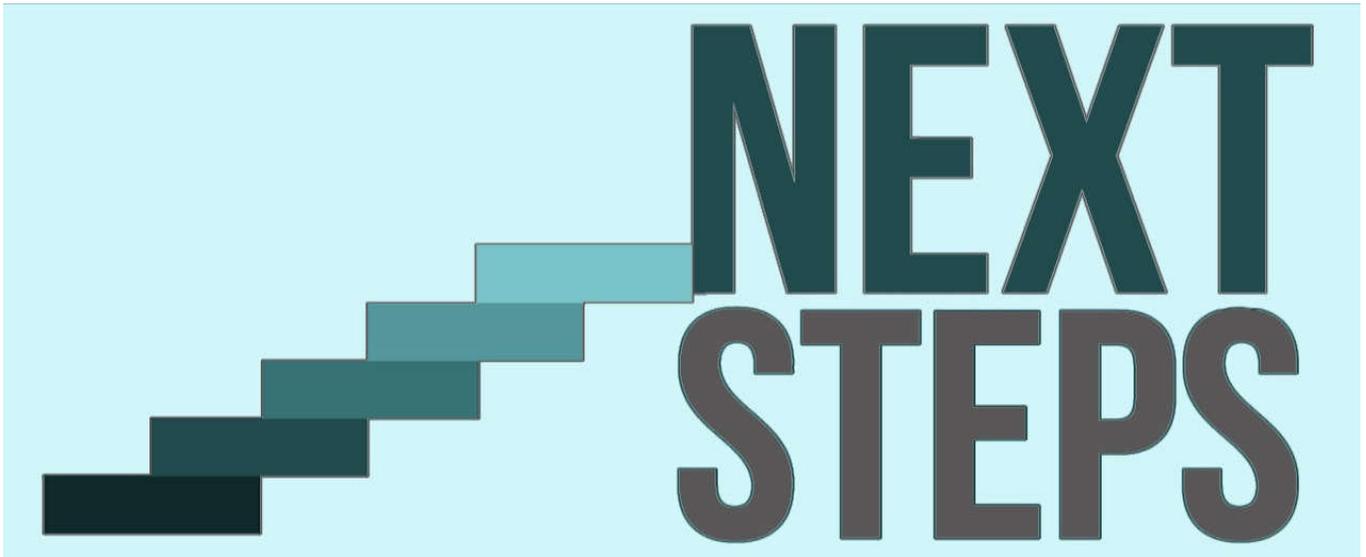
Children's Ministry

Our Children's Ministry has had a lot of fun things going on! We had our first pizza lunch with games, a Bible verse scavenger hunt, and dessert, of course. I am looking forward to continuing to do more fun activities after church with our children. We also had a special guest in Sunday School a few weeks ago... Pontius Pilate! Warren Henry portrayed Pontius Pilate and told the class all about Pontius Pilate's life and his encounter with Jesus.



This Sunday, May 9th, we are so excited to celebrate all of you wonderful mothers. Our Children's Choir has been practicing a special song to perform in the 10:50 service. The children will be performing another song on May 30th. You will not want to miss it and if you want your child to sing in the choir, we will be practicing each Sunday in the Sanctuary during Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. Please call the church office for further questions at (405)842-1486.

Blessings,
Claire



Next Steps

As we journey through this year we see positive signs that the pandemic is lessening. We continue to monitor guidelines and best practices for gathering in a safe way. We have installed air purification units which remove the germs, bacteria, mold, dust, odors, and air born viruses such as flu and COVID from the air we breathe while at church. After a significant amount of prayer and preparation, our Church Council has voted to take the following steps. Each step is contingent on the latest information.

Step 1 — Monday, May 3

Oklahoma City and Nichols Hills removed the mask mandate and COVID restrictions on April 30. Nichols Hills United Methodist Church will align with this change and will no longer require church and TLC employees to wear masks.

The Learning Center will continue to have drop-off and pick-up at designated doors.

Social distancing in the sanctuary will remain in place.

Offering plates will remain at the back of the sanctuary.

Hand-sanitizing stations will remain in place.

Step 2 — Tuesday, June 1

Social distancing in the sanctuary will no longer be required.

Offering plates will remain at the back of the sanctuary.

Hand-sanitizing stations will remain in place.

Step 3 — Thursday, July 1

Hymnals and Bibles will be returned to the pews.

Hand-sanitizing stations will remain in place.

Nichols Hills United Methodist

SPORTS



Basketball



Cheerleading



Soccer



4 - 5 Year Olds

CAMP

June 1 - 4
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Summer Camps

Sports Camp

Tuesday, June 1st – Friday, June 4th at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church

4-year-olds through entering 6th graders.

Early Bird Price: \$60 (Register by May 15) / Regular Price: \$70

Children may participate in Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, 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! Call the church office at 405-842-1486 for more information.

Ready to enroll? Fill out the form on the next page and return it to the church.

Growin' in Grace

Monday, June 14th – Wednesday, June 16th at Canyon Camp.

Children entering 3rd grade through 5th grade. Register at: okcamps.campbrainregistration.com

Early Bird Price: \$178 (Register by April 15) / Regular Price: \$192 / Adult Price: \$92

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.

Canyon Camp will be requiring all children and adults to wear a face mask during all activities. They will create smaller groups to ensure social distancing, staggered eating times, as well as staggered check-in times.

Sonshine Camp

Saturday, June 26 – Sunday, June 27 at Canyon Camp.

Children entering 1st grade and 2nd grade. Register at: okcamps.campbrainregistration.com

Early Bird Price: \$69 (Register by April 15) / Regular Price: \$89 / Adult Price: \$57

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.

Canyon Camp will be requiring all children and adults to wear a face mask during all activities. They will create smaller groups to ensure social distancing, staggered eating times, as well as staggered check-in times.

Ready to Register for Sports Camp?

Fill out the form below and return to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church or register online www.nicholshillsumc.org.

Guardian(s) Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children's Name(s) and Age(s): _____

Address: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Youth Small, Youth Medium, Youth Large, Youth XL,
Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult XL, Adult 2XL

Sport: _____

Sports include: Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, or Team 45.

Early Bird Price: \$60 per child (Register by May 15) / Regular Price: \$70
Pay by cash, check, or credit card.

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Birthdays

05/05 Caroline McLain
05/07 Jennifer McGinnis
05/08 Jacob Ellis
05/08 Kathleen Ellis
05/10 Mark Miller
05/13 Roger Etling
05/17 Rosemarie Chase
05/17 Rachel Huchton
05/18 Warren Henry
05/18 Charlotte Smith
05/20 Dudley Hyde
05/21 Jeff Cloud
05/23 Jerry Richardson
05/23 Trevor Smith
05/24 Michael Wylder
05/28 Sharon Ives
05/29 Rob Saunders
06/04 Grant Davis
06/04 Julian Diaz-Granados
06/06 Reese Robinson
06/10 Samuel Stafford
06/13 Jessica Castoe
06/13 Don McCarty
06/14 Kathy McCarty
06/15 Kurlisa Briggs
06/17 Jeremee Cloud
06/18 Linda Rosser McDaniel
06/19 Antone Godding
06/19 Caroline Rainbolt-Forbes
06/19 Eleanor Rainbolt-Forbes
06/20 John Pippin
06/21 Bette MacKellar
06/22 Ann Marshall
06/24 Jackson Edmonds
06/27 Mary Forster
06/29 George Malone

Cares and Concerns

Town Village

Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

StoneCreek

Lynn Greene

At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,
David Mueller

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

Last week was Teacher Appreciation week at The Learning Center. On the first day we received big baskets with individual treats with all of our favorites, plus pampering gloves, masks, bath bombs, and a variety of gift cards that were very generous! On Tuesday, we had a catered lunch from Fuzzy's, compliments of one of our families. We had so much food we ate for two days! The teachers felt the love, appreciation, and gratitude from our families. Our partnership is a strong and reciprocal effort to raise strong, independent and happy children. We are very grateful for the display of appreciation from all our families. TLC is a blessing to all of us.

-Denise



Ashley Butler showing her teacher appreciation basket.

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

The Brew Class: *Meets in The Conference Room* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” as we gather for fellowship and an in-depth study of the *Live Not by Lies: a Manual for Christian Dissidents* by Rod Dreher. 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.
Leader: Claire Fraley

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.
Leader: Claire Fraley

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Delaney Sheffield, Director of Communications

Claire Fraley, Director of Children’s Ministries

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 Naeher III, Audio Visual Tech

Julie Keller, Nursery Attendant

Patricia Harris, Nursery Attendant