

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Holy Tuesday

³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?' ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?' ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' -Matthew 25:34-40

This Sunday we will continue our sermon series on *The Final Week* by talking about the things Jesus did and said on Holy Tuesday. On one hand, we see Jesus denouncing the scribes and Pharisees. He points out their spiritual arrogance and their unwillingness to practice what they preached. They had lost the ability to discern what was good, and they spent so much of their time majoring in the minors instead of making the main thing the main thing. During Lent we need to ask ourselves, "Can we recognize the places where we are like the Pharisees?"

On Holy Tuesday, we also see Jesus talking about the final judgement in a way that helps us understand how essential it is for us to minister to the least of these who are members of Jesus' family. In *Giving from a Wesleyan Perspective*, Bishop Kenneth Carder states: "John Wesley considered regular visitation of the poor as indispensable for Christian discipleship and spiritual formation as daily prayer and regular celebration of the sacrament. He admonished the Methodists to deliver their aid to the poor, instead of sending it. Proximity with the poor changes our priorities. If we want to go where we can most be convinced of the reality and power of God, go to the poor."

It always makes me proud to know that the people of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church have a heart and a deep desire to bless and encourage people in our community and around the world. I know that when I have worked in missional ministries I always feel good about the part I have in blessing someone else, but the funny thing is that the blessing always comes back to me and changes me from the inside out.

In the coming weeks and months there will be several opportunities for you to join in ministries that encourage and bless people. We have rescheduled our John Marshall High School Dinner, and it will now be on Tuesday, March 29 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. See the article on Page 3 to find out how you can serve in this meaningful ministry.

On Sunday, March 6 at 12:15 p.m. I invite you to join Pastor Matt and me for an informational meeting about our Mission to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky the week of July 16 to July 23. We will answer all of your questions and talk about the ways God can use us to make a Christian difference to the people of the Appalachian Mountains.

I also want to share with you that I was so excited to have 50 adults and children join us for Nichols Thrills last Wednesday. I always enjoy the opportunity to learn and grow with people in our church and to foster relationships as we share some good food. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, February 28

Worship at 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 10:50 a.m.
Children's Ministry Meeting, 12:15
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.
Catch at 5:30 p.m.
Financial Peace University at 5:30

Thursday, March 3

The Learning Center Behavior
and Guidance Training at 4:30

Sunday, March 6

Children's Choir Sing in Worship
at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, March 13

Daylight Savings Time
Spring Forward One Hour

Maundy Thursday, March 24

Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30

Good Friday, March 25

Tenebrae Service at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Family Breakfast at 9:45 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday, March 29

John Marshall High School
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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The Learning Center

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Tuesday and Thursday
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Ministry Opportunities

Hospitality Greeters

Do you like to smile and talk to people? Are you enthusiastic about our church? If so, please consider becoming one of the Sunday morning Greeters.

Greeters provide a welcoming smile to people walking in the door for our Sunday worship services. They encourage newcomers and visitors to get involved in a Sunday School Class, direct people to the restrooms or to the children's nursery area as necessary.

You can sign up to serve for 20 minutes on Sunday morning at one of three time slots: 8:15 to 8:35, 9:30 to 9:50, or 10:35 to 10:55. If this seems like an opportunity you would enjoy, please see Alfred Walker for more details.

Coffee Hosts

Coffee hosts provide 8-9 dozen cookies. At the close of the 10:50 Service, the host(s) stand by the cookie table in the Narthex and greet people. We have openings for coffee hosts for **February 28 and all of March.**

To serve, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the 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.

Serving in Altar Guild this month are: Brenda McDaniel, Mary Ann Carmichael, Janet Jones, Bette MacKellar, Carol Magness, and Jean Warner.

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Bill and Katie Alexander,
Maxine Asch, Joanne Crosby,
and Bonnie Miller

Town Village

Joanna Garnett

The Fountains at Canterbury

Barney and Virginia Brown
Anita Dahlgren

At Home

Roger Etling, Ann and Tom Flesher,
Jess and Bette Harris,
Beth and Dale Jordan, Frances Lewis,
Joye McLain David Mueller,
Maxine Permenter, and Gene Wheeler



This Lent join us on a remarkable journey retracing the events of the last six days of Jesus' life. Each week Pastor Trevor Smith will take us to Jerusalem, helping us recall the words Jesus spoke and the things that Jesus did leading up to his crucifixion.

Bring a friend and join us for worship on Sundays at 8:30 or 10:50 as we deepen our understanding and grow in our faith, traveling through ***The Final Week.***

February 28 *Tuesday*

March 6 *Wednesday*

March 13 *Maundy Thursday*

March 20 *Good Friday*

Becoming an “Outwardly Focused Church”



Matt Patrick

When any church first plants itself into a community, it is usually dreaming pretty big. When a church begins, there is usually a great amount of energy around reaching out to the community in order to bring in new people for Christ.

However, as a church grows and the people become more comfortable with each other, the tendency over time is to begin turning inward and focusing on how to take care of the current members of the church. No church is immune to this because it is human nature to become preoccupied with our own issues.

Jesus has called us to be a church that takes care of its own people, but not at the expense of keeping a majority of our energy and focus on the outer community. We are called to be constantly reaching out to people who are outside of the family of faith and bringing them into the fold. It takes intentionality and discipline to become an outwardly focused church, but I hope you will join me this Lent in thinking about ways that our church can become outwardly focused.

Blessings,
Matt

Children's Ministry

We are so excited that (after such a great Palm Sunday performance by the children) Michael Wylder wants to teach us more songs that we can sing once a month during the 10:50 service! The children will spend 10 minutes every Sunday during Sunday school learning new songs to sing during service. They will sing again in our worship service on Sunday, March 6. We would love to have your child be apart of this awesome opportunity!

We will be having a Children's Ministry Committee meeting on Sunday, February 28th at 12:15 p.m. Anyone on the committee and parents of the children are more than welcome to attend. This will be a great time to discuss how far children's ministry has come in this church and where we think we can continue to grow with Christ.
-Madison



Madison Chilless

John Marshall High School Dinner



Rescheduled to Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m.

We are pleased to again honor the Winter and Spring sports athletes and coaches from John Marshall High School with a dinner and program. The date has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. We will need 50 people to decorate, greet, serve in the kitchen, wait tables, host table, etc. Please sign up in the Narthex or by calling the church office, 405-842-1486.

Henderson Settlement Mission Trip

Join Pastor Trevor Smith and Pastor Matt Patrick for an informational meeting on Sunday, March 6 at 12:15 p.m. about our Mission Trip to Frakes, Kentucky on July 16 through July 23.

We will be working at Henderson Settlement, a United Methodist Mission, whose purpose is to meet the very basic human needs of people in southeast Kentucky and northeast Tennessee. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us as we help those in need. Stay tuned for more details!

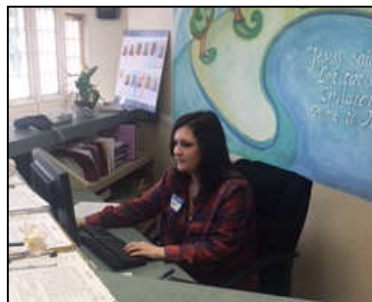
For more information on Henderson Settlement, visit www.hendersonsettlement.com.



Tidbits from The Learning Center

We are delighted to share that Ali Vanrosendale and Tayler Ninke, who are U.C.O. students, are doing field work with T.L.C. Each student will learn about the ins and outs of running a child care program. Denise will share with them about public relations, communication, staff development, recruitment, enrollment and the myriad of other areas directors are responsible for keeping up with. Their field study work consists of 25 hours each.

Administration is a key area in child care that is being studied in many universities. The professionalism and dedication required to direct programs is becoming more and more important in the quest for quality in our field. Directing a program is often compared to being a juggler or musical conductor. All the balls in the air must be handled with care and attention to delight their audience with their performance. Each orchestra would have chaos without the conductor guiding them through their pieces. Such is the life of a director. U.C.O. has an outstanding early care and education department. We are honored to work with their students and help to develop their leadership skills. Drop by on Tuesdays or Thursdays and say, "Hello," to Ali and Taylor. They will be at our front desk greeting our families at T.L.C. and our church family.



Taylor

Transportation Ministry

Would you like to bring joy to someone by bringing them to church? If you would like to join our transportation ministry contact the church at 405-842-1486. This may just be one of the easiest ways for you to serve in our church and make a Christian difference.

Serving In Ministry February 28

The flowers are given by General Bill Bowden in honor of 21 year old Ross Bowden of Houston, TX, junior at Arizona State.

Birthdays

02/26	Avery Niemann
02/27	Ryan McLain Joy Richardson
02/28	Ken Howell
03/01	Grace Buxton Robert Margo Sharon McLeod
03/02	Graham Fraley
03/04	Nolan Coyle Nan McGowen
03/05	Jordan Cardenas Tom Fraley Dale Jordan Mac Shdeed Scarlett Shdeed
03/06	Harvey Harmon
03/06	Kaley Were
03/08	Jack Berry
03/11	G. T. Blankenship Lauren Heflin Marilyn Keller
03/15	Lydia Hunt Gordon Ryan

If your birthday isn't included in our list, please contact the church office (405-842-1486) to be added.



Evan Dickey was baptized on Sunday, February 21. Evan is the son of Ben and Katie Dickey.

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

The Brew Class: *Meets in the Room 131* - The Brew is studying Adam Hamilton's book, *Love to Stay*. Teachers: Tim and Christie Baker.
Tim (405) 209-5467 and Christie (405) 922-5154

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Parlor* - Bill Bowden is bringing John Starkey, Professor of Theology at O.C.U. to speak to the class.
Leaders: Buzz McDaniel and Linda Rosser McDaniel.

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* - We will study the "Cleansing a leper" Miracle of Jesus in Matthew 8:2-4, Mark 1:40-50, and Luke 5:12-16. Isaiah 55:1-9 will be one of our Scriptures. Verse 8: "My plans aren't your plans, nor are your ways the way of the Lord." How does this verse written between 740 to 680 B.C. relate or not relate to our plans and ways today? Teacher: John Marshall.

Roundtable Class: *Meets in Room 124* - On February 28, the Roundtable Class is studying Leviticus 23:33-43. This is the story of Moses proclaiming the annual occasion of a celebration of the harvest, called the Festival of the Booths. The Hebrew people were to build huts and offer food gifts to the Lord for seven days. This was to demonstrate their faithfulness to God and response to His gifts, as an act of worship. Join us for a discussion of understanding.
Teacher: Dr. Jerry Perryman.

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

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.
Children's Director: Madison Chilless.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor
Rev. Matt Patrick, Student Pastor
Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music
Delaney Sheffield, Administrative Assistant
Madison Chilless, Director of Children's Ministry
Dr. Antone Godding, Organist

Kathy Smith, Bookkeeper/Treasurer
Louise Glass, Financial Secretary
Michael Hall, Maintenance/Custodian
Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center
Alfred Walker, Sunday Host
Randall Blair, Sunday Host

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