

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Helping Others Find Hope

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them

in the breaking of the bread. —*Luke 24:30-35*

These two disciples were astounded when Jesus vanished because they realized that everything had changed because Christ has risen. They had come face to face with the Risen Lord. They said, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

When we encounter the Risen Lord, Jesus helps us find hope and helps us to understand the scriptures and God's plan for salvation. That is why we want so badly for you to connect to God in worship, and it is why we really believe that when you connect with others in a small group you will begin to grow and understand God's Word in a way that will make your heart burn within you. This is the way Jesus helps us to grow as his disciples and find hope for a blessed future. When you experience the love of God in this way you want to share God's love with the people in your life. You share it with the people you know. You share it with your family and your friends. You share it with your neighbors and your co-workers. You share it with your classmates. You share it with anyone that you care about. I want to invite you to join us for worship on Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we continue our **Finding Hope** sermon series by talking about **Helping Others Find Hope**.

This Sunday is also Confirmation Sunday. Meg Miller, Gracie Sanders, Jack Love, and Luke Butler have completed sixteen weeks of confirmation classes, and they will be joining the church. Matt Patrick and I met with each of them to talk about what they had learned in confirmation and to have one more conversation about what it means to be a member of the church. They are each so excited to make a commitment that involves praying for themselves and others, being present in worship each Sunday, growing in generosity to give a tithe, using their spiritual gifts to serve in ministry, and sharing their faith as witnesses of Jesus' love and grace. I hope you will plan to be there at 10:50 to support Meg, Gracie, Jack, and Luke. We are so proud of each of them.

On April 17, our Children's Choir will sing in our 10:50 worship service. It is always a blessing to welcome our youngest generation into worship and to hear them sing their praises to God. After worship that day, our Children's Ministry Team will meet at 12:15 p.m.

April 24 is Marathon Sunday. This year, we are moving our worship services outside. We will gather in the green space to the west of our parking lot. Michael Wylder has invited a steel drum band to perform and lead our music that day, and we will have a golf cart to assist anyone who may need a ride from the parking lot to the place we are gathering. During the Sunday school hour we will encourage the runners. We want everyone to know that our church loves to reach out to our community and encourage people. In the coming weeks we will provide maps to help you plan your route to church that day. Plan to bring a lawn chair and to dress casually. It will be a Sunday to remember. Have a great week.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Sunday, April 10

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Confirmation Sunday at 10:50

Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 13

Nichols Thrills Meal at 5:30 p.m.

The Power of a Whisper at 5:30

Financial Peace University at 5:30

#### Sunday, April 17

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

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

Children's Ministry Meeting, 12:15

Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, April 24

Marathon Sunday from 8:30 a.m.  
to 12:00 p.m.

#### Monday, April 25

Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30

#### Tuesday, April 26

Staff Parish Relations Committee  
Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, May 1

Best of Broadway at 6:30 p.m.

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#### The Learning Center

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(405)842-5325

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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 **April 3, 17, 24 and all of May.** 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: Mary Ann Carmichael, Carla Hill, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, Ellie Roberts, and Sally Stringer.

## Cares and Concerns

### Epworth Villa

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

### Town Village

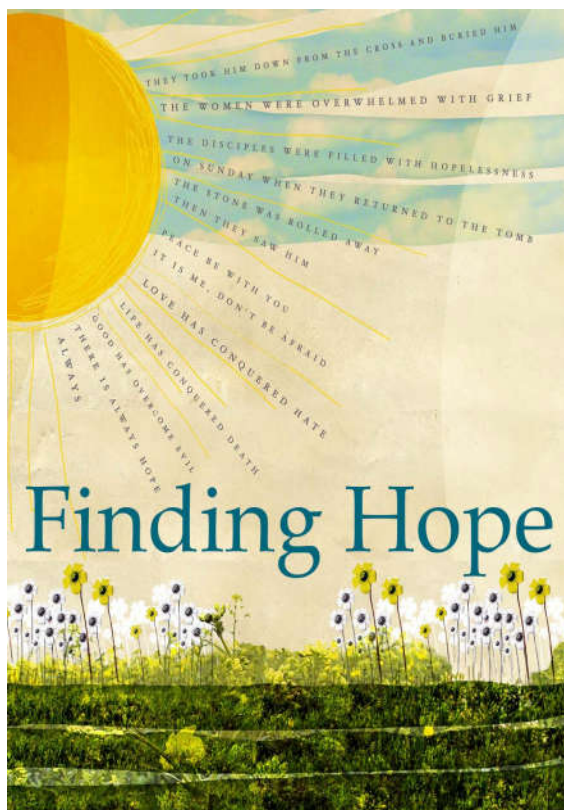
Joanna Garnett

### 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



## Where do you find hope?

When we encounter despair in our lives we long to find hope... hope for a better day... hope for new life... hope for the future...

This Easter we invite you to find hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join us as we find hope on Easter morning at the tomb, on Easter afternoon on the road to Emmaus, and on Easter evening with the disciples who gathered in Jerusalem. We will discover how Jesus' resurrection continues to give us hope when we face death and despair.

Join us at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church on Sunday mornings at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we find hope together.

**April 10** *Helping Others Find Hope*

**April 17** *Finding Hope in Resurrection*

## Divine Input for Everyday Life



Rev. Matt Patrick

Do you ever feel like God isn't interested in what is happening in your day-to-day life? Do you ever feel like God is too big and too busy to help you with the mundane issues? If you do, you're not alone.

Many times we try to tackle our everyday issues and problems by ourselves, and we can easily forget that God truly does care about the issues we face everyday. God wants to be in full communion with us, and full communion means that we leave room for God to work in every aspect of our lives. No issue or problem is too big or too small for God to help us tackle.

I encourage you to join me in asking for God's help and guidance for even the smallest issues, and when you begin to reflect, I believe that you will find that God is extremely faithful.

- Matt

## Children's Ministry

For the month of April we will have another memory verse! The children will have until Sunday, May 1st to memorize the verse and have a chance to get into the treasure box! The verse for this month is Psalm 150:6 which says, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

The children have been practicing a new song to sing during Sunday school with Michael Wylder. They will be performing that song in the 10:50 worship service on Sunday, April 17th!

We are so excited about the new things happening in Children's Ministry and we would love for you and your children to be apart of it!

-Madison



Madison Chillless



## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion

We had a really busy and exciting week. Our enrollment period for summer session zoomed by and most spots were filled up quickly. Last week we had open enrollment for the community at large. The new families have taken what was available and now we just have some days open in a couple of rooms. Our enrollment for summer session is 100 children! We are excited about some of the fun things planned for the them. We have snow cones on Mondays, water play on Tuesdays, field trips for the school-agers on Thursdays, plus all of the extras we typically have. Children's Chapel, Munchkin Music, and Amazing Athletes will come on their usual days. T-shirts (in a bright lime color) for summer session will be ordered this week. Get ready to see lots of spirit for The Learning Center.



-Denise

**One Night Only!**

**Kasey Yeargain**

*"That's When I Miss You"*

**April 28th, 7:30 PM**

**Nichols Hills United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall**

**Tickets Available at: [KaseyYeargain.org](http://KaseyYeargain.org)**

## Kasey Yeargain Concert

Kasey Yeargain has been a Chancel Choir member at Nichols Hills U.M.C. for more than 5 years. He moved to New York after the first of the year to begin his professional career. While at N.H.U.M.C., we watched Kasey grow from a sweet, promising young singer into a leading man of great skill and talent. Kasey starred or had featured roles in professional productions in the past year, including Curley in "Oklahoma", Jud in a different production of "Oklahoma" and a featured role in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." Currently, Kasey is in Florida with a professional company, playing the first lover of "Evita."

In the past, Nichols Hills U.M.C. has hosted events to encourage talented choir members to move forward with their careers. We encourage you to attend Kasey's concert at our church in the Fellowship Hall on April 28 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased on his website at [www.kaseyyeargain.org](http://www.kaseyyeargain.org). We hope you will welcome this opportunity to hear him sing again at our church where he spent so many years.



## Best of Broadway Fundraiser for the Music Ministry

When: May 1st 6:30 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Who: Nichols Hills U.M.C. Music Ministry

What: Nichols Hills U.M.C. Music Ministry Presents The Best of Broadway and musical review of Broadway's hit choruses and solos. This elegant evening of dinner, music, fellowship, and fun will help to raise funds for our music ministry and scholarship students.

Cost is \$50 per person

Table sponsors: ENCORE SPONSORS: \$1000 (get 8 tickets for dinner, show and table name recognition)

Ovation Sponsors: \$500 (get 8 Tickets for dinner and show and table name recognition)



# John Marshall High School Dinner





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Wow! The John Marshall Dinner was an awesome night and a huge success! Let's start with a few facts:

We invited 178 students and coaches and administrators from John Marshall High School and six more people from the OKC Public Schools community.

Over 100 students and about 20 staff members and other guests from John Marshall attended the dinner.

About 56 volunteers from our church served by doing everything from Kitchen Duty to Waiting Tables to serving as Table Hosts, and they served with enthusiasm!!! A very special thanks to Helen Sullivan, Tracey Saunders, Marty Smith, Becky Buchanan, Katy Maxwell, Dudley Hyde, Trevor Smith and Matt Patrick for all your hard work to make this happen.

We almost completely filled 18 tables of 8 (144 seats). We served 14 large casserole pans of pasta, as well as lots of salad, bread and desserts.

Below are a few highlights of the energy-filled evening:

We played a sports trivia game to get the tables talking.

We had a slideshow of candid shots of the kids playing their sports on the big screen when they entered and throughout dinner. The students loved seeing their pictures.

The table hosts were amazing. They really engaged the students. Alfred Walker, as usual, showed us the smartest way to extend hospitality. He greeted the students at the door and asked them to come sit at his table. They all said, "Yes, sir," and followed him to his table. Other table hosts borrowed his idea.

Each coach said a few words about the season and asked each team to Stand to be recognized. It was great to cheer for them.

Our speaker, Brent Price, was a slam dunk. We showed a five minute highlight reel of his career in the NBA. Then, he talked to the students about his Three Ps of success – Purpose, Passion, and Perseverance in whatever you do. He shared that there were a lot of players who were much more talented than he was, but he worked harder than most. His message was clear, interesting, and gave them something to use when they walked out of the door. Delaney Sheffield made a trading card for Brent, and the students asked for Brent's autograph.

As our center pieces, we had a "Jesus is Calling" book holding down a large balloon. It was stamped with JMHS- NHUMC 2016. At the end, Trevor asked each table to determine whose birthday was closest to that night and that person received the book and balloon. We also told anyone that would like a copy of this daily devotional to give his or her name to the table host and we would get them one. We received 33 requests for additional "Jesus is Calling" books. Thanks to a generous donation from two members of our congregation we will give over 50 of these books to students and coaches.

I think the most important message Brent shared was that God made each of us ON purpose FOR a purpose. If just a fraction of the kids there heard that message, we were a success. Thank you for supporting, serving, and praying for this ministry.

Please enjoy the photos from the John Marshall Dinner on the previous page.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Henry

## 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 April 10

The flowers are given by Jeff Cloud.

The mission candle is lit in loving memory of Patty Withrow.

The coffee hosts are Ann Garrett and Janice Pitney.

## Birthdays

04/07	Jake Huchton
04/08	Mason Heflin Leigh Love
04/09	Calli Heflin Nell Johnson
04/10	Olivia Miller Jean Webber
04/11	Robert Sullivan
04/12	John McKee
04/13	Avery Smith Ed Stringer, Jr.
04/14	Carie Jones Alivia Rogers
04/15	Emily Ellis
04/16	Olivia Brien Delaney Sheffield
04/18	Thad Butler Raymond Greene
04/19	Debbie McKinney
04/20	Alan Chase Carter Cloud Louis Fraley Griffin Jones Jim Jones
04/21	Bernadene Moore
04/22	Claire Fraley
04/26	Kery Mueller
04/29	Raevyn Allen Marty Margo
04/30	Colin Anderson

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

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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* - Linda Howell will introduce John Kenney who will speak on part two of "American Grace" & Related Thoughts.  
Leaders: Buzz 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* - Join us as we learn about the Bible through verses and songs. Teacher: John Marshall.

**Roundtable Class:** *Meets in Room 124* - The Roundtable Class invites you to join us as we study Luke 7:36-50. This is the passage in which Jesus is invited to eat with a Pharisee, and a "woman sinner" comes in and washes the feet of Jesus. In that culture Jesus should have sent her away. Instead he uses the occasion to teach that offering forgiveness requires us to stretch the rules of faith. We can all learn from this lesson.  
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.

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**Rev. Matt Patrick**, Student Pastor  
**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music  
**Madison Chilless**, Director of Children's Ministry  
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