

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Friendship in the Body of Christ

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. -*John 15:12-16*

On Sunday we continue our series of sermons on **Life-changing Relationships** by focusing our attention on Christian friendships. The Bible has a lot to say about friendship, and it is clear that God thinks that friendship is very important. God created us to live in right relationships with God, with each other, and with all of creation. Our first sermon two weeks ago focused on our relationship with God. On Sunday, we are going to focus on how you can love your neighbor as yourself. Friendship is one of the most important ways that we can live in right relationships with each other.

One of the most interesting things about Jesus is that he was fully human and fully divine. Jesus went so far as to call his disciples his friends. When you think about that for a minute you begin to realize that it is possible for us to be friends with God. In fact, the way that Jesus befriended his disciples becomes a model of Christian friendship for us.

Jesus became friends with both men and women. He shared God’s love with all of his friends, and he called his followers to share God’s love with each other. Through his life and death, Jesus showed us that no one has greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. Jesus is our Lord, and he is also our Friend. How does it make you feel to know that the Lord of the universe has chosen to be friends with you?

We love God because God loved us first. We often speak of how we are children of God, but I want you to understand that we are also friends with God. God desires to have a relationship or friendship with us. That is part of the reason why Jesus came to us. Jesus comes to reach out in friendship to you: to know you and to be known by you. It is through this friendship that God shapes us and forms us to be the kind of people who share Christian friendship with the people in our lives.

New Testament Christianity teaches us that we have to have people who will walk the spiritual journey with us. We need people that we can trust who will encourage us, bless us, hold us accountable, and help us grow in our faith. We also need to be those kinds of friends for our friends.

I hope you will invite one of your friends to come with you to worship this Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. We will celebrate Pentecost by eating birthday cake.

In the coming weeks, we will be sharing more with you about **Mission Madness** which will be on Friday, June 10 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be lots of opportunities for each of us to serve in ministry with our friends. I hope you will prayerfully consider being part of Mission Madness.

Have a great week, and I will see you at church.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Pentecost Sunday, May 15

Pentecost Birthday Celebration  
We will enjoy birthday cake in honor of the Church’s birthday.  
Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 10:50 p.m.  
Missions Committee at 12:15 p.m.  
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, May 22

Honoring Our Graduates in  
Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Children’s Ministry Team at 12:15

#### Memorial Sunday, May 29

Memorial Sunday Worship  
Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

#### Sunday, June 6

Re-appointment Celebration  
at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

#### Friday, June 10

Mission Madness, 5:00 - 7:00

#### Saturday, June 11

Mission Madness, 9:00 - 3:00

#### Sunday, June 19

Father’s Day Celebration at 8:30  
and 10:50 a.m.

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### The Learning Center

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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

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

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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 **June 5, 12, 19, and 26**. 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: Becky Buchanan, Mary Ann Carmichael, Cheryl Fraley, Janet Jones, Carol Magness, Marty Smith, Kathy Walker, 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

## Life-changing Relationships



## It's all about relationships.

In this series of sermons, we'll explore what the Bible teaches us about the most important relationships in our lives. We'll consider how we can cultivate and maintain friendships, what it takes to raise children while loving our parents, what it means to love your neighbor in the

workplace, and some keys to growing in a personal relationship with God.

Join us for this meaningful series on ***Life-changing Relationships***.

**May 15** *A Real Friend*

**May 22** *Workplace Relationships*

**May 29** *The Difference a Mentor Makes*

## Prayers for General Conference

From May 10 to May 20, General Conference will meet in Portland, Oregon to make decisions about the future of The United Methodist Church. The General Conference is the highest decision-making body in our denomination, and there will be many discussions about some of the challenges that face our modern church.

In Methodism, we believe in "holy conferencing," which is the idea that we should ask God to be in our midst and help us to make administrative decisions, especially ones that are critical to our future. Every delegate to General Conference desires to discern the best future for our church. I hope that you will join me over the next ten days in prayer for the delegates, as they make decisions for our collective church. We hope and know that God will be with us as our delegates make decisions about the future of The United Methodist Church.

-Matt



Rev. Matt Patrick

## Children's Ministry

It's always great to see our children involved in the church service! If you were not able to make it Sunday, we will have another opportunity for the children to sing in the 10:50 service on June 12.

There will be a Children's Ministry committee meeting on Sunday, May 22nd at 12:15. We would love to see you there as we finish discussing the last details for Mission Madness which will be June 10th and 11th.

Don't forget to help our children memorize the memory verse for May! Our memory verse is Psalm 118:24 which says, "For this is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." They will have until the end of May to tell me the verse and get a prize out of the treasure box! I hope you have a great week, and we can't wait to see you on Sunday!

-Madison



Madison Chillless

# Missions

## Skyline Clothes 4 Kids Program

It's time to gear up for school uniforms for August. Families are able to come to Skyline Urban Ministry with a school referral to receive two new school uniforms, shoes, a pair of new tennis shoes, three pair of socks, and three pair of underwear. This program is solely supported by donations from area churches, and last year they were able to serve 680 students. This was down from past years when we were able to serve 1,000 children. Nichols Hills U.M.C. has been a longtime supporter of this program. We hope that you will get involved.

There are three ways that you can get involved:

### 1. Undie Sundays at N.H.U.M.C. on May 15, 22, 29 and June 5

Bring a package or two of NEW underwear to donate.

Sizes: Girls: 4-16; Boys: 4-20; Women: 5-10; Men's: 30-48 (boxer briefs only dark colors)

***Donation hampers are located in the Narthex and by the doors south of the Parlor.***

### 2. Donate Money to Purchase Uniforms.

It costs approximately \$75 to outfit each child. Checks can be made out to N.H.U.M.C. Write *Clothes 4 Kids* in the memo line. We will forward the money to Skyline.

### 3. Volunteer

We will have designated days in June and July for Nichols Hills U.M.C. to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to show our Christian love for these children and encourage them in their new school year. We will have more details in the near future.

## Mission Madness 2016



**June 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Family Cookout, Art Project, and Fellowship.

**June 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00-3:00 p.m.**

There will be Mission Opportunities for everyone from Pre-School through Adults. Different age groups will be serving in many ways including packaging rice and beans, stocking shelves at the Skyline Food Resource Center, visiting the shut-ins from our church, doing repair projects at the Exodus House, and packaging underwear for the Skyline's Clothes 4 Kids program.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of organizing this event, please contact Delaney Sheffield at the church office, 405-842-1486.

## Special Sundays in May!

Join us for our special Sundays in May!

On May 15, we will celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church.

On May 22, we will honor our graduating seniors and hear their plans for the future.

On May 29, we will observe Memorial Sunday and remember our loved ones who have died in the last year by lighting a candle in their memory. If you would like your loved one remembered, please fill out the form below and return to the church office.

## Memorial Sunday

Person to be remembered:

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Your name:

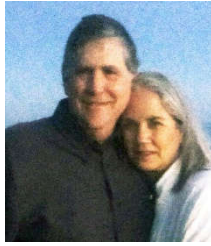
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Relationship of the person to you:

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# We Are The Church



Our church makes a Christian difference through the many wonderful people in our congregation. This week, Gary and Julie Vaughn share with us about their lives and how Nichols Hills U.M.C. will bless them.

"We have come to Nichols Hills U.M.C. for various functions through the years. We lived on Lake Overholser and attended St. Marks United Methodist Church where our kids were baptized and confirmed. Now that we have moved back into the City, we wanted a church home that was closer and comfortable. Nichols Hills U.M.C. fits us perfectly. We enjoy the traditional service and the choir especially. Julie is looking forward to taking part in the mission trip to Kentucky in July."

"We are both O.S.U. graduates - Gary in the school of architecture and Julie in journalism."

"We enjoy traveling and going to our farm in the Arbuckles on the Washita River to relax and entertain. We were married Nov. 3, 1984 at Village United Methodist Church. We have 2 daughters: Andrea and Jessica, and her husband Carter Tamlyn. We also have a French Bulldog, Eloise."

"Gary works at his family business, OCT Equipment, and Julie is a homemaker."

Gary and Julie joined the church Sunday, May 1. We are happy to have them in our Nichols Hills U.M.C. family!

## May 8, 2016 Worship Services



Dr. Trevor Smith preached a sermon on Relationships between Children and Parents.



Children's Conversation  
Madison Chilless, Director of Children's Ministry, shared a message with the children.



Anna Bookout sang a beautiful solo, titled *A Mother's Love*.



The Children's Choir sang, *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*.



Tim Baker gave a testimony on Nichols Thrills.



Dr. Mel Clark joined the church.



Mary and Gloria Crownover were our coffee hosts.

# Manage Your Giving Online

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy, secure, and allows you to either make a one-time gift, or set up automatic recurring contributions. You can view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

Visit the church website at [www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org),

Click on the *Make A Donation* button.

Then, follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile, schedule your contributions, or make a one time donation.

If you have any questions, please contact Louise Glass in the church office, 405-842-1486.



## RSVP for Alfred's Wedding

Alfred Walker and his fiancée, Della Roberts, are getting married, and everyone is invited! The wedding will be on Saturday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lew and Jennifer and McGinnis, 2550 East Overholser Drive. RSVP to Alfred Walker at 405-600-5640 no later than May 20.

Congratulations, Alfred and Della!

## Welcome!

Welcome Dr. Mel Clark! Mel joined our church last Sunday, May 8. We are excited that you have chosen to be part of our Nichols Hills U.M.C. family, and we look forward to serving in ministry together!



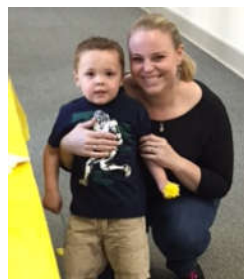
## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion

We had a wonderful Teacher-Appreciation Week and Mother's Day celebration last Friday during our Muffins for Moms. There were flowers everywhere and lovely breakfast treats. It is so much fun to celebrate the hard work that teachers and mothers provide for children. We had many grandmothers that came as well. Thank goodness for the dads who help out, too. Let us thank God for the blessings that he gives us.

-Denise



## 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 May 15

The chancel flowers are given by Judy and Chris Kauffman in memory of Judy's son, Bruce Lee.

The mission candle is lit by Jerry Richardson in honor of his and Joy's 53rd wedding anniversary.

## Job Opening

**Nursery Attendant** to minister to small children. Sundays and Wednesdays. Part-time. For more information, please contact Dr. Trevor Smith at 405-842-1486. Send resumes to [revtrevor@gmail.com](mailto:revtrevor@gmail.com) or 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116.

## Birthdays

- 05/17 Rosemarie Chase
- Rachel Huchton
- 05/18 Warren Henry
- Charlotte Smith
- 05/20 Dudley Hyde
- 05/21 Jeff Cloud
- 05/23 Jerry Richardson
- Trevor Smith
- 05/24 Michael Wylder
- 05/29 Rob Saunders
- 06/04 Grant Davis
- Julian Diaz-Granados
- 06/06 Reese Robinson
- 06/07 John Marshall
- 06/10 Samuel Stafford
- 06/13 Jessica Castoe
- Don McCarty
- 06/15 Kurlisa Briggs
- 06/17 Jeremee Cloud
- 06/18 Linda Rosser McDaniel
- 06/19 Antone Godding
- Caroline Rainbolt-Forbes
- Eleanor Rainbolt-Forbes

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 beginning a new study in May. Teachers: Tim and Christie Baker.  
Tim (405) 209-5467 and Christie (405) 922-5154.

**KIVA Class:** *Meets in the Parlor* - Bill Bowden will introduce Albert Gray, Superintendent of the Children's Center in Bethany to tell us about this facility. 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 what the Bible has to teach us through songs and stories.  
Teacher: John Marshall.

**Roundtable Class:** *Meets in Room 124* - The Roundtable class is studying Luke 18:9-14, the story of the two people who went to the Temple to pray. One was self-righteous and the other humble. The purpose of the parable is to show the importance of humility. "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn't even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said, 'God, show mercy to me, a sinner.'" 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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