



# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### The Methodist Way

<sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. -Romans 12:4-8

As we celebrated Independence Day I couldn't help but think about some of the similarities between the United States government and the United Methodist Church. Unlike a congregational church in which the entire congregation votes on many decisions, the United Methodist Church is organized into various committees which work together to lead and guide our church to fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. It has been said that there is the right way, the wrong way, and the Methodist way. I thought it would be helpful to offer a brief description of how our church is organized.

**The Charge Conference** meets annually to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the Church Council that are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church.

**The Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development** is tasked to identify, develop, deploy, evaluate, and monitor Christian spiritual leadership for the congregation. The committee recommends to the Charge Conference the names of people to serve as officers and leaders of designated ministries of the Church Council. The senior pastor is the chairperson of this committee.

**The Church Council** plans and implements a program of nurture, outreach, and witness, and resources in the local church. It provides for the administration of the church its organization and temporal life. It envisions, plans, implements, and annually evaluates the mission and ministry of the church. This used to be called the Administrative Council.

**The Staff Parish Relations Committee** encourages, strengthens, nurtures, supports, and respects the pastors and staff and their families. This committee performs the functions of a personnel committee such as conferring with the pastors, the district superintendent, and the bishop in securing clergy leadership; hiring and evaluating staff members; and recommending annual salaries for the pastors and the staff.

**The Trustees** provide supervision, oversight, and care of all real property owned by the local church and of all property and equipment acquired directly by the local church or any society, board, class, commission, or similar organization connected to the church.

**The Permanent Endowment Fund Committee** works to inspire planned giving through estate planning, bequests, annuities, trusts, life insurance memorials, and various types of property. The committee is responsible for receiving and administering all bequests and trust funds which are given to the church.

**The Finance Committee** creates an annual budget for the local church and submits it to the Church Council for review and adoption. The Finance Committee administers the funds received according to instructions from the Church Council. The Finance Committee shall establish written financial policies to document the internal controls of the local church.

**The Stewardship Committee** is responsible for developing and implementing plans that will raise sufficient income to meet the annual budget adopted by the Church Council. This is the first year we will have this committee in our church.

We have a wonderful church, and we are working together to do wonderful ministry.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, July 12

Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 10:50 a.m.  
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, July 15

Clothes 4 Kids, 8:30 - 12:00

#### Thursday, July 16

Open Bible Study at 12:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, July 19

Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship at 10:50 a.m.  
Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, July 23

Clothes 4 Kids, 12:30 to 4:00

#### Saturday, July 25

Mission Madness, 9:00 - 5:00

#### July 27 to July 31

C.Y.M.E. Church Camp

#### Sunday, August 23

Bring A Friend Sunday  
Block Party, 5:00 - 7:00 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

## Ministry Opportunities

### Mission Madness is Coming

Make plans to serve in ministry with our children, youth, and adults at our first Mission Madness on Saturday, July 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### 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. 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 **July 19, 26 and all of August**. To volunteer, sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office.

### Small Groups

#### Sunday School Classes, 9:45 a.m.

Our classes are called the Brew, KIVA, Open Circle, Roundtable, Reveille, Youth, and Children. We hope you will participate in our classes! Descriptions of each class are located on the back page.

### Youth Group

#### Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

Our middle school and senior high students gather for a fun time of food, fellowship, and a meaningful lesson that will you help grow in your faith. Leaders: Matt Patrick and Matt Eales

### Open Bible Study

#### Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.

Join us as we learn what the Bible teaches us about how to live out our faith in the world. Teacher: Jack High

### Cares and Concerns

#### Epworth Villa

Bill and Katie Alexander,  
Maxine Ashe, Joanne Crosby

#### Town Village

Joanna Garnett

#### At Home

Barney and Virginia Brown,  
Jeremee Cloud, Roger Etling,  
Beth & Dale Jordan,  
Frances Lewis, Joye McLain  
David Mueller, Barbara Sullivan,  
and Gene Wheeler



The land is parched.  
People are starving.  
The king and queen want you dead.

When the world around us is spinning out of control, where do we turn?

Meet Elijah and learn how God can work through the toughest times in your life.

Join us at *Nichols Hills United Methodist Church* at 8:30 or 10:50 on Sunday mornings as we learn from *Elijah*.

**July 12** *Dealing with Depression*

## Dealing with Depression

Ahab told Jezebel how Elijah had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." <sup>3</sup>Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. <sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." - *1 Kings 19:1-4*

Are you struggling with depression? Do you know someone who has suffered from depression? Join us this Sunday at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we conclude our sermon series on *Elijah* by talking about four things that cause us to experience depression and how God can help us to overcome depression and move into a more hopeful season in our lives.

## Submitting to be More Vile



In 1739, John Wesley had a problem. The beginnings of the Methodist movement in England were taking root. George Whitefield, a contemporary of Wesley, had begun what was called "field preaching." He was preaching to common folk outside the walls of the Church and thousands of them were coming to faith in Christ. At the time, Wesley was uncomfortable with this idea. He was used to preaching in high Church in the comfort of the pulpit and the sanctuary. However, John Wesley also knew that field preaching was working, and the high Church of England was not. The common people and the poor felt unwelcome. One day in April of 1739, Wesley famously wrote in his journal "**I submitted to be more vile.** I spoke in the highways the glad tidings of salvation." From then on, Wesley would go to the people when he preached. A famous account says that Wesley would preach to the coal miners and the tears streaming down their faces would clean the coal right off. This change sparked a revival movement in England that began our denomination. So my question is this: How must Nichols Hills U.M.C. "submit to be more vile"? How must we do things differently in order to reach the people who need to be reached? I hope you will join me in becoming more vile.

Blessings,  
Matt Patrick

## We Are The Church

Our church makes a Christian difference through the many wonderful people in our congregation. This week, Clark and Kay Musser share with us about their lives and how Nichols Hills U.M.C. has blessed them. Clark and Kay met at OU and married in 1968. They made their home in Oklahoma City after Clark's 4 years of service in the Air Force as a JAG officer. Soon after moving to Nichols Hills in 1976, they joined Nichols Hills U.M.C., and the church was an important part of raising son Clay and daughter Cara (now Cara Fraley). It continues to be important to their grandsons, Graham and Louis Fraley.

Clark has served as KIVA class president, program planner, and presents inspiring programs on America's founding and George Washington.

Kay serves on the Care committee and is a member-at-large on the Church Council. She has been an Annual Conference delegate for 3 years and also served on the Finance Committee. She originated "Divine Duets," the dinner/silent auction and musical program featuring our choir members; "Potluck & Prayers," a potluck dinner and communal prayer event; and "Domino Dinners" which were dinners for 12 held in homes which mixed the generations and Sunday school classes so members could get better acquainted.

Clark and Kay appreciate the creativity, diligence, and friendliness of our new church leadership.



## Tidbits from The Learning Center

As summer continues to roll along, we are enjoying the playgrounds in smaller amounts of time. In July, we changed water play days to Tuesdays and Thursdays. Even the teachers appreciate the wet days and cooling off a little bit.

We have two new staff members who came on board in June. Melanie Carrion worked at TLC last summer. She is a student at U.S. Grant and will graduate in 2016. Some of her activities include varsity volleyball and soccer. She enjoys traveling and plans to visit Hawaii this spring. Mel is the oldest of four children. Her future goal is to become a Marine.

Yamilex Longoria is a sister of one of our teachers, Claire. Yamilex graduated from U.S. Grant this past May. She is attending Oklahoma City Community College this fall. She loves children! Her hobbies are playing

soccer, running, and dance. For the past three years, she was on the varsity team in soccer. She is excited about working with our children and learning new techniques from the teachers here. Her ambition in life is to further her education and continue working with children. We are excited to add these young ladies to The Learning Center family.



Melanie Carrion



Yamilex Longoria

## Mission Madness is Coming

Have you signed up to be part of our first Mission Madness?

You don't want to miss out on being part of this exciting intergenerational opportunity for children, youth, and adults to work together to make a Christian difference in our community on Saturday, July 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Our Youth and Adults will work on basic repair projects and painting at the Exodus House. Exodus House is a small apartment complex where people newly released from prison can live with their families while they re-enter life successfully outside prison walls. Those who take this route rarely return to prison.

Our Elementary Children and Adults will serve at Cleats 4 Kids which collects gently used sports equipment and shoes to redistribute to lower-income children so that they can participate in various sports.

Our youngest Children and Adults will do various projects at the church including putting together kits for United Methodist Committee on Relief.

You can sign up for Mission Madness in the Narthex.

### Chancel Flower Sponsorships Available

September 13 and 20 are available for flower sponsorship. Reserve your special dates now to honor or remember loved ones. The cost to sponsor chancel flowers is \$70.50 for two arrangements per Sunday. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the church office.

### Mission Candle Sponsorships Available

August 2, 9, 16, and 23 are available for mission candle sponsorship. Sponsorships of \$25 per Sunday for the mission candle help support our missionary, Rev. Meri Whitaker. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the church office.

### July Birthdays

07/09 Melita James  
James Meyerson  
Gladys Miskovsky  
Michael Palmer  
07/10 Nathaneal Crownover  
07/11 Torie Carbajal  
Joe Womack  
07/14 Bret Davis  
Steve Dickey  
William Sexton  
07/15 David Brown  
07/17 Margaret Wells  
07/18 Jan Womack  
07/20 Owen Lafferty  
07/21 Stuart, Jr. Hunt  
07/22 Becky Robinson  
07/23 Janet Jones  
Beverly Pirtle  
07/24 Linda Howell  
07/28 Stella Shdeed  
07/30 Phillip Rosier  
07/31 Nancy Bradley  
Kristin Byrdsong  
Matt Eales  
John Griffin

### Serving In Ministry - July 12

The coffee hosts will be  
General Bill Bowden.

The mission candle will be lit by Mary Ann Carmichael in memory of her dad, James M. Carmichael, Jr. whose birthday is on July 15.

The chancel flowers will be given by the Mussers in honor of those who usher: Rob Saunders, Hank Bradley, Nick Berry, Jeff Cloud, Paul Lindsey, Matt Eales, Dick Manley, William Stafford, Alfred Walker, John Marshall, Phil Withrow, Win Holbrook and Mark Cravens.

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## Sunday School News

**The Brew Class:** (*Meets in the Adult Bible Class room*) This class is studying Bill Hybel's *Just Walk Across the Room*. The class discussion includes how the Bible applies to current events in our world. Teachers: Tim and Christie Baker. Tim (405) 209-5467 and Christie (405) 922-5154

**KIVA Class:** (*Meets in the Parlor*) - Buzz McDaniel will speak on "Faith and Critical Studies: Understanding More Fully the Biblical Message"  
Leaders: Allen and Sherron Evans.

**Open Circle Class:** (*Meets in the Archives room*) - Our Open Circle Class last week completed a summarized organizational review with handouts over three Sunday School Lessons of the Old Testament; Events between the Old and New Testament; and the New Testament. This week, we will focus on the classic story of "David and Goliath." Goliath was nine feet tall and a powerful Philistine Warrior with armor and lethal weapons. If he lived today, he could be a number one draft pick in both the NBA and NFL. Rick McClain, his possible sports agent would be a happy person. As they faced off for a one on one combat, David was the much smaller of the two and carried only a "sling" with five stones for it into battle. Do we face "Goliaths" in today's world as David did in his time? How are we today "armed" to take them on? Who was David's key ally?  
Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49. Teacher: John Marshall.

**Roundtable Class:** (*Meets across from the Parlor*) - Micah 3:5-12 is never reluctant nor afraid to point out wrongdoing, no matter the guilty person or people. Leaders and prophets were becoming corrupt and in these verses Micah calls them out. People haven't changed and we continue today to suffer people in positions of trust and authority giving in to dishonest statements and practices. "Hear this, leaders of the house of Jacob, rulers of the house of Israel, you who reject justice and make crooked all that is straight, who build Zion with bloodshed and Jerusalem with injustice." Dr. Jerry Perryman will help us understand ourselves as Micah saw his peers. Teacher: Jerry Perryman.

**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.

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

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**Dr. Trevor Smith**, Senior Pastor  
**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music  
**Delaney Sheffield**, Administrative Assistant  
**Antonio McCarroll**, Custodian  
**Randall Blair**, Sunday Host

**Matthew Patrick**, Student Pastor  
**Dr. Antone Godding**, Organist  
**Kathy Smith**, Bookkeeper/Treasurer  
**Alfred Walker**, Sunday Host  
**Denise Buthion**, Director, The Learning Center