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Dr. Trevor Smith

A New Thing

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? -*Isaiah 43:18-19*

¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." -*Jeremiah 29:11-13*

Do you want God to do a new thing in your life?

Do you want God to do a new thing in our church?

If your answer to either of these questions is, "Yes," then I have Good News for you. Our God is the God who is making all things new. In the coming week we are going to enter a new season that will bring new opportunities for you to grow in your relationship with God and do new things and meet new people.

August 21 is our **Bring A Friend Sunday**. It is your opportunity to bring a new person to worship with us at 8:30 or 10:50 and to join in your Sunday School Class. Research shows that people who do not attend church are more open to an invitation to attend church at the beginning of a new school year.

That morning we will also welcome two new staff members to our church. Layley Braucher will begin serving as our Ministry Intern. Layley will work with our Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. She will work with our Youth Ministry on Sunday evenings, and she will help with our Young Adult Ministry on Wednesday evenings. Rachel Spear will join our staff as a Nursery Attendant. She will serve in our Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. I hope you will welcome Layley and Rachel to our church.

On Sunday evening we will host our second annual **Block Party** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Block Party is your opportunity to meet new friends and to connect with old friends. I am certain that the Block Party will give many people their first impression of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. You have the opportunity to welcome a stranger and make a new friend. A conversation you have with a new person at the Block Party could lead to that person experiencing the love of God and becoming part of our church.

Nichols Thrills will begin on Wednesday, August 24 with a meal at 5:30 p.m. I will be leading **Disciple Fast Track** which is a 12-week in-depth study of the Old Testament. The people in this small group will learn new things from the Bible.

Jean Warner will lead **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University**. The people in this group will find new hope and the Biblical wisdom to use all of their resources in ways that are pleasing to God.

Don and Lynn Batson will lead a 13-week grief support group called **GriefShare**. The people in this group will find new hope in the promise of resurrection and will experience healing as they share the struggles of losing a loved one.

Matt Patrick will lead our College and Young Adult Ministry which is called **Remain**. I am sure that new leaders will emerge from this group as they remain faithful to Christ.

God is about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I hope you will make it a priority to be part of all of the new things that God is doing through the ministries of our church. I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, August 21

Bring a Friend Sunday at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Block Party from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 24

Nichols Thrills Returns at 5:30

Disciple Fast Track at 5:30

Financial Peace University at 5:30

GriefShare at 5:30

Young Adult Group at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 26

Stewardship Focus Day at

Church of the Servant at 8:30 p.m.

Monday, August 29

Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, September 12

Finance Committee at 5:30 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.

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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 Matt Patrick 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 **August 28, and all of September.** 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, Cheryl Fraley, Carla Hill, Janet Jones, 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 Flesher,
Jess and Bette Harris,
Beth and Dale Jordan, Frances Lewis,
David Mueller, Maxine Permenter,
and Gene Wheeler



Margin

Sometimes it seems like the only way to keep up with all the demands on our lives is to run at maximum capacity - and then some. But there is another way... one where we have room to breathe and space to respond to what life brings our way.

Join us at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church on Sunday mornings at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. as we explore what it means to live with *Margin*.

August 21

Margin

August 28

Scheduling Margin

September 4

Financial Margin

September 11

Moral Margin

Growth Happens In Nichols Thrills



Rev. Matt Patrick

On Wednesday, August 24th at 5:30 p.m., we will begin our Fall semester of *Nichols Thrills*. Our church started this mid-week ministry last year, and it was such a joy to watch the spiritual growth that occurred in many of the participants. We offered small groups on finance, evangelism, basic Christian theology, and even spiritual discernment. We also created a Children's Group to help our children experience God's love.

I'm a big advocate of the theory that faith development requires "Worship + 2." In order to grow, a Christian needs to worship weekly, find a place to learn, and find a place to serve.

We are offering a variety of small groups that will help you learn about faith. We will offer *GriefShare* for those who are dealing with loss, *Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University* for those who would like to explore the Christian way of managing money, and *Disciple Bible Study* for those who would like to dive deeply into the power of Scripture. I hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us on Wednesday nights this Fall as we dive deeper into faith together. Will you come grow with us?

-Matt

Children's Ministry

I hope you all are excited for this Sunday because we will be having our annual Block Party from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.! We will have food and tons of games for the whole family to enjoy. You will not want to miss it.

Our memory verse for August is 1 Corinthians 10:31 which says, "Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." If your child can tell me the memory verse, they will be able to get a prize from the treasure box. You all are such a blessing for Nichols Hills U.M.C.! See you Sunday!

-Madison



Madison Chillless



Nichols Thrills Is Returning!

Nichols Thrills will begin again on Wednesday, August 24, with a Meal at 5:30 p.m. and three meaningful groups for adults.

Disciple Fast Track is an adaptation of the original Disciple Bible Study. Join us this fall for a 12-week in-depth study of the Old Testament. Participants will read three to five chapters of the Bible each day between sessions and will meet each Wednesday to discuss and learn together for 75 minutes. The price of the book is \$17.

Leader: Dr. Trevor Smith.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is a nine-week class on faith and money. Would you like to eliminate \$5,300 in debt and save \$2,700 in three months? Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more! The price is \$99.

Leader: Jean Warner.

GriefShare is a 13-week support group for persons who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you may feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare meets weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. The price of the book is \$16.50. Leaders: Don and Lynn Batson.

We hope you will join us for one of these meaningful small group opportunities this fall. Sign up in the Narthex after worship or in the Church Office during the week.



BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, August 21
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Bring a friend and join us for hot dogs, homemade ice cream, music, Bingo, games, a giant Slip-N-Slide, water games, face painting, and fun for all ages!!!

There are lots of ways to help with our Block Party.

Make some home-made ice-cream, brownies, or cookies.

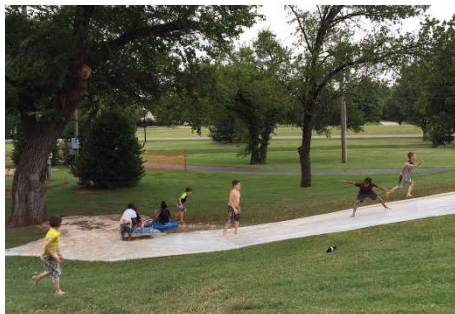
Help with the set-up at 3:00 or the clean-up at 7:00 that day.

Bring a white-elephant prize for Bingo.

Sign up in the Narthex on Sunday to serve at the Block Party.

Below are some photos from last year's Block Party. It was such a fun time! We hope to see you at this year's Block Party on Sunday, August 21!

2015 Block Party



Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion The winds of change have blown again for The Learning Center. Ms. Da'Sh, who helped teach the Zebras (two year olds), has moved to another program, and we wish her all the best. It is difficult to have teachers change. Ms. Trisha who has helped teach our Cheetah Pre-K Class will move into this spot and work with Ms. Toneeka to teach in the Zebra Class.

We are looking forward to our Open House on Wednesday, August 17, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

-Denise

We are glad to welcome Ms. Krystle, who was recently hired, to The Learning Center. Ms. Krystle completed her on-line training and orientation last week. She is a mother to one beautiful little girl, Kamyra. They enjoy watching *Monster High* movies together. Krystle is a native Oklahoman and works part-time at the O.U. Health Sciences Center. We know that she will be a wonderful addition to our T.L.C. family. Join us in welcoming her.



We Are The Church



Our church makes a Christian difference through our wonderful people. This week, we want to introduce you to our new Ministry Intern, Laley Braucher who will begin working at our church on August 21.

Before accepting her call to ministry last summer, while attending the Oklahoma Conference's Youth Leadership Camp (CYME), Laley Braucher spent most of her youth in service to the Lord.

During high school, Laley was an active leader in her home church, First United Methodist Church in Claremore, and also at the District and Annual Conference levels. She has helped lead music each Sunday in worship, at C.Y.M.E., and for the Laity Session at Annual Conference. She has served as a statewide youth chaplain, led local missions, and finished out

her senior year as a youth ministry intern in her church. However, she struggled to determine God's direction for her life and the career she should pursue through college studies.

Laley said it was in a prayer that God gave her the answer. "It was like an epiphany slapped me across the face. In my prayer journal I had written: 'This life isn't about me, it's about you. That's why it is so hard for me to pick a career, because I don't really want to do anything that leaves you out of the picture.'" As she continues the work of discernment in her calling, Laley said that she knows God wants her to "care for people, love people, pray for people, help people, and use my voice to praise him."

Laley is one of two Bishop's Scholar Award recipients in the freshman class at Oklahoma City University. Bishop's Scholars must be outstanding incoming freshmen who have expressed a desire to pursue a calling to United Methodist ministry through OCU's Wimberly School of Religion. This full-tuition scholarship provides for both academic study and opportunities for leadership in chapel worship and campus ministry.

We are excited that Laley is now part of our Nichols Hills U.M.C. staff!

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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.

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.

Serving In Ministry on Sunday, August 21.

The coffee host is Carol Magness.

The mission candle is lit in honor of Dick and Jean Webber's 65th wedding anniversary by their family.

The chancel flowers are given in honor of Dick and Jean Webber's 65th wedding anniversary.

Birthdays

08/20	Regan Henry
	Gunnar Lavenue
	Shawn Love
08/21	Dick Manley
	Clark Musser
08/22	Madison Dean
	Caroline Mueller
08/24	Bruce Fraley
	Tom McDaniel
08/26	Claire Vick
08/30	Judy Kauffman
08/31	Sue Hood
08/31	David Reed
09/02	J.B. Sims
09/03	Norma Moe
09/06	Ryan McNeill
09/10	Frances Rosier
	Jack Story
09/11	Donna Blakley
	Julie Fischer
09/12	Audrey Harrah

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

Manage Your Giving Online

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Visit the church website at www.nicholshillsumc.org. Click on the blue *Make A Donation* button. Then follow the online instructions.

If you have any questions, please

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

The Brew Class: *Meets in the Room 131* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” for fellowship and discussion on topics that provide insight and support for staying on the pathway of a Christian lifestyle in today’s world. For the next three weeks our topic will be:

Building A Legacy – (8/21) How do I begin to build my personal Legacy? For more information about “The Brew”, please contact: Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154, Ben Dickey (816) 885-3324 or Katie Dickey (816) 898-1668.

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Parlor* - Our guest speaker is Lynn Barnes with The Oklahoma City Public Schools. She is in charge of the school curriculum. Leader: Hank Bradley.

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* - The Open Circle Class primarily utilizes the Lectionary approach to studying scriptures, which excerpts scriptures from the Bible so that the full Bible is covered every two years. We also study hymns.
Teacher: John Marshall.

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. Ministry Intern: Layley Braucher.

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

Louise Glass, Financial Secretary
Michael Hall, Maintenance/Custodian
Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center
Alfred Walker, Sunday Host
Layley Braucher, Ministry Intern
Rachel Spear, Nursery Attendant
Mel Carrion, Nursery Attendant

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