



NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Scheduling Margin

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. —*Ephesians 5:15-17*

Would you love to have a little bit more time for yourself to rest or do something you enjoy?

Would you love to have more time to spend with the people you love?

Would love to have more time to spend with God?

On Sunday we are going to continue our sermon series on *Margin* by talking about *Scheduling Margin*. In our scheduling lives, margin would be having more than enough time. It would be having extra time. Margin, for most of us, is the very thing that we do not have. Our culture has a way of inflicting busyness on us, and so many times this busyness causes us to stray from the path that God has for us. Our sermon is going to focus on how the scriptures speak to this and what we can do to schedule intimate times with God as well as intentional times of rest. I hope you will plan to join us for worship at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. on Sunday as we experience the grace and peace that God offers us when we create *Margin* in our lives.

I want to thank all of you who invited someone to come with you to our Bring A Friend Sunday and our Block Party. It was such a blessing to have the opportunity to meet new friends. The Block Party was a site to see with over 275 children, youth, and adults sharing in fellowship with one another. I want to thank our Cub Scouts and their families for providing and cooking our hot dogs. I also want to thank Price Coyle for providing our Giant Slip-N-Slide. So many children loved sliding down it. Of course, I am also very grateful to all of you who heard a call from God to make homemade ice cream and other goodies. I sampled them all, and everything was delicious. Thanks to Lakeside United Methodist Church for loaning us the Bingo equipment and to each of you who contributed prizes. I also really appreciate our church staff. Each one is so gifted and contributes so much to our church. It is amazing to see what God can do through us when we work together to make a Christian difference in our community.

One of the biggest blessings at the Block Party was the opportunity to meet so many of the families from Nichols Hills Elementary School who accepted our invitation to come to the Block Party. I really can see the Holy Spirit at work in creating the possibility for our church to be in relationship with these families. Thank you to each of you who took the time to welcome a stranger and make a new friend. Your hospitality opens the door to the kingdom of God. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, August 28

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Youth at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 31

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.

Monday, August 29

Trustees Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 11

Missions Committee at 12:15 p.m.

Monday, September 12

Care Committee at 4:00 p.m.

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



August 28
September 4
September 11

Scheduling Margin
Financial Margin
Moral Margin



Rev. Matt Patrick

people who are hurting or in grief. I hope that you will join me in praying for our young adults as we dive into this study together.

-Matt

Children's Ministry

This week is going to be a very exciting Sunday! We will be starting our older children's Sunday School class! This class will be available to kids in 2nd to 5th grade. I am so excited that the older kids will now have a place to grow in their faith with their peers.

This will be our last week for the August memory verse which is I Corinthians 10:31, "Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." If they can tell me the memory verse they will get a prize from the treasure box! I hope to see you all on Sunday!

-Madison



Madison Chillless

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion Prather has earned her certificate of mastery in early childhood education. Miss Key has been working towards earning this recognition for two years at Rose State University. She is a teacher who works very hard to provide high quality care for her children. Her Jaguar class is comprised of older two-year-olds and three year olds. Each day she has 15 children with Miss Yamilex, who also is studying early childhood education. Together they provide fun, excitement, and learning opportunities for the children. Join us in congratulating her on this academic achievement. Nice work Miss Key! We are very proud of you.

-Denise

This week has flown by! Our children are settling into new routines, classrooms, friends, and teachers. We still have some new families that will be joining us later in August and September. The families are asked to come before the child begins for a brief orientation. All of the child's paperwork is checked, immunizations records are provided, and the Family Handbook is reviewed. This helps families to understand our policies and to know what to expect. We certainly strive to exceed their expectations. Over twenty new families received orientation just before our fall session began. We are excited to welcome our new families!

We are so proud to announce that Keyneisha



Block Party Fun

We had a wonderful time at the Block Party! Approximately 275 people attended! Thank you to all who helped make this event a huge success!



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 28.

The chancel flowers are given by Sue Goodman in memory of her husband, John Goodman.

Birthdays

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
09/14	Madison Chillless
	George Craig
	A'Shonda Garrett
	Robert Vick
09/15	Gracie Sanders
09/16	Geoffrey Stafford
	William Stafford
09/17	Kerry Maye
	Sally Stringer
09/19	Jess Harris, Jr.
09/22	Billie Boston

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 contact Louise Glass at the church (405) 842-1486.

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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 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* - Join us as we learn how to make a Christian difference in the world. 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
Laley Braucher, Ministry Intern
Rachel Spear, Nursery Attendant
Mel Carrion, Nursery Attendant

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