

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith  
Senior Pastor

### Thank God

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" <sup>18</sup> Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." -Luke 17:11-19

As Thanksgiving approaches I'm sure many of us will be focused on preparing and eating lots and lots of delicious food. In the midst of all of this food, it is tempting for us to forget the heart of this celebration which is to offer our thanks to God. So, let me ask you, how do you say, "Thanks," to God? What do you do to express your gratitude and thanks to the God who blesses you every day of your life?

On Sunday we will prepare our hearts for Thanksgiving by telling the story of the thankful leper. Together we'll discover the way thanksgiving and gratitude can change our hearts as we share our blessings with the people in our lives.

We had a wonderful Consecration Sunday and a great Harvest Dinner. Thank you to each of you who give so generously to support God's ministry through our church. If you would still like to fill out an Estimate of Giving Card, we have included one on page 3. I want to thank Lindsay Ocker for catering a delicious Harvest Dinner for us. I also want to thank Becky Buchanan and Lora Brown for dressing and decorating the tables. I am glad to be part of such a generous church.

On November 28 we will begin our Advent sermon series, **The First Christmas Gifts**, and take a closer look at why Wise Men from the East travelled a thousand miles to give the first Christmas gifts to the newborn King. We will talk about what these gifts tell us about who the Babe of Bethlehem will become.

At Christmas, even people who do not attend church are more open at this time to an invitation to attend a worship service. I hope you will share the good news of Christmas with your friends, family members, classmates, co-workers, and neighbors who do not have a church home by inviting them to worship with us during Advent and to come to our **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 24 at 4:00 or 5:30 p.m.** Together, we will make a Christmas memory.

I also want to invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 on November 28 as we begin our all-church Sunday School Class called **Christmas Carols**. Each week our Chancel Choir will sing some of your favorite Christmas Carols and we will discuss what these carols teach us about the meaning of Christmas.

Then, on **Sunday, December 12** we will have the joy of watching our **Children's Christmas Play** at 9:45 a.m. I am looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas with you. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.  
Hanging of the Greens at 2:00 pm  
Help us decorate the sanctuary.

#### Monday, November 22

Charge Conference at 5:30 p.m.  
Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Group at 5:30 p.m.  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 24 to Friday, November 26

Church Office and The Learning Center Closed

#### Sunday, November 28

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
All Church Sunday School at 9:45

#### Monday, November 29

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Group at 5:30 p.m.  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 1

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.  
Co-Dependents Anonymous-6:30

#### Sunday, December 5

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
All Church Sunday School at 9:45

#### Tuesday, December 7

Care Team Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, December 12

Christmas Pageant at 9:45 a.m.

#### Nichols Hills U.M.C.

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### Chancel Flowers

November 21: The chancel flowers are given by Turner Davis in honor of Cindy's birthday.

November 28: The chancel flowers are given in honor of Rubin and Ann Millerborg's birthday.

### Mission Candle

November 21: The mission candle is available.

November 28: The mission candle is available.

### Acolytes

November 21: Gabriel Ireland, Jack Kanady, Olivia Kanady, and Avery Smith

November 28: Ellie Bauer, Gabriel Ireland, Regan Miller, and Reese Robinson

### Tithes and Offerings

Your gifts and tithes make a Christian difference and help us share the ministry of Jesus Christ with people in our church and in our community. Checks may be mailed to 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116.

To make an online donation, visit [www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org).

To set up an electronic funds transfer contact the Church Office.

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.



We would love for you to join us for in person worship on Sunday mornings at 8:30 or 10:50.

We also are streaming online. You can view our worship services on Facebook every Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:50. Our Facebook page is [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://facebook.com/nicholshillsumc). Don't have a Facebook account? No worries. You can view our livestream without having an account. You can also view the worship service throughout the week. If you do have a Facebook account, we encourage you to send us a message and let us know you are participating.

We also post the Sermon Notes and the Prayer and Study Guide on Facebook as well as our website, [www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org). We look forward to worshipping with you in-person or online!



## The First Christmas Gifts

Wise Men from the East travelled over a thousand miles to give the first Christmas gifts to the newborn King in Bethlehem. But what do these gifts tell us about this King and who he will become? This Advent, join us in person or online for worship as we talk about The First Christmas Gifts, sing your favorite Christmas carols, and offer hope and encouragement.

**November 28**

*Following Yonder Star*

**December 5**

*Gold for the King of Kings*

**December 12**

*Frankincense for the Priest of All Priests*

**December 19**

*Myrrh to Honor Thy Sacrifice*

**December 24**

*Unto Us a Child Is Born*

**December 26**

*The Christmas Gift*

Online Worship: [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://facebook.com/nicholshillsumc)



## Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday, November 21 at 2:00 p.m.**

Help us decorate the sanctuary for Advent at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 21.

## Christmas Carols

Beginning on Sunday, November 28 at 9:45, join our Adult Sunday School classes in the Fellowship Hall as our Chancel Choir leads us in singing some of your favorite Christmas Carols. We will discuss what these carols teach us about the real meaning of Christmas and how the babe born in Bethlehem can change our hearts and give us hope.

Our **Children's Christmas Pageant** will be part of our time together on Sunday, December 12 at 9:45 a.m.







## Children's Ministry

We are continuing to rehearse for our Christmas Pageant on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. We will practice every Sunday during

Sunday School, Children's Church, and after church. We will practice on the following Sundays:

November 21<sup>st</sup> – 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

November 28<sup>th</sup> – 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

December 5<sup>th</sup> – 12:15 – 2:00 p.m.

For the next two weeks in the nursery, we will be focusing on teaching your child about thankfulness and all the blessings from God in our lives, as well as, making fun, unique crafts to take home! If you have any questions about the nursery, please contact the church office at (405) 842-1486.

Blessings,  
Claire



### Nichols Hills United Methodist Church *Estimate of Giving Card*

In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith in Christ and my commitment to Christ's church, I plan to **Take One Step Up** in my giving.

#### Step Up Beyond Tithing

My desire is to do more than the Biblical standard.

#### Step Up To Tithing

I will give one tenth of my income to God's work.

#### Step Up Toward Tithing

I am not yet a tither, but I will move toward that goal.

#### My Commitment to the General Fund is

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly for 52 weeks

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly for 12 months

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually

#### My Total Commitment for 2022: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ This represents an increase over last year.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to learn about electronic giving.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like information on how to include Nichols Hills UMC in my will and estate plans.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Birthdays

11/18 John Heflin  
11/19 Frances Thompson  
11/20 Frank Miskovsky, III  
11/21 Win Holbrook  
11/21 Angie Sanger  
11/25 Gabriel Ireland  
11/28 Rich McLain  
11/29 Michael Hall  
11/30 Mark Sullivan  
12/01 Sarah Butler  
12/01 Elizabeth Prosser  
12/01 Alesha Rogers  
12/06 Jackie Hall  
12/06 Nancy Rowntree  
12/07 Charlotte Brown  
12/08 Maddy Eales  
12/09 Phil Withrow  
12/10 Denise Buthion  
12/11 Kelsey Lyle  
12/12 Katie McNeill  
12/14 Stephen Heine  
12/15 Tom McLain  
12/16 Gary Vaughn  
12/18 Kay Musser

Are you or your family members not on our birthday list? Call the church office at 405-842-1486 to let us know your birthdays.

### Moved? Phone Number Changed?

If you have recently moved or changed your phone number or email address, please contact the Church Office at 405-842-1486 to let us know.

### Cares and Concerns

#### Town Village

Bette Harris

#### The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

#### Iris Senior Living

Lynn Greene

#### At Home

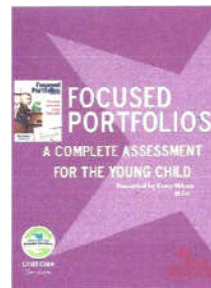
Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,  
David Mueller

## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,  
T.L.C. Director

Twice a year The Learning Center meets with each family to show them how their child is progressing. Parents sign up for a virtual or in person fifteen-minute meeting. We maintain portfolios of development on each child called Focused Portfolio. These are photos, brief anecdotal accounts, and work samples displaying the child's



accomplishments. Teachers work diligently to record at least two milestones a month per child. Families are often amazed at the detail and focus placed on their child. Through this process we can see what areas to work on such as social-

emotional, physical, or intellectual development. Children develop on their own time table, but there are ranges where typical development takes place. Teachers appreciate the feedback that our families provide. It is a definite win-win as we work together.

-Denise

## Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Friday, December 24  
4:00 and 5:30 p.m.



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

**The Brew Class:** *Meets in The Conference Room* - Bring your coffee and join “The Brew” as we gather for fellowship and a study on Revelation. For more information about “The Brew” contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467.

**KIVA Class:** *Meets in the Parlor* - Join us as we learn from speakers on various topics. Leaders: Dennis and Delores Bradford.

**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. The Reveille Class will be restarting soon. Teacher: Tom Fraley.

**Open Circle Class:** *Meets in the Archives Room* - Join us as we gather for fellowship and a meaningful study. Our Circle is always Open.

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

**First Graders through Fifth Graders:** *Meets in Room 124.* Join us for a fun time with your friends as we grow closer to God and each other. Leader: Claire Fraley

**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. Leader: Claire Fraley

**Dr. Trevor Smith**, Senior Pastor  
**Michael Wylder**, Director of Church Music  
**Delaney Sheffield**, Director of Communications  
**Claire Fraley**, Director of Children’s Ministries  
**Dr. Antone Godding**, Organist  
**Kathy Smith**, Treasurer  
**Louise Glass**, Financial Secretary

**Denise Buthion**, Director of The Learning Center  
**Brandon Price**, Custodian  
**Jeremy Gossett**, Audio Visual Team Leader  
**John Naeher III**, Audio Visual Tech  
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