

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith  
Senior Pastor

### Gates, Fruits, Hears and Doers

<sup>13</sup> “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.... <sup>24</sup> Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

—Matthew 7:13-14, 24-27

Jesus says there are two roads we can take in life: a hard road with a narrow gate that leads to life and an easy road with a wide gate that leads to destruction. Few people choose to walk the hard road of discipleship because it is hard. As Jimmy Dugan played by Tom Hanks, in *A League of Their Own*, says, “It’s supposed to be hard. If it wasn’t hard, everyone would do it. The hard... is what makes it great.” Following Jesus is hard because Jesus travels on the hard road that leads to a cross. But the hard road also leads to life. The decision to follow Jesus and walk the hard road of discipleship is the most important decision you will ever make in life. That one decision will set you on a journey that will change your life. In his poem, *The Road Not Taken*, Robert Frost wrote: *Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.*

On Sunday we will continue our **Happy and Blessed** sermon series by talking about the way Jesus calls us to follow him and live out his teachings in the *Sermon on the Mount*. Our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will lead us in worship as part of our **Scout Sunday**. We will also honor Louise Glass, who has served as our financial secretary for over six years. Louise has been a wonderful member of our church staff and has blessed many people through her work in the church. I have enjoyed working with Louise, and I know God has big plans for her as she retires and begins a new chapter in her life. I wish Louise the very best, and I hope you will join us for a Farewell Reception for Louise at noon that day. A card basket will be available for those who would like to participate.

We will begin Lent with our **Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 p.m. on March 2**. Then, on **Sunday, March 6**, we will celebrate **Girl Scout Sunday** by having our Girl Scouts lead us in worship. Our Girl Scouts will also be selling their delicious cookies that day. Our Lenten sermon series, **We Believe**, which will focus on the historic creeds of our faith and what Christians believe will begin that day as well. I hope you will invite someone you know to worship with us.

I am very happy to see the way the Holy Spirit is helping our church to grow. On Sunday, it was a joy to welcome Rubin and Ann Millerborg, Robert and Paulette Gordon, and Anna Simonsen into church membership. They are all excited to be part of the church, and we are so glad they are part of our church family.

Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Scout Sunday, February 27

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Confirmation at 12:00 p.m.  
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.

#### Monday, February 28

Memorial Service for Jean Webber at 11:00 a.m.  
Women’s A.A. Group at 5:30  
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

#### Ash Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00  
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.  
Co-Dependents Anonymous-6:30

#### Saturday, March 5

Blue and Gold Banquet at 5:00

#### Girl Scout Sunday, March 6

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Confirmation at 12:00 p.m.  
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.

#### Monday, March 7

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

#### Sunday, March 13

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Daylight Savings Tim Begins - Spring forward one hour.



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### Chancel Flowers

February 27: The chancel flowers are available.

March 6: The chancel flowers are available.

### Mission Candle

February 27: The mission candle is available.

March 6: The mission candle is available.

### Acolytes

February 27: Scout Sunday

March 6: Girl Scout Sunday

### 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.

### Cares and Concerns

**Touchmark at Coffee Creek**

Bette Harris

**Iris Senior Living**

Lynn Greene

**At Home**

Roger Etling and Frances Lewis

**WORSHIP ONLINE OR  
IN PERSON!**

We would love for you to join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30 or 10:50 for in person or online worship at [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](http://facebook.com/nicholshillsumc).

### Welcome New Members



Rubin and Ann  
Millerborg



Anna Simonsen,  
Paulette and Robert  
Gordon

# We Believe

## We Believe

**Believe: to accept something as true, genuine, or real.**

Have you ever wondered what Christians believe? Long ago, church leaders wrote creeds to clearly and concisely state the Church's beliefs.

Worship with us in person or online during the season of Lent as we turn to the historic creeds of the Church to discuss what **We Believe**.

March 6	<i>We Believe in God</i>
March 13	<i>We Believe Jesus Christ</i>
March 20	<i>We Believe the Holy Spirit</i>
March 27	<i>We Believe in the Church</i>
April 3	<i>We Believe in Baptism and Forgiveness</i>
April 10	<i>We Believe Jesus Suffered and Died</i>
April 17	<i>We Believe Jesus Rose Again</i>

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

## Farewell Reception for Louise Glass

There will be a farewell reception Sunday, February 27 for Louise Glass, our Financial Secretary, following the 10:50 a.m. worship service. Please help us thank Louise for her service to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. A card basket will be available for anyone who would like to participate.



## Tidbits from The Learning Center



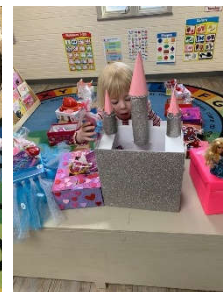
Denise Buthion,  
T.L.C. Director

Our staff and children felt the love in the air this past week. Our lunchtime parties have become a big hit with our parents and children, who typically bring their own lunches. Families have been

providing either Chick-fil-A trays or pizzas in unique shapes.

Fruit and snacks are added into the fun, as well. Enjoy our photos from the oldest classroom, the Cheetahs. Thank you all for your support and best wishes!

-Denise





# Bible Reading Plan

Did you know that by reading out loud at a comfortable pace for 12 to 15 minutes a day, you can read through the entire Bible in a year? If you are up for the challenge, we will give you the plan to do it. We hope you will begin your journey through the Bible with us.

**February 24** – Numbers 11-13  
**February 25** – Numbers 14-15  
**February 26** – Numbers 16-17  
**February 27** – Numbers 18-20  
**February 28** – Numbers 21-22  
**March 1** – Numbers 23-25  
**March 2** – Numbers 26-27  
**March 3** – Numbers 28-30  
**March 4** – Numbers 31-32  
**March 5** – Numbers 33-34  
**March 6** – Numbers 35-36  
**March 7** – Deuteronomy 1-2  
**March 8** – Deuteronomy 3-4  
**March 9** – Deuteronomy 5-7  
**March 10** – Deuteronomy 8-10  
**March 11** – Deuteronomy 11-13  
**March 12** – Deuteronomy 14-16  
**March 13** – Deuteronomy 17-20

**March 14** – Deuteronomy 21-23  
**March 15** – Deuteronomy 24-27  
**March 16** – Deuteronomy 28-29  
**March 17** – Deuteronomy 30-31  
**March 18** – Deuteronomy 32-34  
**March 19** – Joshua 1-4  
**March 20** – Joshua 5-8  
**March 21** – Joshua 9-11  
**March 22** – Joshua 12-15  
**March 23** – Joshua 16-18  
**March 24** – Joshua 19-21  
**March 25** – Joshua 22-24  
**March 26** – Judges 1-2  
**March 27** – Judges 3-5  
**March 28** – Judges 6-7  
**March 29** – Judges 8-9  
**March 30** – Judges 10-12  
**March 31** – Judges 13-15



Claire Fraley,  
 Director of  
 Children and  
 Youth Ministry

## Children's Ministry

We had so much fun during our Children's Valentine's Day Party on February 13<sup>th</sup>. We had pink pancakes, fruit, and hot chocolate! It was a great Sunday morning learning about the kind of love that God gives each of us, as well as, some fun, interactive games, and Valentine's bingo, of course! During Children's Church, we focused on mission work to help our friends at John Marshall High School. The children assembled over 128 individual packets of laundry detergent to give to the students who come to the Food Pantry. It was

amazing to watch all their servant hearts make a difference!

We are excited to start a new curriculum in both of our children's Sunday school classes. The elementary class will begin a 6-week "Countdown to Easter" on March 6<sup>th</sup> and the nursery class will start a 4-week curriculum called, "What is Easter?" on March 20<sup>th</sup>. I can't wait to dive deeper into the Easter story with our children!

Children's Choir will be starting this Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. We will rehearse in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. to prepare to sing on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, and Mother's Day. We would love for your child be part of the choir and to sing praises to God! If you have any questions, please contact me at the church office.

-Claire Fraley



## Birthdays

02/24 Larry Johnson  
 02/24 Kaleigh Slack  
 02/24 Jean Warner  
 02/26 Avery Niemann  
 02/27 Ryan McLain  
 02/27 Joy Richardson  
 02/28 Ken Howell  
 03/01 Grace Buxton  
 03/01 Robert Margo  
 03/01 Sharon McLeod  
 03/02 Graham Fraley  
 03/04 Nolan Coyle  
 03/04 Nan McGowen  
 03/05 Jordan Cardenas  
 03/05 Tom Fraley  
 03/05 Mac Shdeed  
 03/05 Scarlett Shdeed  
 03/06 Harvey Harmon  
 03/06 Kaley Were  
 03/09 Karen Raupe  
 03/10 Kati Miller  
 03/11 G. T. Blankenship  
 03/11 Lauren Heflin  
 03/13 Christi Coyle  
 03/15 Lydia Hunt  
 03/15 Gordon Ryan

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.



## Leaving a Legacy

The search for significance and desire to plan for the future leads many people to ponder their legacy. What kind of legacy will you leave?

A bequest is perhaps the easiest and most tangible way to have a lasting impact on the people and organizations that mean the most to you. A bequest may also be an effective way to make a gift to your church and lessen the burden of taxes on your family and estate. Your gifts can be designated by you to fund a specific ministry or left undesignated to meet future needs as determined by our church's leadership.

If you would like to learn more about how you can leave a legacy through a planned gift to our church, please visit with our senior pastor, Dr. Trevor Smith.

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

**The Brew Class:** *Meets in Room 131* - 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. 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.

**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

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**Delaney Sheffield**, Director of Communications  
**Claire Fraley**, Director of Children’s Ministries  
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