

# NICHOLS HILLS

## united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

### Jesus and Peter

<sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward." <sup>37</sup> Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." <sup>38</sup> Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

-John 13:36-38

Simon Peter wanted to be Jesus' right-hand man. He wanted to be faithful. He wanted to do the right thing. He wanted to be the kind of disciple who would go with Jesus to prison and to death.

Jesus believed in Simon Peter. He called him to be one of his disciples. He named him *Petros* which means *the Rock*, and he said, "On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." But Jesus also knew that Simon Peter would fail him and deny knowing him three times the night he was arrested. Peter failed Jesus.

Simon Peter wanted so badly to stand by his Lord, but he was too scared of being arrested and put to death. He was too weak. He was unable to be the man he wanted to be. Not once, not twice, but three times he distanced himself from Jesus and denied knowing him and being one of his disciples. He didn't just let down Jesus that night. He let down himself. This wasn't the life he wanted to live. That night, the moment was just too big for him.

How did Simon Peter deal with failure? He returned to his old life. He went back to the Sea of Galilee. He was not ready to preach. He was not ready to heal. Instead, he went fishing. Simon Peter and six of the other disciples didn't know what to do if Jesus isn't there with them. So, they went fishing.

In those moments in our lives when we can no longer sense Jesus' presence with us and when we can no longer hear his voice in our ears, we are tempted to return to the old life. We lose our sense of purpose and mission. We abandon the call to ministry, and we experience fruitlessness. On Sunday we will begin a new sermon series called **On This Rock** in which we will take a closer look at the way Jesus forgave Simon Peter of his sins and redeemed his failure by sending him to minister to a hurting world and to build Jesus' Church. I hope you will invite someone you know to worship with us in person or online as we continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and learn together how Jesus is calling our church to minister to people in our community.

We had a wonderful Easter Sunday. I saw the joyful smiles of so many children who participated in our Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to each of you who donated Easter eggs. I want to thank Lindsay Ocker, Stephanie Henry, and Carla Hill for organizing our Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. The food was delicious, and it gave us an opportunity to fellowship with new friends and longtime friends. I also want to thank Janet Jones and the members of our Altar Guild for preparing Communion. Thank you to each of you who invited someone you know to come and experience the hope of Easter. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Blessings,  
Trevor

### Ministry Calendar

#### Friday, April 9

Memorial Service for John McKee at 2:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, April 11

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.

#### Monday, April 12

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

#### Tuesday, April 13

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at 5:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 14

Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, April 18

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

#### Monday, April 19

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

#### Tuesday, April 20

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at 5:30 p.m.

#### Monday, May 3

Care Committee at 4:00

#### Sunday, May 9 Mother's Day

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

#### Memorial Sunday, May 30

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

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

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### Chancel Flowers

April 11: The chancel flowers are available.

April 18: The chancel flowers are available.

### Mission Candle

April 11: The mission candle is available.

April 18: The mission candle is available.

### Acolytes

April 11: Henrietta Dockendorf, Gabriel Ireland, Regan Miller, and Collier Vaughn

April 18: Scarlett Hoffman, Gabriel Ireland, Avery Smith, and Charlotte Smith

### 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.



### Worship Online or In Person

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://www.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!



## On This Rock

Simon Peter pledged to die with Jesus and then denied three times that he even knew Jesus. Yet Jesus called Simon the Rock and said that he would use Peter to build his Church.

Join us for worship in person or online at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church as we turn to the *Book of Acts* to see how the Holy Spirit worked through Peter to build the early Church and transform the world.

- April 11 *Jesus and Peter*
- April 18 *The Preacher*
- April 25 *Offer Them Christ*
- May 2 *We Cannot Keep from Speaking*
- May 9 *Living Boldly*
- May 16 *Unstoppable*
- May 23 *Unchained*
- May 30 *New Life*

## Children's Ministry

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs, candy, and helped make our Easter so special. It was one to remember after the crazy year we have had!

Have you ever thought about serving in our Children's Ministry? If so, this is your sign to do it!

We need adults to help

with our Sunday School classes each week. You will have the rewarding opportunity to pour into our children and make a lifelong impact in their walk of faith. If you are interested, please contact the church office. I would love to talk to you about making a Christian difference with our children.

Blessings,  
Claire



Claire Fraley,  
Director of  
Children and  
Family Ministry



## **Gifts for Easter Lilies and Missional Ministries have been given by the following people:**

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# Summer Camps

## Sonshine Camp

Saturday, June 26 – Sunday, June 27 at Canyon Camp.

Children entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Register at: [okcamps.campbrainregistration.com](http://okcamps.campbrainregistration.com)

Early Bird Price: \$69 (Register by April 15) / Regular Price: \$89 / Adult Price: \$57

Early elementary campers enjoy a taste of hiking, swimming, crafts, and active learning in small groups under the caring and watchful eye of adult leaders.

All activities and creative worship in this overnight camp are geared for this younger age-level. After this fun camping experience, children will want to return to camp year after year.

Canyon Camp will be requiring all children and adults to wear a face mask during all activities. They will create smaller groups to ensure social distancing, staggered eating times, as well as staggered check-in times.

## Growin' in Grace

Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Canyon Camp.

Children entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Register at: [okcamps.campbrainregistration.com](http://okcamps.campbrainregistration.com)

Early Bird Price: \$178 (Register by April 15) / Regular Price: \$192 / Adult Price: \$92

Older elementary campers have the opportunity to experience God's love in God's beautiful creation over this three day; two night camp. In addition to hiking, swimming, recreation, and crafts, campers participate in interactive small group learning and creative worship.

During these experiences, campers build relationships with new friends from other churches around the state that continue as they return to camp year after year.

Canyon Camp will be requiring all children and adults to wear a face mask during all activities. They will create smaller groups to ensure social distancing, staggered eating times, as well as staggered check-in times.

## Sports Camp

Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church

4-year-olds through entering 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

Early Bird Price: \$60 (Register by May 15) / Regular Price: \$70

Children may participate in Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, or Team 45 (which teaches the fundamentals of motion, rhythm, and balance development to 4 and 5-year-olds) all while experiencing God's love! Call the church office at 405-842-1486 for more information.

Ready to enroll? Fill out the form on the next page and return it to the church.

# Nichols Hills United Methodist

# S P O R T S



Basketball



Cheerleading



Soccer



4 - 5 Year Olds

# C A M P

June 1 - 4  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

# Ready to Register for Sports Camp?

Fill out the form below and return to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church or register online [www.nicholshillsumc.org](http://www.nicholshillsumc.org).

**Guardian(s) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children's Name(s) and Age(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**T-Shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Small, Youth Medium, Youth Large, Youth XL,  
Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult XL, Adult 2XL

**Sport:** \_\_\_\_\_

Sports include: Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, or Team 45.

**Early Bird Price: \$60 per child (Register by May 15) / Regular Price: \$70**  
Pay by cash, check, or credit card.

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## Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,  
T.L.C. Director

We are pleased to introduce our newest staff member Ms. Melanie. She is 21 years old and a student at OSU-OKC. Her plan is to complete her general studies this coming December and transfer to UCO. It is her goal to become an elementary school teacher. Melanie loves the beach, romantic comedy movies, and spending time with her friends and family. She and Ms. Emily are working together in the Jaguar classroom. The children seem to enjoy her very much. We are glad to welcome Ms. Melanie to TLC and Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. She is a blessing.

-Denise



Ms. Melanie

### Birthdays

04/08 Mason Heflin  
04/08 Leigh Love  
04/09 Calli Heflin  
04/09 Nell Johnson  
04/10 Olivia Miller  
04/10 Jean Webber  
04/11 Robert Sullivan  
04/13 Avery Smith  
04/14 Alivia Rogers  
04/15 Emily Ellis  
04/16 Olivia Brien  
04/16 Delaney Sheffield  
04/17 Cathy Betterton  
04/17 Casey Miller  
04/18 Thad Butler  
04/20 Carter Cloud  
04/20 Louis Fraley  
04/20 Griffin Jones  
04/20 Jim Jones  
04/21 Bernadene Moore  
04/22 Claire Fraley  
04/26 Kery Mueller  
04/29 Marty Margo  
04/30 Colin Anderson  
05/01 Christie Baker  
05/01 Alice Pippin  
05/02 Kristen Robinson  
05/03 Nathan Hilger  
05/04 Myrla Pierson  
05/05 Caroline McLain  
05/07 Jennifer McGinnis  
05/08 Jacob Ellis  
05/08 Kathleen Ellis  
05/10 Mark Miller  
05/13 Roger Etling  
05/17 Rosemarie Chase  
05/17 Rachel Huchton  
05/18 Warren Henry  
05/18 Charlotte Smith  
05/20 Dudley Hyde  
05/21 Jeff Cloud  
05/23 Jerry Richardson  
05/23 Trevor Smith  
05/24 Michael Wylder  
05/28 Sharon Ives  
05/29 Rob Saunders

### Cares and Concerns

#### Town Village

Bette Harris

#### The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

#### StoneCreek

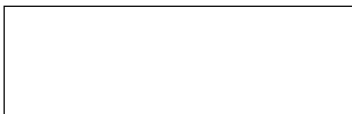
Lynn Greene

#### At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,  
David Mueller

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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 an in depth study of the *Live Not by Lies: a Manual for Christian Dissidents* by Rod Dreher. For more information about "The Brew" contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

**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.

**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

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