

SHARING THANKSGIVING

We can bring peanut butter and/or canned tuna to the basket in the hall until Nov 9th. Then if you are able to help stuff baskets we will meet at Smoky Hill High School at 1pm on Friday Nov 18th and again on Monday, Nov 22nd at 10 AM. On Tuesday we will pickup the food designated for our church and deliver baskets. Help on any or all days will be greatly appreciated. I know that this project helps put my Thanksgiving into perspective; it's all about helping our sisters and brothers, reaching beyond ourselves. Won't you join me?
Any questions call Eppie at 303-766-2591.

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Worship Hours:
8:30 am & 10:00 am
Weekly Communion at 10am
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MINISTERIO EN ESPAÑOL
10:00am - Celebration Hall
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Sunday School
10:00am preschool - 5th
10:00am - Adult
10:00am - Youth 6th-12th



Thanksgiving Eve Supper and Worship

Wednesday, November 23rd

A potluck Harvest Supper will be at 5:30. Turkey and beverages will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share for our harvest feast. Friends and family welcome! Please RSVP so we know how much turkey to prepare by calling the church office by Sunday, Nov. 21st.

A worship service will be at 7:00 pm. Join us as we pause to give thanks in worship, word and song.

Newsletter DEADLINE

DATES

- ◆ November 11 for December newsletter
- ◆ December 9 for January newsletter

Please submit articles to
JanetteBrink@msn.com

Important Info:
Because SHUMC pays a Non-profit postal rate any articles that promote for-profit companies cannot be published.

From Falling Leaves to Falling Snow...

Fall is a wonderful time of year...busy...but wonderful. November is filled with special opportunities to gather for worship, study and fellowship. I hope you will choose the events that meet the needs of you and your family and joyfully participate.

We begin the month with a special service on 11/6 for **All-Saints Day**. With worship and Communion we will remember our members and loved ones that have passed away this year. It will be one more time to **remember Rev. Marti** and her ministry here at SHUMC. 11/13 is **Youth Sunday**; don't miss the energy when our youth lead us in worship and praise. A **baptism class** will also be offered at 10 a.m. in room 214. I will meet with all who are interested in baptism, to register for this class, use the "sign me up" sheets in the Sunday bulletin or call the church office.

Missions Team is working hard on our **Three Gifts Program** for the holidays, they will be introduced on **Thanksgiving Sunday**, November 20. On Wednesday 11/23 there will be a **Thanksgiving Eve Dinner** and worship service. Join in the fun at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. The Turkey will be provided and we ask those coming to provide the traditional side dishes to make it an abundant thanksgiving feast! Following our meal, John Kingsbury will lead us in worship and communion.

The countdown to Christmas begins with the **first Sunday of Advent** on 11/27. Our advent series this year will be build around the Psalms of the Season using key words of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. If you are interested in your family **lighting the advent wreath** at one of our services, just speak to me or send me an email...we will need 10 families to participate. Our **music program** will share their music of the season on Sunday 12/18, so mark your calendars for that special service!

This year our **Christmas Eve services** will be at 4, 6, 8 and 11 p.m. The first two will feature the live nativity and be geared for families with young children. Nursery care will be provided for the first three services. Don't miss out on the special decorations, music and stories of the season. Finally, this is the year that **Christmas day falls on Sunday!** We will offer one special service on **Christmas Day** and on **New Year's Day** (also a Sunday) at 11:00 a.m. Those who come will be invited to share in story and music of the season as we mark these special days with worship and praise. It is an exciting season in the life of the church and you are invited to participate in every way that you find meaningful. Let us join together in gratitude and worship of the One who blesses our lives with joyful purpose. I am glad to be your pastor and serve such a vibrant community of faith.

Blessings, Rev. Glenda



Intentional Fellowship Time

From now through Sunday, May 27 we will be having a weekly time of fellowship, with food, following the 10:00 service. We are asking the congregation to help provide snacks for this time and to that end have divided the congregation by their last name:

November: C, D

December: E, F, G

January: H, I, J

February: K, L

March: M, N, O, P, Q

April: R, S

May T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

When it is your month to help, we are asking that you bring finger foods, sweet or savory ie: cookies, veggies, pretzels, etc. on one Sunday during that month. Bring your food to the coffee service area in the Gathering space.

Thank you for your participation in this opportunity for our church to renew friendships and welcome those who are newer in our midst.



NURTURE YOUR FAITH

Where are you on your journey of faith?
How would you like to deepen your faith?

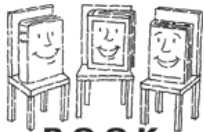
We have many different adult Christian education opportunities to help you grow in faith. Short term and long term studies, weekday, evening and weekend workshops, Bible classes and topical classes. Find a place to nurture your faith! See the Adult Education brochure, the bulletin, or contact Rev. Patti for more information and help finding the right class for you.



We will produce an advent devotional again this year with daily reflections written by members of Smoky Hill UMC. It will be available in print form and also digitally on Facebook and our blog. Befriend us on Facebook by searching for "Smoky Hill UMC" or follow the blog at www.umcsmokyhill.blogspot.com. It will be available the first Sunday of advent, November 27th.

Sharing Our Grief

This 4 week group is designed for people experiencing grief following the death of a loved one. It is an opportunity to share your story and find help and encouragement. We will examine the nature of the grieving process, the effects it has on our physical, emotional and spiritual lives, and we will also look at resources and assistance to help us on our grief journeys. It will meet on Sunday afternoons from 4-6, Nov. 20 - Dec. 11. For more information contact John Kingsbury at (303)921-3426 or johnk@smokyhillumc.org.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP **Heaven Is for Real Book Study**

Join the ladies on Tuesdays from 11:30-1pm Nov 29- Dec 13 for lunch and lively discussion. They will be discussing the popular book, Heaven Is For Real. Newcomers welcome!



Contact Bill Reiley (team leader) at 303-690-5337 for more information about Smoky Hill's mission efforts

THREE GIFTS

Each year, Smoky Hill's Mission Team chooses three mission projects to be emphasized during December. Here's the 2011 list:

1. LOCAL - DenUM (Denver Urban Ministries)
2. NATIONAL - Pine Ridge Reservation (in South Dakota)
3. INTERNATIONAL - UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

1. **DenUM** was started by openhearted Methodists thirty years ago. For many years, Smoky Hill has provided canned and packaged food for DenUM to distribute to the needy. During the past three years, the requests for bags of food have gone up dramatically - by 75%. Due to increases in food donations, NO FAMILY eligible to receive emergency food bags has been turned away.

DenUM addresses poverty, homelessness and hunger through community service, education and advocacy. Urban Plunge/ Urban Education programs provide learning activities for youth and adults seeking to know more about poverty, hunger and homelessness. Participation increased by 63% in 2010.

All funds donated to DenUM will be in honor of our former pastor, Rev. Marti Zimmerman, whose daughter, Lindsey Tapp, is a member of the DenUM staff.

2. **PINE RIDGE RESERVATION** is located in southwestern South Dakota. In September, a devoted team of 15 adults from Smoky Hill spent a week on the reservation handling home improvements in dwellings occupied by Native Americans. They stayed in a retreat center, had the opportunity to interact regularly with residents of the reservation, and to participate in evening activities.

The enthusiasm and determination of Smoky Hill's group was extraordinary. In 2012, another group will go to the reservation again to provide help as needed.

3. **UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)** was formed in 1940 in response to the people suffering during WWII. UMCOR responds to hunger and poverty, provides relief supplies around the world, and offers hospitality to immigrants and refugees. Both immediate relief and long-term recovery efforts are emphasized.

Cleaning buckets and bedding, birthing, health, layette, school and sewing kits are assembled in regional depots. The depot for the Rockies is in Salt Lake City, Utah. All funds donated for a specific project go to the project....not to administrative costs.

In late November, you will receive more information about THREE GIFTS, and an envelope for your donation. Thank you for your wonderful support of this yearly effort.

Your Mission Team



GIVE THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING through HEIFER INTERNATIONAL (HPI):

Get started with your Christmas gift giving early this year. Our Heifer display and Alternative Gift cards will be available in the Gathering Place every Sunday morning before and after services until Thanksgiving.

This is a fantastic way for you to give someone a gift that will make them proud to be supporting needy people somewhere in the world. Do you see the appeals on TV to help feed hungry and displaced people of the world, whether in America or elsewhere? Do you wonder what can I do to make a difference? What can one person do? Here is a chance to help. As we buy these gifts, one family or one community at a time, will be helped. Your gift will keep on giving for years to come as your gift gets passed on to another family. Everyone makes a gift in kind to another family or community. That is why the program is called "Passing on the gift."

One recipient cried as she said, "I have never received a gift before, I have nothing, but because of your gift I am able to GIVE a gift to someone else too. It makes me so proud and so happy to be able pass on your gift. Thank you."



Church and Society News

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Offering of Letters! We'll be sending just over **120 letters** to our Senators and Congressional Representatives asking them to support the reform of foreign aid. The goal is to have more transparency from the governments receiving the aid and to involve the local people in more of the decisions about the distribution of the aid.



PROJECT Fair Trade returns in late November and early December!

Coffee, tea and chocolate bars will again be available for purchase beginning November 27th. Fair Trade items are grown in sustainable conditions and allow small farmers to receive a reasonable price for their products - allowing these farmers to move (and keep) their families out of poverty.

SMALL GROUPS



- **THE SCRAPBOOKING GROUP** call Karla at 303-693-6070.
- **THE QUILTING GROUP** continues to meet **on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm.** Contact Mary at 303-693-5186 with questions.
- **NIGHT READERS** will be reading for November 15, "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein. Meetings will be held at Elizabeth Larsen's home 18394 E. Bethany Place in Aurora. If you have questions call Elizabeth at 303-693-3255.
- **"IN OUR PRAYERS..." PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** at SHUMC meets every Tuesday afternoon, 1-4 pm, in The Upper Room. For more information contact Pat Davis at (303) 752-4093 or by email at inourprayers@comcast.net



- **THE RESTAURANT RAMBLERS** will be dining at La Cueva, the wonderful Mexican restaurant we didn't make it to in September. The date is Nov 14, a Monday, and the time is 6 PM. Please sign up in the bulletin or on the board by Rev Glenda's office. For further information contact Eppie at 303-766-2591. Everyone is welcome.
- **WAGON MASTERS** how about some Midwestern Home Cookin'. We will hold our Annual Progressive Dinner on Sat. Nov. 12 at 6pm. The theme this year is Midwest Home Cookin'. We will first meet at the home of Bob & Fran Krech for salad, then move to Pat & Genny's home for the entrée and finally dessert is TBD. Sign Up to bring a salad, entree, or dessert in the Sign Me Ups or contact Genny Tribbett 303-693-5976.



Senior Adults On November 11, which is Veterans Day, the speaker for the Trailblazers Senior Ministry at noon is Stuart Conway, International Director for Trees, Water & People. Mr. Conway and his wife live in Ft. Collins, CO. The organization provides energy efficient stoves and heaters in many parts of the world, including the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The luncheon is \$6.00 and all are invited. Mr. Conway has been honored by the Garden Club of America. His group also partners with the Global Alliance for Clean Cook stoves. Please call Charlotte Faris at 303-690-8466 or Genny Tribbett at 303-693-5976 for reservations so we can tell our Chef how many to expect.



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Podcasts of Sermons are now available. You can get them in 4 ways:

1. From the link on our website at www.smokyhillumc.org
2. Go to <http://shumc.podbean.com> from here you can also subscribe and get the sermons automatically
3. Go to the iTunes store and search (upper right-hand corner) for “smoky hill umc.”
4. For other feeds, type in the feed URL:

<http://shumc.podbean.com/feed/>

If you have any questions, contact Corey Kesler at cskesler@gmail.com.

Facebook

Find us on Facebook by searching “Smoky Hill UMC”. If you have any questions contact Lloyd Bartshe at lbartshe@gmail.com or Kathy Haley silverwolf13@comcast.net.

Join the SHUMC Babysitting Co-Op !!

Cancel your plans, take the kids with you and go crazy, OR join the Babysitting Co-Op with friends!

Renew the romance, and keep your marriage alive-evening sits are great for budget friendly dates. Make a doctors appointment without the hassle of tracking down a sitter.

Small victories begin to add up-a little calm here, a little relief there. Watch your stress diminish, all for FREE!

- ♥ It’s safe. All member’s homes are inspected, so you know your children will be in a safe environment.
- ♥ You can depend on it, and the sitter will be a close, trusted friend.
- ♥ The Co-op isn’t about looking after dozens of kids at once. It’s not about elected officers, but about moms helping moms by trading sits – earn points by providing a sit, and redeem points by requesting a sit.
- ♥ Use the Co-op *as much or as little* as you like.
- ♥ Extra work is not needed. Tasks are well organized. The co-op is out-of-sight and out of mind most of the time.

Call Krista Bayless at 720-346-6439 or email kristabayless@yahoo.com or email Erin Kesler at ejkesler@gmail.com

Nursery and Cradle Care News

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Donna Harris the Cradle Care Coordinator at 303-690-9816 Ext. 252.


The Cradle Care Team has a new program called "Baby Blessings". We would like to invite our families of Smoky Hill to share the joyous news of an expected birth or adoption. Our program includes opportunities for parent, child, and family growth through care of our nursery, books available in the nursery to borrow, relationships with other parents, church family, and staff. If you are expecting a birth or an adoption, we invite you to share the joy of your good news. Information of births or adoptions can be left in the nursery on Sunday morning or it can also be sent to

DonnaH@SmokyHillUMC.org.

Name of Expectant Parents _____


Phone # and/or Email Address _____

Anticipated Due/Arrival Date _____



Listen up!

We will not have a Cradle Care meeting till January. Enjoy the Holidays!!



Nursery Playground Update!
Because of the high winds that Smoky Hill experiences the poles for the shade structure have had to be custom made to be able to hold up to the weather which has increase the costs to. Bailey Brink the Eagle Scout in charge of the project is anxiously waiting to get started on the structure.

Children and Family Ministries Upcoming Events

Connect, Transform, Serve

Nov. 4,	Bowling Night at Celebrity Lanes from 5:30-7:30pm
Nov. 6,	Read to Feed Kickoff- Kindergarten - 5th Grade
Nov. 13,	Donut Day at Sunday School for Butterflies - 5th grade
Nov. 20,	God Talk/ Kindergarteners & Parents in Sanctuary @ 11am
Nov. 27,	First Day of Advent
Dec. 10,	Practice for Children's Christmas Program 9-10:30am
Dec. 11,	Children's Christmas Program/ Angel Treats @ 2pm
Dec 18,	Sunday School teachers' Christmas Coffee @ 11:15am
Dec. 25,	No regular Sunday School on Christmas Day
Jan. 1,	No regular Sunday School on New Year's Day

Faith Passages for the Fall

Faith Passages are the milestones in a child's spiritual journey; Smoky Hill has partnered with parents to celebrate their children's spiritual growth. Through these Faith Passages children will come to know, love and serve the Lord.

In October, different Sunday School classes celebrated several Faith Passages. The 3rd Grade class all received their new Bibles from the congregation. The Fish class went on their God Walk and ended up in the pumpkin patch to see God's wonderful bounty. And finally, the Kindergarten class, along with their parents, received a new book entitled, *When You Pray as a Family*. This is an inspirational devotional beginning with Advent.



Children's Christmas Program & Angel Sweets on Dec. 11th

A required practice is scheduled for Dec. 10, for all children participating in the Christmas program. The practice will be in the Sanctuary beginning at 9:00am. The pre-school children will practice first so parents may take them home early. The practice will end by 10:30am. Parents with children under 6 must stay with their children during the rehearsal.

The Children's Christmas Program will be held Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2-3pm in the Sanctuary. The Christmas program will include bells, the Christmas Story and the Sunday School classes singing Christmas carols. Come enjoy the sights, sounds and songs of the season at the Children's Christmas Program. Immediately after the Christmas Program there will be Angel Sweets in the Gathering Space for all the children and their parents. These sweets are provided by the Children and Family Ministries' team. If you would like to donate cookies or sweets, please contact Billie Mahaffy or Bev Sprague.



*****Ten Ways to Encourage Your Kids*****

*Great Job * You're terrific* You're very helpful* You are so creative* God loves you* Give it a try* I'm so proud of you* You are a good friend* That was original* I love you very much*

Youth Activities

For more information on youth programs please contact Bobbie D'Addario at 303-690-9816 ext. 204 or bobbied@smokyhillumc.org



Youth Sunday school will continue to meet at the 10:00 hour. We meet in room 216 on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays and on the 4th and 5th Sundays we attend worship together.

Spiritual Awakenings meets at 6 am on Wednesdays that there is school. This is a breakfast Bible study group open to all senior high youth that are able to get to school on their own afterward.



Confirmation Class meets at 10 am in room 214.

1st Sunday - parents and students

2nd Sunday - mentors and students

3rd Sunday- students only

4th Sunday - youth to help with worship

youth group SCHEDULE

- 11/6 - Youth Sunday planning
- 11/13- Karaoke and Dance Night
- 11/20- DenUM Food for All from 11:30-3:30
 - 11/27 - Program Night

Music & Fine Arts

For Information contact Dr. Vicki Burrichter Director of Music
303-690-9816 ext. 215 or VickiB@smokyhillumc.org

Smoky Hill has a new Director of Music Dr. Vicki Burrichter

Vicki comes to us from Mile Hi Church in Lakewood and has been a church Music Minister and soloist at various churches since she was 18. Vicki has taught college, high school and elementary school and currently teaches private voice out of her home. She also has a choir of foster/adopted children who sing with adults. Visit her website at www.drwickiburrichter.com to learn more about her and please join us in our growing music ministry at Smoky Hill.



Smoky Hill Galley

Artists of any media, beginner to professional and any age are invited to exhibit in the Smoky Hill Galley. So you have enough time to prepare for the exhibits, see the following schedule:

Gallery Exhibit Schedule for November 2011 – April 2012:

- **Christmas Exhibit** – Theme: “Christmas Holidays” Theme examples: Family gatherings, holiday still life, holiday & religious scenes in any media and quilts that reflect the colors and designs of Christmas.
Submission Date – Nov 20
- **Winter Exhibit** – Theme: Colors of Winter. Theme examples: winter scenes in any media and quilts that are blue and white.
Submission Date – Jan 15
- **Lenten Exhibit** – Theme: Stations of the Cross in any media. Contact Carol Wadleigh regarding which station of the cross you are doing.
Submission Date – Feb 19
- **Easter Exhibit** – Theme: Interpretations of Easter. Theme examples: your interpretation of what Easter means to you in any media. Quilts should reflect spring or its colors.
Submission Date – April 1

For more information, call Carol Wadleigh 303-690-5819.

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Upcoming Holiday Events

- Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Eve Potluck Harvest Supper and Worship
- Dec. 4 Christmas Bell Concert and Holiday Boutique
- Dec. 11 Children's Christmas Program
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at 4, 6, 8, & 11
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day Family Worship at 11am (no Sunday school)
- Jan. 1 New Years Day Family Worship at 11am (no Sunday school)

