

Smoky Hill UMC Sunday School News

Dear Sunday School family,
Happy Spring! I hope that you and your family had a great Easter, a wonderful Spring Break, and that you are enjoying the beautiful days in between our spring snows!

Here at SHUMC, the learning, the service, and the fellowship never end, so please don't think that now that Easter is over, things are quiet around here! In fact, now is the time when we, as disciples, are called to go and spread the news that Jesus Christ is alive and at work in our world!

We have several opportunities for personal spiritual growth in the form of **New Classes** beginning: Revelation Decoded, Women of the Bible, Plenty Good Room, and Value Packed Parenting all begin THIS WEEK! See the bulletin notes, Smoke Signals newsletter, or later in this Sunday School newsletter, for more information!

Our **Kids Night Out** for April is called "What Do Christians Do Now?" and we will be exploring our role as disciples to serve as Christ's hands and feet in our world, and to spread the news of His love to everyone. All children in grades K-5th are invited to join us for an evening of learning, crafts, games, and snack - Wednesday, April 16th, 6:45 - 8 p.m.

This month is also **TV Turnoff Week**, April 21-27th. You'll find a pledge/completion form attached to this newsletter with information about how your family can join the nation in pledging to break free from TV! What would your family do with all those television-watching hours returned to you? Take walks, play games, plant some pansies, read a book? The possibilities are endless! Join your church staff in turning off the TV for an entire week!

Finally, it's not too early to begin thinking about summer, and we have lots of fun for families and kids here at SHUMC this summer! From the **Preschool "Sizzlin' Summer"** program, to **"Beach Party" at Vacation Bible Camp**, to **Kids Day Out** programs, we've got fun and learning for kids this summer! See all of the flyers attached!

Hope to see you at **Bingo Night** on April 19th, 6-8 p.m. - it's intergenerational and the kids LOVE IT! Bring a potluck dish for a great dinner, and have fun playing Bingo with your church friends! This event gets bigger each time the Family Ministry team hosts it - you don't want to miss it! (Nursery available for younger kids - reserve at 303-690-9816 x252 at least 1 week prior!) Have a blessed month -

Linda Ruggles, Director of Christian Education
303-690-9816, ext. 216 lindar@smokyhillumc.org
Please note our Braden's Place Special Needs Ministry has a new phone line for you to reserve a Braden's Buddy for your child or family member - 303-690-9816 x1. We're here to help!

**A SPECIAL WEDNESDAY EVENING
Kids Night Out EVENT!**

"What Do Christians Do Now?"

**WEDNESDAY, April 16th
6:45 - 8:00 P.M.
Room L06 downstairs**

All Kindergarten thru 5th graders are invited to come for a special evening where we'll talk about what we are called to do as disciples of a risen Jesus. How do we act? What actions should we be taking? Story, crafts, games, and a snack!

Come to WWF for supper and worship at 5:45 then stay for Kids Night Out!

Helpers needed - contact Linda Ruggles, x216 - to volunteer

Special Event to remember!

**All Church Potluck and
BINGO NIGHT!**
**Saturday, April 19th
6-8 p.m.**

*Bring a potluck dish to share, and come for a fun evening of food, friends, BINGO, and prizes!
For all ages!*

Childcare available for younger children during Bingo by calling 303-690-9816 x252 at least one week prior.

-Sponsored by the Family Ministry Team

**Contact Billie Mahaffy
303-690-1881**

Sunday School Offering

Each week we collect an offering in Sunday School in order to help defray the costs of curriculum and supplies for our 13 children's, 2 youth, and 3 adult classes. Thank you for your generosity which helps our Sunday School program be as self-supporting as possible.

Sunday School Lessons

Children in our Fish, Doves, and Kindergarten classes at 9:15 are using the Godly Play hands-on stories to learn the stories of the parables of The Sower, The Good Samaritan, and The Good Shepherd!

Children in the 1st-5th grades at 9:15, and the Bright Lights at 10:45 are using the Exploring Faith curriculum to learn the stories the Damascus Road, Paul and Annias, Escape Down the Wall, and Paul and Barnabus.

Children in the Creative Bible Time classes (K-5th) at the 10:45 will use stories, crafts, drama, and music/games to learn the stories of the Good Samaritan, Zaccheus, Pentecost and Peter's Healings.

Please have all children 3rd grade and older bring their Bibles to Sunday School each week. **If your 3rd grade or older child does not have his/her own Bible, please let Linda Ruggles know that we might get them a special Bible as a gift from their church family!**

Cherub Choir

All Kindergartners and 1st graders are welcome to be members of our Cherub Choir! They add so much to each service in which they sing! Cherub Choir is held from 10:20 - 10:40 a.m. each Sunday. The 9:15 Kindergarten and 1st grade classes both come to ROOM L06 downstairs for Cherub Choir at 10:15 each Sunday. We are hopeful that parents of these children will enjoy a cup of coffee, pick up younger children, and then come to pick up the Cherub Choir children at 10:35 a.m. Children who attend the 10:45 Creative Bible Time are invited and encouraged to come at 10:20 to Cherub Choir in Room L06. Sunday School teachers and the Cherub Choir directors, Lisa Bohn and Rachel Wikowsky, will escort all children who have not been picked up by 10:40 to their Creative Bible Time classes.

Dates for your Calendar

April 16th - Kids Night Out - "What do Christians Do Now?", K-5th grades, 6:45 - 8 p.m.

April 19th - All Church Potluck and Bingo Night - 6-8 p.m.

April 21-17th - TV Turnoff Week

May 18th - Super Sunday! Last day of regular Sunday School year - parties, awards!

May 18th - SHUMC goes Mini-Golfing, 3-5 p.m.

May 21st - Kids Night Out "Schools Out...well almost!" K-5th grades, 6:45 - 8 p.m.

June 23-27 - Vacation Bible Camp! Register Now! **Joyful Voices and Heavenly Harmony**

Children's Choirs welcome new members!

Joyful Voices (2nd/3rd) - 4-5 p.m. Sundays

Heavenly Harmony (4th/5th) - 5-6 p.m. Sundays

Please join us in praising God with our voices!

Contact Katie Ruggles, 303-946-5143

COME ON BACK!!

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP **EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING!**

Join your church family for a special WWF time that's especially geared for families with children. We'll have dinner provided (turn in reservations on Sunday before - \$2 suggested donation), worship, praise music, a really fun upbeat service - all around the table!! Each

Wednesday evening at 5:45!

Adult Sunday School Offerings

It's never too late to join an Adult Sunday School class - we offer programming for children that allows parents to attend both worship and a Sunday morning class. Classes are never closed.

Troublesome Bible Passages - 9:15 a.m., Room L06. Have you been looking for a new Bible study class? This group is using a curriculum that will help us look at Bible passages that are difficult to understand, but are important to Christian growth and discipleship. **Please join us!**

Open Door Bible Study - 9:15 a.m., Room 218. This class is for those with all levels of Bible expertise from lots to none! Currently studying the books of 1 and 2 Chronicles, Daniel, Haggai, and Nehemiah, in a study titled "God, The People and The Covenant". **Everyone welcome!**

Contemporary Issues - 9:15 a.m., Room L07. Join us for discussions of current issues and how we react as Christians. **Everyone welcome to join us!**

BEGINNING TODAY (4/6) - 10:45 a.m., Room L07. **Revelation Decoded** -The book of the New Testament we all avoid reading. Now a class to look at it broken down by scholars. Bring an open mind and your questions and together we'll learn more about this book that is full of images and coded messages.

NEW CLASS

VALUE PACKED KIDS : RAISING ROCK-SOLID KIDS in a PLEASURE DRIVEN WORLD - This video-series by Dr. Kevin Leman, family psychologist, is designed to encourage parents to build healthy relationships with their children and at the same time help them understand that they are not alone in the challenges they face in the age of the Internet, technology, and negative media exposure. **Begins Wednesday, April 9th, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** -7 weeks. Childcare available.