

Smoky Hill UMC Sunday School News

Dear Sunday School family,
Tis the season of Advent! For the next four Sundays we prepare our hearts to receive God's son, Jesus, born for each of us! What a wonderful reason to celebrate!

Please see announcements in this newsletter regarding the many special events happening in our church family this month! They include the **Medieval Feast** this next weekend – tickets still available for this special event!

Our **Sunday School Christmas Program** has 2 very important **rehearsals** on Saturdays, Dec. 8th and 15th, at 9:30 a.m. each week. All children are asked to attend!

On the 15th, our 1st ever **Angel Brunch** follows the rehearsal for children and their families! Please sign up and let us know you are coming so we can plan adequate food and crafts!

On the 16th at 1:00 p.m. our children will present “**An ADVENTurous Christmas**” – you won't want to miss this wonderful gift from the children to their families!

Also on the 16th, bring your family nativity scene to share with the congregation in our 1st ever **Nativity Scene display** from 8:30 am – 2 pm.

All Kindergarten – 5th graders are invited to a special **BirthDay Party for Jesus** on Wed., the 19th, 6:30-8 pm. Bring a gift for baby Jesus (for a child) and we'll see that they go to families in need this season! Cupcakes, crafts!

Finally on **Christmas Eve**, we'll have 4 services – 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 and 11:00, with living nativities at the two earliest services – great for children!

Mission opportunities abound from the “Warm Hands, Warm Heart” mitten tree to Fleece Navidad to the Family Homestead giving tree. I have certificates that will acknowledge your contribution to the Denver Urban Peak teen homeless shelter if you wish to give those as an alternative gift this season! Just see me in my office any Sunday, or call me during the week.

During this busy time, I always like to remind families that what children want most for Christmas is special time with their families! Please enjoy some peaceful times of joy with your precious children this season.

I pray your family will enjoy a beautiful Advent season of preparation followed by a blessed Christmas morn!

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year –

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A SPECIAL WEDNESDAY EVENING CHRISTMAS EVENT!

**“A BirthDay Party for Jesus”
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH
6:30 – 8:00 P.M.**

*All Kindergarten thru 5th graders are invited to celebrate Jesus' birthday with a party! Cupcakes, crafts, games, songs, stories – bring a gift for a baby or child to be given to a child in need this Christmas!
Come to WWF for supper and worship at 5:45!*

*Helpers needed – contact Angie Snowden, 303-955-6978
– to volunteer*

Special Events for your calendar!

**“An ADVENTurous
Christmas!”**

**Sunday School Christmas
Program**

**Sunday, December 16th, 1
p.m.**

**TWO REHEARSALS THIS YEAR!!
Saturdays, Dec. 8th and 15th – 9:30-
10:30 a.m. both days – all children
asked to attend!**

***All classes from both the 9:15 and
10:45 hours will be participating!
Dress is holiday wear – please arrive
in classes by 12:30 on program day!***

***The Angel Brunch will follow
the December 15th rehearsal
at
10:30 a.m.***

***A special Christmas brunch for our
children and their families with
crafts for gift-giving, Advent
activities, and the Christmas story
told by Rev. Marti!
Sponsored by the Children's
Ministry Team!***

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 2 adult classes. Thank you for your generosity which helps our Sunday School program be as self-supporting as possible.

Sunday School Lessons

All classes at both Sunday School hours will be learning the stories of Advent and the birth of our Savior, Jesus! A special time to be in Sunday School!

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!

PRAISE GOD WITH YOUR VOICE! CHILDREN'S CHOIRS EVERY SUNDAY for 2nd-5th graders!

All 2nd –5th graders are invited to be a part of children's chime/bell groups and choirs! Please come back and experience the joy of music as a way to praise God!

FOR 2nd/3rd graders Le Petit Chime Choir 3-4 p.m.
Joyful Voices Choir 4-5 p.m.

FOR 4th/5th graders – 4th/5th Bell Choir 4-5 p.m.
Heavenly Harmony Choir 5-6 p.m.

Becky Stevens, Bell/Chimes director, and Katie Ruggles, choir director, would love to welcome your children!

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 10:15 – 10:35 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 10:15 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.

New Year – New Classes!

Consider joining a new class in 2008! These classes are beginning in January. Childcare available by RSVP!

When All Else Fails, Read the Instructions -
Beginning January 8th, 7-8:30 p.m.

Understanding Other World Religions – beginning
January 9th, 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.

Parenting with Love and Logic –beginning

January 13th, 6-8 p.m.

Medieval Feast

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7-8, 6 p.m.
Jesters, music, jugglers, delicious food
– Fun for the entire family! Get your tickets today! Be a part of our new tradition!

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!

WEDNESDAY EVENING CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUPS FOLLOW WWF!

Each Wednesday evening from 6:45 – 8 p.m., children ages Kindergarten – 5th grades are invited to stay for fun, learning, and fellowship with their church friends!

Kingdom Kids (K-2), Room L12
W.O.W. (Wild on Wednesdays) – 3rd-5th – Room L08
No groups meeting on December 26th or January 2nd!

Watch for our **NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS** programming for 2008 – announcements coming soon!

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.

NEW CLASS! Troublesome Bible Passages – 9:15 a.m., Room L06. Have you been looking for a new Bible study class? This group will begin 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 book of Genesis in a study called "God Created A People". Everyone welcome!

Contemporary Issues – 9:15 a.m., Room L07. Join us for discussions of current issues and how we react as Christians. Currently studying "What About Religion and Science?" Everyone welcome to join us!

New classes and short-term adult classes will be offered at the 9:15 and 10:45 hour throughout the year– watch the monthly newsletter and your weekly bulletin for announcements of classes and join us!

Bring your Family Nativity Set to Share on Sunday, December 16th, 8:30- 2 p.m.