

Smoky Hill UMC Sunday School News

Dear Sunday School family,

WOW! What a day! Thanks to all of the families who participated in **Children's Sabbath!** It was such an awesome day celebrating the children from our church and the kids were all sooo great! I've had so many positive comments about the children in our church! Special thanks to everyone who volunteered for some of the "extra" jobs such as ushering, greeting, serving communion, playing the piano, and a HUGE thanks to all of the children who were in "Mo Meets the Future"! Thanks also to everyone who had artwork in the first Children's Sabbath art show – that was a great success too!

As Lent begins, I hope you will find time to spend quiet moments reflecting on your relationship with God and on his son, Jesus, who gave His life for us all. There are several **Lenten study groups** available to join and discuss our Lenten series book "The Last Week" –please sign up for one if you are able! If you are unable to be in a group and would like to purchase a book to follow along with the Lenten sermon series, please contact me.

Several mission opportunities to remind you of: **TODAY is UNDIE SUNDAY!** This Sunday, the closest one before Valentine's Day, it is the tradition of our church to collect new children's underwear of all sizes to be given to local elementary schools to distribute to those children who often go without. Our goal this year is to collect 1800 pairs! If you forgot to bring undies today, bring them next week! Thanks for helping us meet our goal!

NEXT Wednesday, February 13th, is our **monthly "Kids Night Out"** from 6:45 – 8 p.m. for all children in K-5th grades. This month we are mission –focused in our theme "Love is All Around Us". All children are welcome to join us – parent help also needed!

The fourth Sunday of Lent is **always "One Great Hour of Sharing"** when all United Methodist churches collect a special offering for UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief). UMCOR gives disaster relief to places where natural or societal disasters have hit hardest. On March 2, our entire Sunday School offering will go to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Thank you for your generosity!

Save the date for our special **Bunny Brunch** on Saturday, March 15th, 9-11 a.m. And don't forget, we'll have Sunday School as usual on Easter Day, March 23rd! Come hear the greatest story ever told!

Have a blessed February!

Linda Ruggles, Director of Christian Education

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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!**

"Love is All Around Us"

**WEDNESDAY, February 13th
6:45 – 8:00 P.M.
Room L06 downstairs**

All Kindergarten thru 5th graders are invited to come "spread a little love" as we make Valentines, sandwiches, and sort and count our Undie Sunday undies! We'll have games, stories, songs, and snack as well! See you there!

Come to WWF for supper and worship at 5:45!

Helpers needed – contact Linda Ruggles, x216 – to volunteer

***Special Events for your
calendar!***

SHUMC Family SWIM PARTY

Sunday, March 2nd, 3-5 p.m.

The Trails Rec Center

***\$3 per person age 2 and up
Under 2, free***

The Trails members, FREE

***Check –in at the desk and mention
SHUMC to get the church rate!***

Contact Billie, 303-690-1881

***Sponsored by Family Ministry
Team***

The Bunny Brunch

Saturday, March 15th, 9-11 a.m.

***Petting Zoo, Easter Egg Hunt,
Crafts, Cookie-decorating, and
of course, BRUNCH!***

***Each child bring 1 dozen candy-
filled plastic eggs – no peanuts!***

Lots of helpers needed!

**See Linda X216
Sponsored by 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 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 Lent, Jesus and the Children and Jesus and Bartimaeus.

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 of The Forgiving Father, The Pharisee and the Tax Collector, and The Two Houses.

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 Jesus Teachings/The Beatitudes, The Unforgiving Servant, and the Prodigal Son.

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.

**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
Choir begins each week starting Feb. 17th!
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!

Dates for your Calendar

TODAY! Undie Sunday!
TODAY! Feb. 10th – Lenten Prayer Sampler, 1-4 p.m.
**Feb. 13th – Kids Night Out “Love is All Around Us”,
6:45 p.m.**
Feb. 22nd – Celia Whittler concert in the sanctuary!
Mar. 2nd – SHUMC Family Swim Party, 3-5 p.m.
Mar. 15th – Bunny Brunch, 9-11 a.m.
Mar. 16th – Palm Sunday
**Mar. 19th – Kids Night Out – “WDJD – What Did
Jesus Do?”**
**Mar. 23rd – Easter Sunday – Sunday School as
usual!**

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 book of Luke in a study called “God's Call to a Christian Community”. Everyone welcome!

Contemporary Issues – 9:15 a.m., Room L07. Join us for discussions of current issues and how we react as Christians. Currently using “The Last Week” Lenten study as our guide! Everyone welcome to join us!