

## Smoky Hill UMC Sunday School News

Dear Sunday School family,  
As we move quickly toward Easter, let me take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful and blessed holiday! There are many special events this month in remembrance of Holy Week and in celebration of Easter!

The first is our **"Bunny Brunch" which is on Sat., March 15th, 9–11 a.m.** Please note that this event replaces the "Easter Party" of past years. We will still have wonderful crafts, a delicious brunch, an Easter egg hunt, the petting zoo, and cookie decorating. We are in need of cookie bakers, and lots of volunteers. **NEW THIS YEAR – Each child should bring 1 dozen candy-filled eggs – no peanut or peanut products!** Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to this wonderful event!

On **Palm Sunday, March 16th**, the children at both Sunday School hours will be participating in worship as they wave palms during the opening celebration! We hope that all children can be in Sunday School on this special Sunday!

On Wednesday, March 19th, we will have our monthly **Kids Night Out** for all K–5th grade children! Our theme this month will be **"WDJD – What did Jesus do?"** and we'll be discussing the events of Holy Week, specifically Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We meet from 6:45 – 8 p.m. in Room L06 downstairs – and as usual can use adult and youth volunteers! Prior to our event, your family is invited to a special **WWF** (Wednesday Worship & Fellowship) at 5:45 p.m. where Rev. Dan will re-enact the Passover Seder.

Here at the church, we'll remember Holy Week with both a **Maundy Thursday service** (March 20th) commemorating the Last Supper, and a **Good Friday service** (March 21st) remembering Jesus' death on the cross. Both services will be at 7 p.m. We invite you and older children to participate in our **Labyrinth Prayer Walk** on Good Friday, between the hours of 4–8 p.m.

Saturday morning, March 22nd, we'll be preparing the church for Easter at our **all-church clean-up day!**

**Easter morning, March 23rd**, will be a JOYOUS event! We hope that you, your family, friends and neighbors, will join us for Easter services at the normal worship times of 8:00, 9:15, and 10:45, with a brunch served by the youth from 8– 11 a.m. **THERE WILL BE SUNDAY SCHOOL AS USUAL on Easter – come hear the greatest story ever told!**

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!**

### **"WDJD – What Did Jesus Do?"**

**WEDNESDAY, March 19th  
6:45 – 8:00 P.M.  
Room L06 downstairs**

*All Kindergarten thru 5th graders are invited to come for a special Holy Week Kids Night Out! We'll be discussing the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday thru stories, crafts, and a special Passover snack. See you there!*

*Come to WWF for supper and worship at 5:45 – Rev. Dan will be re-enacting the Last Supper !*

*Helpers needed – contact Linda Ruggles, x216 – to volunteer*

### ***Special Events to remember! TODAY!!***

#### **SHUMC Family SWIM PARTY**

**TODAY, 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 brings 1 dozen candy-filled  
plastic eggs – no peanuts!**

**Lots of cookie bakers and helpers  
needed!**

**Call Pat 303–627–9754 or Angie 303–  
955–6978**

**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 Zaccheus, Jesus and the King, the Passover, and Jesus is Risen!

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 Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus Lives and the road to Emmaus.

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 Bartimaeus, Jesus in the Synagogue, Palm Sunday, Easter, and the Walk to Emmaus.

Please have all children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older bring their Bibles to Sunday School each week. **If your 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**TODAY! -One Great Hour of Sharing - entire Sunday School offering donated to UMCOR!**  
**Mar. 15th - Bunny Brunch, 9-11 a.m.**  
**Mar. 16th - Palm Sunday - all children waving palms!**  
**Mar. 19th - Kids Night Out - "WDJD - What Did Jesus Do?"**  
**Mar. 23rd - Easter Sunday - Sunday School as usual!**

### 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

**(No choir today, 3/2 - see you at the swim party!)**

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. Currently using "The Last Week" Lenten study as our guide! Everyone welcome to join us!

**BEGINNING APRIL 6th - 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.