

Smoky Hill UMC Sunday School News

Dear Sunday School family,
Happy November- it truly has been a beautiful fall this year! Thanks to all of you who worked and shopped in our Pumpkin Patch – it was a great success! As we enter this month when we bring “giving thanks” to the forefront of our hearts and minds, I want you to know how thankful I am that your children are a part of our Sunday School program here at Smoky Hill. They bless us each week with Godly love shown in so many ways!

This month is also our Stewardship campaign here at SHUMC, and this year we are asking the elementary age children to consider how they might serve in our church. Is it by attending worship, singing in a choir, coming to Sunday School, praying for others in our congregation, giving a part of their allowance to the offering?

On November 11th, or the week thereafter, each child in Kindergarten-5th grade will receive their own pledge card, especially designed for the children of our church. Any child wishing to pledge time, talents, gifts, and/or service for 2008, should bring their pledge card to Sunday School on November 18th. We will bring the children into the service during the time that pledge cards are placed on the altar, so that they might turn their cards in at that time as well. Please discuss giving with your children this month – if you have any questions, please contact me.

Speaking of service - we continue to have an understaffed Sunday School program, and I would really appreciate your help in completing our teaching teams. Currently we are taking advantage of those teachers who have already said “yes” by not giving them a full team of at least 3 teachers. By having 3 adults per classroom, teachers can take some Sundays off knowing that their classroom still has good coverage. Those classrooms where we are still needing additional persons to “touch eternity by teaching” are:

9:15 hour – Kindergarten (1), and 5th grade (1)
10:45 hour – Bright Lights Preschool (1), Kindergarten (1 – no lesson prep), **1st/2nd (2 – no lesson prep)**, 3rd-5th (1 – no lesson prep). Also needed at 10:45 – **Storytellers (2)**, Art/Crafts leader (1), Music/Games leader (1), and **Drama leaders (2)**.

If you attend the 9:15 service, please consider helping out in our 10:45 Sunday School – you can see that we are really understaffed during this hour! Curriculum is provided for all levels and for all areas of programming. See me TODAY if you can help! I would be most thankful!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving –

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Sunday School Lessons

Our Preschool through Kindergarten classes at the 9:00 hour will be using the Godly Play bands on storytelling curriculum to learn the stories of The Ten Commandments, The Promised Land, Jonah, and the Church Year Calendar. 1st-5th grades at 9:00, and the Bright Lights at 10:30 will use the Exploring Faith curriculum to learn stories of David and Solomon. Our Creative Bible Time classes (K-5th) at the 10:30 hour will be exploring the stories of Moses, the Red Sea, The Ten Commandments and Jonah, using crafts, drama, music and games. 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!

Special December 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! Try-outs for parts coming soon!

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.

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.

A SPECIAL WEDNESDAY EVENING CHRISTMAS EVENT!

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS" PARTY **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH** **6:30 – 8:00 P.M.**

Watch for your special invitation for all Kindergarten thru 5th graders 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!

JOE SAKIC ALERT!!!

Saturday, December 15th, 7:00 p.m - SHUMC goes to the Avalanche game! Discounted tickets available - order by November 18th! Contact Billie Mahaffy - 303-690-1880. Sponsored by Family Ministry Team!

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 November 21st!

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!

THIS THURSDAY!

Unplug the Christmas Machine – take the stress out of your family's holiday season this year! Thursdays, Nov. 8th and 15th, 7-9 p.m.

Register with Linda Ruggles.

Childcare available for by reservation!