

Throughout the year, the Adult Education Team will sponsor invited speakers. Please watch for information in the “Smoke Puffs” in the weekly bulletin and the “Smoke Signals” monthly newsletter.

BIBLE STUDY

Open Door Sunday School Class

The “Open Door Sunday School Class” is a Bible Study that is based on scripture and how it relates to everyday life and issues. Each lesson stands alone and does not require full time attendance. This is a group participation class with lively discussion.

Dates: Every Sunday

Time: 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Location: Room 218

Preregistration: Not Required

Contact: Mike Ruggles 303-693-1143, Dave Sassman 303-693-1656, or Vic Whitehead 303-841-0654

Disciple Bible Study

Disciple Bible study develops strong Christian leaders through the in-depth study of Scripture. Through Disciple, persons will be strengthened in their faith and guided into service and ministry. All Disciple students begin with the comprehensive Disciple I study, and then are encouraged to strengthen their knowledge and commitment through the more concentrated Disciple II, III, IV, or V courses in subsequent years. (These subsequent courses may be taken in any order.) All classes run September through

May, with preregistration required. Disciple Bible study is not only informational, but transformational, as lives are changed through concentrated daily study and listening for God's purpose in individual lives. All the studies conclude with a Friday evening through Saturday afternoon retreat in May as the ending of a remarkable year of growth and learning.

All Disciple Classes:

Dates/Times: Weekly September through May - days/times particular to each class

Locations: Rooms vary by class

Cost: Disciple I-IV - \$45 per person, \$80 per couple, Disciple V - \$55 per person, \$100 per couple

Preregistration: Required. Childcare available by preregistration.

Contact Person: Linda Ruggles 303-690-9816 X216

Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

This 34-week study moves through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, with participants reading over 75% of the Bible. Disciple I requires about 30-45 minutes of daily reading and preparation for six days per week, and a commitment to the weekly 2-hour class sessions.

Fellowship, friendships, discovery of personal gifts, and how to live life as a disciple of Christ, are all part of this life-changing Bible study.

Dates: Sunday evenings and/or weekday evenings

Disciple II: Into the Word, Into the World

This 32-week study for Disciple I grads, concentrates on 4 books of the Bible - Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. This study teaches basic study skills for going deeper into Scripture through the use of reference books. It links Bible study to witness and service in the world, and emphasizes spiritual disciplines and reordering life's priorities in response to God's call.

Dates: Tuesday evenings

Disciple III: Remember Who You Are

This 32-week study concentrates on the Prophets and Paul's Letters. Using a portfolio of maps and charts, the Prophets and Paul's writings are placed in historical and geographical context. It echoes the demand of the prophets and Paul to put God first - to be a community of obedience through repentance and memory of whose children we are.

Dates: Tuesday mornings and Sunday or weekday evenings

Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life

This 32-week study looks at the Writings (Old Testament books not in the Torah or the Prophets), the Gospel of John, and the book of Revelation. This study addresses community and individual life as a disciple through the use of words, images, dance, and music. It taps into the power of the Psalms with a psalm of the week, shows the unique character of the Gospel of John, and ends with a video-led worship experience of the book of Revelation.

Dates: Sunday evenings

Disciple V: Jesus in the Gospels

This is also known as Disciple Second Generation. This is a thirty (30) week study. There will be a need to spend more time in preparation for this class. You will have a Handbook, a study manual, and a Gospel Comparison. Participants in the "Jesus in the Gospels" will encounter the Jesus who is both hard to ignore and hard to CONTROL - an attractive, commanding, morally compelling figure. It is that Jesus who is Lord, Savior and Friend. Participants will need to pay close attention to names, places and people. The first twenty-one (21) weeks will deal primarily with Matthew, Mark and Luke and the final nine weeks will deal with the book of John. It is recommended that the participants use a New Revised Standard Version Study Bible. Recommended is either the Harper Collins Study Bible, the New Interpreter's Study Bible, or the Oxford Annotated Study Bible. All contain the

Apocryphal Books, which will be some of the reading assignments as well as the Old Testament.

Dates: Tuesday mornings

Luke's Message

This 6-week study by J. Ellsworth Kalas will share the "good news" for the New Millennium by exploring the Gospel of Luke. The implications of Luke for living today will also be explored.

Dates: Wednesdays, September 12th – October 17th

Time: 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Room 215

Cost: \$6.50 per person

Preregistration: Preferred, but not required. Childcare available by pre-registration.

Contact: Ben Berges, 303-337-8713

Invitation to the Old Testament

This 8-week study from the creators of Disciple Bible Study, invites participants to listen afresh to the various narrators of stories from the Torah, the Law, the Prophets, and the Wisdom writings. Participants gain a broad perspective of how the Old Testament clarifies God's call in the Bible and encourages our response.

Dates: Begins in January, 2008, Day TBA

Time: TBA

Location : TBA

Cost: \$20 per person, \$30 per couple

Preregistration: Preferred, but not required. Childcare available by pre-registration.

Contact: Linda Ruggles, 303-690-9816 x216

Invitation to the New Testament

The story of Jesus is the starting point for understanding the church's identity and mission. This 8-week study weaves a dialogue between that story as told by Matthew, and the other New Testament writings. Participants learn

how the New Testament writers wrestled with the issues and implications of the story of Jesus for the formation of communities of faith. From the creators of Disciple Bible Study.

Dates: Begins in March, 2008, Day TBA

Time: TBA.

Location: TBA

Cost: \$20 per person, \$30 per couple

Preregistration: Preferred, but not required. Childcare available by pre-registration.

Contact: Linda Ruggles, 303-690-9816 x216

Sisters in Spirit

Morning Bible study for women.

Dates: The first meeting of this group will be Thursday, September 20th, and the group will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

Time: 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Room 218

Cost: Based on study being done. Usually ranges between \$7 and \$13.

Childcare reservations are required - Please call one week in advance at 303-690-9816, x 220.

Contact: Donna Harris, Cradle Care Coordinator, 303-690-9816, x 252 or DonnaH@SmokyHillUMC.org

Revelation Decoded

The book of the New Testament that we all avoid reading. Now a class to look at it broken down by scholars. A nine week class complete with a study book and videos to discuss. Bring an open mind and your questions and together we will learn more about this book that is full of images and coded messages to the seven churches.

Dates: Sundays, Feb. 10 – April 13 (no class on March 23rd)

Time: 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Location: Room L07

Cost TBA

Preregistration: Preferred, but not required

Contact: Dave Sassman, 303-693-1656

THEOLOGY

New Member Orientation Class

If you wish to become a member of Smoky Hill United Methodist Church, we offer new member orientations throughout the year. During this class, you will learn the expectations of being a member of Smoky Hill UMC. In addition, you will get acquainted with each other, learn about the United Methodist Church, John Wesley, and the history of Smoky Hill UMC. You will have an opportunity to discover your spiritual gifts. Lay members will talk about their involvement in Smoky Hill, and you will learn about ways that you can use your gifts in service at Smoky Hill UMC.

Dates and Times:

Sunday, August 26 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 29 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Sunday, October 21 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 17 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Wednesday, January 30th, 6:30 – 9:00 pm..

Sunday, February 24th, 11:30 a.m.– 2:30 p.m

Saturday, April 5th, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Saturday, May 10th, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Location: Room 218

Preregistration: Vicky Gorman, 303-690-9816 x 205

Childcare available by preregistration.

Baptism Classes

Understand the vows of baptism in the United Methodist church. This class is required for adults who wish to be

baptized or take the vows of baptism on behalf of their children. Led by Rev. Marti.

Dates:

Sunday, September 16 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 4 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 2 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 3 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Sunday, April 20 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Upper Room

Preregistration: Preferred, but not required. Childcare available by preregistration.

Contact: Rev. Marti, 303-690-9816, x203

The Bible and Theology

A Kerygma Bible study program on Wednesday evenings after WWF from 6:45 till 8:30. We will be looking at two fundamental questions of Christian thought, How are we Saved? Then Where is Authority? The resource book costs \$13.00 and discussion is lively. This is a four part look at the theological ideas in the form of doctrines which have been embraced by all Christendom with little variation. All are welcome if you have an interest in these topics. Each question is looked at in three different ways. First from the Old Testament viewpoint, second from the New Testament viewpoint, and thirdly from the viewpoint of eight major Christian doctrines.

Dates: Wednesdays beginning September 12th

Time: 6:45-8:30 p.m.

Location: Room L07

Cost: \$13 for participant book

Preregistration: Required. Childcare available by preregistration.

Contact: Dave Sassman, 303-693-1656

Plenty Good Room

This unique short-term Bible study combines an in-depth look at Scripture, American history, and the musical melodies and rhythms of African American spirituals! The six-session study provides biblical, social, and historical analyses of the spirituals: "Rock-a My Soul," "Go Down Moses," "Balm in Gilead," "Ain't Dat Good News?," "Every Time I Feel the Spirit," and "Plenty Good Room."

Dates: Tuesdays, April 8th – May 20th

Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Location : L06

Cost: \$6.50

Preregistration: Preferred, but not required. Childcare available by preregistration.

Contact: Linda Ruggles, 303-690-9816 x216

Understanding Other World Religions

Have you ever wanted to understand the other major world religions? We will be inviting “experts” from the Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, and Hindu faiths to join us for four informative sessions.

Dates: Wednesdays, January 9th – February 20th (no class February 6th)

Time: 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: L06

Preregistration: Preferred, but not required. Childcare available by preregistration.

Contact: Debbie Kemper, 720-747-7473

Lost Christianities ~ The Battles for Scripture and the Faiths We Never Knew.

A twelve week look at the early Christian movements in the first century through the middle of the fourth century.

It may be difficult to imagine a religious phenomenon more diverse than modern-day Christianity. There are Roman Catholic missionaries in developing countries who devote themselves to voluntary poverty for the sake of others, and evangelical televangelists who run twelve-step programs to ensure financial success. There are New England Presbyterians and Appalachian snake handlers. There are liberal Methodist political activists intent on transforming society, and there are followers of Jehovah Witness leader David Williams (aka David Koresh) still today who think the world has already started to end, beginning with the events at Waco, Texas. Many of these Christian groups refuse to consider other such groups as Christian.

What could be more diverse than this variegated phenomenon, Christianity in the modern world? Christianity in the ancient world. Historians have come to realize, during the first three centuries, the practices and beliefs found among people who called themselves Christian were so varied that the differences between Roman Catholics, Primitive Baptists, and Seventh-Day Adventists pale by comparison.

The wide diversity of early Christianity may be seen above all in the theological beliefs embraced by people who understood themselves to be followers of Jesus. In the second and third centuries there were of course, Christians who believed in one God. But there were others who insisted there were two. Some said there were thirty. Others claimed there were 365.

Want to learn more? Join us for videos and discussion. See the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space next to the Disciple sign up.

Dates: Sunday evenings beginning September 9th

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Location: Room 215

Preregistration: Preferred, but not required
Contact: Dave Sassman, 303-693-1656

Iliff School of Theology Offerings

Iliff School of Theology offers frequent lectures, workshops, a monthly "Lunch with a Professor" series, as well as other special events that are open to the public. We encourage Smoky Hill UMC members and friends to take advantage of these opportunities to learn and grow. For dates and upcoming events please visit their web site:
www.iliff.edu/events/lectures_workshops.htm

Denver Institute for Jewish Studies

This local organization brings in nationally known speakers for special daytime and evening events that are open to the public. Many of the topics addressed are interesting to Christians as we seek to better understand the Old Testament writings and the faith of our Jewish brothers and sisters. For dates and upcoming events, please visit their web site:
www.dijs.org/

SPIRITUALITY

Introduction to Centering Prayer

This workshop and the follow-on course will help the Christian understand the principles and practice of Centering Prayer. This contemplative type of prayer will help you not only focus and center during your prayer time, but also help you as you attempt to discover what God is speaking to you. Both of these events are being held in cooperation with St. Michael's Catholic Church, Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church, and Smoky Hill United Methodist Church. The initial workshop and 6-week follow-on course will be held at St. Michael's, with the 2nd follow-on course "The Human Condition" to be held here at SHUMC. All courses led by John Congdon and Janine Schiavoni of the Contemplative Outreach Center of Colorado.

Dates: Initial Workshop, Saturday, September 8th with follow-on course on Thursdays, for 6 weeks beginning September 13th.

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., follow-on course on Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Location: St. Michael's Catholic Church, Aurora

Cost: \$25 for the 6-week series

Preregistration: Required

Contact: Janine Schiavoni, Contemplative Outreach Center of Colorado, 303-805-1950

The Human Condition

This 2nd follow-on workshop from Fr. Thomas Keating's series "Spiritual Journey" will use the book *Invitation to Love*, also by Fr. Keating. The workshop will include time for Centering Prayer, as well the DVD presentation by Fr. Keating, discussion and sharing. This 7-week course is being held in cooperation with St. Michael's Catholic Church, Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church, and Smoky Hill United Methodist Church. Led by John Congdon and Janine Schiavoni of the Contemplative Outreach Center of Colorado.

Dates: Thursdays, October 25th – December 13th (no class on Thanksgiving)

Time: 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Location: Upper Room, Smoky Hill UMC

Cost: TBA

Preregistration: Required

Contact: Janine Schiavoni, Contemplative Outreach Center of Colorado, 303-805-1950

Walk To Emmaus

This weekend is a spiritual encounter with God which will change your life. Each person who attends will have a sponsor who has attended a previous walk and who will be your contact before and after a weekend. The weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends late Sunday afternoon.

Dates/Location: Id-Ra-Ha-Je Camp - Conifer

Men: September 13th – 16th, 2007; Women: September 27th – 30th, 2007

Spring Dates and locations TBA

Cost: TBA

Preregistration: Required.

Contact: Marka Wellington, SHUMC member, 303-766-9154

"The Last Week" – 2008 Lenten Study

Using the book *The Last Week* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, this study will take a deep look at the Scriptures from Jesus' final days in Jerusalem. The series will follow Rev. Marti and Rev. Dan's Lenten sermon series and will include reflection and discussion of the book as well as the weekly sermons.

Lenten small group leaders will be recruited in November and December to begin leadership in February. To be a Lenten group leader, contact Linda Ruggles, 303-690-9816, x216.

Dates: Groups on various days/times during Lent (February 6th – March 21st)

Locations: Rooms and homes – will vary by group

Cost: Cost of book and-or handouts

Preregistration: Sign ups for groups will begin in January.

Contact: Linda Ruggles, 303-690-9816, x216

Labyrinth Walks

The ancient church used walking as a meditation tool. Learn and experience a prayer walk to deepen your relationship with God.

Dates: Ash Wednesday, February 6th, and Good Friday, March 21st

Time: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Gathering Space

Preregistration: Not required

Contact: Kathy Gamrath, 303-696-8317, or Betsy Bayer, 303-400-5353

Lenten Prayer Sampler

This bi-annual event on the first Sunday of Lent, is a chance to experience several different types of prayer in preparation for the Lenten season. Come enjoy a quiet afternoon led by various church and community prayer workshop leaders.

Come prepare your soul. Co-sponsored by Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church and Smoky Hill United Methodist Church.

Date: Sunday, February 10th

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Smoky Hill United Methodist Church

Cost: \$5 per person

Preregistration: Preferred but not required. Childcare available by pre-registration.

Contact: Linda Ruggles, 303-690-9816, x216

LIFE APPLICATION & SOCIAL ISSUES

Contemporary Issues

A class that offers opportunity for open discussion of current events and issues as they relate to our faith. This fall, come explore the connection between Religion and Science!

Dates: Sunday mornings

Time: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Location: Room L07

Preregistration: Not required

Contact: Roger Wadleigh, 303-690-5819

Nite Readers

This group of ladies meets monthly for book discussion and fellowship. Book selections are made by the group.

Date: 3rd Tuesday of each month

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Elizabeth Larsen's home

Preregistration: Not required.

Contact: Elizabeth Larsen, 303-693-3255

Weekly Readers Men's Book Group

This group of men meets weekly to discuss books on a variety of topics relating to our faith. New members welcome.

Dates: Every Thursday morning

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Location: Room 218

Preregistration: Not required.

Contact: Rev. Mack Lovvorn 303-699-1796

Becoming a Love and Logic Parent®

* Would you like to feel more confident as a parent?

* Would you like to have more fun parenting?

* Would you like to feel more relaxed at the end of the day?

This is a fun and rewarding way to take the frustration, stress and confusion out of dealing with toddlers to teenagers. Mary Bayer is a trained Love and Logic facilitator and parent of 2 children ages 6 & 10.

Dates: Sundays, September 16th – October 21st, 2007 or
Sundays, January 13th – February 24th, 2008 (no class
February 3rd)

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Room 218

Cost: \$75 per person or \$105 per couple, includes
workbook and handouts. Discount for early registration –
see website below!

Preregistration: Required. Childcare is limited and
available only by preregistration – register on website or
call 303-690-9816 x 220.

Contact: Mary Bayer, 303-400-0800.

www.beabetterparent.org

Making the Most of Marriage

This workshop will help couples build a relationship that will last a lifetime! Presented by Dr. Kevin Leman, renowned family psychologist, this 7-week video series features sessions titled “Where Have All the Flowers Gone?” and “Sex Begins in the Kitchen!” among others. For those married 7 days to 70 years, as well as those preparing for marriage, you’ll laugh and be touched by this great workshop!

Dates: Wednesdays, October 3rd – November 28th (no class on October 31st or November 21st)

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Room 218

Cost: Workbooks available for \$10

Preregistration: Preferred, but not required. Childcare available by preregistration.

Contact: Linda Ruggles, 303-690-9816 x216

New Beginnings Divorce Recovery

This 8-week class is for those who are looking for a place to begin healing after the end of their marriage. Class members will learn healthy coping techniques for handling life during this difficult time. The first six weeks of this class runs concurrently with *Rainbows*, our group for children and youth (ages 4-16) who are experiencing a divorce or death in their family. Childcare available by preregistration for the last 2 weeks of class (and for all 8 weeks for younger children).

Dates: Wednesdays, October 3rd – November 21st or February 13th – April 2nd

Location: Upper Room

Cost: \$32 for book and materials

Preregistration: Preferred, but not required. Childcare provided by preregistration.

Contact: Vicky Gorman, 303-690-9816, x205

Discovery Workshops

If you have ever wondered how God intended for you to serve in the church and/or in the world this is the class for you. It will also help you to learn your unique style, personality traits, passions and values. This focused training has been designed exclusively for.....

- people in transition of any kind (marriage, divorce, retirement, college)
- volunteers that are not feeling fulfilled
- team leaders
- individuals or families with an interest in improved communication

This interactive learning experience introduces you to how to build effective teams and motivate volunteers. Whether you are a new leader or seasoned in the church, you will leave with a better understanding of yourself and others. This solid approach to uncovering your uniqueness was developed and researched from hundreds of programs. You'll learn a lot about yourself and thank God for the style and person He created you to be.

Dates/Times: Sundays, October 14th – November 18th, 10:45 a.m. – 12:15, or Saturday, November 3rd, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Winter and Spring classes TBA

Locations: Sundays - Room 218, Saturday workshop – TBA

Cost: \$20

Preregistration: Preferred. Childcare available by pre-registration.

Contact: Bobbie D'Addario at 303-690-0816 ext. 204 or email bobbied@smokyhillumc.org.

Growing Through Grief

A supportive group that explores the nature of grief and invites members to share their story in a non threatening atmosphere.

Dates: TBA

Time: TBA

Location: TBA

Preregistration: Required - minimum of five persons

Contact : Rev. Dan Odell, 303-690-9816 x 202

P.R.E.P. (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program)

PREP is a nationally acclaimed research-based seminar that is designed for couples to learn the necessary skills for creating healthy relationships and preventing future marital problems and divorce.

Research has shown that couples who learn the PREP skills had a 50% lower breakup rate and reported being happier and more satisfied in their relationship than similar couples without this training. Through entertaining presentations and videos, couples learn communication skills and how to handle conflict that is inevitable in long-term relationships. Led by Rev. Dan Odell and Rev. Penny Swift Kelly, PREP is required for all couples who plan to be married at Smoky Hill UMC, and recommended for all couples who want to boost their communication skills and ways of handling conflict.

Dates: TBA

Time: TBA

Location: TBA

Cost: \$50 for book and materials.

Preregistration: Required by one week prior. Childcare available by preregistration.

Contact: Rev. Dan Odell, 303-690-9816 x202

Eternal Journey

What happens to us when we die? Is there an afterlife? Do we enter another phase of existence....or vanish into the ether? Approximately one in every ten American adults has glimpsed the ultimate answer in a near-death experience. Using the book "*The Eternal Journey*" by Craig R. Lundahl, Ph.D. and Harold A. Widdison, Ph.D., this class will explore how near-death experiences illuminate our earthly lives.

Dates: Tuesday, October 2 – November 13, skipping
October 30
Time: 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Room L06
Contact: Bob Krech, 303-690-1799

Unplug the Christmas Machine

Does the commercialism of the Christmas season seem to zap the holidays of their true meaning? Come participate in a workshop where you'll determine your family priorities around scheduling, gift-giving, spending, and exactly how you'll celebrate the holidays this year. Each year that this workshop is offered, we receive many comments on how much less stressful the holiday season was for the families that participate. Spouses and older children are invited to attend together!

Dates: Thursdays, November 8th and 15th – participants need to attend both sessions!
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Location: Room 218
Cost: \$15 for book
Preregistration: Preferred, but not required. Childcare available by preregistration.
Contact: Linda Ruggles, 303-690-9816 x216

When All Else Fails....Read the Instructions

This 14-session class explores the Ten Commandments, The Beatitudes, and Jesus' commandment to love one another. Find the peace that comes with simply following the teachings of the Scriptures as you deal with the happenings of everyday life.

Dates: Tuesdays, January 8th – April 15th
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Room 217

Cost: \$13.50 for book

Preregistration: Preferred, but not required. Childcare available by preregistration.

Contact: Nancy Cates, 720-870-1962

Value – Packed Parenting: Raising Rock-Solid Kids in a Pleasure-Driven World

This video-based 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. Topics include: “How to listen so kids will talk, and how to talk so kids will listen” and “Ten Ways to improve your child’s self-confidence” as well as ways to help kids overcome the negative influence of the internet, the media and technology.

Dates: Wednesdays, April 9th – May 21st

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Room 218

Cost: Workbooks available for \$10

Preregistration: Preferred, but not required. Childcare available by preregistration.

Contact: Linda Ruggles, 303-690-9816, x216

Gathering Space Gallery

The Gathering Space Gallery features special exhibits and artwork by members of the Smoky Hill UMC congregation.

If you are interested in exhibiting your work, contact Carol Wadleigh at 303-690-5819, ext 200.

SHUMC Stewardship Education Team

The SHUMC Stewardship Education team offers courses in financial and life management. From time to time these short courses or workshops will be announced via church

newsletter or bulletin. These courses may also be requested by groups as a special class presentation.

First You Dream -- A three-session financial planning class that will help you take control of your finances, debt, and position your life to follow your dreams.

Wills and Estate Planning -- This workshop has been led by local attorneys specializing in estate planning, and help us answer questions about conveyance of property and care for our children after our death. Planning for possible child care is critically important for parents of any child under age 18.

Protecting Your Finances through Long Term Care Insurance --

This brief overview is a partner course for Wills and Estate Planning, as it answers many questions that come up about when to buy long term care insurance.

Financial Planning for Youth -- It's never too early to start learning about managing money. This course was designed for high school students, but would be appropriate for middle school or high school students.

Planning Ahead for Your Funeral -- One of the kindest thing that a person can do for their loved ones is to plan ahead for their funeral, and thereby relieve family and friends from decisions during a difficult time. You would be surprised to see how much easier this planning can be when working in a group.

SHUMC Endowment Fund -- Our church has established an endowment fund, that can support your charitable wishes now at some time in the future. Learn how the fund operates and how it can be of benefit to you.

Other workshops of a similar nature have been considered and would be supported by the Stewardship Education team. If you are interested in requesting a workshop, adding to the group's workshop offerings, or leading a small group, contact Emily Mann at 303-690-0944, emily.r.mann@lmco.com

Marriage Encounter Weekends

Marriage Encounter Weekends are a time away for married couples who already have a strong marriage, and want to enhance their communication skills to make their good marriage even better. The weekends usually take place in a hotel setting with trained Marriage Encounter couples as leaders. The web site for World Wide Marriage Encounter is www.wwme.org. They offer a video online to view about a weekend.

Contact: Bud & Cindy Amack, CindyAmack@comcast.net,
303-796-9119

Special Thanks to the Adult Education Team for their hard work in preparing these class offerings!

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**Smoky Hill Adult Education Opportunities
2007-2008
Class Registration Form**

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Address _____

Class(es) registering for (class name):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

(Please feel to add additional classes on the back of this form!)

Payment, if any, should be made by check to: SHUMC, with class(es) indicated in memo portion. Thank you.

To register for childcare call the Childcare Reservation Line at least one week in advance of the class. The number is 303-690-9816, x 220. If you need to cancel the reservation call the same number by 12:00 p.m. the day of the class.

What classes would you like offered in the future?

**Return completed forms to Linda Ruggles,
Director of Christian Education,
303-690-9816 x 216
lindar@smokyhillumc.org**