



ELEMENTS

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



Patti's Ponderings

Last summer I took a pilgrimage to Ireland to immerse myself in Celtic spirituality. I was drawn to their way of seeing God and practicing faith in daily life. I continue to be sustained by the Celtic prayers and music I have added into the rhythm of my day. They ground my spirit in the vast love of God and give me a calmness and clarity to navigate the ups and downs of each day. For example, here is a prayer I recently encountered written by David Adam and found in *The Book of a Thousand Prayers*:

I weave a silence on my lips
 I weave a silence into my mind
 I weave a silence within my heart.
I close my ears to distractions
 I close my eyes to attractions
 I close my heart to temptations.
Calm me, O Lord, as you stilled the storm.
 Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm.
 Enfold me Lord, in your peace. Amen.

I will be sharing about my journey to Ireland on Tuesday, March 17th from 6:30-8:00 pm. All are welcome. Join me for an evening of pictures, stories, and music as well as a taste of Celtic spirituality and worship. Wear your green and I'll bring some Guinness brownies, and we'll have a fun Celtic evening together. 🍀

~Pastor Patti



As we move into Spring, we will have two events coming soon that you will not want to miss...

The first event will be "Good Grief" and is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd.

Good Grief will be an opportunity for everyone to come together, learn about grief and find ways to cope with grief.

We will begin with meeting in the celebration hall at 9:00 a.m. for a light brunch and to hear a presentation about what grief is.

We will hear from several people that can share what their experience has been and what they do to cope.

There are many different types of grief. The death of a spouse or loved one or divorce. The loss of a job or career or just a change in lifestyle that wasn't asked for or wanted... There is also anticipatory grief... Trying to deal with parents that need assisted living or are placed in hospice care.

After we gather for our main presentation, we will break into small groups to talk about grief. We will end the morning with a service of healing for those that are grieving as well as a time to remember the people, dreams and goals we have had to say goodbye to...

Our second event will begin after Easter on Monday evenings as we gather together for a beer!

Aurora has some great draft beer houses and we will be gathering together in small groups to care and support each other.

We may also talk a little about theology!

If you are not into beer, that works too! Please let me know if you would like to meet in a non-alcoholic setting.

Please complete your connect card in Sunday worship if you are interested in either event or send an email to associatepastor@smokyhillumc.org.

I hope to see you at one or both of these events!

Rev. Glen



Denver Women Feminist Chorus Feb. 21, 2026.



I'd like to extend a huge Thank You to Smoky Hill UMC, as we hosted two concerts in our sanctuary this last week in February sung by the Denver Feminist Chorus.

Part of protest and standing up against the abuse of power begins with song.

The Psalms in the Bible are songs sung by people of faith asking God for justice as well as giving gratitude when justice is received or when forgiveness and grace.

When LGBTQI+ people began to hear the power of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, as well as the power of song to protest the stonewall riots, the lack of gay rights, the fight against AIDs and the right for same sex couples to marry and have rights... a movement began across this country where people facing discrimination began to form choirs across the United States.

The Denver Feminist Chorus is one of the finest choral groups that has come from this movement of protest that not only has its roots in the LGBTQI+ community but also in the rights of women as they marched in protest to have the same rights as men to vote and to make choices for themselves.

The success of these two concerts at Smoky Hill should not be overlooked...

To have a choir of 160+ singers choose songs that make us think, laugh, shock, cry and feel joy is an incredible gift that gives healing and hope for change.

Our appreciation goes to the Denver Feminist Chorus as well as the Rocky Mountain Arts Association for giving us an incredible gift of song and another way we can all protest against the abuse of power.

May all of us keep marching until all of us share in power that helps us to grow, love and heal. ~Rev Glen





ADULT CLASSES & GROUPS



Lent 2026 Study

Turning Over Tables

by Kathy Escobar

Sundays at 9:00 am beginning Feb. 22 in Room 218

Sundays at 10:00 am beginning Feb. 22 in Room 210

Mondays at 7:00 pm beginning Feb. 23 in-person in
Upper Room and on Zoom

Tuesdays at 9:00 am beginning Feb. 24 in Room 214

Tuesdays at 11:00 am beginning Feb. 24 in Room 214

For Lent, we are studying a book together, *Turning Over Tables* by Kathy Escobar.

I encourage you to get a book and follow along, though that is not required. We have several small group discussion opportunities available during Lent.

Wendy Hanson will facilitate a discussion group on Monday evenings in-person and on Zoom at 7:00 pm. Beginning Feb. 23rd. Contact churchsecretary@smokyhillumc.org for the Zoom link.

The following existing groups welcome newcomers for this study beginning the week of Feb. 23rd.

Tuesdays at 9 am – Tuesday Theologians

Tuesdays at 11:00 – Lunch Bunch

Sundays at 9:00 – Open Door

Sundays at 10:00 - Grounded

It is my hope and prayer that through this study, we will exit Lent with a deeper understanding of the dynamics of both healthy and toxic power in our world. And that we will feel more empowered to know how we can truly make a difference in our hurting world. Following in the way of Jesus is not easy or comfortable. May this Lent season equip us for this journey. ~Pastor Patti

The Way of Faith – Sundays at 9:00 am in the Upper Room & on Zoom

This is an inclusive and open group whose focus is on God's love in our world today and how we can do better to live God's will in our lives. We start each class with a video that includes such authors and theologians as Richard Rohr, Diana Butler Bass, AJ Levine, Adam Hamilton and many, many more. Each Sunday is a standalone teaching and conversation allowing people to attend when possible. We hope you will join us as we gather to discern the way of Christ in our lives today and seek to be deeper rooted in the love of God.

Parenting 20-Somethings Group

We are a group of parents that gather each month to talk through the triumphs and trials of parenting our 20-something old children. We would love for you to join us. This group led by Pastor Patti, mother of two 20-somethings, is open to our congregation and community. We meet on the second Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Call the church office to get a code to enter the building if you, or someone you know wants to join us.

To see all of our Adult Classes and Groups, please see our website or call 303-690-9816.

DID YOU KNOW?

WE HAVE BOOKS AND CURRICULUM TO LEAD STUDIES



LOCATED IN ROOM 210

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 19th
YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Please RSVP to 303-690-9816
churchsecretary@smokyhillumc.org

Smoky Hill UMC Young At Heart Luncheon
Thursday, March 19th at 11:30 AM



The Legendary Ladies, Inc.
Historical performance
showcasing the lives of historical
women who impacted the West.

A suggested donation of \$10.00 will help cover the cost of the lunch & program. Please give as you are able and know that everyone is welcome!

Please RSVP for this lunch 303-690-9816 churchsecretary@smokyhillumc.org

You are cordially invited to celebrate

Elizabeth Larsen's 90th
Birthday

Birthday + Celebration



21 March 2026 | 1:30 pm

Smoky Hill United Methodist Church
19491 E. Smoky Hill Rd, Centennial, Co

Bring Small Dessert To Share - Cards Preferred

Kindly RSVP By March 6th To 303-766-9649

Mrs. Charlie Neumann

**Birthday Celebration for Elizabeth
Larsen**

**Please RSVP by March 6 to
303-766-9649**

The poster features a vibrant background with wavy stripes in orange, yellow, and teal. At the top left, a pair of yellow-handled scissors is shown. The word "FREE" is written in a large, teal, bubbly font in the top right corner. The main title "Community Craft Closet BINGO" is centered in a red, rounded rectangular box with a white border. "Community" and "Craft Closet" are in a white, cursive font, while "BINGO" is in a large, bold, teal font. Below the title, there are several decorative starburst graphics. The event details are listed in a simple black font: "An invitation to the local crafting community to gather and swap clean unused and gently used crafting supplies in a fun game of Bingo!" followed by three bullet points: "-Crafting, mingling, snacks start at 6, Bingo starts at 7!", "-Share contact for your local crafting groups", and "-Free Childcare provided (with RSVP)". A red double-headed arrow points to the church name, "Smoky Hill United Methodist Church", which is in a teal, bold font. Below the church name is the address "19491 E Smoky Hill Rd, Centennial, CO 80015" in a teal font. On the left side, there is a QR code. In the center, the date "Friday, March 27, 2026" and time "6-9pm" are displayed in a bold black font. At the bottom center, the text "EventBright for more information" is written in a teal font with a teal underline. On the right side, there is an illustration of a glass jar containing various crafting tools: a pair of scissors, a pencil, a ruler, and a ball of orange yarn.

This event allows the surrounding community to gather, find other crafters to learn from and socialize. It also allows crafters to clear out items they no longer want but are keeping because "someone may want it!" That is where BINGO comes into play, offering a fun way to swap items. This is a night of socializing and fun with childcare (with RSVP) and snacks provided.

For more information, please check out our Eventbrite page. This is a free event; bringing a swap item is encouraged but not required.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-craft-swap-bingo-tickets-1982915447482?aff=oddtcreator>



CHILDREN & FAMILY

Children and Family Ministry March 2026

February 22nd was an amazing day!!!

Singing “Collecting Pairs”



Thank you to Dan, Caleb and Jim for playing piano, guitar and drums.

Blessing all the Underwear & Socks



Thank you Samantha for writing a new song.



Thank you to everyone who donated Undies & Socks.

Presenting Prayer Shawls

Congrats to our kids:
Sam, MaryAnn, Brooke.
&
SHUMC Staff:
Janette, Jen, Colleen
and Dan.



Thank you to Kim and Erin for all the love that went into making them.



March Events



March 1st - 8:30 am Worship & Children's Church
 9:30 - 9:55 am Children's Choir and Parent Connect
 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School

March 8th - 8:30 am Worship & Children's Church
 9:30 - 9:55 am No Children's Choir and Parent Connect
 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School

March 15th - 8:30 am Worship & Children's Church
 9:30 - 9:55 am NO Children's Choir and Parent Connect
 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School

March 22nd - 8:30 am Worship & No Children's Church
 9:30 - 9:55 am Children's Choir and Parent Connect
 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School



March 29th - Palm Parade both Worship Services, Children Choir singing
 8:30 am Worship & Children's Church
 9:30 - 9:55 am Children's Choir and Parent Connect
 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School



Save the Date VBC:

FREE
 3yrs old and up

Cokesbury Kids
SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE
 FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD

Mark your calendars :
 June 22nd to 26th 5:30 - 7:45 pm
 June 28th - VBC Celebration Sunday
 Want to Volunteer: reach out to Crystal or
 email at crystald@smokyhillumc.org
 More details to come.

Crystal will be on vacation
March 6th to 15th
 Her team will be here if any questions or
 help is needed.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CANDY DONATIONS
CHURCH & COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

YOU CAN PLACE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY IN THE WAGON
 BY THE FRONT DOORS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS OR DURING CHURCH
 OFFICE HOURS, MONDAY TO FRIDAY FROM 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.
 OUR YOUTH KIDS WILL BE STUFFING PLASTIC EGGS WITH CANDY ON MARCH 29TH

SMOKY HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH
11:00 - 11:30 AM

Invite all Friends and Family to come
 19491 E. SMOKY HILL RD.
 CENTENNIAL, CO. 80015

Due to the weather, this event could
 be cancelled or changed up.

Please bring your own basket or bag.
 Parents are responsible for
 checking the candy for allergies!



FINANCE

Did you know your donation to Smoky Hill UMC could go twice as far?
Many employers offer matching gift programs through services like Groundswell, Benevity, or YourCause. Simply submit your SHUMC donation through your employer's platform, and they'll match your contribution! Check with your HR department to see if your company participates.
It's an easy way to double your impact and support our church community.



Methodists Helping Methodists
F O U N D A T I O N

Please consider Planned Giving for Smoky Hill UMC

IRA charitable Rollover: Video <https://vimeo.com/636442988?share=copy>

Stock donations: Video <https://vimeo.com/711645034?share=copy>

The foundation's free service: <https://mhmfnc.org/donate-securities-to-your-church/>

Planned Giving Guide Brochure to view/print: <https://mhmfnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Planned-Giving-Brief.pdf>

Questions? Contact Crystal.



JUSTICE MINISTRIES

What do United Methodists believe about...?

A global writing team of United Methodists have recently written an updated Social Principles which expresses the United Methodist Church's official positions on contemporary societal issues, casting a vision for a just and equitable world. You can access the document here: <https://www.umcjustice.org/documents/124>. The Social Principles are a faithful and fresh expression of our Wesleyan mandate to "spread social holiness throughout the land." That is what our founder, John Wesley, termed Jesus' mandate to love our neighbor. The Social Principles can be a helpful resource for us as we navigate living in our global society. They begin with a Preamble that is a beautiful statement of faith. It begins, "We the people called United Methodists, affirm our faith in the living God, who created everything that is and called it good, and created human beings in God's own image. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, incarnation of God's love and our Savior, who redeems and heals our relationship with God. We trust in the movements of the Holy Spirit, transforming human lives and the whole creation. Further, we declare our faith that God's grace is available to all and "nothing can separate us from the love of God...."

The Social Principles go on to cover over 125 topics of contemporary life that are relevant around the globe. I (Pastor Patti) will share statements each month in the newsletter that seem relevant. If there is a particular topic you are interested in, please let me know. Here is the section on immigration:

"We affirm the dignity, worth, and rights of migrants, immigrants, and refugees, including displaced and stateless people. In so doing, we acknowledge that the world today is facing an unprecedented crisis related to the displacement of vast numbers of people due to such factors as ongoing wars and other hostilities, foreign interventions, widespread famine and hunger, global warming and climate change, and the failure of nation-states to adequately protect and care for their people.

We recognize that displaced people are particularly vulnerable as their in-between status often provides them with few protections and benefits, leaving them open to exploitation, violence, and abuse. We urge United Methodists to welcome migrants, refugees, and immigrants into their congregations and to commit themselves to providing concrete support, including help with navigating restrictive and often lengthy immigration policies and assistance with securing food, housing, education, employment, and other kinds of support.

We oppose all laws and policies that attempt to criminalize, dehumanize, or punish displaced individuals and families based on their status as migrants, immigrants, or refugees. Additionally, we decry attempts to detain displaced people and hold them in inhumane and unsanitary conditions. We challenge policies that call for the separation of families, especially parents and minor children, and we oppose the existence of for-profit detention centers for such purposes." (*¶163 IV The Political Community, "Basic Rights and Freedoms" G. Migrants, Immigrants, & Refugees*)

So... Have you ever gone to a protest march?

If you would like to go and may not know what to expect, we have some suggestions:

First, wear comfortable clothing! Comfortable shoes that you can walk in as well as dressing for comfort are essential. Don't forget to bring sunscreen, sunglasses and hats. Long sleeves and pants are suggested should you need to spend time in the sun. Be prepared to walk or stand for extended periods of time. With Colorado's dry climate, don't forget to bring a water bottle! If you are diabetic, please have food as needed if you have a low blood sugar event.



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Second, don't be afraid to bring a lawn chair. Some people with mobility issues do bring folding chairs and don't be surprised to see people with mobility issues using walkers and wheelchairs. Please be prepared and aware of people needing assistance.

Third, bring a poster! During March, Smoky Hill will have in the gathering space poster board, yardsticks, staple guns and art supplies to help you practice your constitutional right to free speech.

Don't know what to say or what is appropriate? We will have some suggestions for you that are kid friendly.

Also, we will have sign-up sheets to help track who is going to which protest. I would like to have everyone's name, email and cell phone contact information so we can keep track of each other. Checking in with family and friends before, during and after is strongly encouraged.

Every protest I have attended has been peaceful with kind and loving people who have watched out for each other.

But protesting is not without risk. Always be aware of your surroundings and be aware of people that you are uncomfortable around.

Do take your cell phone and do take pictures and videos. Should you record an event, please make sure to record as much as possible.

If possible, please try to have everything self-contained. If you can travel without a backpack, please try to do so.

If you do need to carry your oxygen or medication, try to use as little luggage as possible. If you do bring a backpack, please know it may be searched depending on security at the event. Make sure you clean out your bags and know what is in the bag before you load it with personal items.

Future protest events include:

No Kings-March 28th

3 Locations-Denver, Centennial, Littleton (More information to come closer to the event.)

Geo ICE Detention Center

Please reach out to Pastor Patti, Rev. Glen, Kathleen Brennan for information.

Peaceful protests are scheduled at different times...

Interfaith Immigration Network Friends

Meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

Please reach out to Pastor Patti, Rev. Glen, Kathleen Brennan for information.

Opportunities also exist to help care and support people who are released from detention centers for 1-3 nights.

Casa de Paz & PDA (Post-Detention Assistance) is needed to help people released from detention until they are able to connect to family and friends in the US. Training is provided and involvement can range from providing groceries, gift cards, donations or providing a safe place for someone to stay.

Need more information?

Reach out to associatepastor@smokyhillumc.org

Racial Justice Task Force

Contact Kathy Brennan pakorah@hotmail.com or Adam Kemper kemperac@gmail.com

How to Get Involved

1. Immigration: **Organizations looking for volunteers**

1. Aurora Unidos CSO – www.auroraunidoscso.org
2. IPT – Immigration Partner Teams in Colorado – www.coloradoipt.org
3. Colorado Immigration Rights Coalition – www.coloradoimmigrant.org
4. American Friends Service Committee- www.afsc.org
5. Indivisible Denver Resistance – www.indivisibledenver.org
6. Every Corner Actions – www.indivisibledenver.org
7. Casa de Paz/Mutual Aid Sanctuary – post-detention assistance program – www.mutualaidsanctuary.org

2. No Kings: **Demonstrations**

1. March 28th – location being verified. Last year there was one in Aurora but no details yet. There are details for one in Denver (Colorado State Capitol 12 – 4 PM) and one in Centennial (East Dry Creek Road & South University Blvd – 10 – 1 PM).
2. Saturday, Feb. 28th – 12 – 2 pm – Village Green N Bike Trail I-225 overpass near Dayton RTD Station.

3. Immigration: **Whistle Making Kits** – Sunday, Feb. 15th at 11:15 – light lunch provided
 1. This has been very successful in other cities in response to ICE activities. We assemble into a sandwich bag, a whistle, an immigration resource sheet, a Know Your Rights card, and a We Keep You Safe (WKUS) Colorado zine with info on
 - i. how to record ICE activities
 - ii. how to use the whistle if you see ICE activities
 - iii. it has a phone number to the Colorado Rapid Response Network
 - iv. resource link to WKUS Colorado
 2. ***We had over 30 people show up to make the whistle kits. We are planning another Whistle Kits event in March – stay tuned.***
4. Lenten Study Group: **Turning Over Tables by Kathy Escobar**
 1. Facilitated by Wendy Hanson – starting Feb. 23rd at 7:00 PM – in person at church or Zoom.
 2. Guides readers on a Lenten journey inspired by the ways of Jesus to dismantle the systems that perpetuate inequality and injustice.
 3. Encourages readers to reflect on power dynamics and to engage in practices that promote justice and healing in their communities.
 4. RSVP to churchsecretary@SmokyHillUMC.org
 5. ***First meeting was yesterday 2/23 – we had a great discussion. It's not too late to join. Next class is 3/2 at 7:00 PM.***
5. Immigration: **Demonstration at Aurora ICE Detention Center**
 1. Weekly demonstration on Wednesdays at 6 PM. We will go on Feb. 11th at 6:00 PM.
 2. People gather outside and make noise outside the detention center to let the detainees know they are not forgotten. It is peaceful but loud.
 3. ***A small group from SHUMC and other UMC congregations attended on Feb. 11th along with about 75 other people – it felt safe and we were happy to make “good trouble”.***
6. Indigenous Peoples: **Field Trip to Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site**
 1. Wendy Hanson is organizing a trip to Eads, Colorado to visit the Sandy Creek Massacred site this Spring. More details to come.
 2. It will be an all-day trip and visitors can explore the powerful story of the events that occurred here and how it affected the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, their resilience, and the impact of the massacre.
7. Indigenous Peoples: **Sand Creek Massacre Healing Run**
 1. October 2026, volunteers needed to provide support to the indigenous youth participating in the Healing Run. Last year we provided breakfast – looking for people interested in doing this again.
8. Immigration: **Silent Meditation** – *temporarily cancelled due to GEO warning that all demonstrations including prayer vigils and meditations that happen during visiting hours will result in all visits with detainees being cancelled.*
 1. Volunteers from all faiths and beliefs set up outside the Aurora detention center and offer silent prayers and meditation.

RAINBOW ALLIANCE

SAVE THE DATE & RSVP

Rainbow Alliance is sponsoring a speaking and Q&A event for **Sunday, March 15, 2026, from 11:30AM to 1:00PM**. Our guest speaker will be Representative Brianna Titone, Colorado's first openly transgender state legislator, who represents District 27 (within Jefferson County) in the Colorado General Assembly. Prior to entering politics, Rep. Titone, who holds a Master of Science degree in geochemistry, worked as a mining consultant, geologist, and software developer. She also served as a volunteer firefighter for seven years, starting in high school.

Please mark your calendars and RSVP for lunch and childcare if needed to 303-690-9816 or churchsecretary@smokyhillumc.org.

Questions? Contact Tim Davis (tcdavis660@comcast.net) or Denise Arnold (beagle_lover_501@msn.com).



SHUMC Rainbow Alliance
Guest Speaker
REPRESENTATIVE BRIANNA TITONE

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 11:30AM

Come meet and hear from Colorado's first openly transgender state legislator in the Colorado General Assembly.

Light lunch & childcare available with RSVP 303-690-9816



Representative Brianna Titone
District 27, Jefferson County



Men's Group 2025 Summary

The Men's Group would like to thank everyone for their support in 2025. We cannot be successful without your involvement and support.

Last year we had over 75 men participate in various activities throughout the year. Some of our key social and spiritual development activities included monthly breakfasts, a Wild at Heart spiritual development workshop, attendance at an Air Force football game and weekly golf outings.

Over the course of the year, we held a variety of fund-raising events which netted over \$25,000 which we donated back to various church activities. Our key fund raisers included participation in the King Soopers Community Rewards program, 14 Grill Team events, Super Bowl wing sales, Peach Sales, Pumpkin Sales, Aluminum Can Recycling and a Paint Recycling effort that kept 27 pallets (25,000 lbs) of paint from going into local landfills.

Last year the Men's Group provided \$24,600 back to various church and missions activities. This included an Operations Pledge of \$13,000 and church maintenance and improvement projects for \$3,600. We made a donation to the missions team of \$2,000 to support Christmas in the Park, Aurora Interfaith Food Bank, Wholly Kicks, the Meadow Point Elementary School food bank and Colorado Feeding Kids. Men's Group was excited to support our Youth and Family ministries program with \$1,250 donated to our youth group and over \$1,000 provided to sponsor VBS and Breakfast with Santa. We also work with other groups in the church to fund the Mother's Day Dinner and Widow/Widower's Luncheon. Lastly, we recognized our amazing staff with Christmas bonuses.

Over the last two years the Men's Group has initiated a Ride Ministry and Senior Service Ministry to help members of our church get to church activities, doctor's appointments and help seniors get small projects done around the house. Please talk to Lynne if you could benefit from these programs in 2026.

We thank you for all of your support which makes what we do possible and invite all of the men of the church to participate in our fellowship and service activities. Please contact Lee Honnen or Alan Legleiter for more information.

MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST MEETING

All SHUMC men are invited to join us for our Men's Group Meeting at 7:30 am on Saturday, March 11th.



UMCOR Sunday-March 15, 2026

Imagine you wake up one morning and a man-made or natural disaster has occurred. Lives in your community have turned upside down. What do you do? When disaster strikes, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) goes into action to help alleviate suffering and express the love of Christ to those involved. When you give on UMCOR Sunday, you underwrite the "cost of doing business" which allows UMCOR to keep its promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go towards that project and not administrative costs. We hope you will plan to give on March 15th and continue to allow UMCOR to be one of the first organizations to respond when disaster strikes.

Colorado Feeding Kids Smoky Hill Pack

Due to the generosity of this congregation during the 3 Gifts campaign, we are able to host a Smoky Hill pack for Colorado Feeding Kids on April 11th from 10:00-12:00. It will be held at their warehouse at 14107 E. Exposition Ave. Aurora, CO 80012. This is a great activity for families and everyone in our congregation. To help us plan the set-up, please RSVP by signing up on the clip board in the Gathering Space or on the connect card in your bulletin. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Davis at stdavis21@comcast.net

The graphic features a cup of coffee with a heart-shaped latte art on the right and a chocolate-glazed donut on the left. The text is arranged as follows:

Coffee Time
Let's connect with coffee, tea,
and treats between services.

**If your last name begins with
G, H, or I, please bring a
snack to share on Sundays
in March ~ Thank You!**

Thank you from Heifer International

The card features a photo of a diverse group of people at the top. Below the photo is a blue ribbon with a globe icon. The text on the card reads:

WITH HEARTFELT APPRECIATION,
HEIFER INTERNATIONAL RECOGNIZES

Smoky Hill United Methodist Church

for your unwavering dedication and support that inspires us all.
Your faith-filled generosity changes lives and brings hope to families around the world.

*"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion,
and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11*

Christy Moore
Heifer International

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INTERNATIONAL

February 2026
Date

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR CHURCH-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE -- MAY 29 and May 30. Tell your friends and neighbors!! Items will be accepted for donation on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 26, 27 and 28. For more information, contact Susan Hora (cusaglass@gmail.com or 636-236-6549 call or text)

SHUMC Abundant Health



Sleep Awareness Week March 8-14

The connection between
sleep and health is real. It
impacts every one of us.

There is a clear link between sleep, mental, physical, and emotional health. The National Sleep Foundation offers information and tools to help you be your best slept self. Learn more at www.thensf.org

On the Move with Smoky Hill UMC

Group Exercise on Zoom: Looking for exercise that requires no money, no travel, and fast access to your shower? Join the Zoom exercise community on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:30. Contact Susan Hora at cusaglass@gmail.com

Hiking Group: The weather is still iffy but keep an eye out for possible coming hikes by watching the weekly e-blast or our [Smoky Hill Abundant Health Facebook page](#) or contact Marta at 720-271-0691 with questions.

Medical Equipment Closet: Did you know we have medical equipment that you can borrow for yourself or your neighbor? This includes crutches, walkers, shower seats and more. Contact the church office to arrange borrowing items. We are in need of a person to help keep items sorted, clean and in good condition. Is that you? Contact Jana at JL.jones@outlook.com.

Yoga at Smoky Hill: Join us every Tuesday at 1:45-2:30 PM in Celebration Hall to stretch and improve your health. Zachary Horan, our yoga instructor is an expert at working with your personal needs and restriction. We ask for a donation of \$7-\$10 in appreciation of his time.

Join us on Facebook! [Smoky Hill Abundant Health](#) This is the place to connect about hikes, bowling, kayaking, fishing, and new recipes!



TRUSTEES

There is a dedicated work group of individuals that meet up at the church on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 12:00 to do all types of maintenance projects to improve the church building. We paint, patch walls, fix tables, clean doors, install lights and many other needed tasks. I would like to invite any other individuals that would be interested in helping out to join us whenever possible. All materials are provided. Please feel free to give me a call (Mark Brinton 303-961-5272) if you have any questions. Thanks.

All Church Clean Up Day!

Saturday, March 21

**9:00 am
to
12:00 pm**



Let's get ready for Easter Sunday!



UNITED WOMEN in FAITH

Smoky Hill United Women in Faith needs a secretary! Consider joining our fun team. The secretary is mostly responsible for taking minutes at our monthly leadership team meetings. We meet monthly on the second Monday from 7-9 p.m. at the church. Occasionally we meet by zoom instead of at church (like if the weather is spicy). You can even attend a meeting before you decide if this is for you. It is ok if you are new to the church, we would love to meet you. Contact Nancy Friday nan.friday@gmail.com, or Jana Jones jil.jones@outlook.com, for more information.



NEW!

We are starting a
Doll Ministry!

We plan to raise money to purchase these adorable 10-inch multi-ethnic dolls to give to underserved children in the metro area.

Would you like to help?

We are looking for donations to purchase them, and people to sew or knit outfits or blankets.

Interested? Contact
Jana at
JL.jones@outlook.com



WORSHIP

Pockets of Peace: Celtic Worship Service

Pastor Patti leads a Celtic worship service on Zoom each month on the 1st Thursday at 8 pm. We spend a half hour slowing down, sharing Celtic prayers, reading scripture, and listening to music around a theme for the evening. It is a wonderful way to end your day by creating a pocket of peace for yourself amidst our chaotic lives. If you have never participated in a service like this, I encourage you to try it once and see if it is meaningful for you. This service grounds us in the powerful Celtic tradition.

Here is the Zoom link for **Thursday, March 5th at 8 pm:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84303559229?pwd=r2iuXCMbX2H3icExDgQtNTTrUx7Fa.1>

Blooming Easter Plants

Help beautify our sanctuary for Easter and have a blooming plant to bring home or give away

We will be taking orders before and after services March 8, 15, & 22

Plants cost \$20 and can be dedicated in honor or in memory of someone

Easter plant sales will be accepted on Sundays in the Gathering Space between services on March 8, March 15 and March 22.

The cost is \$20 for a beautiful blooming plant which will help to beautify our sanctuary. After the last service you can select your plant and take it home. When you purchase a plant you can make it in honor of or in memory of someone and the names will appear in the Easter bulletin.

PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATE LIFE CANTATA

March 29 | 8:30 & 10:00 am

Palm Parade at both services

Start Holy Week With Us

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Celebrate Life is the story of Jesus through the eyes of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John set to music.

This is a fun and joy-filled 70's cantata. Wear your tie-dyed shirts and hippie outfits!

Join us at Smoky Hill UMC for a joint service with our neighbor, Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church. Don't miss this special communion service. All are welcome!

HOLY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 2ND 7:00 PM

The Power of Love

A joint worship service with
Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church

All are welcome

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GOOD FRIDAY Prayer Stations April 3rd

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Come any time between 12-8 pm



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5th

8:30 & 10 AM

Join us in celebrating the
resurrection

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Easter Sunrise Service at The Land – 6:15 am

*Easter Sunrise Service at The Land UMC
Sunday April 5th at 6:15 am*





**SUNDAYS AT SMOKY
HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Worship 8:30 am & 10:00 am

10:00 am service livestreamed

Sunday School for All Ages

Spanish Service 10:00 am



Enciende Una Luz

**Servicio Hispano
Domingo a Las 10:00 a.m.
y Facebook Live**

Llame a Pastora Lucia Correa al
303-690-9816

CAN'T BE HERE? Join the 10:00 AM English service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

To livestream the Spanish service, please contact Pastor Lucia for the link.

Remember to Spring Forward on Saturday night, March 7.



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