



ELEMENTS

APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER



Patti's Ponderings

"Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love." -1 Cor. 13:13 NLT

Hope is one of the cornerstones of our Christian faith. Hope keeps us from giving up. But how do we stay hope-ful when life feels hope-less? When we're waiting for a medical diagnosis, when our prayers go unanswered, when the world around us is falling apart. What are we to do then? How do we hold on to hope?

What is hope? Is it only for optimists? Hope will be the subject of our worship for the next several weeks. We will draw upon the stories and wisdom we find in scripture, in Jane Goodall's writings, and in a few Contemporary Christian songs.

Hope is so much more than wishful thinking or seeing the glass half-full. Hope gives us courage and helps us persevere through the dark valleys. I recently heard a song that turned my approach to hope on its head by Ellie Holcomb. I usually think of hope as something I have to hold on to. But the lyric in the song that caught my attention is, "What if hope's not a rope you hold on to? What if it's the arms that have always held you." Wow. Hope then is not reliant upon my strength to hold on to faith or to God. Rather hope is based in the strength of God's love for me and for us. Hope then is founded on the truth that God loves us more than we can imagine. So, no matter what is going on in our life or world, **nevertheless we can hope.**

I invite you to join me on a journey toward deeper hope for the next 5 weeks. ~Pastor Patti

PS. I highly recommend the book, *The Book of Hope* by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams. I also recommend listening to the song, "Hope's Gonna Find You" by Ellie Holcomb [here](#). She also gave a powerful interview you can watch [here](#).



Good Grief!

Excuse me, but what if anything could be good about grief or grieving?

As we enter into holy week, I find myself reflecting on the grief that everyone must have experienced as Jesus died on the cross.

Everything during the week moved pretty fast. Jesus taken into custody, passed back and forth between courts, beaten and then crucified before anyone had a chance to respond...

What we know is that the men went into hiding and it was the women who gathered together at his death and to help prepare his body on the first day of the week.

The grief must have been overwhelming.

Today for many of us, we are not allowed to grieve and if we do grieve, there seems to be an expectation to "Get over it."

But grief doesn't work this way.

As a result, I'm inviting you to brunch to talk about grief.

Please sign up (if you have not already done so) and get ready to laugh, cry and find ways that grief can help us to become more caring, loving and compassionate people.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 2nd for 8:00 a.m.

We will be working with several resources from Francis Weller who is clinical psychologist that has written several books on grief as well as developing tools to navigate how grief walks with us through our entire life.

If you would like to buy the materials we will be working with, you may order them online from Amazon.

The Wild Edge of Sorrow (Hardcover \$26.87 or Paperback \$10.99)

The Wild Edge of Sorrow Workbook (\$14.99)

If you are not able to purchase these materials, we will have handouts for your personal use.

Our own Isaac Dunn, who is a Hospice Chaplin, will also be present to discuss grief and what he experiences with families going into Hospice Care. Members of our Congregational Care Team will be present to listen, pray and facilitate small group discussion.

If you would like to bring a dish to share or give a donation for the brunch, you are welcome to do so. There is no charge to attend.

Our tentative schedule:

8:00 a.m. To 8:30 Gathering Together & Prayer

8:30 a.m. To 9:30 Brunch is Served-Video of Francis Weller talking with Anderson Cooper on Grief

9:30-9:45 Break

10:00-11:00 Workshop with Rev. Glen & Presentation with Isaac Dunn

11:00-11:30 Small Group Discussion

11:30-12:00 Closing Worship & A Time to Honor Our Grief

So who should attend this time?

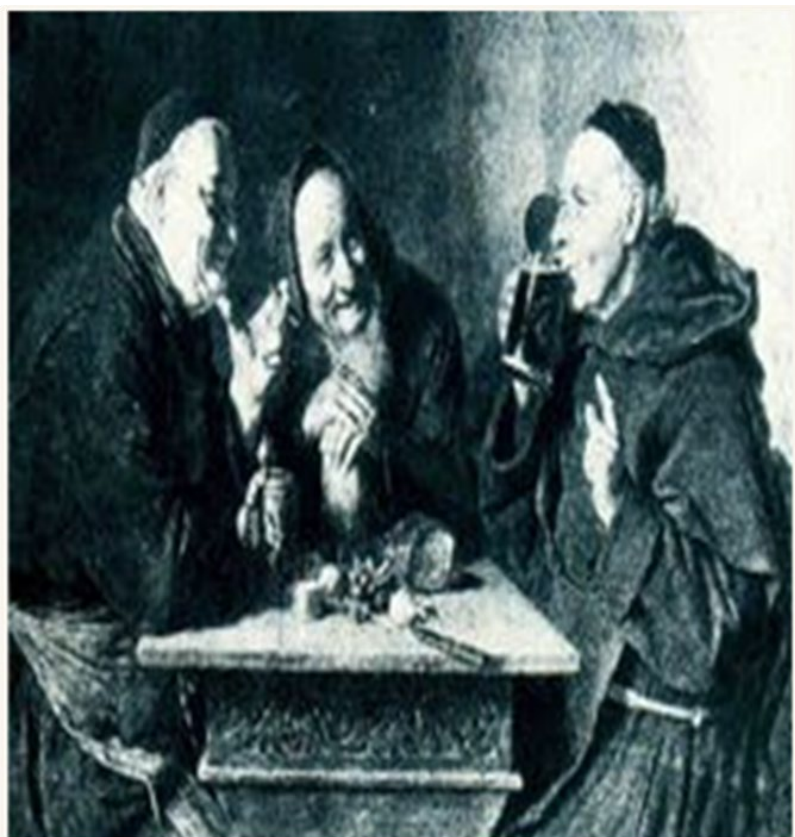
Anyone... Grief happens to everyone. Retirement, job changes, the death of a friend or family member or anticipatory grief of a life change about to happen. Maybe you know someone who is grieving and you just want to know how to help them.

Please note that this workshop will not be livestreamed or recorded to keep any discussions about grief within the group that attends.

There will also be a follow up small group discussion scheduled at another time.

As we journey through Holy Week, and move into the Easter Season, may God's grace, love, compassion and forgiveness be with us all... My we always remember that we are people of the resurrection and God is always working for us to have life.

Blessings,
Rev. Glen Wood



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Beer & Theology

Ok... So it is the Monday after Easter...
The church office is closed...
All the easter eggs have hopefully been found...
Everyone has had more sugar than they should...

But, and just if... you would like to get together for beer
and some talk...

We will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Bent Barley Brewing
Company 6200 S Main St, Suite 110 Southlands.
Check out their website at: bentbarley.com

Don't care for hand crafted beer?
Check out their handmade sodas and non-alcoholic
options!

Food may also be ordered from Waldo's Chicken and
delivered to the taproom.

Please RSVP if you can make it.

Blessings,
Rev. Glen

SAVE THE DATE:
Our next *Young At Heart*
Luncheon will be held on
Thursday, April 16 at 11:30 am



ADULT CLASSES & GROUPS

Open Door - Sundays at 9:00 am in Room 218 This class is a welcoming, inclusive environment, inviting individuals from diverse backgrounds to participate, whether you're new to Bible study or have been participating for years. Come as you are! No need to prepare or do homework - just bring yourself and an open heart. We use various forms of media to stimulate thoughts and ideas and focus on meaningful conversation and spiritual growth rather than formal lessons. No need to rsvp – just drop in whenever you can. For more information contact Kim Brice kbrice227@gmail.com

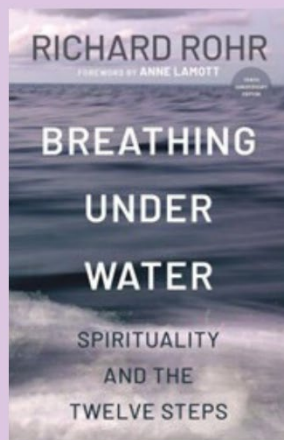
Grounded Sunday School Group offers an open space for sharing, support, fellowship, and spiritual growth for adults. Discussions may include family faith formation, parenting, marriage, and living as Christians in today's world. Specific studies and/or topics are determined by the group on an ongoing basis depending upon needs and interests. Grounded also typically joins in the church wide studies during both Lent and Advent. **Feel free to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM in Room 210 during the school year. This group does not meet during the summer, from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend.**

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.



Tuesday Theologians

You're invited to a six-week book discussion of Richard Rohr's *Breathing Underwater: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps*

Begins April 7th at 9:00 am
in Room 214

For more information or to RSVP contact
John Tedrick at johntedrick@me.com or
John Richard at jhrcolorado@icloud.com

Breathing Under Water
Spirituality and the Twelve Steps

By Richard Rohr

Join *Tuesday Morning Theologians* on April 7th in Room 214 at 9 am for a six-week study and discussion of this important book. From the book's back cover:

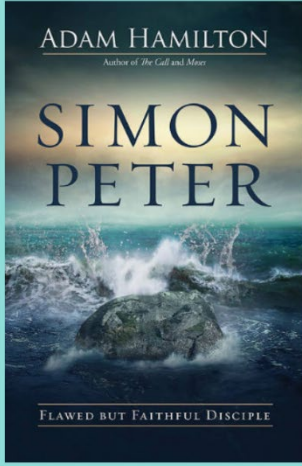
We all suffer from unhealthy dependencies that we continually return to in hopes of a better life. Where is the hope for that fully awakened life we long for?

World-renowned author Richard Rohr says we can only be healed and find true fulfillment by facing our dependencies head-on. In **Breathing Under Water** he will guide us to:

- Disentangle from cultural cycles of sin and emptiness
- Discover how to get free from your personal toxic dependencies
- Learn how the Twelve Step program can supplement Christian teaching
- Find compassion for others and yourself
- Enjoy a deeper spiritual life, feeling certain of God's love for you

Those who are ready to break negative patterns and experience greater internal freedom will find bold hope and transformation in this insightful book.

To RSVP or for more information contact John Tedrick at johntedrick@me.com or John Richard at jhrcolorado@icloud.com.

	<p>UWF Tuesday Lunch Bunch</p> <p>Tuesdays at 11:30 am in Room 214</p> <p>Join us April 7 as we begin a 6-week study on "Simon Peter, Flawed but Faithful Disciple" by Adam Hamilton.</p> <p>For more information contact Kathy Tedrick, kathytedrick@me.com</p>
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UWF Lunch Bunch next book -- "Simon Peter, Flawed but Faithful Disciple" by Adam Hamilton

Join Lunch Bunch in their next 6-week study which will be from April 7 to May 12 at 11:30 in room 214. Questions: contact Kathy Tedrick, kathytedrick@me.com or 303-906-6440.

From the book: He was not rich or educated, but was familiar with hard work. He was quick-tempered and impetuous, but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher, yet struggled with doubt and fear.

Join pastor and author Adam Hamilton in this six-week journey, and take an in-depth dive into the life, faith and character of Simon Peter.

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



CHILDREN & FAMILY

“PALM SUNDAY” All Church



Kids really liked marshmallow.



April Events



April 4th - 11:00 to 11:30am, Easter Egg Hunt front lawn.

April 5th - Easter Sunday, NO Sunday School or Children Church.
8:30 am Worship & No Children’s Church.
9:30 - 9:55 am Children’s Choir and Parent Connect.
10:00 am Worship & NO Sunday School.

April 12th - 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.

April 19th - 8:30 am Worship & Children’s Church.
9:30 - 9:55 am Children’s Choir and Parent Connect.
10:00 am Worship & Sunday School.

April 26th - Worship Family: NO Sunday School or Children Church.
8:30 am Worship & No Children’s Church.
9:30 - 9:55 am Children’s Choir and Parent Connect.
10:00 am Worship & No Sunday School.



Children and Family Ministry

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!

FREE
3yrs old and up



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 crystal@smokyhillumc.org

More details to come.

You can register your kids for VBC here: <https://forms.gle/iHdiXPoYzXQFqQQUA>

Thank you Youth kids for stuffing eggs.



Save the Date More details will follow.

May 17th – 5th Grade move up & Last day of Sunday school before Summer. End of year ice cream party after we move up during the 10am Worship Service.

May 24th – Worship goes to one service at 10:00 AM. We will have a very modified outside Sunday school lesson and activities as the weather allows. We will gather most Sundays, the 4th Sunday will stay as Worship as a family.

 **SMOKY HILL**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SPRING CRAFT FAIR

SAT 4/25/26
9am-3pm

19491 E Smoky Hill Rd | Centennial

The poster features a vibrant, abstract background with wavy lines in shades of purple, green, and blue. There are stylized green leaves in the corners. The text is centered and uses a clean, sans-serif font.

Get ready for the All-church Craft Fair on April 25th! Invite your neighbors and friends to come to this fun event. The church will be filled with over 50 vendors selling hand-made and unique items. Many of our programs will benefit from the sales at their booths including the youth, and United Women in Faith. The Men's Group will be grilling. Come support their programs! You won't want to miss this!

We'll need lots of help to make this happen. Do you have a couple hours to donate? Could you make cookies for the bake sale to benefit mission? Sign up to help at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4BAFA923A0FA7-63186244-spring>



Spring Youth Group has been full of fun, faith, fellowship and great group energy!

Here are some highlights...

- We had an awesome time bonding, playing blacklight dodgeball, facing our fears on a high ropes course / zip line, and learning a lot about each other on our **Winter Retreat** in Larkspur. Our weekend theme was “Doubting Doubts”, where we talked about looking to God for strength in times of fear and doubt.
- We had a great Youth **Pancake Supper** fundraising event on Fat Tuesday, with the support of our awesome church members. THANK YOU to all who supported us!
- We dressed to the nines for our spring tradition, our annual **Oscars Party**. Each youth walked the red carpet and felt like a superstar! We drank fancy fizzy drinks, line danced and posed for lots of fun photos. (We don't watch the Oscars at all... and it never seems to matter.) Big shout out to Jennifer Byrd (Owen's mom) for helping plan such an epic party again this year!
- We're nearing the end of **Confirmation** class with 6 bright youth and learning lots about Methodist history and values. Youth and their chosen adult mentors are enjoying the journey as we wrestle with big questions together as a faith family. **Confirmation Sunday is April 19th** at 10:00 worship. We hope you'll celebrate these young people with us!
- Our **Annual Easter Brunch (fundraiser) is this Sunday from 9-11:30**. We're looking forward to serving brunch and sharing our mission trip fundraising excitement with you!

AND... we are excited about the **mission trip** we have planned for this summer – **July 12-16 to Alamosa, CO**. This trip is about serving those experiencing poverty and in need of crisis stabilization in the San Luis Valley area. This is a repeat trip for us, as the LaPuente organization we work with has a large system of resources, making each year unique.

In all we do, we are blessed with **amazing youth sponsors** (adult volunteers). (We couldn't have youth group as we know it without them.) Tom & Laura Dosch, Ashley Duncan, Natalie Fetter (who also takes amazing pro photos for us), John Richard, Debbie Kemper, Catherine Horne and Caleb Sizemore. Each one of them brings unique blessings to our group. We are so grateful!

Lastly, we're looking forward to the remaining youth adventures through the end of the school year, and cherishing the time left with our **graduating seniors** – Ben Rubio and Wyatt Glatthar.

As always, thank you for your support (in all the ways) of this VERY special group of young people! We are blessed to be part of SHUMC!



FINANCE

Support Smoky Hill UMC with Your Tax Refund — Tax Day is April 15th

As tax refunds arrive, we invite you to prayerfully consider sharing that blessing with our church. Your gift - whether a portion or the full refund - directly supports our mission to share God's love and serve our church community.

Visit our **Financial Giving** <https://www.smokyhillumc.org/financial-giving> page for ways to give.

We thank you for your continued support through your time, tithes, and offerings!



JUSTICE MINISTRIES

RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE

The Racial Justice Task Force will be leading a car trip down to the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site in southeastern Colorado, near Eads, on **Saturday, April 25, 2026**. This is the site where 150+ Cheyenne and Arapaho peoples, mostly elders, women, and children, were slaughtered by the American Calvary led by Col. John M. Chivington, a Methodist pastor.



We will be carpooling from the church. This is a three hour trip one way, so please plan for an all day excursion. A sign up will located in the Gathering Space of the church.

SHUMC Racial Justice Task Force

How to Get Involved

1. Immigration: **Whistle Making Kits** - Sunday, April 26th – after both Sunday services in the Gathering Space.
 - 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. Indigenous peoples: **Sand Creek Massacre Historical Site field trip** – Saturday, April 25th – meet at SHUMC
 - All-day trip to southeast Colorado to visit the Sand Creek Massacre site. This site serves as a place of reflection, remembrance and education about the impact of westward expansion on indigenous peoples. It's also an amazing site full of rolling hills and vast grasslands-an ideal spot to watch wildlife and take in the scenery.
 - Contact Wendy Hanson for more details: dhanw2@aol.com
3. Immigration: **Weekly rallies**
 - Meetings every Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM on the south side of the GEO ICE Detention Center, 3130 Oakland Street in Aurora.
 - Each Wednesday a new group coordinates the rally and provides information and music in support of the detainees inside.
 - Mountain Sky Conference (Smoky Hill belongs to the conference) will be sponsoring a Wednesday night rally this summer. Stay tuned for details.
4. Immigration: **Silent Meditation**
 - This has been changed to Monday evenings 6:30-7:30 pm – the first Monday of every month – next gathering is on April 6th, on the south side of the GEO ICE Detention Center, 3130 Oakland St. in Aurora.
 - We spend time in silent meditation/prayer, then do some walking meditation, and close with another meditation/prayer session and some shared reflections. No need to sign up -- just join us! Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring either a chair or blanket to sit on.
5. Gun Violence: **Guns to Gardens Safe Disposal Event**
 - The next event is Saturday, May 9th at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church at 2200 S Harrison Street, Denver at 9:00 AM.
 - Volunteers needed to help answer questions, give out gift cards, use power tools to cut up guns (training provided), safety check guns (weapon experience required). Lunch provided. Length of shift: 3 hours
6. Political Activity: **Meet the Candidates** – Sept. 20th at 11:15 – light lunch provided
 - a. A repeat of last year's popular candidate meet and greet as we hear from candidates.
 - b. An opportunity to make a more informed decision about who we want as our representatives.
7. Indigenous Peoples: **Sand Creek Massacre Healing Run**
 - a. 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:** There are many Immigration programs that need volunteers and donations, including providing food for immigrants afraid to go to grocery stores, assist with newly released detainees to get back home, supporting the family members of detainees, etc. Please contact Interfaith Immigration Network at [Interfaith Immigration Network](#)

April is Neurodiversity Celebration Month, and April 2 marks World Autism Day. Neurodiversity is an umbrella term that includes autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and other ways of thinking and processing the world. At its core, it recognizes these differences as natural variations in the human experience, not deficits to be “fixed.”

Neurodivergent individuals bring important strengths to our communities, including pattern recognition, creativity, and deep focus. Many also approach problems in ways that lead to innovation. At the same time, systems are often not designed with these differences in mind. When schools and workplaces assume everyone learns or communicates the same way, people can struggle not because of lack of ability, but because of lack of support.

Support systems such as classroom accommodations, speech therapy, and occupational therapy allow students to build confidence and participate fully in school and community life. These supports are essential for equal access. One of the primary laws that makes this possible is the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**, a 50-year-old civil rights law that guarantees a Free Appropriate Public Education to more than 6.5 million children and provides key protections for families.

IDEA has historically had bipartisan support, but it is currently under threat:

- Proposals to move oversight from the Department of Education to the Department of Health and Human Services could weaken educational protections
- The federal government committed to funding 40 percent of special education costs but currently provides about 10 percent

If funding continues to fall short or protections are weakened, the impact is immediate:

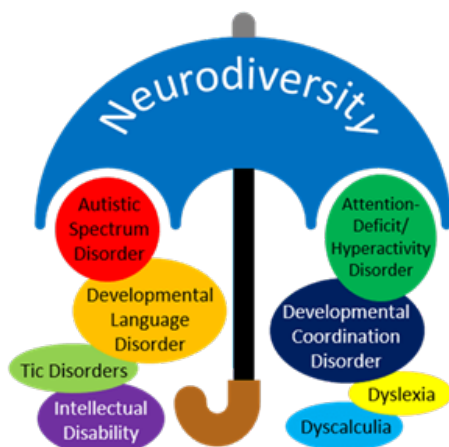
- Fewer resources for individualized education plans (IEPs)
- Reduced access to therapies and accommodations
- Increased strain on teachers and school systems
- Greater barriers for students to fully participate in education

There are concrete ways to support neurodivergent individuals and protect these systems:

- Advocate for full IDEA funding at the federal level
- Oppose changes that shift IDEA away from education-based oversight
- Stay informed about rights, including procedural safeguards for families
- Support schools, educators, and inclusive practices in your community
- Speak up for policies that prioritize access, inclusion, and equity

As communities, we are measured by how we support those facing the greatest barriers. Supporting neurodivergent individuals reflects a broader commitment to inclusion, dignity, and care for one another.

“We should celebrate neurodiversity – the world would be poorer and life duller if we were all the same.” – Neil Milliken



(picture from <https://humanresources.wp.txstate.edu/2023/04/03/your-guide-to-neurodiversity-celebration-month-how-can-you-be-an-ally/>)

UNITED METHODIST SOCIAL PRINCIPLES: CREATION

The global United Methodist Church has written a document summarizing our social principles. You can access the whole thing [here](#). Each month I am summarizing a portion. This month with the impending water crisis after our dry winter and the disruption of oil through the Strait of Hormuz, I am focusing on creation and our call to be good stewards of all of creation and the crisis impacting all of us, global warming. ~*Pastor Patti*

COMMUNITY OF ALL CREATION

PREFACE

We affirm that all creation belongs to God and is a manifestation of God's goodness and providential care. Human beings, nonhuman animals, plants, and other sentient and non sentient beings participate in the community of creation, and their flourishing depends on the care of all God's creation. Rather than treating creation as if it were placed here solely for humanity's use and consumption, we are called to practice responsible stewardship and to live in right relationship with the Creator and with the whole of God's creation (Gen. 1:26–31; Matt. 6:26–30; Rom. 8:22–24). We are also called to honor the role of every part of creation in healing the whole; thus we praise God with the whole of creation (Ps. 148) and recognize that we are part of complex ecosystems, all valued by God.

We affirm our sacred calling to be responsible stewards and to lovingly tend all that God has wrought. We recognize the inherent worth of God's creation, celebrate earth's abundance and diversity, and, along with the entirety of the cosmos, give praise to its Creator. We recognize we are interconnected members of complex ecosystems, intricate webs of life, all of which have their origins in God's gracious act of creation.

CREATION IN PERIL We acknowledge that unsustainable human activities have placed the entirety of God's creation in peril. Further, we confess that the degradation and wholesale destruction of the natural environment threatens unprecedented harm, bringing danger to human and nonhuman life alike. Continue reading for the statements on "Destruction of Ecosystems," "Global Warming and Climate Change," and "Dependence on Fossil Fuels."

Destruction of Ecosystems Whether human beings are conscious of it or not, we are participants in and beneficiaries of complex natural ecosystems made up of myriads of symbiotic relationships between living organisms such as animals, plants, insects and microorganisms, and the physical environs they inhabit, including air, water and soil.

Overconsumption, shortsighted policies, poor management of natural resources, and other unsustainable practices have severely impacted the fragile, natural ecosystems on which all of life depends. Too often, humankind has treated the rest of the created world as if it were disposable and allowed the destruction of other living organisms and their natural habitats to go unchecked. Further, the experiences and voices of people most at risk have largely been ignored.

Global Warming and Climate Change Global warming and climate change are already creating extreme conditions that threaten the entirety of life on earth. Over industrialization, widespread deforestation, and overreliance on fossil fuels are but some of the human activities that have contributed to the buildup of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide in the earth's atmosphere.

A sharp upsurge in greenhouse gases over past decades already has resulted in a steady rise in sea levels, growing acidification of the world's oceans, increased droughts and famines, and the intensification of extreme weather events. Climate scientists warn that the window of opportunity for reversing the negative effects of global warming and climate change is rapidly closing. Without concerted action by individuals, churches, communities, shareholders, businesses, governments, and international organizations, the negative effects will become irreversible.

Dependence on Fossil Fuels The burning of fossil fuels, including coal, oil and, to a lesser extent, natural gas, is the greatest single contributor to the buildup of greenhouse gases and the consequent warming of earth's atmosphere. To reverse the current trajectory of global climate change, increased investments are needed in the research, development, and distribution of alternatives to fossil fuels, including, but not limited to, solar, wind, geothermal and hydrogen-based energy sources.

In pursuing alternatives to fossil fuels, it is critical to avoid solutions that would worsen current problems or create new, unforeseen environmental challenges. Reliance on nuclear energy, for example, raises considerable concerns regarding the safe storage and containment of radioactive waste.

Similarly, recent proposals to reduce the buildup of greenhouse gases by geoengineering earth's biospheres, including its land, air and water, risk unpredictable side effects and the further destabilization of the natural ecosystems on which all life depends.

Inevitably, transitioning from an overreliance on fossil fuels will have adverse impacts on individuals and communities whose livelihoods are still heavily dependent on the production, sale and distribution of these commodities. To the greatest extent possible, plans for developing and deploying alternative sources of energy should minimize negative financial impacts by investing in strategies that support people in successfully transitioning to new employment, strengthen the social safety net to deal with the loss of jobs and income, and provide ample educational and retraining opportunities.



MEN'S GROUP

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, April 11th.

GRILL TEAM

The Men's Group will be grilling again for our SHUMC Spring Craft Fair. Come to the church on Saturday, April 25.



MISSION

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

Aurora Interfaith-Birthday and Layette Collection

Not only does Aurora Interfaith provide food for those in need, but they also provide cake mixes, candles, party items, and a toy to clients whose children have a birthday and layette items for new mothers. During the month of April, we will continue to collect food but will also collect items to help with their birthday and layette program. Please consider providing a few items from the list below:

Birthday: cake mixes, frosting, candles, toys for various ages.

Layette: Newborn and 0–3-month onesies, sleepers, and footed pajamas, socks, receiving blankets, burp cloths, bibs, swaddle blankets, hats, washcloths and hooded towels, baby wipes, pacifiers, baby lotion, shampoo or unscented soap, diaper rash cream, baby nail clippers and baskets to put items in.

The Rummage Sale is Coming! The Rummage Sale is coming! May 29 and 30

Please save your gently used items for our sale which will benefit the budget of our church. We will accept your things on May 26-28.

Many hands will be needed to make this a successful event, specifically-

People to strategize logistics of the sale (early May)

People to sort and price items on May 26-28

Cashiers and general helpers on the days of the sale, May 29 and 30 (2-3 hour shifts)

People willing to take leftover items to charities at the conclusion of sale on May 30

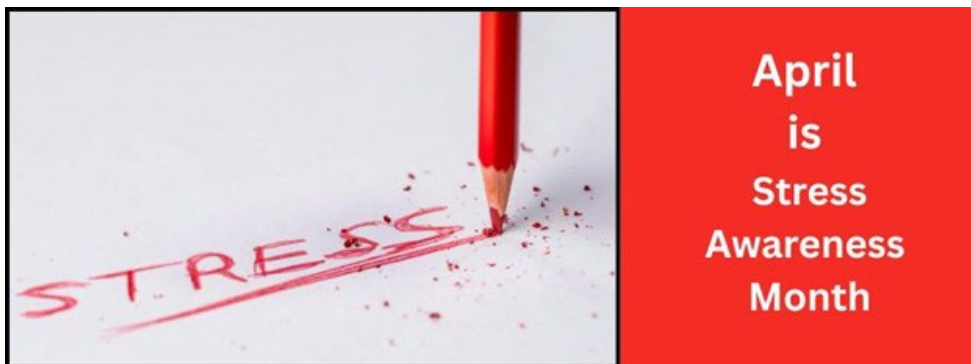
If you are willing to help (it's actually a lot of fun!) or if you want more information, please contact Susan Hora, cusaglass@gmail.com, 636-236-6549 (call or text). Thank you!!

Ushers Needed!



Do you enjoy greeting people with a smile and a desire to help them feel welcome and comfortable? We are looking for folks to staff our Welcome Desk and to serve as Ushers. Our summer schedule of one worship service at 10:00 am will begin on May 24 so this would be an ideal time to 'learn the ropes'. Training will be provided for both positions though they are both easy and enjoyable. For more information, please contact Susan Hora cusaglass@gmail.com 636-236-6549 (call or text).

Abundant Health



April is recognized as National Stress Awareness Month to bring attention to the negative impact of stress. Managing stress is an essential component of a healthy lifestyle. Knowing how to manage stress can improve mental and physical well-being as well as minimize exacerbation of health-related issues. Learn how stress effects your body and some healthy ways to cope at [the American Institute of Stress](#)

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: Keep an eye out for upcoming 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 restrictions. 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!

**SAVE LIVES
GIVE BLOOD**

Bloodmobile at SHUMC
Sunday, April 19 ~ 8:30-11:30 AM
Scan QR or call 720.690.3225

DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx}
TAKEBACK



Turn in unneeded medication
for safe disposal.

Saturday, April 25
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.

Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you.

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Parking Lot

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**Bring unwanted medicine or
prescription drugs to SHUMC
Saturday, April 25 and get rid of
these safely!**

SHUMC Art Gallery Team is seeking Latine-themed art for our exhibit in the month of May. If you or someone you know is interested in having their art included, please contact Gallery Team chair Alyce Duckworth at (720) 635-9864 or Alyduck@aol.com



MUSIC

Some pictures from Palm Sunday's wonderful '70s "Celebrate Life!" Cantata on Palm Sunday

Crystal Duncan, Paul Morales



Fred Isernhagen, Paul Morales, Dave Lisson, Bob Kerbs, and Tim Davis.

Bridget Baker, Deborah Stanley, Paula Byars



Bob Kerbs, Janet Flynn



Deb Brookes, Jana Jones





FREE: We have an older used organ. It works. No manual. 42" long, 29" wide and 44 1/2" high. You need to pick up from our Church



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.



UNITED WOMEN in FAITH

United Women in Faith Potluck

Brunch and Program

Sunday, April 19th 11:15 - 1 PM



**Exploring the
Intersection of
Racism and
Climate Justice.**

All are welcome! Bring a dish to share and join us in room 214 for two short video documentaries followed by discussion.





WORSHIP

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!

This service will be livestreamed on our FB and YouTube pages:

[Livestream on Facebook](#)

[Livestream on YouTube](#)

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

These self-guided prayer stations will lead you through the final words of Jesus when he was on the cross. These words paint a powerful and moving picture of what was on the heart and mind of Jesus as he died. Plan on being here 20-30 minutes as you make your way around the stations.

Easter Services at SHUMC

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5th

8:30 & 10 AM

Join us in celebrating the
resurrection
All are welcome here

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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*



Worship with Us! Sundays 8:30 & 10 am

*Livestream at 10:00 on
Facebook & YouTube*

Sunday School 9 & 10 am

Spanish Service at 10 am
in Celebration Hall

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.



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