

November 3, 2016

Dear Students and Parents –

It is time for Tuesday School to begin! Every Tuesday, join us in friendship and laughter for hands-on activities, creative projects, a healthy snack, self reflection opportunities, storytelling, dancing and singing. This year our focus for kindergarten through fourth grade is “Sacred Storytelling” and for fifth through eighth graders is “Developing Consciousness for Kids”. Please see the attached flyer for more information. We will begin on November 29th and meet right after school until 5:00. All children kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome! Barbara, Mimi, Nicholas and Elaine are looking forward to seeing you! **Please email Elaine to reserve a spot if you have not already done so!**

The first day of Tuesday School is **Tuesday, November 29th**. Since we begin right after school, children may take the bus, walk from the public schools, or get a ride from parents to the Aspen Chapel. Tuesday School ends at 5:00; however, Aspen Noise, our multi-generational singing group, is offered immediately after Tuesday School and any students who want to stay until 6:00 to sing and dance are welcome. Adults who are “young at heart” may join us at 5:00 as well. It has been so much fun - I am sure you will all want to participate!

The tuition for Tuesday School this year is \$300.00. This is a decrease from last year due to feedback from parents who completed the survey. However, Tuesday School tuition pays for approximately one half of the actual cost of Tuesday School and the tuition collected helps pay for teachers, the director, snacks, supplies and curriculum planning. If you would like to make an additional contribution to help us cover the cost of Tuesday School, your donation will be recognized as a sponsorship and qualifies as a tax deductible contribution. We appreciate any donation as a support of our program and thank you kindly. Please know that we will not discourage any child from participating in this program, and offer a scholarship or partial scholarship to help defray the tuition cost to families who would be 'grateful' for such consideration. The Aspen Chapel's Tuesday School Scholarship Fund has been funded by gifts from individuals who recognize and value our youth education program. Please call me or email me at [ejb@sopris.net](mailto:ejb@sopris.net) regarding tuition payment. Monthly payment plans are available. You may send your enrollment forms and checks to Aspen

Chapel 0077 Meadowood Dr. Aspen, CO 81611 or bring them on the first day.

Tuesday School begins on **November 29<sup>th</sup>** and runs through **March 21<sup>st</sup>**. We follow the public school schedule, so if there is a snow day, there will be no Tuesday School that day. Also, we **do not meet during winter break, (Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> or Dec 27<sup>th</sup>)** but otherwise, we meet every Tuesday.

As always, an integral part of our curriculum this year will include a community service component. Each week some students will go to Whitcomb Terrace to visit with the elders and other projects will be available during the year. See below for some upcoming opportunities!

### **Some fun upcoming family events at Aspen Chapel:**

**Thanksgiving Joint Service** – Join us for our annual Joint Thanksgiving Service with the Aspen Jewish Congregation! **9:30 a.m. on November 13<sup>th</sup>** for our theme of “**Community**”. During our reception that day, we will be packing up bags for Lift Up to benefit elders in Carbondale.

### **Opening Night! Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them**

**Join Youth Leaders Drew and Simone Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** – Meet for dinner at Sure Thing Burger at 5:30 and head to Movieland at 7:00. Please purchase movie tickets ahead of time as it is opening night and sure to be crowded. RSVP – [heather@aspenchapel.org](mailto:heather@aspenchapel.org)

**Holiday Baskets Kids' Wrap Day – December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 10:00 a.m. - Christ Episcopal Church – corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and North. Please let Elaine know if you would like to participate.

### **Aspen Chapel Christmas Eve Services**

#### **”A Traditional Aspen Chapel Christmas”**

with Aspen Chapel Spiritual Leader Nicholas Vesey

Music by Susan Nicholson and a song by Barbara Bloemsma

4:30 Children's Service

6:30 Family Service

8:30 Late Service

Please let us know if you are not receiving our weekly emails. They are full of activities happening at the Aspen Chapel, and we don't want you to miss out on something special! I am available for questions, ideas, concerns, etc. at 925-7182. Please use this number to call on Tuesdays with any messages for us or the children, and do not leave a message on the Aspen Chapel phone as we may not receive it until later.

Enough information for now! This is always my longest letter of the year – jammed packed with information. If I missed something important, please jot me an email or give me a call and I will kindly answer your questions. See you **November 29th** if not before!

Love,

Elaine Bonds

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“Tuesday School sets students on a life-long spiritual journey to explore their inner lives while connecting with the world. They will be equipped with the tools and skills to cultivate universal values such as: mindfulness, gratitude, compassion, and peace. The curriculum is open-minded and open-hearted.”