



THE CONNECTOR
"Welcoming All...
Making Disciples...
Taking Christ to the World"
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WORSHIP at 10:00
Followed by Sunday School at 11:15.

JOHN NILSEN in concert!
Friday, February 5th, 7pm

Hillview is delighted to be one of the concert stops for pianist, John Nilsen. John is well-known to us in the Northwest, especially because he is one of our own—having shared his talents in most of our Oregon/ Idaho Methodist churches. You will want to invite friends and family to this evening of music. There is no charge for admission (a free-will offering will be received and John's CDs will be available for sale. Come enjoy!



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Random Musings from Pastor Barbara

In early January, sixty of our church leaders spent a Saturday morning praying, thinking, dreaming, planning and ultimately working to shape the life of this congregation. We watched a short video sent to me by a friend. It was a business video containing information about how to shape and pursue bigger goals in the midst of the “whirlwind” of activity that fills the time of any organization. “Whirlwind” is a good descriptor of church but also of our individual lives in and beyond church. Our whirlwinds often have good stuff in them. It’s not like we’re constantly spinning our wheels or wasting our time. There is necessary and worthwhile activity in this life that demands our on-going attention. This is why it is hard to make room for bigger goals and creative changes. They don’t DEMAND our attention in the same way.

The little video calls those bigger goals and creative changes WILDLY IMPORTANT GOALS. I love the idea that some of what we are about at church is WILDLY IMPORTANT! And to change the world in the ways Jesus Christ calls up IS wildly important work.

I think Jesus’ wildly important goal for us is to build the kingdom of God—to be followers of Jesus whose lives are governed by peace, justice and love—however imperfectly—right here and now. How easy it is for such a goal to get lost in the whirlwind, especially when the whirlwind is full of GOOD stuff. And there is much good stuff here at Hillview. In listening and watching our ministry teams at work, I see so many opportunities to be involved—to give time and money, to grow spiritually, to learn about the world, to be part of our creative worship life and so on and so on. My sincere invitation to you is to ask yourself which GOOD opportunities here at Hillview (and elsewhere in your life) actually deepen your life as a follower of Jesus? Which ones build on your role in reaching that WILDLY IMPORTANT goal of building the kingdom of God? I do not have YOUR answers. I believe they are indeed somewhat different for each of us. But I urge you to do for your life as our leaders did that Saturday morning for our church—pray, think, dream, plan and work to focus on the wildly important, even in the midst of the good stuff.

HILLVIEW U.M.W. CALENDAR CORNER

February Functions

February 7th VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES

12 pm, Library

A long tradition of the United Methodist Women at Hillview is remembering our young adults at Valentine's with a gift of a "care package". This outreach includes **all young adults**, (ages 18-23). Last year we gave 40 valentine care packages to our young adults. **This year we need Homemade cookies!** Please pre-wrap the cookies (small sandwich bags work well) in groups of 3 cookies/bag. A fun variety of cookies has been well received in past years! Please bring the items to the church kitchen and place by **Sunday, Feb.7**. Assembling the care packages will be after Sunday school. Contact Judy Halverson, 327-0541 for information.

February 20th Women's One-Day Retreat

8:45 am -3 pm

"Journaling as a Spiritual Practice"

Janine Watkins will facilitate this time which will have something to offer for novice and seasoned people. Registration forms are posted on the United Methodist Women's bulletin board or go to the Hillview UMW website to UMW page to register online. Contact Judy Halverson , 327-0541 for information.

February 21-22 Idaho Legislative Education Event Poverty in Idaho

Focusing on the legislative process, understanding poverty in Idaho, and an overview of legislation impacting the poor. Registration forms are on the UMW bulletin board.

Coming Events

Ladies mark your calendars for these important events:

March 6th District Membership Enrichment

March 9th Lady Veteran's Luncheon

March 18th Unit Meeting Thursday 6pm light meal served

MONTHLY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Morning Book Group 2nd Monday of the month/ 10:00 am

Borders Books at the Mall

February book The Zookeepers Wife

March book The Great Gatsby

Contact person: George Ann Morris – 853-2729

Evening Book Club

2nd Monday of the month 6:30 pm

Church Kitchen/ Meal provided

February book Hotel on the Corner of

Bitter and Sweet

March book The Known World

Darlene Smith 376-5977

Lydia Circle (Study Group)

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 9:30am

Church Parlor

Judy Halverson 327-0541

Fellowship Circle

2nd Thursday of the month 7 pm

In members homes

Contact person: Betsy Baughman

COMING IN LENT

Invitation to Psalms~~a 10-week in depth study of the Psalms on Thursdays, February 25 through April 19, 7:30 –9:00 PM following the Lenten Experiences in Prayer. The writers of the Psalms express the full range of human experiences and emotion. This study can be life-changing in our understanding of these sacred texts, God’s faithfulness, and ourselves. Please, sign up with Janine Watkins, 336-1991, or janine.watkins@hillviewmethodist.org by February 7th so books can be ordered.

Experiences in Prayer... Each Thursday during Lent 7:-7:30

Pastor Barbara will be offering “Experiences in Prayer” during the first 30 minutes of the Psalms study each Thursday during Lent. You are welcome to come just for the prayer experience (7-7:30) just for the Psalm study (7:30-9) or for the combination of both (7-9).

February 7th is Souper Bowl Sunday! No that's not a type-o. We really did mean "souper" bowl. Our youth will be standing by at the end of the service to collect money for the 20th annual Souper Bowl of Caring in giant soup pots. All money we raise stays in our own community...in fact, WE decide the charity it goes to. So mark your calendars, save your change. We want to make some noise and fill those pots!



Donations to the Janessa Chastain Scholarship Fund have recently been made in memory of William Glenn Carringer, father of Mark Carringer, and Lois Thorne, aunt of Lois Hanson.

From the Mail

Thank you so much to my Hillview "family" for all the prayer, well wishes and cards. They were a source of comfort and joy during my time in the hospital. I feel blessed to have recovered so well, and look forward to resuming my normal activities as I regain full strength.



Bless you all-
Steve Messenger

Sunday Morning Classes—11:15 am

Classes for Adults:

- *Journey Through the Bible*

Leader: Lilburn Wesche, David Barber and Robert Linkhart;
(Library/Parlor)

This class is an in-depth, sequential study of the Bible, now studying Exodus.

- *Jesus and Java*

Leaders Janet Worthington and Ethyl Minnis; (room 3)

The class will be viewing a DVD series beginning Sunday, January 17th. *Servant or Sucker? Wise and Compassionate Ways to Help the Poor* is a 5 week DVD series that will help viewers discern appropriate, Christ-centered actions when it comes to addressing poverty on a personal or organizational level. Included are realities of poverty such as the concepts of time, relationships, money and values; a “poverty tour”; interviews with those who are homeless or poor; interviews with those who have helped and/or have been suckered; and steps viewers can take to be an effective servant without getting suckered.

- *Simple Living*

Leaders Joe and Vicki Prin; (Youth House)

Simple Living class is viewing a DVD series, *Curing Affluenza*.

Tony Compola offers a cure for the on-the-go consumerism. He tells us about a cure documented in the Bible. You are invited to join in the discussions..

- *Pastor’s Forum*

Leader, Pastor Barbara; (Ballantyne Hall)

This class offers dialogue between Pastor Barbara and you about the sermon or at times there may be topics of relevance to our church around matters of peace and justice that call us to address.

Newcomers, one-timers are always welcome.

Youth Class, (6th-12th grade)

Leaders Pam & John Lodal and Lynn McCoy; (Youth House)

LinC, Living in Christ, curriculum examines the latest music, movies, news, and current events through a biblical lens.

Children Class (4yr.-5th grade)

Leaders Judy Halverson and Chris Angell; (Rm 10)

The Way of the Child is a new approach to helping children in their spiritual formation. A quiet, reflective environment with various stations to visit will be offered for our children.

Update on the Honduran Scholarship Program

Below is an update from the coordinators of the Becas con Bendiciones Program (Honduran School Scholarships). Hillview is supporting 32 children this next year - the most we have ever done! Given the economic conditions - this is amazing.

Dear Ron,

Would you please express our appreciation to the Missions outreach of Hillview United Methodist Church for their continued and very generous support of the Becas con Bendiciones program in Honduras for the 2010 school year. School starts in just a few weeks so we are here in Honduras working to get uniforms and supplies acquired and distributed to the children. Your providing scholarships for 32 children is truly amazing. With the substantially fewer number of work teams coming to Honduras last year, your gift is so significant to the continued growth of the program. When we return in April, we will send you pictures and biographical information as we have in the past. Again thank you for your continued support for the Becas con Bendiciones program in Honduras.

Blessings, Henry & Sara Clines Directors

Our Prayers

If you like to add someone to our Prayer Chain please call the church office (375-0392) or Linda Sherrets (377-3248 or linbud@juno.com).

As you pray please remember the entire family of those listed here and in your hearts

*Pray with concern for - **Lewis & Trulah Mills—Ruth Green— John Stafford— Margaret Hartley.***

*Pray in sympathy with—**The family of Helen Johnstone***

*Pray for those serving beyond the local church: **Hillview's VIM Team***

Pray for our seminary student—Janessa Chastain



Please add these names of military to the list of those we pray for as they are away from family and friends serving their country - Jordan—Air Force-Iraq, Dustin Soper-Iraq, Cara Hammond—Air Force—Mississippi, Spec. Christopher Fabela—Army - Sgt. Willie Fabela- U.S.M.C.—Iraq.

VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES

A long tradition at Hillview is remembering our young adults at Valentine's with a gift of a "care package". This outreach includes **all young adults**, (ages 18-23), not just college students and military personnel. We need current addresses and names. Please contact the church office or add current information to the list in the gathering area.

Donations needed:

Homemade cookies! Please pre-wrap the cookies (small sandwich bags work well) in groups of 3 cookies/bag. A fun variety of cookies has been well received in past years! **Please be sure to have them at the church no later than 11 AM on Feb. 7th.**

Assembling the care packages will be on Sunday, Feb. 7th after Sunday School. Contact Judy Halverson, 327-0541 for information.

Young Adult Contact Information Needed!

Identifying and having **correct** addresses for our Hillview young adults is the biggest challenge we have for the valentine care package project. Please call the office or check the young adult list that is in the church gathering area to add or correct a name and address.



Visit us online at www.hillviewmethodist.org

Janessa Chastain, our seminary student, has created a blog to help us follow her progress. If you would like to check on her the link is <http://janessac.blogspot.com>

Did You Know—that you can contact your bank and have them send a check to Hillview as often as you specify (week, month, etc.), in the amount that you specify, and you don't have to worry about remembering to write a check?

The service is free and the bank will notify you in your monthly bank statement and/or they will email you when it is done.

Contact your bank. It is easy to setup.

Several have found that this works great!



Lunch Bunch

We will meet on February 11 at 11:30am There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office at 375-0392 to be added to the list.

Ministry Team Leadership Update:

Chair of Finance—Stuart Gustafson

Chair of Trustees—Gary Woods

Chair of Congregational Life & Care—Jeanie Swenson

Chair of Faith in Action—Gayle Woods



Men's Retreat
February 5-6-7
Rush Cabin in Cascade

Sign up in the narthex

Help Wanted for a Community Meals Coordinator:

Part time, approximately 10 hours per month, will work to coordinate volunteers and leadership teams to plan, deliver and cleanup up a community meal once a month. Some food and all labor is supplied by the volunteers at Hillview. This position will pay \$11.00 per hour. This person should be energetic, organized and able to network well with all members of the congregation.

Please see the Church Secretary, Claudia Flora for a job description or talk to Charlie Pegan or Karen Gowland about this position

MARK YOUR CALENDARS~ WOMEN'S ONE-DAY SPRING RETREAT, FEBRUARY 20, 2010, 8:45PM—3PM

“Journaling As a Spiritual Practice”

- Do you ever feel intimidated by a blank page?
- Do you ever wonder what you can write about that will mean anything?
- Do you ever think you don't have time for this?
- Do you ever not want to go where journaling might take you emotionally or spiritually?
- Do you ever wonder if there might be a different way to journal than how you are doing it?

Bring a blank book ~ any size, color, design that appeals to you ~ and join us for a time of exploration, experimentation, and expression. Janine Watkins will facilitate this time which will have something to offer for novice and seasoned people. Contact Judy Halverson , 327-0541 for further details.