



THE CONNECTOR
 “Welcoming All...
 Making Disciples...
 Taking Christ to the World”
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Sunday Schedule

9 AM Sanctuary Service
 10:15 AM Sunday School
 11:11 AM Catch the Flame Service

COMING EVENTS



Men’s Retreat
February 6-8
Swenson’s cabin in Donnally
Call Will for details 323-0141

Valentine Care Packages
Bring in cookies—update info for
delivery
(more details inside)



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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—**RF (Whiz) & Ellie Flinn on the loss of Whiz's sister Mildred Shiplet—Bill and Hazelle Kaylor and family on the loss of Bill's mother—Jennifer & Jim Walt and family on the loss of Jennifer's father—the family of Dwight Spangler.***

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



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.

Our Financial Gifts

Treasurer's Report

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference	YTD (+/-)
Jan	\$39,205	\$38,563	+\$642	+\$642
Feb	\$29,680	\$39,027	-\$9,347	-\$8,705
Mar	\$30,937	\$27,200	-\$6,263	-\$14,968
Apr	\$28,991	\$37,368	-\$8,377	-\$23,345
May	\$25,402	\$35,863	-\$10,461	-\$33,806
June	\$30,828	\$34,955	-\$ 4,127	-\$37,933
July	\$27,623	\$30,448	-\$ 2,825	-\$40,758
Aug	\$28,704	\$25,611	+\$ 3,093	-\$37,665
Sept	\$34,174	\$27,073	+\$ 7,101	-\$30,564
Oct	\$60,580	\$33,703	+\$26,877	-\$ 3,687
Nov	\$30,011	\$27,416	+\$ 2,595	-\$ 1,092
Dec	\$30,184	\$28,493	+\$ 1,691	+\$ 599

WE MADE IT!

If you have questions about this information contact Sam Goodwin, 376-5383

HILLVIEW COMMUNITY MEAL
Wednesday, February 25th
Wednesday, March 25th
5:30 – 7:00 pm

As usual a Hillview team will be preparing the main course of the meal (meat loaf and mashed potatoes for January and chili and corn bread for February) and provide drinks while the church members will continue to bring a salad, vegetable or desert. For a more even distribution of these items please try to use the following guideline in making your choice.

A-L Bring a salad or vegetable

M-Z Bring a desert

Please do not think these are hard and fast rules. If you have a favorite dish that you think others would like, bring that. If you are trying to decide what to bring try to use the guideline.

I would like to thank everyone who contributes their time, talents, contributions and attendance, it wouldn't happen without you.

Darlene Smith (376-5977)

Three Faith Tradition Presentation
“The Faith Club”, Saturday, Feb. 21, 3 pm

St. Mark's Catholic Church

Tickets: \$25

The Faith Club—a story of hope and reconciliation told in three faith traditions. Come and meet Ranya Idliby, an American Muslim of Palestinian descent, Suzanne Oliver, an Episcopalian, and Priscilla Warner, a Jew; three women wise enough and brave enough to set out together on a journey for understanding. They shared their experience in the best selling book, *The Faith Club* and now speak internationally. Hear what they learned on the way, where the journey led them, and how you, too, might become part of the epic for peace.

World Peace Village presentation: 2-2:50 pm (learn about the 6 major faiths of the world and make your prayer for peace)

The Faith Club: 3 pm, reception and book signing following

Tickets and more information: 345-4440; www.episcopalidahoh.org/events/79

HILLVIEW'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

You are invited to join us in Sunday School at 10:15 am.

One Room Sunday School—3yrs.-6th grade; *Room 5*; Terri Pittz, Susan Hutchinson, Judy Halverson

Youth Class—grades 7-12th , *Youth House*; *Lynn McCoy and Kit Parker*

Adult Classes—

Healing Class; *Room3*; Linda Porter

Jesus and Java; *Parlor*; Merri Albright

Lectionary Class; *Room 10*; Ron Halverson, Wilburn Weshe; David Barber

Simple Living and Stewardship of the Earth; *Youth House*; Vicki and Joe Prin

MUSIC CLASS FOR CHILDREN

All children are invited to the music “mini-class” on Sunday s at 10 am in Rm. 5, led by Esther Wesche . We will begin our One Room Sunday School class at 10:15am.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is an opportunity for children ages 3 to 9 years to participate in a class setting with age appropriate stories and activities related to a Bible story. This occurs during the time of the 9 am sanctuary service, after Pastor John's Children's Time. The Children's Church is held in room 6.

Want more information about Sunday School? Contact Judy Halverson, 327-0541



Lunch Bunch

We will meet on February 12th at The Cottonwood Grille on the corner of 9th and River 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.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUPS

Over the past nearly two years several Spiritual Growth Groups were initiated. Some were short-term, some intermittent, some evolved into another format. Participants have confirmed that this type of opportunity adds much depth to their spiritual life beyond what can happen in other settings in the life of our congregation.

The value and benefits of small group experiences for continuing to grow in our faith cannot be overstated. We not only discover new understandings of God and mature in our relationship with Christ ourselves, but we also contribute to other group participants' growth as well. Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am also." With that assurance and the caring concern for one another in the group, we can safely and honestly consider and share our response to John Wesley's question—"How is it with your soul?"

BEGINNING IN LENT (LATE FEBRUARY)

***St. Augustine—6-week exploration of early church theological understandings and contemporary influences. Contact person, Pastor John Tindell, 375-0392.**

BEGINNING AFTER EASTER (MID-APRIL)

***Disciple Bible Study: "Invitation to Psalms" The Psalms give voice to all aspects of human experience as well as being a resource for praise and worship and prayer. Contact person, Janine Watkins, 375-0392 or 336-1991.**

Alternative Christmas Gifts

Another Christmas has passed, and once again Hillview's congregation reached out beyond commercial gifts and their usual circle of giving. Through the Alternative Christmas Gifts program, Hillview's Volunteers in Mission account received \$135, Corpus Christi day shelter was given \$200 and Interfaith Sanctuary homeless shelter received \$390. "Thank you" to all who participated from those who will benefit from your gifts.

HILLVIEW U.M.W. CALENDAR CORNER

FUTURE FUNCTIONS...

August 23rd UMW Book Sale
September 26-28th at the Depot

MONTHLY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Morning Book Group

2nd Monday of the month/ 9:30 A.M.
Borders Books at the Mall
Contact person: George Ann Morris
853-2729

Evening Book Group

2nd Monday of the month / 6:30 P.M.
Church Kitchen/ Meal provided
Contact person: Darlene Smith
376-5977

Fellowship Circle

2nd Thursday of the month 7 p.m.
Contact person: Betsy Baughman
424-7713

Lydia Circle (Study Group)

First and Third Tuesdays/ 9:30-11:30 A.M.
Church Parlor
Contact Person: Judy Halverson
327-0541

Coming Events

Ladies mark your calendars for these important events:

February 8th Valentine Boxes:

VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES

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), not just college students and military personnel. Last year we gave 47 valentine care packages to our young adults.

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!

Money donations! Last year we had 24 care packages mailed and postage has increased. A collection can is on a table in the gathering area of the church. If not cash, please make the check payable to "Hillview UMW".

Please bring the items to the church kitchen and place by **Sunday, Feb.8.** Assembling the care packages will be on Sunday, Feb.8 after Sunday School, 11 am, in room 10. 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. Remember, all young adults are included.

**Hillview United Methodist Women
2009 Officers**

President: Darlene Smith
Secretary: Kristin Guyon

Vice President: Angie Barber
Treasurer: Shirley Audens

Mission Coordinators:

Program Resources Secretary: Karen Kron
Education and Interpretation: Amanda Balance
Spiritual Growth: Linda Sherrets
Membership Nurture and Outreach Georgia Karnes
Social Action: Jan Worthington
Communications Coordinator: Linda Porter
Nominations Chairperson: Betsy Baughman

Circle Chairmen

Judy Halverson - Lydia Circle
Betsy Baughman - Fellowship Circle
Darlene Smith - Evening Book Club
Georgie Ann Morris- Morning Book Club

**Church Women United (CWU) in Ada County
Human Right Celebration Day,
Friday, March 6
10:00 Brunch Program 10:30 Am
First Congregational Church 23rd and Woodlawn, Boise
Program: "The Experience of Being Homeless"**

**CWU is a national organization which has worked for peace and
justice (those things which make for peace) for over 60 years.
Everyone is invited and bring a friend.**

Corpus Christi House

I realized the other day that I have taken it for granted that everyone at Hillview knows about Corpus Christi House (a day shelter for the homeless). There are many of the congregation that supported Tim Cooper's dream of providing this day shelter since 1998. Hillview provided food (hard boiled eggs & orange juice) to Tim who started a breakfast feeding program for the homeless at the old El Ada soup kitchen. Then in January of 2003 we found a building that we could purchase for a shelter. Hillview along with many other churches raised \$60,000 for a down payment on a property that eventually became Corpus Christi House at 525 Americana Blvd. Corpus Christi House opened December 1, 2003. It is open from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Saturday and has a church service on Sunday.

Corpus Christi House had a dedication September 2004. They honored the three churches that were instrumental in getting Corpus Christi House started by having them participate in the dedication. The three churches represented were the Mennonites, Catholics, and (Hillview) Methodist. I was honored to represent Hillview at that dedication. Hillview has supported Corpus Christi over the years by donating food, clothing, personal hygiene products, and money for daily operating costs and paying the mortgage. Corpus Christi paid off their mortgage in 2008. They have had to remodel several times due to the heavy use of their facility. One of our congregation donated \$10,000 and they were able to purchase an industrial dishwasher.

Hillview has a drop box in the gathering area where you can place clothes, hygiene products and non-perishable food. I take these to Corpus Christi weekly. There are also several people at Hillview that contribute money to Corpus Christi in addition to their offering. Sam Goodwin sends that money monthly to Corpus Christi which aids in their operating expenses. The one thing that is unique about Corpus Christi is that 100% of the contributions go directly to serve the homeless since the shelter is run totally by volunteers. I am volunteering on Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 to 5:30 PM. If you would like a tour, come by and I would be glad to give you one.

Corpus Christi House is a hospitality day center offering a comfortable place to sit, rest, read or visit and providing the basic necessities for maintaining personal dignity to all who come to the door. A quote from Henry Krewer "We want to help as many of them

(homeless) back on their feet and reintegrate them back into society. For those who are unable to rejoin society, we simply want to make their life a lot more healthy and bearable.”
If you have question, please contact Jan Gross 362-1339

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

From the Mail

I want to thank Hillview members and Tom and Karla Reynolds for the beautiful Red Poinsettia, which they delivered to me. It sits on a table in my dining room where I can look at it as I eat my meals. The dining room is also, where I open my mail and sort it. The poinsettia is a daily reminder fo the church’s thoughts and prayers that get me through many days.

I appreciate also the visits I receive from Janine, a visit that gives me someone to talk to in person, not a voice on the telephone, however, the telephone and my computer do keep me in touch with the world and are necessary to my well being. Again, thanks to all of you for the beauty that was brought into my life with the poinsettia.

Sincerely,
Margaret Burris

Thank you so much for the Poinsettia. It is so pretty.
Bob & Bonnie Abbott

A donation has been made to the Eleanor J. Bingham Mission Endowment Fund by Kirby and Jackie Vining in memory of Eleanor J. Bingham.

A donation has been made to Hillview’s General Fund by Art and Ginny Belcher in memory of Bonnie Kaylor, mother of Bill Kaylor.



CATCH THE FLAME

11:11 a.m. each Sunday in Ballantyne.

Come explore new ways to connect with God in worship!

Join Jeff as he leads this service using a wide variety of prayer, music, technology, ritual, and word. If you are interested in finding out more about what goes

on each week at the Catch the Flame service check us out on the web at www.myspace.com/catchtheflameboise

Hillview UMC Supports Veterans Foot Locker Drive

Hillview members and supporters again made the annual Foot Locker Drive a tremendous success. The Drive, designed to assist Idaho veterans (including 160 residents of the Idaho State Veterans Home), ran from Veteran's Day until December 22. Despite economic challenges and other demands on our time and dollars, Hillview members donated 741 badly needed clothing items and personal supplies. This included a record 100 new sweaters, sweat suits, and other pieces of clothing for the 12 female vets at the Home. Phil Hawkins, Volunteer Coordinator, thanked Hillview on behalf of the vets. Kudos to Claire Chambers, Jeff Thompson, and the Hillview Youth Group for coordinating, inventorying, and donating the items. Job well done, Hillview!

From The Cathedral of the Rockies

We are getting ready to start another Financial Peace University class on February 11th. It will run until May 20. The class is held here at Boise First on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and is led by Pastor Sandi MacFadden. Preview classes for those who are interested will be held on January 21 or 28 at 6:30 p.m. Two web sites you can go to for more information: www.cathedraloftherockies.org or www.daveramsey.com.

A WORD FROM PASTOR JOHN: Teachable Moments

In John 16:12, Jesus is quoted as saying to his disciples, “I have more to say to you than you can now bear.”

I think he meant by those words that for his close followers, on that occasion in the first century, as is true for most of us now sometimes, there are times when we are not “teachable” (not open to learn and expand our thought processes, and not open for spiritual growth).

In the case of the John chapter 16 mentioned verse, Jesus had just communicated to his followers a lengthy discourse about the meaning and work of the Holy Spirit. In that situation, the disciples could not “bear” any more because Jesus had given them about as much new teaching about an important and deep subject, as they could manage to handle at that particular time!

When are we as human beings, most likely to be teachable? Often when we feel defeated about something about which we’ve been unsuccessful, we are logically open to some new thoughts or suggestions. When we are beginning something new in our lives (moving to a new location, beginning a new job, starting a new educational experience, etc) we are likely to be open to learn and grow.

How about following Jesus for the first time? Almost certainly, a person who is just beginning to live a Christian life is open to learn and grow from other Christians, and hopefully from the influence of God’s Spirit. But what about following Jesus for those of us who have been seeking to do so for many years?

We may tend to think we’ve already heard all there is for us to know about our faith. But what a big mistake that attitude is! Sometimes, like the disciples described in John chapter 16, we may grow weary of hearing about new thoughts and ideas about faith. But on other occasions, and hopefully throughout our lives, there are also times when we are open and “teachable.”

John Tindell