



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.

Lenten Schedule

Shrove Tuesday - Feb. 16 Pancake Supper 6-7:30PM
Ash Wednesday—Feb. 17 Worship 7PM
Thursdays Feb 25 - March - 25 –
Experiences in Prayer 7– 7:30pm
Thursdays—Feb. 25—April 29 -
Invitation to Psalms 7:30– 9PM
Sunday—March 28—Palm Sunday Worship 10Am
Thursday April 1—Maunday Thursday
Light Meal 6PM
Friday April 2—Good Friday Service 7PM
Sunday April 4—Easter—Sunrise Service 7AM
Camp Scholarship Pancake Breakfast 7:30—11:30AM
Sanctuary Service 10AM
Camp Scholarship Pancake Breakfast 7:30—11:30AM

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TREASURER'S REPORT-

<u>Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>YTD (+/-)</u>
Jan	\$24,726	\$28,566	\$ -3,840	\$ -\$3,840
Feb	\$26,313	\$29,180	\$ -2,867	\$ -\$6,707
Mar	\$33,011	\$27,772	\$ +5,329	\$ -\$1,468
Apr	\$32,026	\$27,184	\$ +4,842	\$ +\$3,374
May	\$34,160	\$28,716	\$ +5,444	\$ +\$8,818
Jun	\$26,880	\$28,978	\$ -2,098	\$ +\$6,716
Jul	\$24,105	\$29,725	\$ -5,620	\$ +\$1,096
Aug	\$36,661	\$29,062	\$ +7,599	\$ +\$8,695
Sep	\$27,030	\$34,739	\$ -7,452	\$ + 986
Oct	\$26,694	\$31,856	\$ -5,162	\$ - \$4,176
Nov	\$44,275	\$30,689	\$ +13,586	\$ +\$9,410
Dec	\$30,406	\$33,670	\$ - 3,264	\$ +\$6,146

A good year!

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

Random Musings

from Pastor Barbara

A friend of mine shared some “wisdom” from an anonymous blog she was reading on the internet. The piece was entitled “Everything I Need to Know About Church I learned at *Weight Watchers* .” The writer had created a fun analogy that holds some thoughtful truth. Here is my take on the idea:

- 1) Going every week matters. Being disciplined and staying accountable can help you on your way.
- 2) The REAL work happens during the week. Weekly meetings are the times that set you up to make a difference all the other days.
- 3) Shared experiences matter. Hearing others talk about their work, their successes and failures-- seeing their results-- these things can inspire us to do our very best and to see what is possible.
- 4) Others may not understand what you are experiencing and they may not want to hear about it. In the same way that it feels great for someone to ASK if you’ve lost weight, it is especially nice to share our experiences of God because someone notices the difference in us. In other words, share—don’t gloat.
- 5) The more you invest in “the program” the more the benefit. Basically, you get what you give...

The season of Lent is upon us. I think these five points can be useful in the coming weeks. This newsletter contains an insert that walks you through the coming weeks of introspection we share before Easter. Please participate wherever you can. Each of us is responsible for our own journeys with Jesus. Who we become and how we live as disciples is not pre-determined by God. The invitation from Jesus to follow him faithfully is one we choose. And each of us journeys at the pace we are choosing. All the while, we are living in God’s love which can give us courage and wisdom. We say “yes” to God as an act of freedom. Let us say “yes” together throughout the coming Lenten season.

From Interfaith Sanctuary:

Thank you for your generous gift (of \$550 from the Alternative Christmas Gifts) to Interfaith Sanctuary homeless shelter. Our gift makes it possible to shelter women, men and families in a safe and welcoming space.

Interfaith sanctuary is built upon the compassion of its volunteers and donors. We depend upon this generosity to provide vital services for those in need in our community. We average over 130 individuals and families nightly year round. The need is great and our residents are grateful for your kindness:

I know these are difficult times. And that there is a lot of uncertainty about the economy. Many of you may be struggling to pay your own way. And yet there you are considering a gift to those that are even less fortunate thank you. That 's real love. And even though we may never meet face to face, know this. I will always be grateful for your generosity. Bless You.—Bill J.

I lost my place to live and if it wasn't for Sanctuary, I would be sleeping in the cold. Thank you.—Patricia L.

We are very grateful to your congregation for supporting Sanctuary and to end homelessness.

Health Kits for Haiti

The Children's Sunday School class put together, with the help of the Youth class, 155 health care kits. Hillview members generously donated the hand towels, wash cloths, soaps, nail clippers, combs, bandaids and toothbrushes that made up the kits and also donations to cover the costs of shipping to the UMCOR Salt Lake Depot.



Attention all potential Church Campers!

Camping season is coming! **Check out the camp bulletin board to see all of the wonderful opportunities for people of all ages to enjoy God's beautiful creation.** For kids interested in camp scholarships there are several opportunities available to earn them. Contact the Camp Secretary-Marilesta Nelson 375-5116 for more information.

STARTING IN LENT

Invitation to Psalms~~a 10-week in depth study of the Psalms on Thursdays, February 25 through April 29, 7:30 –9:00 PM f. 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).

Prayer Chain

We are updating the Prayer Chain. If you are considering this ministry and haven’t finalized this decision, please let Claudia (375-0392 or churchoffice@hillviewmethodist.org) or Linda Sherrets (377-3248 or linbud@juno.com) know as soon as possible so we can put the updated version in operation.

HILLVIEW U.M.W. CALENDAR CORNER

February Functions

Women's One-Day Retreat

February 20, 2010, 8:45 am until 3 pm

"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?

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Do you ever not want to go where journaling might take you emotionally or spiritually?

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Bring a blank book—any size, color, design that appeals to you—and join us for a time of exploration, experimentation, expression. **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.

Idaho Legislative Education Event

Poverty in Idaho

February 21 & 22, 2010

Boise, Idaho

The Legislative Advocacy Event is an opportunity to become acquainted with the legislative process. Sunday sessions, beginning at 3:30 pm, will be held at Boise First United Methodist Church (BFUMC) and will focus on the legislative process, understanding poverty in Idaho, and an overview of legislation impacting the poor. Dr Will Rainford, Associate Professor of Social Work at BSU and the Legislative Advocate for Catholic Charities, and Pam Baldwin, executive director of the Interfaith Alliance will speak Sunday evening about legislation that impacts low income families in Idaho. Monday will be spent at the Capitol to attend committee meetings and the sessions of the House and Senate and to meet your legislators for lunch at the First Presbyterian Church, just a block away from the Capitol Building. We will also tour the newly renovated Capitol building. Registration fee is \$25 for the two day event; \$10 for Sunday attendance and \$15 for Monday attendance. **Registration forms are on the UMW Bulletin board.** This event is sponsored by United Methodist Women but everyone—men, women and youth—are invited to attend!

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



**UMW Unit meetings are changing
back to Thursday's at 7:00pm Church
Library**

March Functions

March 6th District Membership Enrichment

This event is no longer geared primarily for officers but for the unit's entire membership!

There will be information galore, presented in a totally different form designed especially for members as well as officers. Call Judy Halverson for info 327-0541

March 9th Lady Veteran's Luncheon

Sign up on UMW Bulletin Board

March 18th Unit Prayer and Self Denial Meeting

Thursday 6pm light meal served

Youth Group—February Schedule

14th 5:00-6:30 At the Youth House: Irregular Youth Group...message, fun, games

21st 5:00-6:30 At the Youth House: Irregular Youth Group...message, fun, games

28th 5:00-6:30 At the Youth House: Irregular Youth Group...message, fun, games

****Coming up**

24 hour Famine...coming in March or April! That's right, we're going to starve ourselves to raise awareness for hunger issues.

Small Group Study...When? Where? Help us decide!

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 in sympathy with—Robert Linkhart and family on the death of Robert's father, Ed Linkhart, Julie Peterson and family on the death of Julie's mother, The family of Belva Erickson, Mariya Gavrilutsa on the death of her mother, The family of Ruth Green, the family of Don Beurman.

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.

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.



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!

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

Also—Do you enjoy cooking? We are looking for a few more people to prepare the meals for the Community Meals to back up Darlene Smith. We have access to a wonderful commercial kitchen for the meal preparation. If this is something that might interest you, contact Marilesta Nelson 375-5116 for more information or to volunteer.

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**Surviving Loss By Suicide
Support for Family and Friends**

An 8 week rotating curriculum for new and returning members.

Groups held the 4th Monday of each month, starting February 22nd 7 to 8:30PM at Holy Apostles Catholic Church, room 102

Curriculum Focus:

- The cycle of grief and loss
- Dealing with Anger
- Assessment and Self Esteem
- Healing and reaching out
- Changing the language and stigma associated with suicide
- Honoring lost love ones: a candlelight vigil

Facilitator: Cynthia Mauzerall MA, LCPC Co-chair of Idaho's Region 3 Suicide Prevention Action Network & Idaho College Health Coalition

Contact 888-1182 ext. 3008 for information