



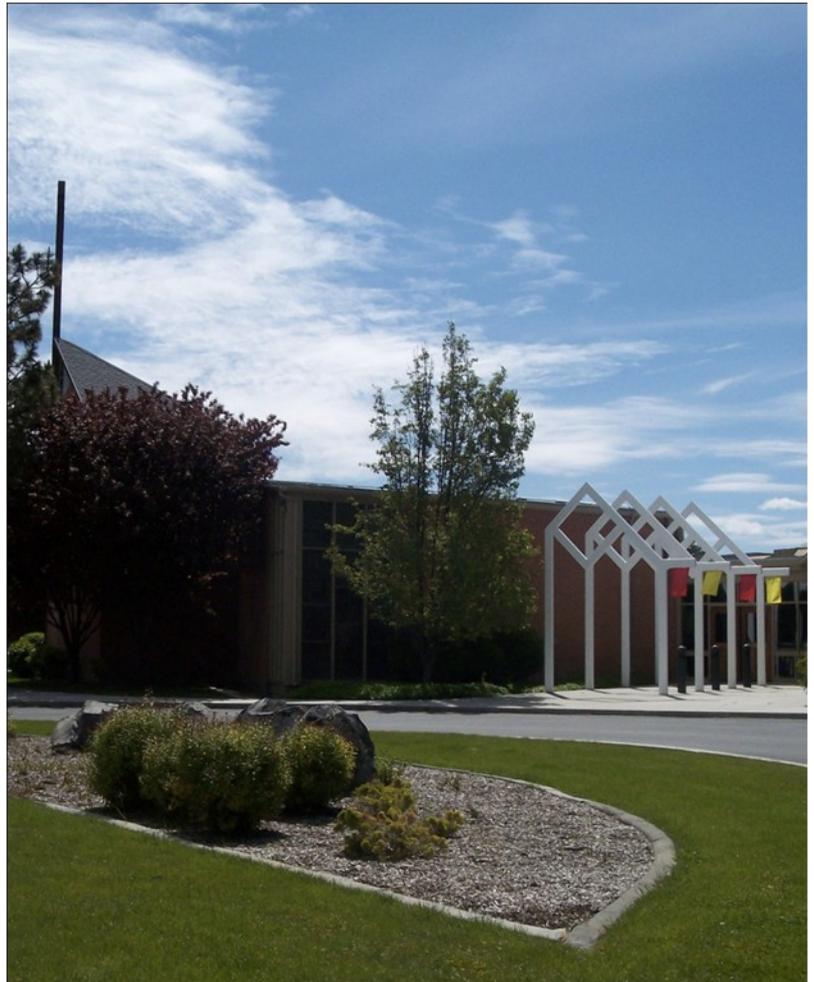
The Connector

Worship

Early Bird Worship 8:30 AM
Combined Service 10 AM
Small Groups and Bible Studies
for all ages at 11:15 AM
Special Adult Class at 9:15AM

"Hillview...

A place where
faith matters"



Random Musings From Pastor Barbara

I have never been one to gobble up books about church growth and program strategies. I have read many such books. They have good and useful things to say. They are often modeled after something wonderful that has happened in one church. Those involved can look back at how they got there and offer this as a way for other churches. And sometimes—often-- these models do work in other settings. Ideas can be adapted and applied. There is absolutely nothing wrong with this.

But in our efforts as United Methodists, to breath new life into our churches, I feel we sometimes mix and match these ideas in order to tailor them to specific settings--- and what we end up with is a kind of patchwork of busy-ness that may not be fruitful and can be confusing.

I have recently read the book “Simple Church” by Eric Geiger. What I am appreciating is his challenge to KEEP CHURCH AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE. Don’t create more classes to choose among; don’t just offer more varied worship experiences; don’t generate more and more opportunities for service--- as a way of stimulating growth and vitality. Instead, determine what it is your church is really offering, and do just that. Just that.

Geiger goes on to say that a living church is a church in motion—you can see progress and keep yourselves accountable. Let’s take Hillview, for example. Our church council has recently adopted the phrase “Hillview—a place where faith matters” to describe us. So, the one thing we do is work on nurturing faith that matters. Just that.

According to Geiger, this means that when visitors come here, anyone could tell them plainly “Faith that matters--this is how we understand our work as followers of Jesus.” This means our worship services-- no matter when or how many services we offer-- would always reflect this call upon our hearts. This means classes would be in place to help people who need the basics as well as for folks who are exploring their faith in ever deepening ways so that it matters. This means our fellowship opportunities would invite people to build relationships that matter so all will know they can be themselves here as they grow their life in Jesus. Service opportunities would be offered as expressions of that ever-emerging faith that matters. All activity points to that focus—FAITH THAT MATTERS...

If everything we did at Hillview was designed to encourage and nurture FAITH THAT MATTERS, then everyone here could see that and say that. Visitors could see that and enter into it by clear pathways. Everything would be in motion but there would be a sense of order and direction.

We are certainly faithful people in motion at Hillview, but I think you would find, if you talked to newer people, that we are little confusing—we lack a clear, shared focus. This is something I would like all of us to think about. It is possible for us to arrive at a very simple, -easy-to-state, focus for Hillview that speaks a truth about how we understand our walk with Jesus? Is that focus “nurturing faith that matters?” I do believe that finding a very simply stated focus is central to us at this juncture in Hillview’s life.

Education Notes

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

•ADULT CLASSES

9:15 am

This I Know - Room 10

An exploration of gay and lesbian issues and the Bible

11:15 am

Journey Through the Bible - Library/Parlor

An in-depth, sequential study of the Bible

Jesus and Java - Room 11

Fellowship and discussions on contemporary issues

Simple Living - Room 10

Video studies highlighting simple, practical Christian living

Pastor's Forum - East sanctuary

Dialogue with Pastor Barbara about the sermon or topics

•YOUTH CLASSES (6th-12th Grades)

11:15 am

A Joyful Path - Ballantyne Hall

Assisting with children's classes

5:00 pm

Youth Meeting - Youth House

Discussions and activities for youth

•CHILDREN'S CLASS (4 yr – 5th Grade)

11:15 am

A Joyful Path - Ballantyne Hall

Spiritual curriculum for young hearts and minds

WEEK DAY SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

•MONDAY

10:00 am (2nd)

Morning Book Club - Borders Books at the Mall

6:30 pm (2nd)

Evening book Club - Church Kitchen (meal provided)

•TUESDAY

11:00 am

Pastor's Forum - Library/Parlor

9:30 am (1st & 3rd) **Lydia Circle—Library/Parlor**

•WEDNESDAY

6:00 Pm

Pastor's Forum - Library/Parlor

Youth Group News

February Schedule

20th 4:00-5:00 Prep for Youth Sunday (March 20th)
5:00-6:30 at the youth house: Regular Youth group

27th 4:00-5:00 Prep for Youth Sunday (March 20th)
5:00-6:30 at the youth house: Regular Youth group

Questions? Call, text or email...

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Small Groups

Video Available

If you did not have an opportunity to watch the video “For the Bible Tells Me So,” a copy of it is now available for check-out in the church office.

SALVATION & ATONEMENT

A biblical and historical look at salvation and atonement led by Pastor Barbara
What does it mean to be saved? How does this occur?
What does the cross of Christ mean?

Four sessions designed to bring you to your own personal understanding
or deepen your the perspective you now hold...

Tuesday mornings at 11:00 beginning March 22
Wednesday evenings at 6:00 beginning March 23



Lunch Bunch will meet on March 10 at 11:30AM, location TBA. Sign up on the Church Life bulletin board or call the church office at 375-0392 .

Mail Bag and Prayers

A note to Hillview U.M Women.

I feel so honored to send cards and notes to members and friends as the occasion calls for it. But I don't deserve all the thanks for this service. Ethyl Minnis sees that I have the cards and stamps. And she also notifies me of people who need a card when I might not be aware of their need.

I want to thank you for honoring me for service and commitment to missions.

Sincerely

Adelyn Talbot

Our Prayers

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

*Pray for—***Bob & Darlene Richardson; Bonnie Jacobs**

*Pray in sympathy—***Lois Hanson on the loss of her mother; Gayle Woods on the loss of her mother; with the family of Elaine Hoke.**

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

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).



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: **Jackson Irish Fort Drum NY, Kevin Custer, USMC; Dustin Soper; Cara Hammond, Air Force, Mississippi; Spec. Christopher Fabela, Army; Sgt. Willie Fabela, U.S.M.C.**

We need your help—we would like to keep this listing of military personnel as up to date as possible so family members we are asking you to call (375-0392) or email (churchoffice@hillviewmethodist.org) the church office with information on your soldiers: name, branch of service and where they are serving.

Wants and Needs

Whitney UMC Sack Lunch Ministry

Hillview participates in a number of local ministries that revolve around food security and one of these is the Whitney Sack Lunch program. Volunteers from Hillview are part of the team to assemble these sack lunches every third Saturday from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Whitney UMC.

The leader for this ministry is Ethyl Minnis (376-0417) and the crew from Hillview is usually 3-5 volunteers. The effort revolves around making the sandwiches and then assembling a sack lunch that also includes milk, fresh veggies, a snack, and a piece of fruit. The clients served by this program are all from the 83705 zip code and have all pre-registered with the team at Whitney UMC. The lunches are distributed between 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Between 30-120 people are served on that third Saturday. They come into the church to pick up the lunch but do not stay and eat it there.

If you are interested, please contact Ethyl or look for the sign-up sheet in the gathering area at Hillview. You must be able to stand for these three hours. We truly believe that this ministry leaves it better than we found it and plan to continue to support this effort for the foreseeable future

“Welcome to Our Hillview Home” Campaign Surges Ahead

The “Welcome to Our Hillview Home” campaign has been tremendously successful during the 4 Sundays it has been running. We have raised \$17,802 so far, and need only about \$17,200 more to complete our project to redecorate the gathering area. This is great news because the goal is to have this project finished by our 50th anniversary celebration on May 22. We have collected enough money for the first few phases and the furniture has been ordered.

If you haven't had the opportunity to see the plans and donate to this great project, look for the easels by the windows on Sunday. Members of WIM will be on hand to answer your questions and accept your contribution. You may buy a share of the project for \$250. If this doesn't fit your budget, you may buy a half share for \$125, a quarter share for \$62.50, or one tenth of a share for \$25. You will receive a lovely share certificate for your gift. Checks should be made out to Hillview UMC and labeled “Welcome Project.”

The congregation was given a matching funds challenge of \$5,000 which was to run from Sunday, February 6, through Sunday, February 13. ***This match was actually met on the first Sunday, February 6!*** A second matching funds challenge has been made; donors have offered to match, up to \$5,000, all money donated to our project beginning Sunday, February 13 and ending Sunday, March 6. That means whatever you donate during that time period will be doubled. What a great opportunity! Get out your checkbook and join us in supporting this exciting project!

Ministry Team Reports & Information

From HUMC Church Life (Fellowship) Committee

Congregational Care - The concern cards in the pews have now been changed to yellow. Please fill these out if you have a concern so we can attend to it asap. Trying to broaden the reach of this care team and is looking at other areas of transition to identify needs for visitation and care.

[Here's what's new with your Worship Ministry Team:](#) Think Pink! We've made it easy for you to offer your suggestions and/or comments on your worship experience and to also let us know your favorite hymns. In the pews are pink cards that you can fill out and put in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or drop them off on Claudia's (the Church Secretary) desk in the office. These will be given to Pastor Barbara and shared with the Worship team.

New Magnetic Backs for Our Name Tags

Part of the Welcome to Our Hillview Home project includes new nametag racks. The WIM team plans to change the backs of our current nametags to magnetic, instead of pins and clips. If you would prefer NOT to have a magnetic back on your nametag, please let Claudia, our church secretary, know this or call Debbie Mallis at 853-2740. You may also simply keep your nametag at home so it will not be picked up when we make the change.



2011 - the year to **CELEBRATE** Hillview's birthday and honor your own birthday by placing a birthday donation in the cake located in the Narthex on the anniversary table. These donations will be given to the Children's Ministry department. This department is nurturing the individuals who will continue to grow Hillview for the next 50

years. Give generously remembering blessed events in your life and Hillview's life of 50 years.

Ministry Team Reports & Info Cont...

Valentine Thank Yous

Hi All!

Thank you so much for the Valentine's cookies and the cute card. The sweets make delicious breakfasts. You're all so wonderful!

Jennifer Barrett

To my Hillview Family,

Thank you for thinking of me. I'm still attending BSU. I have only 3 semester left.

Stephen Barrett

Dear Hillview and especially Hillview United Methodist Women,

Excuse my language but Hot Damn! The Valentine's Day cookie package that I received this week really brightened my day! I must say, y'all have certainly outdone yourselves this year. I wanted to thank you all for your generous gesture! It really is wonderful that so many people contribute to 1) make awesome treats and 2) organize to send them to college students. My friends, roommates and stomach all thank you heartily for your efforts.

Take care!

Sincerely,

Dear Hillview... care package contributors and assemblers,

Thank you so much for all the effort that went into the wonderful Valentine's Day surprise that I found checking my mail long past when I should have. I left a message on the phone, but just in case, I want to make sure you know you are appreciated. My hall-mates and I have been thoroughly enjoying the sweets. Have a wonderful year.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Thrasher

Looking Towards Lent...

UMW News

Update on Valentine Care Packages--sending out thanks to those who donated cookies--we had 4 dozen cookies in each package! Thanks to those who helped pack up the boxes and to those who donated money for the shipping--we had 27 boxes mailed and 17 home ones. Also thanks to the children and youth who made Valentine cards during Children's Church time.

2/27 and 2/28 Legislative Advocacy Event - registration on the UMW Bulletin Board.

3/8 Women's Veterans lunch

Have you missed our Spring Retreat? The *Images of God* program at this year's Membership Enrichment Event is a great substitute.

3/12 9am – 3pm Membership Enrichment and Leadership Training at Hillview. **Signup sheets on the UMW Bulletin board** **Every UMW member** in the Snake River District is invited to attend the Membership Enrichment and Leadership Training (MELT) event at Hillview. There will be something for everyone –worship and singing, presentation of unit and individual awards, Reading Program books for sale, training for new and current unit officers, and an opportunity for personal spiritual growth.

Membership Enrichment – Images of God—This program will help us take a closer look at how we see God in our minds and hearts, and how we see ourselves as God's children. Join us as we explore our thoughts on God considering our childhood images, what the Bible says, and what our United Methodist hymnal offers. We will also be challenged to look at God in new ways with new enthusiasm as we travel our faith journey. *Images of God program is in 4 sections with break out briefly for officer training/assembly.*

Leadership Training – Current and former District officers will offer training for Unit officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Resources, Nominations, and the four Mission Coordinators – Education & Interpretation, Membership Nurture & Outreach, Spiritual Growth and Social Action.

Information on Assembly –During the leadership training, attendees who are not unit officers are invited to learn about what happened at Assembly in St. Louis this past spring from women who were there and from DVDs of the meeting. Let's celebrate who we are as United Methodist Women!

3/ 17 Unit Meeting 6pm. Light supper of soup and bread

Program: Prayer and Self-Denial. The history of the Prayer and Self-Denial tradition of UMW- why we do it and what self-denial? Designated Prayer and Self-Denial offering will be for the Brooks Howell Home for retired women missionaries and deaconess.

MONTHLY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Morning Book Group

2nd Monday of the month/ 10:00 am

Borders Books at the Mall

March's book A Monk in the Inner City

April's book Moloka'i

Contact person: George Ann Morris – 853-2729

Evening Book Club

2nd Monday of the month 6:30 pm

Church Kitchen/ Meal provided

March's book The Pearl of China

April's book Soul Catcher

Contact Person: Darlene Smith 376-5977

Lydia Circle (Study Group)

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 9:30am Church Parlor

Fellowship Circle

Contact person: Betsy Baughman 424-7713

Faith In Action News

Kiva Micro-loans

We are already well on the way to the goal of 50 loans by our 50th anniversary in May. Thanks to all of you who have already participated. When you make a loan, please write the name of the person to whom you made the loan and the country in which she/he lives on one of the slips in the envelope on the round green kiosk in the gathering area. Attach the name and a piece of string to the map so we can track our loans.

Community News



2/27 and 2/28 Legislative Advocacy Event The Legislative Advocacy Event is an opportunity for you to become acquainted with the legislative process. Sunday will focus on the legislative process, and an overview of legislative issues related to women and children. Monday we will visit the Capitol to attend committee meetings and sessions of the House and Senate. Monday noon we will have lunch with our legislators at Lindsay Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, a block from the Capitol. In the afternoon we will provide tours of the newly renovated Capital Building.

Registration information on the UMW Bulletin Board.



Time to Dream of Church Camp-The information for this year's Camp schedule at Camp Sawtooth is on the camp bulletin board in the Gathering Area. If you would like to get a scholarship to help with the camp fees for any of the Sawtooth camps or the camps in Oregon, watch for opportunities to help with various projects around the Church. Contact Marilesta Nelson (375-5116) for further information.

Friendship Feast at Boise First United Methodist Church

Did you know that Hillview sends a crew to cook and serve dinner for anyone that is hungry on the second Sunday of every month? We have been an active part of this effort for many years now. The event is called the "Friendship Feast" and our efforts have been coordinated to date by Kim Custer.

As the title says, the feast is held at 1st UMC near Boise High School and the crew arrives at ~3:00 PM on our appointed Sundays. We usually feed between 70-110 people. Our commitment has us planning, preparing and serving the food. But not washing the dishes. Sweet, eh? A dedicated crew from 1st UMC known as the "Green Team" is responsible for clean-up and dish washing. A team of 5-8 people from Hillview is normally required to fulfill our duties. We serve from 5:00 – 6:00 PM and we are usually headed home by 6:30 at the latest.

Does participating in this kind of "Faith in Action" ministry sound of interest to you? If so, please contact John Lodal (Idaholodal@cableone.net) or Kim Custer (custerid@rmci.net) and let us know when you'd like to be part of the team. This is a ministry that has real impact here in Boise and is a lot of fun as well.

Music Notes



March 6 Sun 7 pm "Broadway Favorites"

The Hillview Instruments will be joined by the Rhapsody Ringers and Chancel Choir to present the concert package offered to the highest Fall Festival bidder and their guests. The concert is open to the public. A free-will offering will be received and given to the designated Festival funding projects.

MORE SPECIAL MUSIC DATES:

March 13 Fri 7:30 pm "Robin Wells, Piano Concert"

Robin continues to offer the Boise area a delightful evening of piano music. She has invited an accomplished violinist to be a part of this year's program. The concert is open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken and a percentage given back to the church.

April 2 Sat 7 pm "Counting: 50 Days to 50 Years" Concert

The Rhapsody Ringers will be featured as we enter the final 50 days leading to the Hillview 50 Year Birthday Celebration on May 22. A variety of music will highlight the history of hand bells and their involvement in Hillview worship.

SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS ARE WELCOME!

The Sunday morning services are important times of worship and celebration as together we:
express to God our praise and thanksgiving,
encourage others through our presence and involvement,
enrich our lives with new insights and Biblical teaching, and
evangelize by supporting the mission and ministry of our community of faith.

Music is an important element of our worship times and we always welcome new members to our teams of singers and instrumentalists. Previous experience is not necessary. Members with experience are eager to encourage and help equip.

Rehearsal times are: (presently held in the sanctuary)

Rhapsody Ringers (hand bells)	Wed.	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir	Wed.	7:15 pm
Hillview Instruments	Sun.	9:30 am (and as needed)

Contact Gene if you have questions or would like more information:

cell: 989-5981

email: glubiens@hotmail.com

What's going on at Hillview

SAVE THIS DATE: Saturday, February 26

Hillview is host church for a conference-wide gathering sponsored by Reconciling Ministries of the United Methodist Church designed to create meaningful conversation about how to create true welcome within our churches for gay/ lesbian/bi-sexual and transgendered persons. In keeping with our church tenet that we are learning how to welcome ALL persons, we are happy to be hosting this opportunity...!



March 30, 2011 is the date for our March Community Meal. The entrée will be soup. We need 4 to 5 people who are willing to make soups to include options for a vegetarian and a gluten free soup. We will also need large salads, smaller salads, and desserts. Assistance is also needed to help with various activities to put on the meal. Please see the sign up in the Gathering Area on the Congregational Care bulletin board. If you have any questions, you may contact Marilesta Nelson- 375-5116

SIMPLIFIED SPANISH--A Language Learning Program

A short self-directed Spanish language program developed by Gail LeBow for beginners or as a refresher will be offered at Hillview.

- ❖ First class on Sunday, February 20 at 6 pm.
- ❖ 8 lessons in the guidebook covered in 10 classes
- ❖ Class time once a week with a facilitator, Claudia Flora
- ❖ Guidebook, audio cassette tapes and flash cards --(We are checking on cost)
- ❖ Guidebook, CD and flash cards--
- ❖ The contact person: Judy Halverson, 327-0541.
- ❖ Sign-up sheet is on a table in the narthex.

Using this self-directed Spanish learning program you will discover how to:

- ❖ Communicate in complete sentences
- ❖ Use a small vocabulary effectively
- ❖ Pronounce words correctly
- ❖ Enhance your memory with creative strategies
- ❖ Speak without memorizing extensive vocabulary lists
- ❖ Remember what you've learned by using audio/CD tapes
- ❖ Reorganize complex English sentences into simple Spanish
- ❖ Get a smile and positive feedback from your Spanish-speaking clients, friends and family

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TREASURER'S REPORT-

<u>Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>YTD (+/-)</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Jan	\$30,428	\$33,284	\$ -2,856	\$ -2,856	\$ + 296

January had five Sundays. We should have done better!

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

Dates to Remember

February 28– March 3 Hillview Preschool
Registration

March 6– Broadway Favorites Concert

April 2– Counting 50 days to
50 Years Concert

May 22– Hillview’s 50th Anniversary!

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