



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

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

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TREASURER'S REPORT-

<u>Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>YTD (+/-)</u>
Jan	\$30,558	\$30,263	\$ + 295	\$ +295

A good start!

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

Hillview Preschool Enrollment

Registration for the 2010 - 2011 preschool year will begin the week of March 1st.

We have classes for 3 and 4 year olds, as well as a parent/child "Time for Twos" class for 2 year olds.

Following is the list of registration days according to priority:

Monday, March 1st: children of Hillview Church Members, Preschool Board, and Staff

Tuesday, March 2nd: children who are currently enrolled and will be returning next year

Wed., March 3rd: children of "Hillview alumni"(families who have had children enrolled with us before)

Thursday, March 4th: open enrollment day

Registration hours are **9-11:30am and 12:30-3:00pm** each day.

Please bring: 1. a copy of your child's certified birth certificate

2. a copy of their immunization record

3. a current photo of your child.

If you have any questions, please call the preschool @ 377-9280.

Random Musings

A few weeks ago a young woman stopped by the church to inquire about getting married. This prompted me to take a closer look at our church's basic wedding policy, so I could be familiar with how things works around Hillview. Every church where I have served handles wedding details a little differently. This is true for pastors as well. I doubt if most folks sitting in the congregation give this much thought, but I do want to take a moment and share with you about my wedding policy.

I am one amongst a small but growing number of clergy who no longer sign the marriage documents that are filed with the state. I inform couples at our very first meeting of this policy, explaining that my role in their wedding, and their preparation for it, is a spiritual one. I am happy to guide them to the very few and simple things they will be responsible for in order to be legally married. Then, I do pre-marital counseling and help with the planning and shaping of a wedding ceremony that will reflect their faith and the way in which God plays a role as they join their lives. I organize and lead people through the rehearsal and do all I can to officiate for a ceremony that reflects the solemnity, the joy and the sacredness of their union. I also try to remain available to couples after the wedding if they need to check-in for counsel along the way. This is my role as an ordained clergy person—leading a couple to and through a sacred beginning of their lives together.

JUST ABOUT ANY ADULT CAN LEGALIZE A MARRIAGE. The State of Idaho honors all persons registered on-line for free at any number of web sites. This means a friend or family member can sign and mail in the legal documents. I am always happy to have such persons participate in the wedding ceremony if the couple so chooses. (A couple may also use a judge or justice of the peace at a separate time, but I have found most couples like having someone they know involved this way.)

WHY, WHY, WHY have I made this decision? For me, this is an authentic way of separating the roles of church and state. (In Europe and many other parts of the world, by the way, legalization of marriage has long been a simple, separate step.) But, just as important for me, it holds true that since I cannot certify a legal joining of any kind (call it whatever you like) in the lives of gay and lesbian people, simply to give

them equal rights under the law, then it is an act of integrity to not do so for anyone.

I began to practice this policy 3 years ago in Junction City. I do not do a lot of weddings but, to my surprise, no couple has opted out of having me officiate after I explain my perspective. In fact, some of them have deeply appreciated it. Still, I confess to you that it remains surprisingly scary for me. My position is a little radical and a little risky. Some people—perhaps some of you -- may not like or understand my perspective. But I can tell you this---

In making this decision, I am using whatever limited powers and position I have--- whatever respect or authority I can claim--- to make a small but real point about justice--- about what it means to simply try to live a life consistent with the teachings of Jesus as I have come to understand them.

I am happy to speak further or answer questions from anyone about this. I have discussed this thoroughly with the Staff/Parish Relations Committee of our church. They understand and respect my position. And, I will take time in Pastor's Forum on February 28th for conversation as well. But as Lent moves forward and we work to deepen our relationships to God, I write this also to encourage you to think about places where you see injustice or harm—where something troubles you in some way. We all move in and out of so many different circles in our lives—places where we have some standing or voice. What would happen if we all used whatever respect or authority we could claim to challenge unfairness or injustice? What would happen if we all did little risky, radical things that surprised our friends and neighbors? What might we learn and what might they learn about what it means to follow Jesus?

Thoughtfully, Pastor Barbara

UMW Calendar Corner

March Functions

Membership Enrichment Leadership Training

Is your piece of the pie in "JEOPARDY"?

March 6, 2010

Place: Emmett United Methodist Church

Membership Enrichment Leadership Training is just around the corner and all unit members and officers are invited to this fun-filled, informational day.

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. We will be starting with book browsing at 9:00 am. This day is going to be packed to the brim so we hope you will come with open minds and hearts. Lunch will be \$6.50.

RSVP to Judy Halverson 327-0541 for registration and car pool planning.

Lady Veteran's Luncheon March 9th

Sign up on the UMW Bulletin Board

Unit Meeting

Sharing our Faith Journeys Together, Stories of Strength and Hope.

Prayer and Self Denial Unit Meeting, **March 18th at 6:00pm** joining the rest of the church at 7:00 for the Lenten prayer experience. A special offering will be taken. A light soup dinner will be provided.



Remember our Unit meetings are returning to Thursday evenings.

Coming Events

Ladies mark your calendars for these important events:

May 1st Spring Salad Luncheon

Lady Veterans' Luncheon

MONTHLY CIRCLE MEETINGS

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

Borders Books at the Mall

March book The Great Gatsby

April book Breakfast at Sally's

Contact person: George Ann Morris – 853-2729

Evening Book Club

2nd Monday of the month 6:30 pm

Church Kitchen/ Meal provided

March book The Known World

April book The Undertakers Wife by Celia Hastings

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

Dear of Friends at Hillview,
Thank you so much for the fabulous box of cookies! It was a pleasant surprise to find such goodies in waiting...they were just what I was craving and they were all so good. The children's card was very cute and I loved the poem inside. Please thank the Sunday School class for me for their wonderful card! Thank you for thinking of me, the poor college student:) Have a happy Valentine's Day!



Aaron Messinger

To Our Church Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers, thoughts and wonderful dinner. It all has meant so much during this time. Things are getting a little easier each day.

Julie, Kyle, Apryl and Chris Peterson

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).

Youth Group—February Schedule

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 Beerman.

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.

A donation has been made to Hillview's Memorial Fund in memory of Donald Roy Beurman.



Lunch Bunch

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

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