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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

Lenten Services—Thursdays 7PM—One of the Beatitudes will be featured at each service.

Palm Sunday—April 5

Maundy Thursday Service—April 9, 7PM will include a meal and Holy Communion.

Good Friday Service—April 10, 7PM

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 11, 11 am, Hillview yard areas



Easter Sunday—April 12—Sunrise Service, 7AM, Sanctuary Service 9AM, Catch the Flame 11:11AM, Pancake Breakfast (time TBA)

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Our Financial Gifts

Treasurer's Report

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference	YTD(=/-)
Jan	\$24,726	\$28,566	\$-3,840	\$-3,840

NOT A GOOD START FOR 2009

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

HILLVIEW COMMUNITY MEAL

Wednesday, March 25th

5:30 – 7:00 pm

As usual a Hillview team will be preparing the main course of the meal and provide drinks while the church members will continue to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert.

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

Darlene Smith (376-5977)



Hey guys!

I just wanted to send a quick thank you from Iowa for the fantastic Valentine's day cookies! We get a bit lonely out here from time to time and it's always nice knowing that people at home are still thinking of us! Looking forward to seeing you all this summer, thanks again!

Geoff Lodal

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

You are invited to join a Sunday School class on Sundays at 10:15 am. There is a class for anyone age 3 to 98! (Irene Morgan attends the Lectionary Class!)

Children and Youth

One Room Sunday School—ages 3 through 6th grade, Judy Halverson, Malign Oldfield, and Betsy Baughman; *Room 5*

The students are preparing for Easter with lessons leading up to Easter Sunday. The students gather in Room 5 for the opening Bible story, then go to stations of different skill levels in Rooms 4, 5, & 6, and close with a group activity in Room 5.

All children are invited to attend the **mini-music class at 10:00 am in Room 5.**

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

A variety of lessons based on Biblical stories related to living in today's challenging world.

Adult Classes—

Healing Class; leader Linda Porter; *Room 3*

Study book by Howard Clinebell: *Anchoring Your Well-Being*.
Membership in the

Order of St. Luke is NOT a requirement but it is an option available.

Jesus and Java; leader Merri Albright; *Parlor*

Join lively and stimulating discussions on contemporary issues.

Lectionary Class; leaders Lilburn Wesche, Ron Halverson and David Barber; *Room 10*

Keeping Holy Time is a study based on the Revised Common Lectionary, which is a

systematic study of the Bible. Each week, four lectionary passages are studied with

discussions about how the scriptures relate to our daily lives and world today.

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

The class discusses current events, especially the relationships between today's

economy, marketing pressures, lifestyle and how we are called to respond based on our

faith and the Methodist Social Principles. Basically, the class is a support group for a

more simple, less stressful life.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS Youth House
We were not meant to live with dehydrated hearts... come and learn how to quench your soul. Like the woman at the well, we recognize our need for living water. We need moisture, a swallow of water, a long, quenching drink. But where do we find water for the soul? In this renewing and life-giving program, Max Lucado leads us to the four essential nutrients needed by every soul. Explore the well of God's love with this six-week video series.

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

THANK YOU TEACHERS!

Our Winter Quarter is completed for Sunday School and I'd like to thank Susan Hutchinson and Kit Parker for teaching our children and youth the past three months. Also, many thanks to Terri Pittz for teaching our children for the Fall and Winter Quarters and to Lynn McCoy who is continuing to teach our youth class for her third quarter! Thank you to Michelle Ward for continuing as our Sunday School Secretary and tracking down our attendance records. Thank you to Esther Wesche for beginning the mini-music class that our children are enjoying so much. Our adult classes Sunday School teachers--Linda Porter, Lilburn Wesche, Ron Halverson, David Barber, Merri Albright, Vicki and Joe Prin-- are appreciated for their commitment to the Sunday School year, too. Hillview is blessed having members who are willing to share their gifts and talents of teaching!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 11, 11 am, Hillview yard areas

Vacation Bible School, July 6-10, 2009—adult volunteers—keep that week open!!

Volunteers in Mission Opportunity

Although Hillview does not have plans for a 2009 National Volunteers in Mission trip, Hillview members can join Trinity UMC in Idaho Falls on a mission trip to the Louisiana Relief Depot.

Idaho Falls Church Plans UMVIM Trip to Louisiana Relief Depot

Trinity UMC in Idaho Falls is inviting adult and youth volunteers from the Eastern District to join in a Volunteer in Mission trip to the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana April 11-18, 2009. This is the depot where UMCOR puts together disaster kits of supplies that are then available for people in need all over the whole world. You will meet other Christians from the around the country and help UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) meet some of the needs of people when disasters (all kinds) happen. UMCOR depends on volunteers that give of their time and many other people and congregations who donate supplies and money to make this mission work of the United Methodist Church continue to serve others. Please consider this VIM opportunity carefully. You will be richly blessed in so many ways. A lot more details for this trip will be made available to those interested. The cost is approximately \$800. This includes board, room and travel expenses. We will begin meeting as a team to plan the details of our trip once the team has been formulated. Please contact Betty Anderson (208-523-8272 or 208- 521-3039) or Patti Edwards, mission committee chair, at the TUMC office (208 - 522-7921). (*Betty Anderson 1-31*)



Lunch Bunch

We will meet on March 12th 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.

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 this important event:

One-Day Women's Retreat

Saturday, March 7, 2009, 9am-3 pm
Hillview United Methodist Women
Registration deadline, March 1, 2009

“Experience Freedom as Whole Persons through Jesus Christ”

Judy Halverson will lead this one-day retreat that explores what it means to be a whole person who experiences freedom through our faith in Jesus Christ. Looking at barriers such as busyness, unforgiveness, and worry, we can better understand the paths we can follow to find wholeness through Jesus Christ.

All women and older teens are invited to attend our retreat. Bring your sack lunch or order a box lunch from Heavenly Ham (order form on back of the registration form). Registration forms are located on the United Methodist Women's bulletin board in the church narthex. The registration cost is \$12 if you wish to order a box lunch, or \$5 if you wish to bring your sack lunch.

Child care provided on request. Contact person: Judy Halverson, 327-0541.

Hillview Preschool Enrollment

Registration for the 2009 - 2010 preschool year will begin the week of March 2nd.

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 2nd: children of Hillview Church Members, Preschool Board, and Staff

Tuesday, March 3rd: children who are currently enrolled and will be returning next year

Wed., March 4th: children of "Hillview alumni"(families who have had children enrolled with us before)

Thursday, March 5th: 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.



Attention kids, youth, adults and families:

Despite the cold gloomy weather, summer is coming. It's time to start thinking about summer camp. As last summer there is tiered pricing for the kids and youth camps: Fee: \$330 / \$380 \$ 430 tiered pricing*. To take advantage of the lowest rate you must be registered by May 5, 2009. *See the Camp Bulletin Board for Tiered pricing information. Camp Sawtooth has camps for all ages. There are camps for Mothers and their kids, Fathers and their kids, Grandparents and their grandkids, a Bell Choir camp, Craft Camp, a women's camp to Relax, Retreat, Renew, a Family camp over the 4th of July, as well as various camps for kids that will have completed 3rd grade this spring through those that have are graduating from high school this spring. Full information on camp dates and costs are on the Camp Bulletin Board in the Narthex (Gathering Area). The Web site is: www.gocamping.org . Scholarships are also available to help with camping fees. Talk with Marilesta Nelson, Camp Secretary for scholarship information or any questions, (375-5116).

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.**

*Celebrating 20 years,
Treasuring the Past ... Shaping the Future*
HILLVIEW PRESCHOOL
20th Anniversary
1988-2008

Are you or a family member a former **Hillview Preschool** student? If so, please send your name, address, telephone number and email address to hillview.preschool@hillviewmethodist.org so we may invite you to our school's –

20th Anniversary Celebration
Thursday, April 16, 2009
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Hillview Preschool
8525 Ustick Road
Boise, Idaho 83704

- ê **Come visit with past and current teachers and staff**
- ê **Reconnect with friends and maybe make new ones**
- ê **See where your educational first steps were taken**
- ê **We will have refreshments, door prizes, activities and fun for the whole family!**

www.hillviewmethodist.org/preschool.htm

A donation has been made to Hillview's General Fund by Norm and Flora Walker in memory of Bonnie Kaylor.

Donations have been made to Hillview's Memorial Fund by the following:

In memory of Sarah Jane Belt
by Janine Watkins

In memory of Bonnie Kaylor
by Jim and Roma Myers

In memory of Mildred Shiplet (sister of Whiz Flinn)



Honduran School Scholarships Increase for 2009!

Great news. Even during these tough times, Hillview comes through again. Last year (2008), we supported 13 children from Honduras with scholarships to attend school. This year, we collected enough money to support 18! We have asked the coordinators (Henry and Sarah Clines) to try to assign some of the same students to us that we had last year, so that those who have been in covenant with a child could remain in covenant for another year. They indicated that they will do their best to make this possible, but sometimes students move or end up working to support their family and may drop out. We should know in a month or two the names of our 18 students that we will be supporting for the 2009 school year (their school year runs from Feb - Dec). For those not familiar with the program, one of Hillview's mission projects is to support children in Honduras with a \$100 scholarship to attend school. The average child in Honduras only attends through the 4th or 5th grade, these scholarships help them continue their schooling and hopefully address one of the root causes of poverty - i.e. lack of education. Even if you haven't donated, you can still help support these children by signing up to be in a covenant relationship with a child (sending a birthday card, Holiday cards, praying for them, etc.). There are still signups available on the bulletin board in the hallway to Ballantyne Hall. Thank you, and please contact Ron Halverson at 327-0541 if you have any questions.

Music Ministry Announcements: On March 5-7 NNU Music Dept proudly presents GODSPELL at 7:30 in the Brandt Center Swayne Auditorium. Tickets are available at the NNU Office of Music 716 E Dewey St, NNU Brandt Center Office of Conferences and Events- 707 Fern St. or at the door. General Admission is \$10, \$8 for students and seniors. See the Music Bulletin Board in the Narthex (Gathering Area) for more information.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUPS

BEGINNING IN LENT (LATE FEBRUARY)

Living the Questions discipleship group will begin a new 7-week study entitled *Claiming the Promise* on February 24th. Claiming the Promise is a ground-breaking ecumenical curriculum on the Bible and homosexuality. This study examines biblical references to same-sex conduct in light of the broader biblical message which affirms we are children or heirs of the Promise. Additionally, it

Explores biblical authority and biblical interpretation.

Discusses "gracious hospitality," "gift-ed sexuality," and "inclusive holiness."

Tackles hard questions of "right relationship," lust/love, and sexual responsibility.

Calls us to live out the Promise as reconciling disciples.

Living the Questions meets each Tuesday evening from 6:30 – 8:30. If you are interested in joining us in this exploration, or if you would like more information, please contact Gayle Woods (938-5964 or gaylewoods5964@msn.com) so we know how many study books to order.

Upcoming Groups:

***St. Augustine—April 23—May 28—6-week exploration of early church theological understandings and contemporary influences. Contact person, Pastor John Tindell, 375-0392.**

***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.**



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

Growing in Wisdom Retreat
March 27th & 28th 2009
\$25 per person
(Lunch on Saturday will be provided as part of the tuition.)
Topics Include:
Living life with Vitality
The gift of Forgiveness
How to harvest your Wisdom
Our lives as one cycle of the year
And much, much more!!

Hosted by Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
3100 S. Five Mile Rd
Boise ID 83709

Brochures available on the table in the narthex.

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.

The Youth Schedule for March 2009

March 1, Fun and games at the youth house

March 8, Fun and games at the youth house

March 14 – 15, The youth will be participating in a 24 hour famine.
The focus of the famine is the raise money and awareness for hunger issues in our world.
(more information to follow)

March 22, Spring Break. We are going to have movie night. (movie and location TBA)

March 23, Spring Break. It is bowling night. (Time and Location TBA)

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact either youth leader.

Thank you

Claire Chambers (208-761-7528)

Jeff Thompson (208-830-5777)

THE BEATITUDES FEATURED AT LENT SERVICES

During the pre-Easter season of Lent, Pastor John will lead a devotional service each Thursday evening (and also on Good Friday) beginning at 7:00, in the Hillview sanctuary.

At the services, he will address the major teachings and implications for living the Christian life, as that is given in the Beatitudes of Jesus. Each Thursday evening service will include, in addition to a focus on one of the Beatitudes, a time of singing, liturgy, prayer and personal sharing.

The featured Beatitude for each evening service will be –

March 5, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted”

March 12, “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth”

March 19, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled”

March 26, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy”

April 2, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God”

April 9, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God”

April 9 is Maundy Thursday, and the evening will include both a meal and observance of Holy Communion.

April 10 (Good Friday), “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”

A WORD FROM PASTOR JOHN: Observing Lent

Dear Friends:

We are now in the season of Lent. Lent is the traditional 40 day period of time it is believed Jesus was in the desert, tempted by Satan, before he began his active ministry. It is usually understood to be a time to prepare for a great and wonderful Easter, which this year is on April 12.

Lent has long been a time when Christians “gave up” or sacrificed something during the season. I’m sure for some people this is a valid exercise, but not eating chocolate or meat or not watching certain kinds of television programs, or not watching television, etc. has never seemed to me to be a meaningful Lent activity.

If you find such an approach helpful, however, I certainly encourage you to continue it.

Another, and in fact more ancient Lent tradition, is to positively emphasize 1) prayer 2) alms giving (giving to the poor) and 3) personal spiritual introspection. I like this more positive approach!

Therefore, during this Lent season, I suggest you consider a focus on one or more of these disciplines -

Daily prayer

Sharing with needy persons

Personal reflection about ways to improve and strengthen your spiritual life.

The words that come to my mind now are from Luke chapter 23 (NIV), where it is said of Jesus as he hung upon the cross, “It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land, until the ninth hour. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Into your hands I commit my spirit.”

Ultimately, a good way to experience Lent is similarly submitting our lives to God, in ways which seem appropriate to us.

John Tindell