



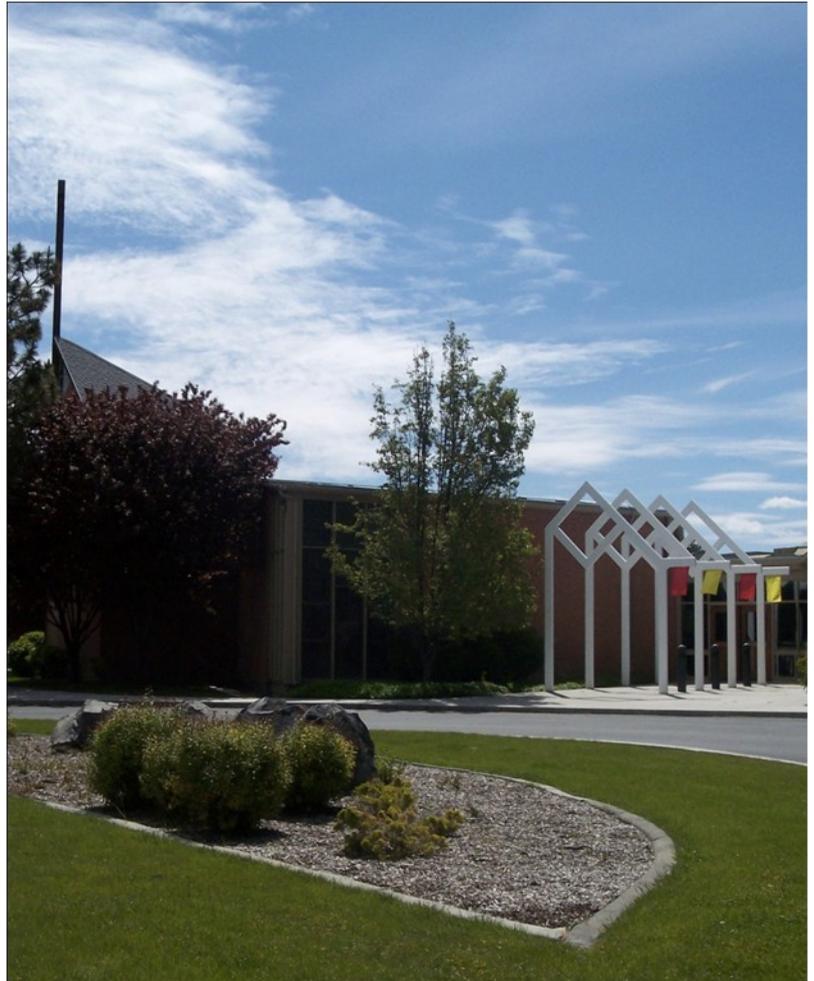
# The Connector

## 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"



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## Random Musings From Pastor Barbara

At a recent Methodist leadership event, I was reminded that it is generally a good idea to announce any new sermon series so that folks can plan ahead. They might want to invite a friend on a particular Sunday, or give some thought to the topic, or offer some comments to me in advance. So, running just a little behind the ideal here, I'd like to announce the sermon series we have just begun! For the next several weeks, I am reflecting on things Christians can learn from all kinds of sources. We started off last Sunday with "What Christians Can Learn from the Cooking Channel." Here is what lies ahead...

Feb 13 "What Christians Can Learn from Business"

Feb 20 "What Christians Can Learn from Disneyland"

Feb 27 "What Christians Can Learn from Gay, Lesbian,  
Bisexual and Transgendered People"

Mar 6 "What Christians Can Learn from Biblical Literalists"

Mar 13 "What Christians Can Learn from Other Faiths"

Mar 20 "What Christians Can Learn from the Younger Generation"  
(brought to us by Hillview Youth!)

Mar 27 "What Christians Can Learn from Jeopardy"

Apr 3 "What Christians Can Learn from Atheists"

Apr 10 "What Christians Can Learn from Dead People"

My intention in this series is to remind us-- sometimes playfully, sometimes with great seriousness-- that we Christians do not know everything about everything. It may also help us find common ground with different kinds of people. And, I want us to use our imaginations to think about our faith--- sometimes this can help us use find new ways to talk with others about following Jesus.

There will, of course, be a scripture lesson but, I should warn you--- these are unusual sermons, designed to draw on "other" kinds of wisdom, so the texts each week may not receive close attention. (The texts will, however, be thoroughly explored in Bible Study each week—Tuesdays 11am, Wednesdays 6pm)

I should also warn you that, because I do allow room for God's spirit to move, these topics are subject to change. Watch the Friday emails, just in case—or call me if you want to be certain about a given week because you are inviting someone to church.

If we are indeed humble, as God requires of us, the possible topics for a series like this are ENDLESS—and there may be something you'd like to see here. Let me know. I feel certain this won't be the last time we look at our lives, as followers of Jesus, this way...

# 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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

11:15 am

**A Joyful Path - Ballantyne Hall**

*Spiritual curriculum for young hearts and minds*

This I Know—Join evangelical leader Brian McLaren, renowned Jesus scholar Marcus Borg, and a host of other faith experts as they lead you through a study designed to meet you where you are in your understanding of one of the most divisive issues of our time – homosexuality.

Thoughtful, authoritative, and trustworthy, “This I Know” is a companion curriculum to the award-winning documentary, *For the Bible tells Me So*.

This study is designed to create a safe space for meaningful conversation, to provide the tools to respond constructively – and to offer guidance through the example of Christ's inclusive love.

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# Youth Group News

Youth - Went bowling with the youth on 23 or January with 17 kids. Now planning ahead with the Souper Bowl of caring coming up of the 6th of February and having a get together and game night with Meridian Methodist youth on the 13th of February.

**6th 9:00 and 10:45 at the church. Souper Bowl of Caring!**

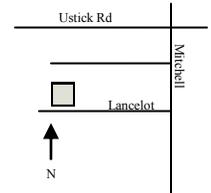
**Noon to 1:30 Lunch with the pastor.**

**4:00 to ?? Super Bowl Party at Amory's!**

**9942 W Lancelot, Boise (see map right)**

**Everyone bring \$2 for pizza and drinks *AND***

**Last name A-L bring chips or veggies, M-Z**



**13th 3:30-5:00 in Ballantyne. Fun and games with Meridian Youth**

**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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(208) 761-7528  
cilonpre@yahoo.com**

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(208) 830-5777  
bigj7171@hotmail.com**

## Small Groups

### Special Study – This I Know

Tuesday evenings, January 25<sup>th</sup> – March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Parlor/Library

**or**

Sunday mornings, 9:15 – 10:00, beginning January 30<sup>th</sup>

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**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 .

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# Mail Bag and Prayers

## 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—with the family of Elaine Hoke;* **Georgia & Randy Karnes on the death of both of their fathers; Kim Custer on the death of her mother.**

*Pray for our seminary student—***Janessa Chastain**

For those of you who would like to send Janessa cards of encouragement/love—thinking-of-you ...here is her address and if you would like to read her blog it is at <http://janessac.blogspot.com/>

Janessa Chastain  
DREW - CM 1762  
P.O. Box 802  
Madison, NJ 07940-0802

*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](mailto: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:

**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](mailto:churchoffice@hillviewmethodist.org)) the church office with information on your soldiers: name, branch of service and where they are serving.

A donation has been made to Hillview's Memorial Fund in memory of Elaine Carson Hoke.

# **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

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# Ministry Team Reports

## *From HUMC Church Life (Fellowship) Committee*

On February 11, bring your voices and a dessert to Ballantyne Hall. We will have a sing-a-long (complete with a song sheet with the words). First we will share dessert and coffee and then sing old time songs. We hope you will put this on your calendar. Flora and Norm Walker 869-0577

Faith in Action - February 13 FiA is going to present information in the services and some Sunday school classes about Kiva a micro loan organization and how Hillview could use it to help others.

WIM - The remodeling plans for the Narthex has been approved and the fund drive has been kicked off. The plans for the remodel and the fund thermometer is in the narthex if you would like to see more or contribute.

Education - Sunday school numbers are still looking good and steady as the months progress. A new adult Sunday school class is starting after the first service.

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.

UMW - Had UMW Sunday the 30th and recognized Joe Prin and Adeline Talbot for their outstanding work at Hillview and beyond. Working hard on the Valentines boxes for the young adults. Not having a one day retreat this February

[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.

## Ministry Team Reports Cont...



### *Welcome to Our Hillview Home” Has Begun*

On Sunday, January 30, the Welcome, Invitation, and Membership Team kicked off the Welcome to Our Hillview Home campaign. Have you seen the plans to redecorate the gathering area? Come to church on Sunday and look for the easels by the windows. 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 dream is to have this project finished by our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on May 22. To accomplish this we need to raise the funds by mid-March so everything can be ordered in time. We have broken the project into phases. We are excited to announce that we have collected enough money for the first phase and the furniture has been ordered. Be sure to watch the thermometer near the easels to check our progress. (Please note that this is "second-mile" giving; no funds will be taken out of the budget.)

\*\*The congregation has been offered a **matching funds challenge**. A donor has offered to match, up to \$5,000, all money donated to our project from Sunday, February 6, through Sunday, February 13. 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!\*\*



**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.

# UMW News

**Hillview's United Methodist Women welcomes all women to join us in all of our activities. UMW is a great way to meet other women active in our church and community.**

## **Mission Recognition Pin**

Special Mission Recognitions are given to honor individuals' work for and commitment to mission. They are given to members of United Methodist Women and beyond to others in church and society. They recognize the important roles individuals play in mission in their local and global communities.

'93	Helen Bivens	'03	Sara Goodwin, Sam Goodwin
'95	Pam Lodal, John Lodal	'04	Kjell Knutsen, Darlene Smith
'96	Benita Maynard	'05	Joe Fisk, Violet Everett
'98	Janine Watkins	'06	Claudia Flora, Gayle Woods, Judy Halverson
'99	Judy Halverson	'07	Linda Sherrets, Jan Gross, Bob Gross
'00	Norma Enlow	'08	Georgia Karnes, Betty Luginbill
'01	Curtis Kron, Karen Kron, Dorothy Friend	'09	Marilesta Nelson, Janet Worthington
'02	Hazelle Kaylor, Irene Morgan, Ethyl Minnis	'10	Joe Prin, Adelyn Talbot

**2/27 and 2/28 Legislative Advocacy Event** - registration on the UMW Bulletin Board. The Legislative Advocacy Event details on the Community News page (page 12)

**2/19 One day retreat has been canceled.**

**3/8 Women's Veterans lunch**

**3/12 District Membership Enrichment at Hillview** This is open to all women. Details to come.

## **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

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

## Fifty by Fifty

This building in which we are privileged to worship each Sunday exists because the congregation was able to receive loans for construction. There are people behind those loans, and they “paid it forward.” If you are or were a small business owner or work for a company that is privately owned, you too are likely the recipient of the benefits of loans.

But loans are more difficult to obtain in developing nations, and individuals with limited experience (particularly women) generally do not have access to typical banking services. Fortunately, there is help in the form of Kiva.

Kiva is a micro-finance umbrella organization based on the idea that low-income individuals are capable of lifting themselves out of poverty if given access to financial services. Its mission is to connect people, through lending, for the sake of alleviating poverty. By connecting people it can create relationships beyond financial transactions, and build a global community of support and encouragement. Kiva promotes dignity by encouraging partnership relationships as opposed to benefactor relationships. In addition, loans encourage more accountability than donations where repayment is not expected.

Kiva partners with existing microfinance institutions around the world (called Field Partners). These organizations facilitate Kiva loans on the ground. Field Partners know their local area and clients and do all the leg work required to ensure that the entrepreneur is a good lending risk and to get Kiva loans to the entrepreneurs.

Lenders (us) browse loan requests and select which ones they'd like to fund. Lenders can fund as little as \$25 and as much as the entire amount of the loan. The Field Partner collects repayments which are credited to the Lenders' accounts. Lenders can re-lend their funds to another entrepreneur, donate their funds to Kiva (to cover operational expenses), or withdraw their funds.

**Faith in Action (FIA) is challenging this entire congregation to fund 50 loans by our fiftieth anniversary on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.** You may do it as an individual, or pool your resources with members of a Sunday School class, ministry team, or even your “pew-mates.” Go to **Kiva.org**, or, if you do not have internet access, members of FIA will be available to assist you. When you have made the loan, copy the name of the entrepreneur and post it on the kiosk in the gathering area. Link the name to the country in which that person lives.

Together we can empower people, change lives and expand our efforts to strive for peace and justice and to bring help and hope to those who struggle.

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# 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.**

*Betty Luginbill, our Hillview UMW Social Action Coordinator, was asked to share her thoughts about why we should attend the Legislative Advocacy Event: The relationship between government and our personal lives was addressed in a recent forum at the Unitarian Church here in Boise. It began with a short reading adapted from Congressman Tip O'Neil and it cited 16 places where the average citizen was the recipient of tax dollars in just one day: from the coffee he made with clean water and listening to the National Weather Service report to the Post Office to his Social Security check and the Federal Aviation System. We are the recipients of our taxes; we also pay them. What makes a healthy society? Participation and a desire for justice, and an awareness of what is happening*

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Idaholodal@cableone.net)) or Kim Custer ([custerid@rmci.net](mailto: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



### **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](mailto:glubiens@hotmail.com)

### **SPECIAL MUSIC DATES:**

#### **March 6 Sun 7 pm "Broadway Favorites"**

The Hillview Instruments will be joined by the Rhapsody Ringers and Chancel Choir as the Hillview music department presents a concert package 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.

#### **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.

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# 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...!

## COMMUNITY MEAL



Our next Community Meal will be February 23, 2011. The entrée will be pork roast. We will need people to make potato dishes, vegetable dishes, large salads, smaller salads, and desserts. People can help with the meal set up, serving/ monitoring, clean up, and take down. There is a sign up 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 11 Valentine Singalong and Dessert

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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