



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.

Daylight Savings Time —Spring Ahead March 14

Lenten Schedule

Thursdays Continuing through - March - 25
Experiences in Prayer 7– 7:30pm

Thursdays—Continuing through—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
Easter Egg Hunt following the worship service

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Special insert—Directory info sheet—
Please fill out and return!

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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
Feb	\$29,249	\$32,223	\$ -2,974	\$ -2,679

Not good, but a typical February.

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

Random Musings from Pastor Barbara

This Lenten season we have been describing God--names for God—metaphors for God. We have been looking at how the Bible has described God and humanity's relationship to God and we've been trying on different ways to describe that. So, God the Creator is like a great composer, God the Hiding Place (refuge) is like a security blanket, God the Judge is like a master recycler... and so on.

This is an important exercise. First of all, it invites each of us to look take a closer look at how we experience God and relate to God. (Lots of us, for instance, have had a hard time with God as judge.) Secondly, it allows us to use our imaginations to explore how we COULD relate to God—see God in a different light. Finally, it helps us to find language to describe God that may be useful when we try to share our faith with others. Much of our non-church culture doesn't identify strongly with shepherds and rocks and armor, or pillars of fire and grapevines. The Bible describes God in language that spoke to the people of those times. How are we doing with that in our time?

I encourage you to try describing God in your own terms. Is God an air traffic controller? Is God like an electrical current? Is God the ocean we live in? How does Jesus embody the God we worship and celebrate? How is God's spirit moving?

It is my prayer that these weeks before Easter continue as a time of growth and introspection. From this work may we come to appreciate and trust more and more the God who defies our descriptions, challenges our imaginations and sticks with us—like super glue, or fly paper, or 😊

UMW Calendar Corner

March Functions

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.

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

Experiences in Prayer...

Each Thursday during Lent 7:00-7:30

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).



One Great Hour of Sharing
Offering to be taken on
Sunday morning March 14.

On Sunday March 14, United Methodist congregations all over the world will be taking a special offering to support UMCOR; the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This special offering is called One Great Hour of Sharing and it is meant to cover UMCOR's expenses for the entire year so that 100% of contributions to UMCOR's other projects will be sent to those projects and not used to cover expenses. Every United Methodist can be exceedingly proud of the work that UMCOR does. They are known for their consistently effective collaboration with relief agencies already in place in countries all over the world. They are also known for their rapid response to crises and are often among the first aid agencies in place to help those in need after some kind of disaster has occurred. They are also known for their focus on corrective solutions. In other words, they come in when the need is greatest and they seek to establish solutions that will continue to work and flourish long after they have left the scene. There are many reasons for United Methodists to be proud of UMCOR and if you are interested in supporting the work they do and being a part of real solutions in many of the areas most in need, you need look no further than simply supporting UMCOR.

New Church Photo Directory Coming!
Coordinator Needed

It's time to do a new photo directory at Hillview! We have scheduled photography dates with Olan Mills for late May and early June. However, in order to create a good directory we need a coordinator. The main function of this job is to organize the pre-registration for the photos. Coordinating the photo directory is much easier than it was in previous years since Olan Mills will do some of the tasks such as telephone reminders. Can you help your church in this way? For more information, call Debbie Mallis at 853-2740.

CONTINUING IN LENT

Invitation to Psalms—a 10-week in depth study of the Psalms on Thursdays, through April 19, 7:30 –9:00 PM following the Lenten Experiences in Prayer. 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. Questions/Contact Janine Watkins, 336-1991, or janine.watkins@hillviewmethodist.org



Lunch Bunch

We will meet on April 8 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.

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—Cheryl & Mark Richardson on the death of his mother, Vora, 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 Leviticus.

- *Jesus and Java*

Leaders Janet Worthington and Ethyl Minnis; (room 3)

This class enjoys fellowship and discussions on contemporary issues viewed through the Christian lens.

- *Simple Living*

Leaders Joe and Vicki Prin; (Youth House)

Simple Living class will be talking gardening for the next 3 weeks. If you are thinking about gardening but don't know where to begin, bring your questions and join us! Or, if you don't want to garden, come and see who will be gardening and where you can get some great produce! All experienced gardeners are invited to join and share tips.

- *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)

Leader 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.

Easter Egg Hunt at Hillview

The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Hillview for children up to age 11 will be on Sunday, April 4th following the 10:00 am Easter Service

Please look over the list of needs for this project that YOU could help with. The sign-up sheets are on a table in the gathering area. Need more information? Contact Judy Halverson, 327-0541.

rdhalverso@aol.com.

HELP NEEDED!

~~Donate candy by Palm Sunday, March 28th individually wrapped, (but not the foil wrapped) for the eggs.~~ Vj cpm!{ qw0Y g"} cxg'Gpqi j 0

- Volunteer to be a Leader – each age level will need 2 Leaders for their lawn area of the hunt.

- Volunteer to help clean up after the hunt, April 4th, 11:30



A few empty stomachs...are changing the world!

Once again Hillview youth will starve themselves to raise awareness of hunger right here in the Treasure Valley.

How can you help?

Fast with us: As a youth group we will spend 24 hours commiserating, praying and learning at the youth house. We invite all church members who want to, to join us in spirit by fasting on your own. Information on fasting is available on the Youth bulletin board.

Be a financial sponsor: We'll be collecting money to donate to the Community Ministry Center. You can help by financially sponsoring a youth member.

Be a prayer sponsor: Pick up a prayer card on the 14th and commit to praying for those who are fasting and all others around the world who are hungry.

Cook: We'll be breaking our fast after church on the 21st. If you'd like to cook**, please contact Claire or Jeff (**must be quick enough to avoid ravenous teens once the clock strikes 11:00 on the 21st)



Many Hillview members and friends have made donations in memory of Anastasiya Korslyk, mother of Mariya Gavrilutsa, the church's custodian.

In memory of Nancy Anderson and Belva Erickson, donations have been made to Hillview's memorial Fund.

Donations to the Janessa Chastain Ministry Fund have been made in memory of:

Ed Linkhart
Don Beuerman
Ruth Green
Belva Erickson
Nancy Anderson
Anastasiya Korolyk

From the mail



Hillview Community,

I was recently on a trip away from home and just got back to an amazingly good tasting box of homemade cookies. After a long day of driving and being away from home, they hit the spot and gave me that amazing feeling of home. Thank you once again for the cookies and keeping me in your thoughts. As I travel all over it is so nice to know that I live in such a great place. Thanks once again,
Erik Slack

I'd like to thank you for the great V-day package. I rarely get a package so it was a big thrill seeing the box sitting there with my name on it. Thanks again for the tasty treats.
Alex Rhodes

Thanks a Bunch! Thank you Hillview for all the care packages. Very yummy 😊

Amber LaCasse