



THE CONNECTOR
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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
Feb	\$26,313	\$29,180	\$-2,867	\$-6,707

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

The meal in February was well attended by the community! We continue to get good feedback from those who attend and even some unsolicited financial and food contributions. As exciting as this is there is an additional blessing that has presented itself; a chance to provide a meal at Corpus Christi House downtown with the left over main course, which is delivered to them the day after. By making a little more chili this last time we were able to take down enough to help feed the approximate 100 people who show up for a meal during the day.

We have also started to organize the Community Meal on a quarterly basis. Doing the advertising via flyers, posters, and door hangers with the three dates for that quarter and distributed at the start of that quarter, we will be looking for volunteers for this activity during the 3rd week of April. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to do this. Those of us who have done so have had very good response from those we have encountered.

Please note, that due to input from you, we have discontinued using the alphabet system for assigning what food the congregation should bring. It was not working that well anyway. The last few meals we have run out of salads before the end of the line gets through. So, I will be asking for a few volunteers who would be willing to provide a large (serving 20-25) salad/vegetable dish. You will be called the week before to ask if you would be able to bring a salad/vegetable dish for that meal. Please give me a call to volunteer. We will, of course, still need everyone to bring either a salad/vegetable or a dessert.



Thank you everyone who participates in this ministry. Please call me if you have any questions or comments. Darlene Smith (376-5977)

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

**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!!



Easter flowers will be available for purchase in honor or memory of family and friends March 15 until all are sold.

The cost will be \$10. The flowers will be used to decorate



the Sanctuary for Easter. After the 11:11 the Catch the Flame Easter service the flowers will be available to take

to the homebound or grace your Easter dinner table. This year we will have 5 Calla Lilies, 10 Daffodils and 30 tulips available for sale.



The Good Steward – Recycling

Your Hillview Simplicity group would like to talk about little things that we can all change in our lifestyles to become better stewards of the earth that God has entrusted to us. We invite questions and comments and recommendations and open dialogue on these topics. As Americans and Christians, we believe that we possess the ability to make these changes as well as the vision on why they are part of God's call to all of us.

Interested in saving \$4 a month on your trash bill while making a slight change that can benefit everyone? Allied Waste's new trash rates are a two-tiered affair; they charge \$13 per month for customers who recycle and \$17 per month for those who do not recycle. Hmmm. The items that can go into the blue recycling bins are paper/cardboard, plastic, and tin cans. For the moment, AW asks its recycling customers to separate these items so using a paper grocery bag for each category seems to address that request well. A little extra spending money in your pocket and a lot less recyclable material into the landfills around town. Sound like a win-win to us.

You can take the recycling efforts even further. Aluminum cans can be saved and brought to various recycling companies around town. And these folks will pay you for that material! Glass is recycled via a very large pit south of Boise and there are bins around town where glass can be deposited or most of these recycling companies usually have bins for glass as well. And finally, all of your plastic grocery bags and other plastic "films" can be returned to containers at Albertsons and Fred Meyer stores. This material often gets re-processed (right here in Idaho!) into the wood/plastic composite (one brand is called Trex) that is used on decks all around the intermountain west.

Recycling is pretty easy to do once you get into the habit. And it pays you back directly while conserving our limited landfill space for *only* non-recyclable materials. If you're like us, you'll also get a kick out of how little trash you're actually putting out each week once you get into the recycling mode.

HILLVIEW U.M.W. CALENDAR CORNER

FUTURE FUNCTIONS...

March 28th District Meeting/Membership Enrichment/
Caldwell

May 2nd Spring Luncheon

MONTHLY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Morning Book Group

2nd Monday of the month/ 10:00 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:

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 these important events:

March 28th There will be a district meeting at Caldwell UMW for Membership Enrichment. Let's have a nice representation from Hillview. Contact Darlene Smith for more information.

May 2nd Spring Luncheon will include a visit with Abigail Adams. Plan to attend and learn more about her contributions to our American history!

* Please note change in time for the Morning Book Club. It will start meeting at 10:00 A.M. at the March meeting.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Hillview United Methodist Church:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who gives gifts to the church. One of the gifts Christ gives is that of pastor.

For the past year you have been blessed with the gift of the Reverend John Tindell. He has provided gracious pastoral presence and leadership during a year of transition. You will recall that when John came to you, it was with the understanding that he would serve a one-year interim period. I join you in giving heartfelt thanks to John for his faithful and much valued service in this year.

Now it is my privilege to announce Bishop Hoshibata's intention to appoint the Reverend Barbara Nixon to Hillview. Bishop Hoshibata will fix the appointment at annual conference in Salem this June to be effective July 1, 2009.

Barbra is currently the pastor at Junction City United Methodist Church in Junction City, Oregon, where she has served for the past five years. Barbara brings a wide variety of gifts to serve as your pastor and to lead you into a bright future of significant ministry. Personally, I believe she brings exactly the gifts and graces to Hillview that are needed at this time. After meeting Barbara, the members of your Staff Parish Committee clearly indicated that they share my enthusiasm for this appointment.

I will keep you in my prayers as I work with your Staff Parish Chair in the days to come and as you express your love and appreciation to John and prepare to receive Barbara.

Grace and Peace!

Robert Flaherty
Eastern District Superintendent



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

Jack and Jacqueline Cooney have made a donation to Hillview in memory of the following:

Eleanor J. Bingham Mission Endowment Fund for :
Eleanor J. Bingham

Memorial Fund for:

Dwight Spangler and
Karl Goble,
Both charter members of Hillview.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the cards, prayers and food during my recent knee replacement surgery and also following my heart surgery in October.

It is wonderful to be part of such a caring community that is willing to be part of our life through the struggles. We appreciate all the concerns, care and help.

Karen and Curtis Kron

Ethyl Minnis and I would like to thank all those who volunteered to help with the Whitney Church Sack Lunch Program 2/21/09. We were honored to prepare 110 lunches but most importantly we served our Lord with this loving ministry. If you are interested in helping, there is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex. It is prepared for the third Saturday of each month, for a three month schedule. Call Ethyl, 376-0417 or me at 672-1084 if you have questions.
Marge Miller

Dear Hillview United Methodist Church

I received you Valentine Day care package today and I love all the cookies! I have literally tried them all already. I want to thank you for taking the time to send out care packages. It really is a joy to get them! And thank you to all the dedicated parents for making the cookies.

It really is nice to get some home-made love on Valentine's Day. Plus college students always enjoy getting packages from home. Even though school is hectic, I wanted to take the time to properly thank you. (and show that snail mail's not dead!)

I also wish to express my gratitude for the great sense of community you have provided me with. Even though I have moved away from Idaho, I fondly recall my years at Hillview. No organization is perfect but Hillview offers a lot of important activities and outlets for all ages. Thank you for being a supportive, nurturing community.

Love

Jessica Lodal

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.

The Youth Schedule for March 2009

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 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”



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.

A WORD FROM PASTOR JOHN: Observing Lent II

Dear Friends:

In my last Communicator article, I suggested we may wish to engage in an alternative to what we “give up” for Lent by positively engaging in daily prayer, helping needy persons and/or reflecting on ways to improve our personal spiritual life.

In this article I return to the traditional “what we give up” for the remainder of the pre-Easter Lent season with the following suggestions.

Give up grumbling and complaining! It is easy to see the less than desirable situations in our lives. And it is easy to see the faults and failures of others. But at least during Lent, why not take a different approach? Compared to many others, most of us reading this article are uniquely blessed. Most of the people we come in contact with, while not perfect, are honest and sincere in what they say and do. So why waste valuable time and energy complaining?

Give up dislike for other or another human being! We are all different persons. We tend to see things differently, understand things differently and as persons are all unique and special. Since that is a natural given of life, why not rather spend our time and energy on practicing the great Christ-like virtue of love toward persons who don't think and live the way we do?

Give up worries and anxieties! What is the point or purpose of worry? About worry, Jesus said in Matthew chapter 6, “Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to their life?” In the same chapter Jesus said, “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and ALL the things you need will be supplied to you.”

Perhaps, by giving up these practices and attitudes for the remainder of Lent, such an approach will begin to be (or continue to be) a life-long practice for each of us.

John Tindell