



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.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm/Passion Sunday Worship March 28, at 10am

Sunday School 11:15am

Holy Thursday Supper April 1, at 6pm

(a very simple meal & program...)

Good Friday Service April 2, at 7pm

Easter Sunday April 4

Sunrise Service- 7am

Breakfast Fundraiser for Camp Scholarships

7:30 – 11:30am

Sanctuary Worship Celebration 10:00am

Easter Egg Hunt (kids 11 & under) 11:00am

(no Sunday School)

Consider this special Easter offering:

There will be envelopes in the bulletins on Easter morning for anyone who wishes to make a special offering to Haiti Relief, where the need remains great...

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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

One of my favorite newspaper cartoons is a picture of a woman answering her door to a Bible-toting couple who are asking her, “Have you found Jesus?” If you look carefully in the picture, you can see Jesus hiding behind the window curtains, his sandals sticking out just a little. It’s an amusing image— Jesus playing hide and seek perhaps—or is he hiding from the people at the door-- or is he hiding from the woman? It is all meant to be a light-hearted imagining—this hiding and seeking, but it makes me think about how we lose sight of Jesus, even when the spotlight is beaming right on him—like during Holy Week & Easter. This is my first Holy Week at Hillview. I do not know, firsthand, your histories with this season, but I can tell you that I personally think participating in the events of Holy Week is, ultimately, what makes Easter--- Easter. How each of us understands and re-understands what God is doing through Jesus requires us to look very closely at this last week of his life. Where he went, what he did, what he said, what happens to him--- if we just wake-up on Easter, all happy and pleased, it is a shallow joy indeed, if we haven’t done the work to SEE FOR OURSELVES what prompts that joy. So, don’t lose sight of Jesus in the coming days! I encourage you to shape your schedule and make the time to share in the experiences planned for Holy Week so that the truth of the living Christ has a fresh and astonishing meaning for you.



.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

Lady Veterans Luncheon

You are invited to join a group of Hillview women who are involved in a hands-on service project by putting on a luncheon for the ladies at the Veterans Hospital.

What does this involve?— decorating the tables, taking paper products and real silverware, and providing home prepared food (casseroles, salads, and fresh fruit).

The group of eight women who started this had such a rewarding experience that we decided to do it each month on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and invite all women who are interested to join us. If you might be interested but need more information please call me (Darlene at 376-5977) or there will be a sign up sheet each month on the UMW bulletin board right next to the door to the kitchen. The activities director out there told us that nothing like this has ever been done for the lady veterans and that they were elated with the event.

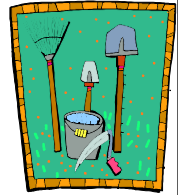


Spring Clean-up at the Church

Come join us

March 27th, 9AM—Noon

We have projects inside and out so bring your equipment and your elbow grease.



More about the Church Directory Update/ data form...

Thanks so much to those of you who have gotten these turned in quickly. Keep 'em coming. If you have lost or tossed the form, there are more in the gathering area or the church office.

No, not all of this goes in the directory! Some of it will help us understand our demographics more thoroughly. Some are things that United Methodists keep track of for our records. If there's something you don't know or don't want to share, just leave it blank.

Thank you.

Pastor Barbara

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.

Church & Society Exec to Offer Workshop

Bill Mefford, Director of Civil and Human Rights for the General Board of Church and Society, will conduct two workshops on immigration in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. The first workshop will be on Friday, April 30 at the Hillview UMC in Boise, Idaho followed by another at Hillsboro (Oregon) UMC on Saturday, May 1 – both from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The workshops are for individuals and churches ready to move beyond “justice ministries that consist of institutional statements and education...” to engagement, advocacy, and authentic relationships with immigrants. The training will focus on church-based organizing to help churches become more involved in advocating for and working with immigrants.

The training focuses on the following:

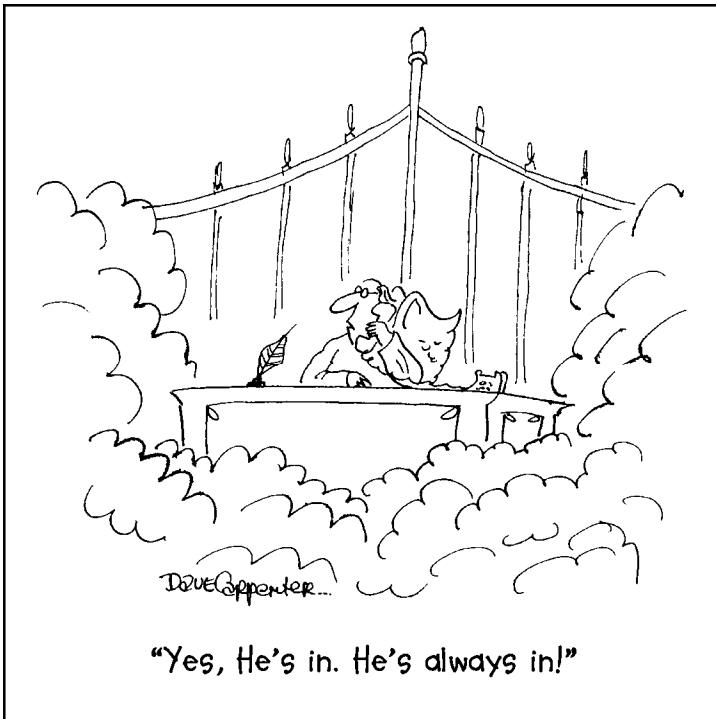
- A theological basis for engaging in advocacy and justice-oriented ministries
- How justice and mercy can and are meant to work together to serve people in need
- How you can organize individuals, churches and ministries that provide direct ministries around specific issues of immigration
- The importance of identifying allies within and outside of the faith community
- How to create events that are worshipful in nature, but politically significant and that help foster movement towards social change
- How training participants can work together on specific events and campaigns that are local and national, that are contextual for people of faith, and that are politically significant.
- The means of political advocacy that are most effective
- The political “state-of-play” concerning immigration and poverty

There will be a \$15 registration fee which will cover the costs of the workshop and lunch. **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS APRIL 15.** To register, contact Ron Whitlatch, Director of Hispanic/Latino Ministries, at 503-941-5215 or

ronwhitlatch@gmail.com



"I don't know, Pastor...it looks like some sort of church growth."



"Yes, He's in. He's always in!"

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 focusing for the next few weeks on using E-Bay, Craigslist, and a host of other resources to help your excess belongings find a new home. Drop in and learn how to choose the best service and use it effectively, or come and share your experiences.

- *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.

*There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter

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!

- 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

Thanks to everyone who donated candy—Thanks to your generosity we have more than enough!

COMMUNITY MEAL

March 31st is our next Community Meal. The main course will be soup and bread (provided by the Community Meal cooks). As usual we will need the congregation to provide salads and desserts. I know that spring break week but if you are able to help with the different areas and didn't get an email from me, please give me a call at 375-5116 or you can email me at nelsonm111@aol.com. Thanks for you help in this ministry!

Holy Thursday- April 1, 2010

The Worship Ministry Team will be providing a light finger food supper with communion following on Thursday April 1. Please plan on joining us for a meaningful evening. On Sunday March 28 you will be asked to let us know you will be attending by putting a star by your name on the registration pad as it is passed. This will help us plan for the supper. Freewill offering will be accepted to help defray the cost of the meal.

From the mail



Dear Members and Friends of Hillview UMC,
I greet you in this Lenten season in the name of Jesus Christ!

The legacy of 2009 for many people will be a remembrance of difficult economic struggles in our communities and the nation and the world.

For me, however, the legacy of 2009 was not so much about challenge and struggle but rather of faithful United Methodists in our annual conference, who in spite of the challenges, rose to the occasion with generous hearts for ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. I rejoice to share with you that because of the generosity of many persons, we made it through 2009 and are experiencing some hopeful signs in 2010.

I believe we were able to weather 2009 because of people of deep faith and commitment sensed the reality of God's abundance and the importance of our being in mission to preach and proclaim and practice the Good News of Jesus Christ in our congregations, our communities, and in our world.....The abundance was reflected appropriately in the spirit of the congregation of Hillview as you offered 100% of your Shared Mission Giving for 2009.....

Robert Hoshibata

John Watts

Bonnie Parr Philipson

Robert Flaherty

Donna Pritchard

Katherine Conolly

Kitchen Update

Our kitchen has a new dishwasher/sterilizer thanks to monies from the Delphine Walker Kitchen Fund and the Building Fund.

The dishwasher takes about 45 minutes to heat for the first use. After that, a load can be washed in three minutes. Soap and rinse agent are automatically dispensed from the five gallon

containers located under the kitchen sink. Please read the directions on the counter above the dishwasher and on the side of the refrigerator and enjoy a speedy wash!

