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Making Disciples...
Taking Christ to the World”
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WORSHIP at 10:00
Followed by Sunday School at 11:15.

Hillview UMW Spring Luncheon
May 1
11:30AM
“A Salute to Our Lady Veterans”
(more info inside)

Living the Questions
New 6 week Video Series
Starting May 4th
(more details inside)

Letter Carrier Food Drive
May 8th

CHANGE HUNGER FAST
Find Out How!

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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
Mar	\$36,617	\$35,476	\$ +1,141	\$ -1,538

A better month. Starting a trend?

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

Random Musings from Pastor Barbara

“It’s still Easter!” You will hear me saying this for several weeks. Easter isn’t just a Sunday—for that matter, it isn’t just a season (although the Christian calendar presents it this way.) Easter is a way of life for those who follow Jesus. It is a choice to live and love fearlessly, trusting that love—God’s very nature—is stronger than death. This is much easier said than done, of course. It means that we must be willing to dive into the difficult dark issues and take a hard look at our lives and our world anytime—ALL THE TIME. There is no Easter—no point to it at all—if we sing for joy in our sanctuary without shouting for justice in our world.

One of the issues that rises for me during Holy Week and at Easter is the subject of torture. Jesus was mercilessly tortured from Thursday night until his death on the cross on Friday. Scripture is clear about this. Torture is the most overt way in which humans inflict pain upon fellow humans. And in the resurrection God says NO to all of it--- “no!” to the worst we can do.

The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church are very clear on this subject. As a body, we are strongly opposed to “torture, cruel , inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment of persons by any government for any purpose.” (pg. 40 Paragraph A) Our Social Principles call for condemnation and opposition to these acts wherever and whenever they occur.

If you are a long-time Methodist, you know that the Social Principles are not church law. Rather, they are agreed upon, voted on, guiding principles that UM churches and individuals are called to support with word and action. They are not binding to individuals and not all United Methodists agree with every principle. (I would venture we have a few lottery players and wine sippers in our midst.☺) But the principles can lead us to incredibly important conversations and, in many cases, they can unify us to act with the support of our church connection behind us.

I, frankly, have no idea where many of us at Hillview stand on the issue of torture, a subject that stays before us (58% of Americans believe the Christmas Day airline terrorist should be waterboarded*). So, I am offering a short video for discussion purposes to any person, classes, small groups, ministry teams that would want to look more closely at this issue. (This video is the one shown in the pastor’s Forum on 4/11.) It is not necessary for all of us to come to the same conclusions. But, as Easter people, it is necessary for us to look unflinchingly at the world around us.

UMW Calendar Corner

IDAHO STATE VETERANS HOME - LADIES LUNCHEON

2nd Tuesday of each month 11 am to 1 pm

NEEDED: Volunteers to provide part of the meal and to spend some time visiting. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board behind the "punch & cookie" table.

This meal is an informal gathering of 6 to 8 women veterans and 5 to 6 Hillview women. We take a meal, decorate the tables & share conversation. These women truly look forward to this once -a-month special occasion just for them.

PLAN TO JOIN US SOON!!!

May 1st Spring Salad Luncheon "A Salute to our Lady Veterans"

All Ladies, Wives, Mothers, Daughters and Friends are invited to attend. May 1st at 11:30 in Ballantyne Hall.

Please bring a salad to share.

We are asking for donations of stationary/stamps, personal care items such as lotions, body wash...for our lady veterans at the Idaho Veterans Home

Coming Events

Ladies mark your calendars for these important events:

May 11 Lady Veterans' Luncheon

May 1st Spring Salad Luncheon

MONTHLY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Morning Book Group 2nd Monday of the month/ 10:00 am

Borders Books at the Mall

April book Breakfast at Sally's

May book The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society Contact person:

George Ann Morris – 853-2729

Evening Book Club

2nd Monday of the month 6:30 pm

Church Kitchen/ Meal provided

April book The Undertakers Wife by Celia Hastings

May book West with the Night by Markham Darlene Smith 376-5977

Lydia Circle (Study Group)

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 9:30am

Church Parlor

Lydia Halverson 327-0541

Fellowship Circle

2nd Thursday of the month 7 pm

In members homes

Contact person: Betsy Baughman



Living the Questions will return on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 beginning May 4th. The 6-week video study is titled "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White," based on the book of the same title by Adam Hamilton. All are welcome.

Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with ever-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't yet been tried, says Adam Hamilton, is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us.

- *Where Faith and Politics Meet*
- *Christ, Christians and Culture Wars*
- *How Should We Live?*
- *The Ethics of Jesus*
- *Spiritual Maturity and Seeing Gray*
- *What Would Jesus Say to America?*

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

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

CHANGE-HUNGER-FAST

Each year, United Methodist congregations throughout Idaho and Oregon are invited to participate in a Conference-wide project and present this contribution at the Annual Conference gathering in June. This year contributions will again be used by the task force for the Bishop's Initiative to Eliminate Hunger to fund grants for local mission settings to begin or expand hunger ministries.

From mid-April to mid-June you are encouraged to collect your change (coins or paper). Save your change during the week, and bring it with you on Sunday morning to add to the large can outside the sanctuary, or bring a check for the full amount on May 23rd. A brochure explaining the offering and a calendar with ideas to get you started will be available in the gathering area. A sampling of ideas to help that change accumulate includes:

- Set a bowl on your “kitchen table” and empty pockets and change purses each evening at dinner.
- Give up one coffee, tea or soft drink a week and add that change to the collection.
- Match the tip when you go out to eat by giving it to the hunger program.
- Purchase only with cash and save the change for eliminating hunger.
- Fast from “spare food” (snacks, desserts) and donate what you save.

If you serve on a ministry team, challenge another ministry team to see who can “loose” the most change.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, our offering will be dedicated to God for the fight against hunger in Oregon and Idaho. Your lay member to Annual Conference, Karen McAllister, will take the offering with her when she attends this gathering June 10 - 13.

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

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—Frank Smoke and family on the death of Jean Smoke, 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.

*Pray for those serving beyond the local church: **Hillview’s VIM Team***

Pray for our seminary student—Janessa Chastain



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.

LETTER CARRIER FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 8th

Cole Post Office Station (Cole & Ustick)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

3 shifts are available:

10:30 am—1:00 pm; 1 pm—4pm; 3:30—6:30 pm

Sign-up sheet is on a table in the gathering area.

Volunteers are needed for handling the food donated through the Letter Carrier Food Drive. Last year the Idaho Foodbank received 40,953 pounds of food from the Cole Station, the most collected at any site. Hillview has participated with this food drive the past 15 years and is an opportunity to help our community. Contact Judy Halverson, 327-0541, for more information.



Lunch Bunch

We will meet on May 13 at 11:30am at Golden Coral, 8460 W. Emerald, between Milwaukee and maple Grove. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office at 375 -0392 to be added to the list.

BOISE POLICE DEPARTMENT PARENTING CLASS

"Parent Tips on Child Safety" Thu., May 6 at 7 p.m.

Hillview United Methodist Church and Hillview Preschool are teaming together to offer a parent education class to all those interested. Crime Prevention Program Coordinator Carrie Demirelli will be presenting information about children and teen personal safety. Topics include strangers, home alone, protecting personal property, internet safety, dating and parties. *The presentation is designed strictly for adults due to the content and maturity of the material.*

Thank you-

We have received thank yous from Sabrina Oldfield and Kim Flora for their Valentines packages. Their moms apologize for submitting this info late.

Donations have been made to the Janessa Chastain Ministerial Fund in memory of Vora Richardson and Betty Lamb and in honor of Janessa's certified candidacy for ministry.

**Church Women of Southern Idaho Presents
May Friendship Day Celebration
Friday, May 7, 2010**

First Congregational United Church of Christ
2201 Woodlawn Ave. Boise, ID

“Living the Vision”

Brunch 10:00 a.m. Celebration 10:30a.m.
Guest Speaker—Debi McNeil— Dining for Women
Also Featuring The Fellowship of the Least Coin and KIVA

For information call Donna @ 853-2415
www.churchwomen.org

**Meridian UMW's Spring Luncheon
Saturday, April 17, noon**

Family Life Center, Meridian UMC, 235 E Pine St., Meridian
Guest Speaker: Rev. Brian Diggs, Director of UMCOR West
Office & Depot

Please come and enjoy our wonderful salads and then settle back and learn all about some of the benefits derived from our support and donations to UMCOR. Please RSVP as soon as possible, church office, 888-2245 or Jamie Thomas, 888-0362.