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faith matters

## Sunday Morning

Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
and 10 a.m.

Small groups and Bible studies  
for all ages are available after each  
service.

Childcare is provided for  
infants to three-year-olds.



**WE ARE A RECONCILING CONGREGATION, WELCOMING ALL PERSONS INTO FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION REGARDLESS OF AGE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, FAMILY CONFIGURATION, RACIAL OR ETHNIC BACKGROUND, ECONOMIC STATUS, OR MENTAL OR PHYSICAL ABILITIES. AS WE JOURNEY TO THE RECONCILIATION OF ALL**

## Random Musings from Pastor Barbara

My column today is a purely practical one. I want to remind you and encourage you around a few things regarding worship, the one time of the week when we are all together. We have made an agreement that our worship services, both at 8:30 and at 10:00, are “blended” worship experiences, meaning they are neither traditional nor contemporary nor any other specialized label. Our worship is a mix of worship elements and styles in which we hope everyone finds a blessing and some things they truly appreciate.

So when you are feeling especially touched or joyful during worship, know that someone else may not be so moved and they are gifting you by accepting and participating in that particular experience. Likewise, when you are not enjoying a hymn or video or some other element of our shared time, know that you are gifting someone else in the same way. My observation in all of this is that most of us, most of the time, leave worship very uplifted and glad to have been there.

If you have particular music suggestions or comments about worship, I encourage you to write them on the worship comment cards in the pews and drop them in the offering plate. I read these and share them with all involved in worship planning and we do our best to respond. Eventually, I use every hymn and song requested, and we take all suggestions under advisement about the shape and elements of our worship times. Keep those cards coming! (Remember also to use the prayer cards if you would like follow-up about any prayer concerns you have.)

I'd also like to encourage any early birds among us to make a commitment to the 8:30 service for a time—maybe for several weeks or throughout the summer months—just to try it on. The service has grown from just a faithful handful of people to 20 to 30 folks on a regular basis. We want and need to grow this service even more. Worship runs about 45 minutes and there is a small pastor's forum and usually two other adult classes offered at 9:15. If you stay for one of those, you will find you still get to greet some of those folks who come at 10!

Choosing the early service is a kind of ministry. Most of our visitors come at 10:00, and statistics show that if a service is too crowded, many visitors will either not stay, or will not return. (We did have a few people come on Easter at 10:00 and leave before being seated!) The 8:30 service is our growing edge. I'd like to encourage you to be part of that!

Please keep praying about and coming to our times together for worship—the heart of our community

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**Newsletter Change**

The Hillview Connector will be coming to you once a month starting with the June issue. Church Council has voted to make this move as we continue to use our resources more wisely. Reminders will continue to be emailed to committee chairs about article due dates.

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**LETTER CARRIER FOOD DRIVE to Stamp Out Hunger**

Saturday, May 11

Cole Post Office Station

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**



We need at least **20** Hillview people to work together on this shift. Volunteers are needed to put food into large totes for the Idaho Foodbank, so standing is required. The location is behind the Cole Post Office Station, off Ustick Rd. and Cole Rd. The sign-up sheet is on the tables in the church Gathering Area. Contact Judy Halverson at 327-054 or [judybhalverson@gmail.com](mailto:judybhalverson@gmail.com) for more information.

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**FIRST FRUITS GARDEN – NEW PROJECT**



This year there will be two garden beds for a Hillview “First Fruits” Garden. If you would like to garden but don’t have space, you may request a “share” in the garden in exchange for working in it. Produce will also be placed on the “First Fruits” cart and taken to the Community Ministries Center.

We need:

People to construct and fill the beds **immediately.**

Gardeners (or those willing to learn) to plant, maintain and harvest the produce.

If you can help, or if you would like to request a working share, please contact Gayle Woods ([gaylewoods5964@msn.com](mailto:gaylewoods5964@msn.com) or 938-5964) or sign up in the Gathering Area.

# Join Us



**May 29** is the date for the **MAY COMMUNITY MEAL!** The entrée will be Tortilla Casserole. Come join in the fellowship of helping and eating together! Sign up in the Gathering Area for food and assistance needed. If you have any questions, call or email Marilesta Nelson at 375-5116 or [nelsonm111@aol.com](mailto:nelsonm111@aol.com).

## GLBT Support Group

The GLBT Support Group will be meeting every other Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Hillview Church Library: April 27, May 11, and May 25. Please join us or pass this invitation on to someone you know who might be interested in joining us.



## *Online Registration Now Available for Vacation Bible School*

Save the date! Vacation Bible School is going on a journey around the world **June 24-28**. We will be visiting Zimbabwe, Japan, Australia, Mexico, and the United Kingdom. Everywhere Fun Fair takes children to a global celebration with the look and feel of a world's fair. Children will make friends with neighbors around the world and discover that

God's love can be found everywhere, including their own neighborhoods. Children will be introduced to special places from all over the world and discover that we are all neighbors and all children of God.

Online registration for Vacation Bible School for preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade and volunteers is now available at <http://2013.cokesburyvbs.com/HillviewUMC>.

Paper forms are available in the church office and on the Christian Education bulletin board.

## Calling *ALL* VBS Volunteers

Interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this year? Then we have a place for you! VBS will be held June 24-28, from 9 a.m. until noon with a closing program and fair on Friday, June 28, at 6:30 p.m. We need a few adult group leaders, daily registration assistants, craft assistants, people to BBQ for the closing fair, and more! Pick up a volunteer form from Maggie and return it as soon as possible!



**Hillview Preschool Sunday is April 28**, and that means we will welcome visitors and have an opportunity to help support the preschool by purchasing yummy Butter Braids. There are six flavors to choose from for \$12 each (tax included). Samples will be available after both worship services.

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## Finances

### THANK YOU!

This chart shows that our income for this year almost met our expenses as of March 31.

Can we do it again? I think so, but we must be continually conscientious in our stewardship.

We received a boost on the last Sunday of March to make this happen. That Sunday was Easter and also a fifth Sunday for the month. This does not happen every month.

*Curtis Kron*  
Chair, Finance



### Camping Update!

So far there are 11 youngsters who have indicated an interest in attending camp this summer. If you would like to help send kids to camp, you can still make a donation to the Camp Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in camp but haven't talked to me yet, please do so immediately. The deadline for the kids camp reduced rate registration is **MAY 5**. Any questions regarding camp can be directed to the Camp Secretary, Marilesta Nelson, at 375-5116 or [nelsonm111@aol.com](mailto:nelsonm111@aol.com).



Please keep the family of Charlie Brown in your thoughts and prayers. His service was held on April 23.

Please add these names of military personnel to the list of those for whom we pray, as they are away from family and friends serving their country: **Jackson Irish, moving to Monterey, CA; Kevin Custer, USMC; Dustin Soper; Cara Hammond, Air Force, Mississippi; Spec. Christopher Fabela, Army; Sgt. Willie Fabela, USMC; Staff Sgt. Bryan Koepl, Army, Goodfellow AFB, Texas; Seaman Christina Golovanoff, USCGC Mellon based out of Seattle.**



To keep this listing of military personnel as up to date as possible, family members may call (375-0392) or email the church office at [churchoffice@hillviewmethodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@hillviewmethodist.org) with information such as name, branch of service, and where serving.

### **From the Trustees**

We are looking for someone who is interested in helping with the Refugee Gardens this coming season. If you are interested, please, call the church office (375-0392). All kinds of talent are needed.



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# Youth Group

It's springtime!!

**May 5 - Youth Group in the Youth House (5-6:30 p.m.)**

**May 12 - Mother's Day (No Youth Group that day)**

**May 19 - Pentecost Youth Group at the Youth House (5-6:30 p.m.)**

**May 26 - Youth Group (time TBA)**

Seven youth are gearing up for a mission trip this summer to Portland, Oregon. We will study together the root causes of poverty and examine ways in which we all can be a part of the greater solution, all while working in soup kitchens, community gardens, food banks, serving lunch at a local free lunch program, and doing minor painting and yard work.

But we can't get there without YOU! The youth going on the mission trip will be selling "stock" in the mission trip. These donations will be crucial for the youth to reach their fundraising goals. But what will you get as a return on your stock investment? When we return, all of the stockholders will be invited to a stockholder presentation where the youth will present all that was done, their personal experiences, fun stories, moments throughout the trip, and what was learned during the week-long mission.

So please talk to a youth and find out more about the trip. And please consider becoming a stockholder for our mission trip!

Thank you,  
Hillview's Youth Group



## Disciple Bible Study

DISCIPLE assumes that the Bible is the key to renewal in the church. It recognizes the human-divine nature of the Bible: The actual texts of Scripture were written by human beings like ourselves in their cultural settings, under the divine inspiration of God. DISCIPLE affirms that the canon was formed as it is in order for God to speak to us. BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY gives equal time to both the Old and New Testaments, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as the revelation of God. DISCIPLE aims at transformation, not just information, and calls on persons to submit themselves to examination by Scripture, to put themselves under the power of God's Word, and to be changed by God's Word. DISCIPLE invites persons to bring their experiences and struggles to the Scripture. All persons know something is amiss with their existence and yearn for the Word from God. DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY uses biblical language and images and draws upon the work of scholars to aid understanding of the Bible.

This study requires reading large portions of Scripture each week and is based on careful study and preparation. During the course of thirty-four weeks, groups will move through the biblical stories of Creation to the New Jerusalem. We are in the initial stages of planning to offer a Disciple Bible Study here at Hillview and need your input on the day, time, and when to start this study. Contact Maggie Edmondson, Minister of Congregational Life, if you are interested in participating in this wonderful foundational study, have questions, or need more information.

## Upcoming Basics Classes

We have a number of wonderful Basics Classes this spring and summer covering a wide variety of topics chosen from information gathered from the Christian Education surveys. Each class is four weeks long and meets during the 9:15 a.m. Sunday School hour in the Library. Please contact Maggie Edmondson if you have any questions or need more information about any of these or future Basics Classes.

May—Old Testament: Biblical Understanding Golden Threads of the Bible  
with David McKellip

June—Freeing Theology with Rev. Barbara Nixon

July—Parenting with Sandy McDaniel

August—Spiritual Practices with Maggie Edmondson

September—Ethics and Social Issues with Jon Brown

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## **Kid Basics**



**Beginning in May, we will begin to offer quarterly Kids Basics classes at 9:15 a.m. in Room 6 with our first class on Worship. Kids (and parents) will learn more about the sacraments, the ways we worship, how we worship, and who worships. ALL kids (and youth) are invited to come and learn more about how and why we worship and celebrate God here at Hillview. Please contact Maggie Edmondson if you have any questions or need more information.**



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS and EVENTS



## United Methodist Women Spring Salad Potluck Lunch

You will not want to miss this!! Ladies, please bring a salad to share and join us on May 4 at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Barbara will be our guest speaker at 12:15 and everyone is welcome to join us as she shares slides and information about her time in India.



For our local mission, we will be collecting diapers, diaper wipes and baby product coupons for the Marian Pritchett School.

If child care is needed, contact Judy Halverson at 327-0541 or [judybhalverson@gmail.com](mailto:judybhalverson@gmail.com) by April 28 for arrangements.

### Coupons for the Troops

Amanda Ballance has found a group with financial support to continue the mailing of coupons for the troops. If you would like to contribute to this service to the servicemen and women, you can leave coupons on the UMW bulletin board.

#### Monthly Circle Meetings:

**Morning Book Club:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 9:30 a.m. at Barnes & Noble  
Contact: Kristen Guyon, 322-5090

**Evening Book Club:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30 p.m. in church kitchen.  
Contact: Darlene Smith, 376-5977

**Friends of Phoebe:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in church kitchen. Child care.  
Contact: Dawn Phipps, 713-1414

**Lydia Circle:** Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. -11 a.m. in church library.  
Current study, “Things I Wish Jesus Said”  
Contact: Judy Halverson, 327-0541.

**Fellowship Circle:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. in members’ homes.  
Contact: Betsy Baughman, 424-7713.



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## Music Notes

WE'RE LOOKING FOR  
SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS

As summer approaches, please consider this music opportunity!

Music is an important element of our worship times, and we plan to continue to use the **Chancel Choir** and **Hillview Instruments** during the summer months as we have for several years. If you sing or play an instrument, you would be a welcome support to the summer music ministry. We know that summer is vacation time, and we'd love to have you "fill in" for some of our regular members when they are out of town. Perhaps you will even discover that this might be an ongoing ministry that you would like to join.

**Rehearsals** are Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in preparation for the 10:00 a.m. service. There will be no rehearsal on Wednesday evenings, and no robes are worn during the warm summer months.

Previous **experience** is not necessary. Members with experience are eager to encourage and help new members.

If you have any questions about the music ministry or the ways in which you can be involved, please contact **Gene Lubiens** or any choir member or instrumentalist. We'd love to have you become a part of the worship ministry teams.

Gene Lubiens, Director of Music  
cell: 989-5981  
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Be sure to check out the Congregational Care bulletin board for the latest Health Ministries Newsletter!

## ***SAVE THE DATE!***

### *An Interfaith Gathering for Prayer & Reflection: Vision*



Thursday, June 6, 7:00 p.m.  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
6200 Garrett St., Garden City, ID 83714

Come share in an hour of prayers, songs, sacred texts,  
and simple rituals presented by local faith communities.

*Youth and younger adults are encouraged to attend. We will be emphasizing  
their involvement as much as possible at this gathering.*

*Questions?  
Call Rev. Barbara Nixon (991-8464)*

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### Children's Bibles in the Pews

Notice something new in some of the pews on Easter Sunday? If you didn't, then be sure to look for the new Children's Bibles in some of the pews next time you are in the Sanctuary. The Education Team and the Worship Committee graciously shared the expense for Bibles to encourage our young people to connect more deeply in worship on Sunday mornings. If you don't see a Children's Bible in your pew and would like to have one there for your young people, please contact Maggie Edmondson and we will do our best to make sure there are more available.



### Lost and Found

Are you missing a coat/jacket or scarf? There are several coats/jackets and a scarf on the Lost and Found table in the Ballantyne hallway. There is also a coat on the coat rack. Please see if they belong to you. If they haven't been claimed by May 15, they will be going away to new homes.



### Donations Needed for Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School plans are well on the way for our trip around the world this summer with Everywhere Fun Fair, June 24-28. The VBS Planning Team needs help collecting small (empty) coffee cans with lids, (empty) paper towel rolls for some of our craft projects, brown paper lunch bags, travel posters to borrow for decorating, and extra-large cardboard boxes or sheets of cardboard to transform our church into a global fair (large appliance boxes, etc.). We need at least 100 coffee cans and paper towel rolls, so please hang on to what you have and bring them to church this month and place them in the donation bin marked Vacation Bible School. Be sure to keep an eye out for more needed donations this spring in *The Connector* and on the announcement slides.

### From Pastor Barbara

If you would be willing to house a single lay member to Annual Conference (June 19-22 or 23), please contact Pastor Barbara.

# Faith in Action



## **March on Hunger: *Stepping Forward to Leave Hunger Behind***

Please remember to **bring food** for the Idaho Foodbank (special barrel by office) or Community Ministries Center pantry (bin in the back of the Gathering Area) throughout the month of April. Especially needed are protein sources and vegetables. All food must be shelf stable and in nonbreakable containers. Encourage neighbors, co-workers and families to contribute as well. If you want to do more, hold a mini food drive, organize a food scavenger hunt, or find other creative ways to get more people involved.

If you prefer, you can **make a donation to the Idaho Foodbank's Virtual Food Drive**. Go to [www.idahofoodbank.org](http://www.idahofoodbank.org). Click on *Virtual Food Drive*. Under option 1, select March on Hunger 2013. Then make your secure donation. Because they can leverage monetary donations, you can feed a family of four for a week for only \$28 (retail value \$204).

### **April 28 – Closing Celebration at Veterans Park**

Gather at 4:00 and plan to eat at 4:30. Bring a large side dish, salad or dessert to share, if you can. Meat will be provided. There is a wonderful playground for the kids.

### **If you are unable to participate in other ways, here are some ways you can still be a part of the March on Hunger:**

Pray for those who are hungry and for those who worry about providing for their families.

Pray for wisdom for our state's and nation's decision makers.

Learn more about the reality of hunger in Idaho – facts and causes.

Engage directly by volunteering at a foodbank/pantry, meals program or work in a community garden. Hillview has many opportunities for all of these.

Contact our decision makers – both state and national – and let them know that you care about your neighbors who are hungry and expect them to do the same.

For questions or more information, contact Gayle Woods ([gaylewoods5964@msn.com](mailto:gaylewoods5964@msn.com) or 938-5964).



### **What if everyone had a place at the table? What would our nation be like if we invested in healthy food for all?**

Find out. Join us for the screening of *A Place at the Table*. From the people who produced *Food, Inc.*, and narrated by Jeff Bridges, this film uses storytelling and insights from experts, ordinary people and advocates to expose the serious economic, social and cultural implications hunger poses for our country and how it can be solved once and for all if we, the American public, decide that making healthy food available and affordable is in the best interest of us all.

Following the showing, hear a panel of local experts and learn how you can take action in 10 concrete ways, right here in Idaho – right now.

When: 7 p.m., Friday, May 10

Where: The Egyptian Theater, Boise

Ticket Prices: \$7 for seniors and students, \$10 for the general public

Watch the trailer or download a flyer at: [www.idahohunger.org](http://www.idahohunger.org)

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## **The First Fruits!**

Here at Hillview we have a way for you to offer not only your first fruits, but your vegetables, flowers, seeds, and garden tools too!

In the Gathering Area is a cart labeled “From the First Fruits.” Bring in a portion of your garden to share with others. Plant extra just for this! Bring in whatever your garden grows. In the spirit of the First Fruits, bring the best, the first quality, and the first of the crop that comes on. This symbol of giving freely from the first and not the last is a wonderful stewardship message and reflection of what God has provided.

If you are not a gardener, please take something from the cart and enjoy it. Bring what you can, take what you wish.

“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the **first fruits** of all your Produce.” (Proverbs 3:9)

## Dates to Remember

May 4  
UMW Spring Luncheon

May 11  
Letter Carrier Food Drive

June 24-28  
Vacation Bible School

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