



**THE CONNECTOR**  
“Welcoming All...  
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

**\*\*Summer worship schedule!** We will **not** change our service schedule for the summer. The Sanctuary service will continue at 9:00am with Sunday School at 10:15am and Catch the Flame at 11:11am

## **COMING EVENTS**

**May 31**—Big Celebration— Info inside!

**Summer Opportunities**—Read the Bible in 90 Days (be sure to pick up your book!) and Discovery for Kids

**Vacation Bible School**—Camp Edge July 6-10

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### ***Our Financial Gifts***

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT-**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>YTD (+/-)</u>
Jan	\$24,726	\$28,566	\$ -3,840	\$ -\$3,840
Feb	\$26,313	\$29,180	\$ -2,867	\$ -\$6,707
Mar	\$33,011	\$27,772	\$+5,329	\$ -\$1,468
Apr	\$32,026	\$27,184	\$+4,842	\$+\$3,374

#### **CONGRATULATIONS! TWO CONSECUTIVE POSITIVE MONTHS. LET'S KEEP IT GOING.**

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

# HILLVIEW COMMUNITY MEAL

**Wednesday, June 24th**

**\*\*6:00 – 7:30 pm\*\***

**(New Time)**

As you will notice, we are going back to the starting time that we had at the beginning. We thought that by making it earlier during the winter months of limited daylight it would be better, but that makes it a little too early for those who work until 5:00. As we see it now, the time will permanently be 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

The turn out was very good for this last meal and I heard many comments about all of the great salads. Several people wanted to know if they could have the recipe of a particular salad and for the couscous dish that was brought in February. If anyone would like to share their recipe for the dish that they bring maybe you could bring a couple of copies and we could put those on the Resource Table set up.

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



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION- COMING THIS SUMMER



## READ THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS!

We now have 33 people who have accepted the challenge to read the Bible in 90 days! Extra books were ordered if you would like to join The Bible in 90 Days class on Sunday mornings, 10:15 to 11 am. The Participant's

Guide will be distributed on Sunday, May 31, at a table in the gathering area. Participants need to pick up their books and begin the Bible readings for that first week and prepare for the class beginning on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The class will meet in Ballantyne Hall.

Questions? Contact Judy Halverson (327-0541)

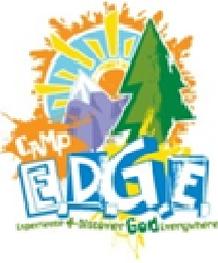
## DISCOVERY FOR KIDS

During the summer months, children ages 3 to 12 can have fun in discovering God everywhere through a variety of activities. This Discovery time will take place on Sunday mornings at 10:15am, beginning in room 5 and with weather permitting, moving outdoors to discover God everywhere. Discovery For Kids will begin June 7<sup>th</sup>, same date as The Bible in 90 Days class.



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church will continue for the summer for children ages 3 to 9 years during the 9 am worship service, after Pastor John's time with the children. The Children's Church is held in room 6. Children's Church is an opportunity for children to experience their worship time in a class setting with age appropriate stories and activities related to a Bible story.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—CAMP E.D.G.E.

Hillview United Methodist Church invites children to go to the edge this summer for Vacation Bible School. CAMP E.D.G.E.: EXPERIENCE + DISCOVER GOD

EVERYWHERE is an extreme adventure camp taking kids on exciting Bible treks to experience and discover God everywhere, every day. Each Bible trek is supported with science activities, songs, crafts, games, and snacks.

- Where? Hillview United Methodist Church
- When? July 6-10
- What time? 9:00 am to 12 pm
- Who? Children ages 4 through 5th grade
- Fee? Cost: \$18.00 per child on or before June 28.  
\$22. Per child after June 29.  
FREE for the children of adults who volunteer to help

### CAMP E.D.G.E. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



You can make a difference in a child's faith journey during Vacation Bible School by volunteering to be a camp counselor, (leader who travels with a group of children to the activity centers—no prep work, just guidance) or an assistant helping one of the activity center leaders. Not available during the camp time? You can still help with VBC by volunteering to help set up for our Camp E.D.G.E on Wednesday, July 1 at 6:30pm. To volunteer, contact Judy Halverson, 327-0541.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS APPRECIATION

Hillview's Education Ministry team would like to recognize our dedicated Sunday School teachers for the traditional classes that started in September and ended May 24<sup>th</sup>. We celebrate their gifts of teaching and appreciate their willingness to be of service. The following members served as teachers:

### One Room Sunday School

Fall Quarter—Judy Halverson, Terry Pittz; Bob Mallis  
Winter Quarter—Judy, Teri Pittz, Susan Hutchinson,  
Spring—Judy, Betsy Baughman, Maligne Oldfield  
Substitute: Adrienne Gustafson, Bob Mallis

Youth Class—Fall: Pam Lodal, Lynn McCoy,

Winter—Lynn McCoy and Kit Parker

Spring—Lynn McCoy

Substitute, Claire Chambers, Pam Lodal

### Adult Classes:

Healing Class—Linda Sherrets, Linda Porter, Ginny Belcher

Jesus & Java—Merri Albright

Lectionary—David Barber, Ron Halverson, Lilburn Wesche

Simple Living—Joe and Vicki Prin

Come Thirsty—Claire Chambers

We would like to thank Michelle Ward for serving as our Sunday School secretary for the year and her substitute Gayle Woods. We appreciate Esther Wesche for teaching the mini-music class each Sunday at 10 am that the children so enjoyed.

Wow! We had 20 members serving the 12 children, 7 youth and 60 adults who participated in Sunday School classes during the 2008-09 school year! Thank You!

*Hillview Education Ministry Team*



## Attention Crafters

This year we will try something new and exciting, we will have the Church Bazaar room open to the public on Saturday, November 7th, so pick up those needles, hooks, wood-working, jewelry-making tools and let's get started! If you would be interested in helping Claudia organize this event (or if you would like to volunteer to help) please give her a call at the church office 375-0392.

If you have extra beads and jewelry making supplies (old necklaces that could be reworked) that you would like to donate please bring them to the church office.

**Fall Festival—November 8th**— The article above must have piqued your curiosity—so here is the date for the annual fun, food and silent auction .

## Big Celebration On May 31

Pastor John Tindell is leaving in June after his year with Hillview. This also marks Pastor John's 50th year of ordination and his 50th anniversary with his lovely wife Bee!



Please come, celebrate, and give our thanks to Pastor John during a BBQ following the one service Sunday, May 31. The Church Life and Fellowship will be providing hamburgers, vegeburgers and hot dogs. Please sign up in the narthex. A-E bring chips. F- Z bring a side dish/salad to share. Dessert will be provided. We need your help in these areas:

BBQ cookers Set-up Assisting with potluck Cleanup  
Please sign up in the narthex.

Contact Jennifer Foncesbeck with any questions! 658-8526 or [jbhfonz@hotmail.com](mailto:jbhfonz@hotmail.com)

We look forward to celebrating with Pastor John & Bee!

## Enjoy Finger Food Brunches This Summer

Come share a fingerfood brunch with others at Hillview this summer on the second Sunday of each month,. The brunch will be held between services in the gathering area. Grab a cup of coffee or punch plus a plate of food. Stay and visit with friends or head off to your Sunday School class. The brunch is a potluck so please bring food that can be eaten with fingers—no utensils! The brunches will be on June 14, July 12, and August 9. The ministry teams of Hillview (Council on Ministries) are sponsoring this event.



**APRIL INCOME (From all sources)**

	<u>FOR</u>	
Checks/Envelopes	\$30,692	
Loose Plate	\$815	
Facilities Donations	\$510	
Recycle Income	\$9	
<b>General Fund Receipts</b>		<b>\$32,026</b>
Building Fund	\$183	
Community Ministries	\$182	
Church School	\$123	
Corpus Christi	\$90	
UMCOR	\$30	
Worship-Seder Meal	\$60	
Worship - Easter Flowers	\$450	
Camp Scholarships	\$874	
Volunteers in Mission	\$130	
Kjell Knutsen Emerging Ministries	\$50	
Janessa Chastain Ministry Fund	\$100	
Memorials and/or Endowments	\$145	
<b>Other Receipts</b>		<b>\$2,417</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$34,443</b>

**Lost and Found**

We have had some jewelry turned in to the office so if you have lost a pin or a ring please describe the lost item and we will try to match them up and get your long lost jewelry item back where it belongs. Please write (or draw) your description and include your name and phone number and turn it in to the church office on Sunday or during business hours. You will be contacted if your description matches one of the items.

**Summer Safety Mini Health Fair**  
**May 31 2009**  
**Following the Worship Service**  
**Sponsored by the Health Ministry Team**

Make sure you and your family gets on the right track for summer activities by attending the Health Ministry Team's Summer Safety Mini Health Fair. Presentations and information will be available on

Sun and Heat Safety  
Bug Safety  
Water and Boat Safety  
Bike Safety  
Allergies and Hay Fever  
Sports Safety  
Fire and Fireworks Safety  
Food Safety  
Hiking and Camping Safety

Upcoming Health Ministry Events

**Wednesday, August 26** at the Community Meal "Blood Pressure and Health". Team health professionals will provide free blood pressure measurement and information on what a healthy blood pressure is, risks and complications of high blood pressure and ways to keep your blood pressure in control.

**Sunday, November 15.** " Medicare Part D and Appropriate Medication Use." Get help choosing the best Medicare Part D Medication Plan for you for 2010. Even if you aren't yet on Medicare, clinical pharmacists will be available to answer any questions and provide consultation on your family's medications.

## HILLVIEW U.M.W. CALENDAR CORNER

### FUTURE FUNCTIONS...

**Summer Events include the Ice Cream Social July 16<sup>th</sup>, and School of Missions July 24-26<sup>th</sup>.**

### MONTHLY CIRCLE MEETINGS

#### **Morning Book Group**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month/ 10:00 A.M.

Borders Books at the Mall

Contact person: George Ann Morris – 853-2729

#### **Evening Book Group**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month / 6:30 P.M.

Church Kitchen/ Meal provided

Contact person:  
Darlene Smith 376-5977

#### **Fellowship Circle**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 7 p.m.

Contact person:

Betsy Baughman 424-7713

#### **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:**

Be sure to mark July 16<sup>th</sup> on your calendars—not only will it be the annual Ice Cream Social—we will be welcoming our new Pastor, Barbara Nixon that evening! Everyone is welcome!

**Make note** there will be a change of time for our September Unit meeting. It will be held on Saturday morning. We are going to experiment to see if this will make it more convenient for those of you who do not feel comfortable attending the night meetings during the winter months. Look for more information in the weeks to come.

### **Hillview Youth...The Home Stretch**

**31st** End-o-year Blow out!

Say good-bye to Pastor John and Bee while we eat good food, play games etc.

## **Hillview Sponsors 20 Honduran Students for 2009!**

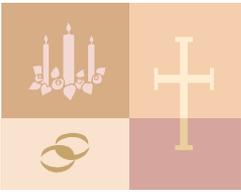
For the Honduras 2009 school year (Feb – Nov), Hillview continues its’ outreach by sponsoring 20 students in the Fuerzas Unidas community in Honduras through the Becas con Bendiciones (Scholarships with Blessings) program. This is the fifth year Hillview has participated in this wonderful ministry, and the VIM team that visits Honduras every two years has had the opportunity to personally meet some scholarship recipients. Public school in Honduras is not really “free”, and this program will provide a \$100 scholarship to the “poorest of the poor” students that will enable them to continue their schooling. We truly believe one way to break the cycle of poverty is through education. Unfortunately, the average years of education in the poor neighborhoods of Honduras is around 4-5 years.

During 2008 Hillview raised around \$2000, which is enough to support 20 children for the 2009 school year. This money was raised through Sunday School offerings, personal donations, as well as from a generous gift 3 years ago. Once again, Hillview members have opened up their checkbooks and been very generous. But now we have an opportunity to go one step further, to start to build a more personal relationship. In addition to monetary support (the \$100 per student pays for their books, supplies and uniforms), we will need to send them Christmas cards, birthday cards, and letters of encouragement. We are asking for members to sign up to be in a covenant relationship with a student – pictures and a brief description of each are on the bulletin board in the hallway to Ballantyne.

We’ve already opened up our checkbooks, now let us open our hearts to these children. Sign up and agree to be in contact with a child, to send a letter or card of encouragement, to let them know that somebody cares and believes in them.

Please contact Ron Halverson for further information.

## MAY 31, ANNIVERSARY VOW REAFFIRMATION



Following the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday potluck after the one combined 10:00 service on May 31, John and Bee Tindell invite married couples who have recently celebrated, or soon will celebrate 50 or more years of marriage, to join them in reaffirming their marriage vows. The vow reaffirmation service will be led by Oregon Idaho

Conference Eastern District Superintendent Bob Flaherty. If you wish to be included, speak to John or Bee, phone them at 392-2889, or call John at the church.

### ***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—**The Perez family on the loss of Kevin's mother.***

*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.

**Please welcome our new members - Hanna Berry, Kinsey Walt, Anna Van Order, Maraya Hanson, Ryan Lucas, Tyler Fabela, Taylor Douglas, Paige Spraker, Tait Parker, Catherine Parker, Sue Walch They were all Confirmation Class participants this year.**



## Lunch Bunch

We will meet at Hacienda El Tenampa (Cole Village) on June 11th 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.

### Attention Bakers!

Do you like to bake bread? The Worship Ministry Team is looking for additional bread bakers to help us supply bread for Communion for the Sanctuary and Catch the Flame services. If you are interested, please call Marilesta Nelson at 375-5116.



### CATCH THE FLAME

**11:11 a.m. each Sunday in the air-conditioned Sanctuary.**

**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](http://www.myspace.com/catchtheflameboise)

Dear Friends:

One hundred and ten years ago last October, a prospector in Nevada named Henry Comstock put a bullet through his head and ended a life of remorse and torment. Some years earlier, Comstock committed one of the classic financial blunders of all time when he sold the famous Comstock Lode near Virginia City, Nevada for \$11,000.

That rich vein of gold and silver yielded for its new owners over a half a billion dollars, before it played out in 1898. Trading over a half a billion dollars in value for \$11,000 is surely one of the world's worst bargains! An also very bad trade is described in the Gospels, about Judas trading 30 pieces of silver for the life of Jesus Christ.

Like Comstock, Judas sold out for a paltry sum, and that bad bargain tormented him to the point of his taking his own life. While we may not be given the high stakes of a Comstock or a Judas, yet each of us has our own set of unique circumstances to live out. In this sense, life is in some ways a gamble. We are given what we are given, in the living of our lives.

When a replacement for Judas was being considered, there were two men considered (according to Acts chapter 1). One was Justus and one was Matthias. Both were considered qualified. Both had served faithfully, and were men of the honor. So the remaining disciples couldn't make up their mind, and decided to make the final selection on the basis of casting lots.

What that really meant was they believed that in the process of casting lots, and prayer, God would select the proper person for the unfilled position. The important point for us is, I believe, we are wise to understand we each have a unique "lot" given to us in life and then do the very best we can with what have to work with, leaving the rest to God.

John Tindell