



THE CONNECTOR  
"Welcoming All...  
Making Disciples...  
Taking Christ to the World"  
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## WORSHIP

**Early Bird Service 8:30AM**  
**Sanctuary Service 10:00 AM**  
**Sunday School**  
**Classes for all ages at 11:15**



## July 18 Picnic after the 10:00 service!

This will be a Planned Potluck with Chicken being provided by the Church, and A-K members to bring desserts and L-Z bring salads/side dishes. Beverages ( lemonade/water/ coffee) will be provided.



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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
Apr	\$30,821	\$30,239	\$ + 582	\$ - 965
May	\$31,105	\$31,334	\$ - 229	\$ -1,194
Jun	\$28,539	\$33,373	\$ - 4,834	\$ -6,028

At this time last year we were \$6,716 ahead???

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

## Random Musings

from Pastor Barbara

So many meaningful and useful times at Annual Conference when representatives from our sister churches in Oregon and Idaho gather for business, for worship, for learning and for inspiration. The emphasis this year (and for the future as well) is on the nurture of healthy, vital congregations, so that we might add to those who follow Jesus for the transformation of the world. The Bishop and conference leadership team offer these key signs of such potentially transformative congregations. Ask yourself, how we are doing...

Healthy, vital congregations...

...are clear about their identity and work as followers of Jesus Christ.

...look outward and focus their energy and resources on engaging the world meaningfully.

...intentionally seek opportunities to reach out to new persons.

...offer meaningful, passionate worship.

...are empowered by laity who are involved actively in leadership and on-going spiritual growth.

...are able to point to clear signs of health and vitality.

There is much we can celebrate about the health and vitality of Hillview. But it is important to ask, "where are our weaknesses?" "What can we be doing to be more open to God's love and power—to live more fully as Jesus Christ's followers?" Send me an email--[revbabs2000@gmail.com](mailto:revbabs2000@gmail.com) or give me a call, or come to the Pastor's Forum after worship on July 25.

Hillview Methodist Church  
**Sunday Summer Classes – 11:15**

**Adult Classes**

**Journey Through the Bible**

Class will resume in September

**Jesus and Java**

Leaders: Janet Worthington & Ethyl Minnis

Location: Library/Parlor

Fellowship and discussions on contemporary issues viewed through the Christian lens

Open to Everyone

**Simple Living**

Leaders: Joe and Vickie Prin

Location: Room 10, 5-week , starting 6/13

Examining the concept of "Enough". What is enough? When is enough? Who determines what enough is? What does God say about enough? Are you entitled to enough?

Open to Everyone & Drop-ins

**Pastor's Forum**

Leader: Pastor Barbara

Location: Sanctuary

Offers dialogue with Pastor Barbara about the sermon or topics of relevance to our church around matters of peace & Justice.

Newcomers, one-timers are always welcome

**Youth Class 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Assisting with children's class activities

**Children's Class 4 yr – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Leaders: Lynn McCoy & Youth

Location: Room 6

*Step Up and Go Green for Jesus*

**Children's Church 3 to 9 years**

During the 10:00 am sanctuary service after "Kids and Grown-ups Together"

Location: Room 6

Kids experience their worship time in a class setting with age appropriate stories and activities related to a Bible story.



### **Reverse Yard Sale a big success**

When we opened the doors at 9 am on Saturday, June 26th for the free yard sale we had about 75-100 people waiting anxiously for the sale. There was a good mix of refugees and the local community, and by 10 am almost 90% of the items found new homes. People continued to

come in up until closing at 1 pm, and no-one went away without at least something. When I talked with the people and thanked them for coming, every one of them thanked me for having the "sale" and said that it was a wonderful thing we were doing.

There are too many people to thank for helping pull this off - but you know who you are. Our goal was to raise around \$1000 for the Volunteer in Mission Team going to Honduras next summer, so far we have raised \$1110 and with pledges outstanding it is anticipated that we will raise between \$1200-\$1300 - Hillview once again exceeds expectations!

Ron Halverson



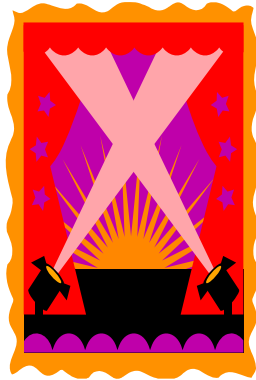
### **Next May, Hillview celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**

This is a call for a real celebration.

Already in place is a visit from Bishop Bob Hoshibata of our annual conference!

Ministry teams are starting to dream a little about how they might add to the blessedness of this time.

A little steering committee is forming and will have their first meeting on July 26 at 7PM..



**A.C.T.**  
**(All-Comers Theater)**  
**Wed. July 21, 7-8PM**

All ages and abilities welcome to this do-it-yourself improv experience! Pastor Barbara will work with all-comers to create a special “theater” moment for worship on 7/25. Questions? Call Barbara 991-8464.

## **Come and Enjoy the Community Meal Each Month**

Have you participated in Hillview's monthly Community Meal? These meals are a wonderful opportunity to meet our neighbors and share some delicious food. The Community Meal is held on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. This month it falls on July 28--mark your calendar! During the warm summer months, we barbeque hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers. During the rest of the year, several volunteers prepare the main course. Members and constituents are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. If you are a visitor, please simply come and enjoy the food and fellowship. To assist with set-up, clean-up, or food, call Marilesta Nelson at 375-5116.



### ***THANK YOU***

Dear Friends in Christ~

There are no words to express my thanks for my retirement celebration! Your kind words and generous outpouring of love deeply moved me then and continue to do so in this time of reflection. I am blessed beyond measure to be part of such a Spirit-filled community of faith and am grateful. I look forward to my return when the time is right. In the meantime...

Peace and Joy~Janine

A donation has been made to the Janessa Chastain Ministerial Fund in honor of Rev. Janine Watkins on the occasion of her retirement.

**WE CELEBRATE** Julie Ann Allen (Snell) who grew up in Hillview, along with her brother Blair and sister Lee Ann, was ordained a United Methodist Deacon in Texas in June. Her parents Gordon and Barbara were very active members in Hillview's earlier years. Julie Ann is a Junior High School choral conductor. She has established Closer Walk Ministries in which she speaks and sings her witness to God's living presence in all circumstances. She wrote the book [You Only Think God Is Silent: Hearing God in the Defining Moments of Our Lives](#). Julie Ann shares her own experience of the tragic death of her young husband, and her choice to live fully in faith in a loving, present God. For an amazing and inspiring read, check this book out from Hillview's library. The copies are on the top of the bookshelves near the check-out box.

**If you are interested in membership here at Hillview,** please contact Pastor Barbara. There will be opportunities during worship this summer to formally welcome you! Call Barbara @ 991-8464.



## **From the Mail**



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the money to go to camp! It helps so much while I miss my family at camp to know that people are thinking of me, and caring about me! It is always helpful to know you have someone behind you to keep you going! This scholarship money lets me know how much the church truly cares! Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Kinsey Walt

## **From Musician, Jack Brown**

Dear Barbara, and church members,

Thank you so much for allowing me to sing and share worship music in your church on Sunday, June 13. Enclosed is a check for \$83.00, which is 20% of my CD sales at your church. Barbara and I have already talked about how it will be used, it will be sent through your church for relief in the gulf oil crisis.

Peace of Christ,

Jack

## **Thank You**

We received a certificate for Recognition of 100% Participation In Shared Ministries at Annual Conference this year, thanks to all of you who have pledged and/or give regularly to the church.



## The FIFTH Annual Hillview Open Golf Tournament!!!

Dust off those golf clubs! The highly anticipated Fifth Annual Hillview United Methodist Church Golf Tournament is set! This year we are changing some parts of the annual event and the fun fellowship will continue!

SUNDAY, July 25 at 1pm  
Pierce Park Greens Golf Course  
ONLY \$9.00 per player for 9 HOLES, BBQ, and PRIZES!

The tournament is a Best Ball Scramble... *What does that mean?!* Beginners and Avid Players can all compete together! Golfers will be signed up to a team. Everyone on that team will all hit their ball. *This is where it gets good...* You just use the best ball out of those balls to continue to hit toward the hole! Play as a team, so it does not matter if you hit them left, right, or straight.



Sign up as a family, a group, or an individual! All ages are welcome. (No carts will be available.) Bring your friends!

After the golf tournament, we will continue our fellowship with a BBQ at Joe and Vicki Prin's home. PRIZES will be awarded! There are multitudes of prizes awarded, and not just for the lowest score. If you have ever wanted to try to golf, this is the time!

Sign up NOW in the Narthex! We will be taking payment for the tournament until Thursday, July 22! We will also take any donations for prizes! Any questions? Please call Brandon or Jennifer Foncesbeck at 658-8526 or [jbhfonz@hotmail.com](mailto:jbhfonz@hotmail.com).



*Pierce Park Greens is located North of State Street and South of Hill Road off of Pierce Park Road, 5812 N. Pierce Park Lane, Boise, 83714. See you there!*

## **First Fruits**

Keep bringing those plants and herbs in. This is the place to bring that extra squash and other vegetables—Please take a moment each Sunday to see what has come in and what would look good in your yard or on your table!



## **Community Ministries**

Bring your extra canned goods to the grocery cart in the gathering area so we can continue to share with our neighbors in need

## **Corpus Christi House**

Bring in personal care items (toothpaste, shampoo, ...) and add to the plastic bin in the gathering area.

## ***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—Kyle & Julie Peterson and family in the death of Kyle's father—Gary & Susan Multanen in death of Gary's brother, sister-in-law and niece's husband, - Jennifer Fonnesbeck and family in death of her special great aunt, - Genevieve and Gary Myers and family on the death of Robert.***

*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.

# HILLVIEW U.M.W. CALENDAR CORNER

## UMW Ice Cream Social

### **Schools of Christian Mission**      July 22-25

There is the choice of attending a "mini" school, Thurs. /Fri. or the Sat. /Sun.  
Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise

Financial Assistance available for both Women and Men

Contact Judy Halverson or Linda Porter for information

Every year more than 20,000 people-- **youth, women, men**, clergy, laity, United Methodist and **non-United Methodist**--participate in the Schools of Christian Mission. This year's topics will be; Joy to the World: Mission in the age of Global Christianity, The Beauty and Courage of Sudan and For the Love of God: John's Letters.

Schools of Christian Mission and Mission Events are opportunities to study a spiritual growth topic, a geographic area and an issue impacting society. Participants grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context. The studies give particular attention to the responsibilities of women in the fulfillment of mission. This mission education program strengthens the leadership and membership of United Methodist Women.

### **Coming Events**

Ladies mark your calendars for these important events:

**July 22-25 School of Christian Mission**

**Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Lady Veterans' Luncheon**

### **MONTHLY CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**Morning Book Group** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month/ 10:00 am

Borders Books at the Mall

July and August reviews of member's favorite books

Contact person: George Ann Morris – 853-2729

### **Evening Book Club**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month 6:30 pm

Church Kitchen/ Meal provided

July [The Art of Racing in the Rain](#)

August everyone reads a different book

Contact Person :Darlene Smith 376-5977

### **Lydia Circle (Study Group)**

Different programs during the summer

July 20 UMW Assembly Report

Aug 3 Pam Lodal's Trip to Africa

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 9:30am

Church Parlor

Contact Person: Judy Halverson

327-0541

### **Fellowship Circle**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 7 pm

In members homes

Contact person: Betsy Baughman

424-7713

## **From your Finance Committee**

Hillview continues to be a healthy congregation thanks to the energies, talents, and gifts from everyone! One of the outward signs of our health is our financial standing, and we are doing fairly well in that area. We are able to pay our bills on time, and we continue to pay 100% of our Shared Ministries to the Conference. This is indeed a blessing worth rejoicing. We have come to the half-way point in the year, and we are so very close to having our income match with our budget; we are within 2% of our budgetary needs.

You will be receiving your unopened pledge card very shortly, as well as your 6-month giving statement. Leaving your pledge card sealed was our way of allowing you to share only with God how much you want to give for the financial support of all of the ministries here at Hillview. As you look at your pledge card, perhaps you can compare it with your giving statement. Then prayerfully consider this question: "Do I value the vitality that goes on every day, every week, and every month here at Hillview enough that I can give just a little more to make sure that all the activities and all the programs continue?"

Whatever your answer and your response are, we thank you for considering the question, and we thank you for ALL of your support at Hillview United Methodist Church. If you have any questions about our finances, please feel free to ask Treasurer Sam Goodwin, Pastor Barbara, or anyone else on the Finance Committee. Have an enjoyable summer, knowing that God is with you wherever your travels take you – even on the way to church on Sunday morning.

Stuart Gustafson  
Chair, Finance Committee

**Attention all church leaders (members of ANY ministry team and all interested persons)**

Save Sunday, September 12 for a leadership luncheon and planning event 12-2:30. (In most cases, this will serve as your ministry team's September meeting!)



**Lunch Bunch**

We will meet on August 12 at 11:30AM. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the gathering area or call the church office 375-0392

**Pictorial Directory Update**—Everyone should have their pictures—if you don't, or if there are questions or concerns about your order, here is the number for Olan Mills 1-800-596-3731

**Early Bird Worship at 8:30a.m.**

—a very simple worship experience for those who rise early in the summer and want to start their Sunday



with prayer & song. (Pastor Barbara & Gene will lead this service throughout the summer.)

10:00 worship continues all summer as usual followed by Classes for adults & kids...