



**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

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Youth Council  
August 9th**

**Church BBQ  
August 20**

**August Community Meal  
August 26**

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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
May	\$34,160	\$28,716	\$+5,444	\$+\$8,818
Jun	\$26,880	\$28,978	\$ -2,098	\$+\$6,716

#### **OOPS. WE SLIPPED A LITTLE LAST MONTH.**

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

Donations have been made to Hillview's memorial Fund by Rev. Janine Watkins in memory of Coral Lee Perez, Betty Cleveland, Cody Thompson and Lucille Hansen.

The following persons have made donations to Hillview's Memorial Fund in memory of Mary Lucille Hansen:

Norna Little  
Charles and Ethyl Minnis  
Bob and Bonnie Abbot  
Jim and Roma Myers  
Elvin and Amanda Ballance  
Ruth Gillette  
Adelyn Talbot  
Jerry and Sue Zweifel  
Bill and Donna Mathews  
Suzanne Walch  
Sam and Sara Goodwin  
Cliff and Phyllis Bissell  
Bill and Hazelle Kaylor  
Luetta Burell and Family  
LaVonne Francisco

## **Lydia Circle Summer Schedule**

**July 21** Christmas in July—we will meet at our regular time (9:30ish) and create ornaments for the Church Bazaar that will be held this fall.

**Aug 4**—We will see pictures and hear about Darlene Smith's European Vacation.

**Aug 18**—TBA

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUMMER SCHEDULE

## THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS



The class meets in Ballantyne Hall at 10:15 am. There are a few Participant Guide books available if you'd like to accept the challenge, too. Questions? Contact Judy Halverson (327-0541)

## DISCOVERY FOR KIDS

Children ages 3 to 12 can have fun in discovering God everywhere through a variety of activities. This Discovery time takes place on Sunday mornings at 10:15am-11 am, beginning in room 6 and with weather permitting, moving outdoors to discover God everywhere.



## AUGUST COMMUNITY MEAL

- \* Wednesday, August 26th
- \* 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- \* Outside BBQ (as weather permits!)
- \* Bring a salad or dessert to share
- \*Health Ministries Team will be offering a “Blood Pressure and Health” Event.

Thanks to everyone who helps with this community outreach.

## Corpus Christi News June 2009

I want to thank everyone that continues to bring contributions for Corpus Christi. There has become a greater need over the last several months due to the poor economy. We are serving a lot more people and the food contributions also have dropped off. We try to serve a breakfast and an afternoon meal every day. Some days we do not have anything more than bread and margarine to serve. I want to give you an idea of a partial grocery list that we purchase from Winco every few days.

12 cans of coffee (\$5.48 ea.)

5 boxes of tea (\$1.26 ea.)

12 boxes of cereal (\$2.66 ea.)

12 gal. Of milk (\$1.98 ea.)

4 Sugar (\$3.45 ea.)

6 Creamer (\$3.00 ea.)

2 Laundry Detergent (\$9.48 ea.)

6 Bleach (\$1.38 ea.)

2 Liquid Dish soap (\$.88 ea.)

As you can see we hope for donations to serve the afternoon meal. Most weeks people donate bread and eggs. We have been blessed by several people from Hillview that have placed food items in our collection box. We also have been very grateful for leftovers from our pot lucks and the Community Meals.

Other needs are long distance phone cards and of course the usual needs of bathe soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste, tooth brushes, and disposable razors. We continue to accept used clothing and prefer new underwear and socks. There is such a need and I want to personally thank you for all you do.

God bless you.

Jan Gross

**JUNE INCOME (From all sources)**

	<u>FOR</u>	
Checks/Envelopes	\$25,963	
Loose Plate	\$363	
Facilities Donations	\$510	
Supervalu	<u>\$41</u>	
<b>General Fund Receipts</b>		<b>\$26,877</b>
Building Fund	\$218	
Community Ministries	\$185	
Corpus Christi	\$115	
Audio/Visual Fund	\$15	
Bishop's Hunger Fund	\$488	
VBS Registration	\$666	
Peace with Justice	\$389	
Camp Scholarships	\$40	
Study Books	\$20	
Kjell Knutsen Emerging Minis- tries	\$100	
UMCOR	\$20	
Pound the Pastor Fund	\$294	
Community Meals	\$20	
Church Life	\$205	
Copy Machine Reimbursement	\$200	
Memorials and/or Endowments	<u>\$110</u>	
<b>Other Receipts</b>		<b><u>\$3,085</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>\$29,962</u></b>

**Help Wanted**

If you are 14 yrs or older and interested in working in our church nursery please call Peggy Sheldon at 888-4566, or feel free to stop by the nursery and talk to me any Sunday.

This is a very special time for one of our Hillview congregation. In early August Janessa Chastain is moving to the Portland area to begin seminary courses this Fall, in response to God's call to professional ministry. Her education will be exciting and challenging. She brings energy and enthusiasm to her understanding of what it means to be a pastor in the United Methodist Church. She has an inquiring mind, a heart for ministry, and a wealth of experience in youth leadership positions, camp counselor, and recently 2 years as a Youth Ministry Director. It is a delightful privilege for me to be her mentor through her candidacy for ministry process.

Ministry students consistently report their appreciation for support from their home congregations. Please keep Janessa in your prayers. If you want to send messages of encouragement, her address is :

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Also, if you want to contribute financial gifts to the Janessa Chastain Scholarship Fund, please, make checks or cash donations to Hillview United Methodist Church and designate them to the above fund.

Janine Watkins

## Mid-Summer Youth update!

In June we worked hard repainting the living room of the youth house...we went from “McDonald’s Oranges” to “Fountain of Youth” Blues. For July we’re going to take it easy. You never know when we may decide to walk to Delsa’s or do some neighborhood prayer walking!



Weekly meetings are Thursdays from 6-8 at the youth house from July 16th-July 30th.

**Our last summer meeting will be THURSDAY July 30<sup>th</sup>!**

6-8 at the youth house. Come prepared for water fun... (please no white t-shirts or bikini tops or bottoms!) **Do** bring a towel and maybe a change of clothes or you may be walking home.



**NO YOUTH GROUP FOR AUGUST!**

**Parents, youth** and other interested in receiving up to the minute youth news:

**We need your email addresses!** Please send an email to BOTH Claire AND Jeff

[cilongpre@yahoo.com](mailto:cilongpre@yahoo.com)

[bigj7171@hotmail.com](mailto:bigj7171@hotmail.com)



### Parents:

Your name  
Students’ name(s)  
snail mail address  
home phone and cell phone

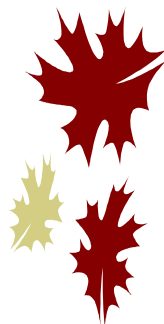
### Students:

Your name  
Snail mail address  
Cell phone number (if you have one)  
School and Grade  
Birthday (include year)



## Fall Festival Update

Be sure to mark your calendars for November 8th! That is when we will have our annual Fall Festival with silent auction and lasagna dinner. We will need the usual list of volunteers—set up and decorating, kitchen crew, lasagna bakers and so on so look for the sign up sheets in late September or early October. Our big change is that the “Church Bazaar Room” will be open on Saturday Nov. 7th with the hats and scarves, dish cloths, jewelry and other wonderful items available to the public so there will be additional volunteer opportunities for that day. For more info on that please read the next article!



### Attention Crafters

#### **Holiday bazaars are so much fun!**

We will be having one in November right here at Hillview and we need your help! Crocheters and knitters get those hooks and needles moving—hats and scarves and dish cloths are always popular. Beaders—necklaces, bracelets, Christmas ornaments would be welcome. Woodworkers—toys, shelves and decorative items are just a few ideas. 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.

## ***NEW SUMMER STUDY OPPORTUNITY OFFERED***

The evening spiritual growth group (Living the Questions) will begin a short-term book study on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and concluding on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The book, [Jesus Wants to Save Christians: A Manifesto for the Church in Exile](#) by [Rob Bell](#) and [Don Golden](#) is a prophetic exhortation *rehearsing our story of exile and liberation. It challenges us Christians of the twenty-first century, living in the most powerful nation in history, to a new way of thinking and being church. **Everyone** is welcome to participate, and older youth will find the style of the book appealing as well as challenging.*

*The book may be ordered online from Barnes and Noble and Amazon and is available at local bookstores. For more information about the class or ordering a book, please contact Gayle Woods (938-5964 or [gaylewoods5964@msn.com](mailto:gaylewoods5964@msn.com)). Also, please let Gayle know if you are planning to participate, and plan to read the introduction and chapter one before the first evening.*

### **Youth Council Meeting!**

ALL church members are invited to the Youth Council Meeting  
**August 9<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30**

**Youth and their parents are ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!!! A few things on the agenda include (but are not limited to):**

- general events planning
- improving communication
- review of safe sanctuary policies
- recruiting volunteers (for chaperoning, small group leaders and student mentors)
- other volunteer opportunities...newsletters, providing snacks, transportation

## HILLVIEW U.M.W. CALENDAR CORNER

### FUTURE FUNCTIONS...

**UMW / SPRC Ice Cream Social July 16<sup>th</sup>.** Everyone is invited. Homemade pies will be served. If you wish to bring your favorite pie to share, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex

### 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

2nd Thursday of the month 7 p.m.  
Contact person: Betsy Baughman

#### 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:**

#### Evening Book Group Books Upcoming -

August 10th The Yiddish Policeman's Union by Michael Caron  
September 14th A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Newton Peck

**School of Missions July 24-26<sup>th</sup>.** 2009 topics of study will be: Food and Faith, Sudan, Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival. This is a fun educational opportunity and the fellowship is great. It will be held at the Nazareth Center again this year. This is very convenient for Boise women. Registration forms are on the UMW Bulletin board.

**Make note there will be a change of time for our September Unit Meeting.** It will be held on Saturday morning, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to include those of you who do not care to be out at night.

**Fall Retreat Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> at the Cascade Depot.** Claudia Flora will be providing the program, "The Fabrics of Our Lives". It isn't too early to set aside the weekend for a relaxing, beautiful get away.

## 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.



Jesus and Java Class Plans Summer "Yardnics"

The Jesus and Java Sunday School Class is planning three "yardnics" during the summer. A "yardnic" is like a picnic, except it's in a backyard. The hosts will provide the main course and those who attend are asked to bring a dish to share. The "yardnics" will begin after 9:00 a.m. services. The dates and hosts for each event include:

Sunday, August 16--Gary and Merrie Albright--378-8206

Please call the hosts to RSVP. Join us--fun and food for all!

## ***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 family of Lucille Hansen** - Bruce and Bobi Cleveland on the death of his mother, Jan and Bob Gross in death of Jan's stepfather.*

*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.

**Did You Know**—that you can contact your bank and have them send a check to Hillview as often as you specify (week, month, etc.), in the amount that you specify, and you don't have to worry about remembering to write a check?

**The service is free** and the bank will notify you in your monthly bank statement and/or they will email you when it is done.

Contact your bank. It is easy to setup.

Several have found that this works great!

### **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)

### **Enjoy Finger Food Brunches This Summer**

Come share a finger food 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 July 12, and August 9. The ministry teams of Hillview (Council on Ministries) are sponsoring this event.

### **Lunch Bunch**

We will meet at the 36th Street Bistro (on 36th near Hill Road) on August 13 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.



## Random Musings

Our first Sunday morning together was a good beginning to our shared ministry at Hillview. The more I learn about our church--- the more I experience with all of you, the more excited I am. Much goodness happens here. Much generosity flows from here. Many open hearts and minds gather here. And I also see God offering us possibilities for how we might more clearly define and offer ourselves to the community around us. I hope you feel this, too.

I promised I would print the 10 things I want us to keep in mind as we move forward together. You will find them here, along with this reminder that my summer sermons will be taking these points, one or two at a time, and explore them in much more depth. Each Sunday after 9am worship, any interested persons can grab their coffee and join me in the parlor for further conversation as well. I am looking forward to this...

### TEN THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND AS WE MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER:

The Bible is not God.

God does not need to be defended.

It is not the details of your beliefs about God that save you.

Jesus is what love looks like in human form.

You can't be a follower of Jesus all by yourself.

Prayer is simply speaking the truth to God with an open heart and mind.

We all live in a climate of grace.

God is always offering a loving possibility.

Love is not merely how you feel. Love is action—on purpose.

There is always MORE love.

I hope to see you Sunday. Pastor Barbara