



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

Pie and Ice Cream Social— EVERYONE is invited!

We will welcome our new pastor, Barbara Nixon on July 16th, 7PM. Please sign up to bring your favorite pie, we will supply the ice cream and other goodies.



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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

CONGRATULATIONS! THREE CONSECUTIVE POSITIVE MONTHS. LET'S KEEP IT GOING.

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

Help Wanted

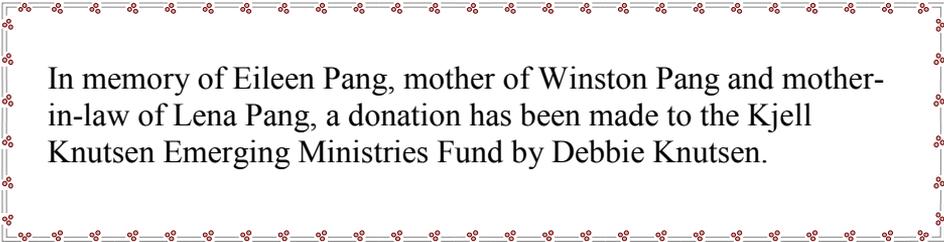
If you are 14 yrs or older and interested in working in our church nursery please call Peggy Sheldon at 888-4566, or feel free to stop by the nursery and talk to me any Sunday.

From the Mail

Hillview Friends:

Healing and things are going along well. Thank you all for your beautiful cards, prayers and messages. Hope to see you again soon.

Helen Dress



In memory of Eileen Pang, mother of Winston Pang and mother-in-law of Lena Pang, a donation has been made to the Kjell Knutsen Emerging Ministries Fund by Debbie Knutsen.

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.



CAMP E.D.G.E. UPDATE

We had over 100 students attend our Hillview-King of Glory Lutheran Vacation Bible School! The children experienced and discovered God everywhere during the week at Bible story time, recreation, snacks, crafts, music and science centers.

Many thank yous to all who participated as counselors, registration, decorations, donations, set-up and clean-up and prayers.

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!

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

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, July 19--Elvin and Amanda Ballance--323-6659

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

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



Visitation—If you would like to visit Helen Dress here is her information: phone # 377-9571—address 3016 Red Tail Drive, Eagle ID 83616

Directions—Take ID55 turn right on Floating Feather, left at Eagle Creek, right on Red Tail Drive (house on left, steep driveway).

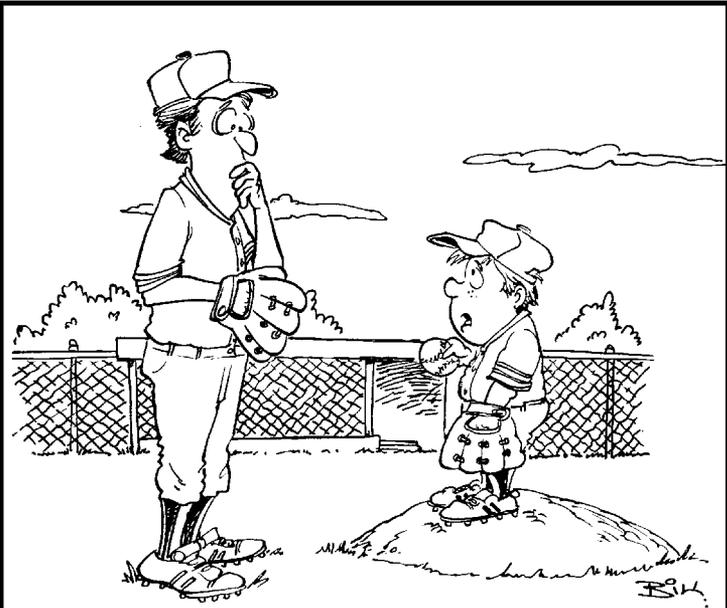
Helen would love to see you or hear from you.

ALL MEANS ALL

At The United Methodist General Conference 2008, an amendment to the United Methodist constitution was passed that has the opportunity to make our denomination more inclusive, in policy and practice. **The proposed amendment emphasizes the wideness of God's mercy and the availability of the ministry of the church to all.** That amendment must now be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the total votes taken at Annual Conferences of all United Methodists. The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, meeting in Salem in June, voted to ratify that amendment. This proposed amendment is as follows (words added are in bold and deleted words have a strike-out through them):

In the 2004 *Book of Discipline*, Division One, ¶ 4, *Article IV*, (2008 *Book of Discipline*, Division One, ¶ 4, *Article IV*)

*Inclusiveness of the Church — The United Methodist Church is a part of the church universal, which is one Body in Christ. The United Methodist Church acknowledges that all persons are of sacred worth **and that we are in ministry to all.** All persons [without regard to race, color, national origin, status or economic condition] **who seek relationship in Jesus Christ shall be eligible to attend its worship services, participate in its programs, receive the sacraments, upon baptism be admitted as baptized members, and, upon taking vows declaring the Christian faith, become professing members in any local church in the connection. In the United Methodist Church no conference or other organizational unit of the Church shall be structured so as to exclude any member or any constituent body [of the Church because of race, color, national origin, status or economic condition.]***



"Dad, how come when Jesus gave His
'Sermon on the Mound'
He doesn't even mention baseball?"



"David, Dave, Davie, how do you feel
about product endorsements?"

Thank You!

I thank you all sincerely for the "pounding" I found as I entered my new house. The food, flowers, gift cards and good wishes of all sorts made my house instantly my home. You have made me feel very welcome... Barbara



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.

JULY COMMUNITY MEAL

- * Wednesday, July 22
- * 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- * Outside BBQ (as weather permits!)
- * Bring a salad or dessert to share

The ice chest will be out at the sanctuary doors on the 21st for anyone who would like to help fund this ministry.

Thanks to everyone who helps with this community outreach.

NEW SUMMER STUDY OPPORTUNITY OFFERED

The evening spiritual growth group (Living the Questions) will begin a short-term book study on Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m. and concluding on September 1st. 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). Also, please let Gayle know if you are planning to participate, and plan to read the introduction and chapter one before the first evening.

THANKS FOR HELPING TO CHANGE HUNGER FAST

Again this year Hillview participated in the *Change Hunger Fast* offering for the Bishop's Initiative to Eliminate Hunger Grant Fund. Throughout May, many of you collected loose (and not so loose) change for this important ministry. Because of your generous support, we were able to add our contribution of just over \$600 to that of other United Methodists in Oregon and Idaho. Together, we added \$11,639 to resources available for ministries to educate congregations, work for justice and feed people. **THANK YOU!**

HILLVIEW U.M.W. CALENDAR CORNER

FUTURE FUNCTIONS...

UMW / SPRC Ice Cream Social July 16th. 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

2nd Monday of the month/ 10:00 A.M.
Borders Books at the Mall
Contact person:
George Ann Morris – 853-2729

Evening Book Group

2nd 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:

Summer Events include :

School of Missions July 24-26th. 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. 19th. We are hoping to include those of you who do not care to be out at night.

Fall Retreat Sept. 25th-27th 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.

Red Robin Hosts Foodbank Mondays

Got a craving for a burger? A really good burger? If so, Red Robin has a new program you need to know about. Every Monday through July 27, Treasure Valley Red Robin restaurants will donate 50 cents to The Idaho Foodbank for every gourmet burger sold.

What a great way to treat yourself, your family and help feed your hungry Idaho neighbors at the same time.

Participating Red Robins can be found in Meridian at 1475 N. Eagle Rd., in Nampa at 2222 Cassia Street, and in Boise at 211 W. ParkCenter Blvd. and at 267 N. Milwaukee near the Towne Square mall.

Remember, every gourmet burger you buy will enable us to supply more than enough food for one full meal to a hungry Idaho family.

[When you realize 50 cents will supply more than one full meal, think what \\$5 will do...](#)

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.

No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him.

1 Corinthians 2:9

**In Memoriam
Lucille Hansen
April 22, 1925—June 29, 2009**

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

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 McGrath's Fish House (Overland near Cole Rd) on July 9th 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

The moving van arrived in Junction City and they carefully and neatly loaded all of the boxes from my home-my office at church-my life onto the truck. It had taken weeks to organize and pack up for this moment. Two days later, I met the van in Meridian, Idaho and the movers proceeded to unload all the boxes into my house on Apricot Drive. It seems like I have been unpacking and puttering ever since...

Frankly, unpacking is much more fun and interesting. I open one box and seem to discover its contents as new all over again. I open another box and wonder why on earth I ever purchased this or that, let alone packed it up to bring here. I open another and place the items where I think they belong, only to find myself trying them out in different locations or arrangements where they seem much better. Unpacking offers a fresh perspective on the stuff we have lived with and carried around all the time. Unpacking is a good thing.

I want to offer "unpacking" as a way for us to think about our lives as followers of Jesus. As I begin my work as your pastor, I think you should know that I find unpacking our faith to be not only fun & interesting but absolutely essential to church life and personal growth. What truths about God and which teachings of Jesus sustain us every time we engage them? What beliefs and ideas have we carried around all our lives without examining them? Can we/ should we let go of some of these? What values and priorities do we lift up as we unpack our faith and examine it in THIS time and place?

In truth, I am almost through unpacking and moving into my new life here at Hillview. But the meaningful work I hope we do together, well-- that is just beginning and on-going. May God be with us as we think outside our many boxes...

Pastor Barbara