



**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**

### **Sunday Potluck—August 15**

**Last name beginning with A-H please bring dessert and I-Z bring salads or side dishes. Ukrainian congregation will be bringing main dishes. Hillview will provide beverages**



**Community Meal**  
**August 25 - 6PM**

**Movie Night**  
**August 27**



**Leadership Retreat**  
**September 12—Noon**



**Church Bazaar and Fall Festival**  
**November 13 and 14**

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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
Jul	\$24,358	\$30,010	\$ - 5,652	\$ -11,680

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

## *Random Musings* from Pastor Barbara

It's summer and many of you have missed a Sunday or two with camping trips and vacation and such. I have been offering the hope that you could catch sermons/ reflections you missed by visiting our website for a weekly audio recording. A few things went wrong with this plan and so the series, "Things I Wish Jesus Said," is not available this way. I have shared with some of you that the next option is to wait for the book. I am quite serious about this and have been taking time from week to week to put these reflections into chapter form for a little discussion book that I think could be truly useful--- for personal consideration or small groups. As I said in the last newsletter, the point of this series--- of most of my teaching and preaching for that matter--- is to get us all to thinking about what is confusing, what is challenging & what do we really believe from the teachings of Jesus. I am hoping to be finished writing in late September and will go to work getting it self-published as soon as possible. Let me know if you might have a use for a copy or two down the road...

So far my reflections on Sundays have included these things I wish Jesus said:

"It's not about me."

"I didn't come here to save you."

"Miracles are complicated."

"God does not have a plan for your life!"

"Forget about geography."

"Violence will NEVER bring peace."

Finishing out the summer series are two more:

"God doesn't care WHO, HOW, WHEN, WHERE or WHY you love--- just love."

"It is definitely OK to play God."

I am hoping to add a final reflection that includes the things YOU wish Jesus said. I hope you will share with me any glaring, burning faith questions you have--- any confusing scripture passages, any stuff about being Christian that you find difficult, anyways in which you feel misunderstood as a follower of Jesus. Thinking about things we wish Jesus said is one way of naming the places where we need more clarity. I am curious about what rises for you when I ask the question--- what do YOU wish Jesus said?

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

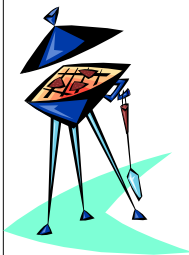
*Step Up and Go Green for Jesus*

**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.



## **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 August 25--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.



## **Church Bazaar and Fall Festival November 13 and 14**

Crafters, cooks, and shoppers get ready we will celebrate again. We will have the Church Bazaar/Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov. 13 and the Fall Festival Dinner and Silent Auction on Sunday Nov. 14.

We will need volunteers to staff our Church Bazaar, people to help with set-up and take-down, people to help with the dinner (lasagna). Anyone interested in helping with these fun events is encouraged to contact Claudia (Church office 375-0392)

Will we have any craft/beading/? classes? If you are interested we will again have classes-- or at least time to craft together, just let Claudia know-by leaving her a message at the church office number 375-0392 or speak to her on Sunday.

## From the mail

Dear Pastor Barbara & Congregation,



Thanks so much for printing off the Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger newsletter. Really appreciated Claudia's help on that. Thanks so much for all your efforts working against hunger.

Sincerely,

Vivian Parrish  
IIRAH Convener



### **First Fruits**

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



### **Your suggestions are welcome!**



Each Sunday we sing at least one good-old traditional favorite hymn during worship. If you'll let Gene or Pastor Barbara know your personal favorites, they'll do their best to incorporate them into the music on an upcoming Sunday.

**Hillview Women's Fall Retreat**  
**Cascade, ID**  
**September 24-26, 2010**

All women are invited to attend our annual fall retreat held at the Depot in Cascade. The theme this year will be "You Belong to God". The retreat will feature enriching study and worship, delicious food, wonderful fellowship, and relaxing or energizing (your choice) free-time activities. You can hike, tour Cascade, work on a craft you bring, read, or even take a nap.

The retreat begins with supper Friday evening, and ends with a closing worship Sunday morning. The weekend provides a wonderful opportunity to nurture friendships, build new ones, take much needed time for re-creation, and connect with other women of faith as you explore your own faith. Registration forms can be found on the United Methodist Women's bulletin board or downloaded from Hillview's website. Contact Judy Halverson, 327-0541, for information.



# HILLVIEW U.M.W. CALENDAR CORNER

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN READING PROGRAM

The Reading Program has a diverse range of books (some in LARGE PRINT) with the intention of broadening exposure to a variety of concepts. Some books you may agree with---some you may not. Either is all right. We want you to be a knowledgeable and caring Christian about current issues.

### PLANS

#### **The program is open to everyone!**

There are four (4) plans to choose from with the reading of four (4) to twenty (20) books. Reading also includes the mission magazines---Response and New World Outlook. The magazines can be borrowed from the library or you can order a subscription.

Reading choices can be made from five (5) years of books in four (4) categories- -Education for Mission

-Nurturing for Community

-Social Action

-Spiritual Growth.

To keep our reading current and fresh, our unit removes the oldest books (placing them on the regular library shelves) and adds 25 to 30 new books each year.

### **WANT TO JOIN??**

For detailed information and/or to enroll in the reading program-- --contact Karen Kron (375-4805).

**NEW**-----You can even join the Reading Program Online Community at [www.umwonline.org](http://www.umwonline.org)

### **Coming Events**

**September 14** - Lady Veterans' Luncheon

See UMW bulletin board

September 16 – Unit Meeting **7 p.m.** Betty Luginbill will share about the Immigration Workshop

September 18 – District Annual Meeting

September 24 – 26 Fall Retreat at The Depot in Cascade



## **MONTHLY CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**Morning Book Group** 2nd Monday of the month/ 10:00 am  
Borders Books at the Mall  
August reviews of member's favorite books  
Contact person: George Ann Morris – 853-2729

### **Evening Book Club**

2nd Monday of the month 6:30 pm  
Church Kitchen/ Meal provided  
August everyone reads a different book. A fun filled field trip to Angie's cabin.  
Contact Person :Darlene Smith 376-5977

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

Different programs during the summer  
Aug 17 Christy Burgoyne's Trip to Turkey  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays 9:30am  
Church Parlor  
Contact Person: Judy Halverson 327-0541

### **Fellowship Circle**

2nd Thursday of the month 7 pm  
In members homes  
Contact person: Betsy Baughman 424-7713

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATIONS

“Back to School” sales are underway—time to pick up school supplies for students needing assistance. Please bring items by August 29th to the church gathering area and place in the designated box under the First Fruits table. Hillview has been providing backpacks and school supplies to Whittier Elementary School these past years, knowing of their great need with 90% of their students on free and reduced lunch program. These generous donations are much appreciated by the faculty and students. Last year we donated over 80 backpacks!

Items needed:

**BACKPACK!!!!** (note that BACKPACK is number one priority!)



**16 or 24 count Crayons**

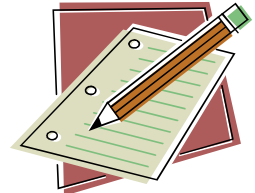


**Washable markers**



**Pencils, #2 leaded**

**Pens, black or blue**

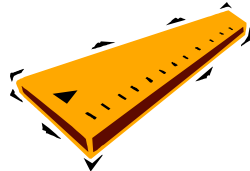


**Colored pencils**



**Pink eraser, large**

**Fiskar-type scissors, pointed**



**Ruler**

**Water color paint set with brush**

**Loose leaf paper, wide or college ruled**

**Spiral notebooks, wide or college ruled**

**Facial tissue box**



**Idaho Summit on Hunger and Food Insecurity**

**Tuesday, October 19, 2010**

8:00am—4:00pm

Doubletree Riverside

2900 W Chinden Blvd

Boise Idaho

The conference will include two keynotes and five workshop tracks.

Invited Keynote speakers: Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture  
Sasha Abramsky Author Breadline USA

Registration form available in the office

Or register on line at [www.idahohungersummit.org](http://www.idahohungersummit.org)

Early bird (by September 10) \$60 after September 10—\$80

**Buhl United Methodist Church Fifth Annual**

**"ABOUT PRAYER" RETREAT**

Theme

*Authentic Prayer*

Matthew 6:5-15

September 10,11, 2010

To be held at: Hodges home 2492 N 1500 E Buhl, Id

Speaker: Kim fields, Assistant to the Bishop, Snake River District

Friday night, Sept. 10

The Few & the Faithful

Performing a mix of Christian Country, Gospel and Bluegrass

\$35 includes: meals & snacks, all supplies

RSVP by September 7, 2010

To register contact Penny Hodges

Postal Service 4292 N 1500 E, Buhl ID 83316

Phone: 208-543-6117

E-mail: [pennyhodges@hotmail.com](mailto:pennyhodges@hotmail.com)

## ***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 for—* **Jackie McFalls, Bonnie Jacobs**

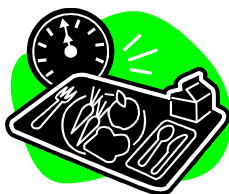
*Pray in sympathy with—***Kyle & Julie Peterson and family in the death of Kyle's father—Gary & Susan Multanen in death of Gary's brother, sister-in-law and niece's husband, - Jennifer Fannesbeck and family in death of her special great aunt, - Genevieve and Gary Myers and family on the death of Robert.**

*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.



## **MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED**

Deliver meals to home-bound seniors. One hour shifts between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. Route locations: Garden City, 5 Mile & Overland, Overland & Latah, Boise downtown. Substitutes needed for all areas. For more information or to volunteer, contact: Cheryl Johnson, Elks Meals on Wheels Coordinator, 489-4886 or Sandi Borup, Elks Rehab Volunteer Services, 489-4916.

### **Wednesday Evening Bible Study News**

We will be meeting at 7:30pm for the rest of the summer (through Sept. 15). This means that we will meet even on Community Dinner night August 25.

## **HILLVIEW GOES TO THE MOVIES**

### **Friday, August 27**

Watch for details about this opportunity to see the film “Get Low” at Flicks and then hang out together for some refreshments and discussion. If this proves worthwhile, we’ll do it again!



## **Welcoming New Members!**

We welcomed new members Cynthia Freeman and Bob & Bonnie Abbott in July.

We are welcoming new members into our fellowship here at Hillview on August 22 and again in late September. If you approached me after worship in the last few weeks to express interest in joining, PLEASE give me a call (991-8464). In the sea of people I connect with after worship, I believe I have lost track of a pair of you! Humbly, Pastor Barbara

**ALL MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS  
& all interested persons...**

**LEADERSHIP “RETREAT”  
September 12, at noon**

This is a great opportunity for teams to connect with each other over a meal, take stock of our ministry efforts, glean some inspiration and do some nitty-gritty work as fall unfolds.

Following worship and Education join together for lunch in Ballantyne, share in a video and discussion led by Pastor Barbara, then break into your teams for your September meeting.

(If you are interested in this event and not currently a member of a ministry team, you are most welcome! Let Pastor Barbara know and she will include you in the very important “communications” evaluation we’ll be doing that day...)



**Lunch Bunch**

We will meet on August 12 at Perkins (300 S. Broadway, near St Luke’s) at 11:30AM. Next meeting, Sept. 9th, place TBA. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the gathering area or call the church office 375-0392

**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...