



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

Church BBQ
August 20

Youth Council
August 23

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.

Random Musings

“Let us walk honestly...” (Romans 13:13a)

I want to make a promise to the Hillview congregation. I promise to do my best to be honest with you in all matters affecting our life as a church and I will strive to be transparent and consistent as I minister here. These are not promises made lightly and they are not always easy to keep. This means I will try to be direct and clear about any concerns and that I will take my concerns directly to the appropriate party/parties. This means I will be candid if I am struggling with something. This means I will be honest when I falter or misstep (Yes, I did indeed forget to take the offering at Catch the Flame last week—but folks graciously reminded me as the service ended and all is well... pretty sure that won't happen again!)

I invite you to make these promises as well. Honesty is the backbone of the body of Christ. It builds trust and keeps us on even ground with one another. It ends gossip & misinformation & allows concerns to be addressed quickly and directly. It creates intimacy.

Intimacy—that is the scary part! Expressing ourselves honestly makes us vulnerable. It is risky. It takes us into unknown spaces with each other. It means we give up CONTROL! This requires us to live as Jesus taught—being loving, forgiving and encouraging.

How can we pursue this commitment to honesty? I think each of us starts with our personal relationships with God—the source of all love, forgiveness and encouragement. If you are learning to be honest and transparent in your prayers-- if you are looking at all of your beliefs and notions about God with an open mind and heart -- if you are studying the Bible with care and faithfulness, receiving whatever is there for you—then you will experience honesty & intimacy with God. And this leads us to more honesty & intimacy with each other.

This is a personal journey my friends, for each of us as individuals. No one can do this for you. The spiritual health of our part of the Body of Christ is no stronger than the spiritual health of us as individuals.

Walk honestly, my friends. Barbara

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

On Sunday, September 12, we will begin our fall Sunday School classes. We had an average of 50 children, youth and adults participating in classes this past “school year”. The Education Ministry Team is in the process of determining what classes will be offered this coming fall and seeking leadership for those classes. If there is a Sunday morning or weekday study that you would like to see happen this fall, please contact Judy, 327-0541 or rdhalverso@aol.com.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATIONS

“Back to School” sales are underway—time to pick up school supplies for students needing assistance. Please bring items by August 23rd to the church gathering area and place in the designated box. Hillview has been providing backpacks and school supplies to Whittier Elementary School these past years, knowing of their great need with 92% of their students on free and reduced lunch program. These generous donations are much appreciated by the faculty and students. Items needed:

BACKPACKS!!!! (note that BACKPACKS 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 Binders
Water color paint set with brush Facial tissue box
Loose leaf paper, wide or college ruled
School box to keep supplies in

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.

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

We will be having a church bazaar 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. Woodworkers—toys, shelves and decorative items are just a few ideas. Beaders—necklaces, bracelets, Christmas ornaments would be welcome. 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. Beaders—would you be interested in a class? Call the office and if there is enough interest we will set one up.



Lady Veterans Luncheon

In June a group of Hillview women decided to do a hands-on service project by putting on a luncheon for the ladies at the Veterans Hospital. There were 8-9 ladies there at that time. We decorated the tables, took paper products and real silverware, and provided home prepared food (casseroles, salads, and fresh fruit). Eight of us went so the tables were set up for 4: 2 each of them and us. We had such a rewarding experience that we decided to do it each month on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and invite all women who are interested to join us. If you might be interested but need more information please call me (Darlene at 376-5977) or there will be a sign up sheet each month on the UMW bulletin board right next to the door to the kitchen. The activities director out there told us that nothing like this has ever been done for the lady veterans and that they were elated with the event.

Hillview Refugee Gardens 2009

Hillview United Methodist Church of Boise has sponsored the Refugee Gardens for the third year. There are eleven families now gardening at our location this season. The families have expanded by 2 new families and plots. We received donations of soil and compost some tools and plants.

These gardens improve quality of life for the families. It encourages self-reliance, enables people to supplement their food supply with nutritious food and reduce family budgets and create opportunity for recreation, exercise, therapy and education.

You may see even more plots starting this fall as another Eagle Scout project takes off. You may also find vegetables from the overflow of the gardens in the first fruits area in the narthex of the church.

The families and our team members thank you for the opportunity and involvement in this project.

Kathleen Tuttle and Dave Angell, Garden Coordinators

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Gardening at Hillview this year are the families of:

Bahadir Mirsalov	Farida Iskandarova and Riza Suleymanov
Fazli Bayramov	Farmon Akibov
Murat Abdullayev	Nurali Amrulayev
Olim Dursunov	Riza Suleymanov
Zakhardin Mursalov	Shusha Akhmedova
Lemura Shakhbandarova	

Please note the addition of 2 new plots and the progress of the efforts of these families. Watch for the donations from their overflow at our “First Fruits” spot in the narthex. This project encourages self-reliance, enables people to supplement their food supply with nutritious food and reduce family budgets and create opportunity for recreation, exercise, therapy and education

PTL for the bounty and blessings of the gardens.

HILLVIEW U.M.W. CALENDAR CORNER

FUTURE FUNCTIONS...

Unit Meeting—SATURDAY, Sept. 19th 10AM

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:

District Gathering in Filer Saturday, September 12th. We are hoping to have a group carpool from Hillview. Mark your calendars and plan to spend a day of fun and fellowship with others from around the state.

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. Watch the bulletin board for more information, registration forms etc.

Upcoming Health Ministry Event

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.



United Methodist Women's Fall Retreat

"The Fabric of Our Lives"

September 25- 27

The Depot

Cascade, Idaho

Feeling a little frayed around the edges, thread-bare, worn thin, about to come apart at the seams? Come join us in the beautiful setting of the Depot as we gather to mend our spirits and refresh our souls. This is a great opportunity to get to know other women in the church and you do not need to be a member of the UMW to attend. Registration forms will be available on the UMW bulletin board soon.

We will no longer be publishing a list of donors who give "in memory of..." donations. We will continue to recognize them through personal notes of thanks. We appreciate the generosity of our church family and friends who have chosen to give these gifts and would like to be more respectful of their privacy. We will continue to list in whose memory or honor the gift was given for and what fund the gift was directed to.

In memory of Lucille Hansen donations have been made to Hillview.

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 Bobbi 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to our Hillview high school graduates: Michael Angell (Meridian Medical and Arts Academy), Sam Clovis (Centennial HS), Tyler Fabella (Centennial HS), Aiden Juan (Eagle HS), Amber LaCasse (Mt. View HS), Jael Prin, (Eagle HS), Andrew Springer (Eagle HS). Congratulations and best wishes to our college graduates, Geoff Lodal (Colorado State University) and Josh Ward (Case Western Reserve University). Geoff and his bride, Christine, are living in Cedar Falls, Iowa and Jeff is a mechanical engineer with John Deere. Josh has a graduate internship program at the Cuyahoga National Park, outside Cleveland, Ohio.

Two of our young adults have begun their post-graduate education: Sabrina Oldfield has been accepted to the University of Washington Medical School and will spend her first year in Moscow at U of I. Janessa Chastain has been accepted to ILIFF Theology Seminary, Denver, and will be enrolled at the Northwest House of Theological Study in Salem.

We rejoice with our Hillview members as they begin new journeys and we are called to remember them in our prayers for support and encouragement.

Two notes from Barbara...

I have too many email-type places to keep track of!

Please use revbabs2000@gmail.com for email correspondence and don't hesitate to give me a call if it is time sensitive material (hm 288-1394). Thanks.

Does anyone know a seamstress who does alterations?

Please let me know.

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.



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



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. Our next date will be September 10th.

Youth Ministry

I've been involved in youth ministry for over 13 years now. One thing I have learned is that young people, no matter where they are spiritually, can be a true source of spiritual wisdom. One Sunday after youth group, Brianna Eddy, a prolific young writer in our congregation (you've probably seen her singing in the choir too), shared this poem with me. After reading it I could only stand still, quietly pondering... This young lady had painted an eloquent and comforting picture of the loving God we have been reconciled to through Jesus Christ. I have encouraged her to share it with you too and, here it is at last. Read it slow, take it in, and try to picture it. --Claire

Can you picture it?

A loving God who doesn't have to sleep.
He watches over everyone of us, each His children.
At night He sits by our side stroking our hair gently, protecting us from every harm.
Keeping us safe through the night.

Can you picture it?

As you wake up in the morning
He is right there still.
He will never leave, he gets up with you.
He is there to comfort you, when you have had a bad day.
He has the biggest, and the bestest shoulder to cry on, He is there at your lying down and your waking up.

Can you picture it?

--Brianna Eddy

Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Youth Group will resume Sunday September 13th!

Youth Council August 8th 4-5:30 for Youth, Parents and anyone else interested in volunteering to mentor teens (or just provide snacks and rides!). We'll meet in the serenely blue youth house living room. Of course there will be food too!