



**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**

### **Men's Retreat**

Scheduled for Sept 16 – 20 — Wed—Sunday

Ok if you can't make it on Wednesday—be there Friday—Sunday (Sept 18-20) The plan at our last meeting was to sleep on the ground and cook over a fire. Call Will Swenson for details—323-01411.



### **United Methodist Women's Fall Retreat**

**"The Fabric of Our Lives"**

**September 25- 27**

**The Depot—Cascade, Idaho**

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## Our Church Staff

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### 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
Jul	\$24,105	\$29,725	\$ -5,620	\$+\$1,096

### OOPS. WE SLIPPED AGAIN.

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

## Random Musings

When you hear the simple phrase “the Word ,” what comes to mind for you? Most people probably gravitate to one of two things-- you may think of the Word as the Word of God, meaning the Bible, or you may think of the opening of John’s gospel, where he speaks of the word becoming flesh, in Jesus, and living among us. In either understanding, “the Word” somehow expresses the presence of God. Exploring and clarifying how God is present in our holy scriptures and in Jesus is essential for everyone who calls themselves a Christian or who strives to follow Jesus. Every one of us has a responsibility to deepen our understanding and our relationship to God in both meanings of “the Word.”

When we do this individually, it affects and shapes our community. When we do this as a community, it affects and shapes our voice and ministry in the world around us. This clarifying and deepening in order to impact the world on God’s behalf is how I might define discipleship—one of those churchy words that is actually useful! Discipleship, disciple, discern, discipline—the “dis” that begins these words has to do with, in some way, being set apart, with purpose and design.

I am inviting you—encouraging you—challenging you—into discipleship. I am offering an on-going opportunity to explore and clarify for yourself how God is present in the Word. Beginning in September—on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings, I will be offering in-depth Bible Study on the passage of scripture that will be highlighted in the sermon each following Sunday. It will be the same study on Tuesdays at 10am and Wednesdays at 6pm so you can choose a time that works for you. Each study will be carefully focused and will last one hour. Each study will stand on its own, if you miss one here and there (although there are skills that are acquired by staying with this process week after week.) This is a discipline for me as well as for you. What I hear and discover in our study times truly shapes the next sermon! (And, what you find in the sermon is enriched by your time with the scriptures.)

So, at whatever level of interest and involvement you have thus far chosen for yourself here at Hillview, I hope you will push yourself a little farther and dig a little deeper. How is God present in the Bible? How is God present in Jesus? We start Sept 15 & 16.

## FALL SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>, a variety of classes for adults, youth, and children will start up the 2009-2010 “school year” at 10:15 am-11 am. Why attend a Sunday morning class? Sunday morning classes offer the opportunities to explore and learn more about our commitment to being disciples of Christ. We study and learn together what it means to be inclusive and what it means to be part of the kingdom of God; we study and learn the “language” of our faith to better understand the faith stories; we study and learn how to practice and *be* a Christian in this world.

There will be a class studying the Bible in more depth than the Bible in 90 Days study offered. The Jesus and Java class will look at contemporary issues through the Christian lens. The Simplicity Class will offer insights into how to simplify your life and be better stewards. Pastor Barbara will continue her Sermon Talk Back class that offers dialog about the sermon. There will be classes for our youth and our children to support their spiritual formation. With the variety of classes to be offered this fall, pick a class to attend that will strengthen your faith journey. If you would like to begin another class or have questions about the classes to be offered, contact Judy Halverson, 327-0541, [rdhalverso@aol.com](mailto:rdhalverso@aol.com).

## SUMMER SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES UPDATE

The Bible in 90 Days class and Discovery for Kids class will be meeting after the 10 am worship service on August 30 and wrap up the classes on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

## SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY MEAL

- \* Wednesday, September 23rd
- \* 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- \* Outside BBQ (as weather permits!)
- \* Bring a salad or dessert to share

Thanks to everyone who helps with this community outreach.

## Advocacy – You CAN Make A Difference

The Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger proudly presents an evening with Nancy Amidei on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND at 7:00 P.M. at ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (7960 W. Northview St., Boise).

Often called a "relentless advocate for changing public policy to better serve the most vulnerable populations," Nancy served on the faculty of Washington State University School of Social Work, served as staff director of the U.S. Senate Selection Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, was Executive Director of Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) and is an author of many books and publications.

Join us for an evening of learning, success stories, practical experience and much more. Using your gift of citizenship really can make a difference.



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**JULY INCOME (From all sources)**

	<u>FOR</u>	
Checks/Envelopes	\$23,031	
Loose Plate	\$564	
Facilities Donations	\$510	
<b>General Fund Receipts</b>		<b>\$24,105</b>
Building Fund	\$243	
Community Ministries	\$135	
Corpus Christi	\$115	
Audio/Visual Fund	\$15	
Janessa Chastain Scholarship Fund	\$200	
VBS Registration	\$476	
Back Packs	\$20	
Camp Scholarships	\$60	
UMCOR	\$20	
Community Meals	\$10	
Flower Fund	\$35	
Church Life (Golf Tournament)	\$198	
Food Bank Fund	\$307	
Memorials and/or Endowments	<u>\$830</u>	
<b>Other Receipts</b>		<b><u>\$2,664</u></b>
		<b><u>\$26,769</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**“THANK YOU” from IDAHO FOODBANK**

Our Vacation Bible School, Camp E.D.G.E., collected \$307.12 and boxes of food items for the Idaho Foodbank Weekend Backpack Program. This program provides food for children to take home for the weekend. Here is an excerpt from the letter sent to Hillview from the Idaho Foodbank:

“Dear Friends,

... Thank you, for your support of the The Idaho Foodbank’s Children’s Services Weekend Backpack Program. Your partnership with us makes a difference in the lives of the children who are Idaho’s future.

Sincerely,  
 Karen Vauk  
 President and CEO”

## HILLVIEW U.M.W. CALENDAR CORNER

### FUTURE FUNCTIONS...

Unit Meeting—SATURDAY, Sept. 19th 10AM

### 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:**

**District Gathering in Filer Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

#### Lydia Circle News

Lydia Circle will continue to meet the first and third Tuesdays at 9:30 am for fellowship but join Pastor Barbara's Bible Study class at 10:00am for our study, beginning Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

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



**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.**

A donation has been made to Hillview's Memorial Fund in memory of Grant LaVoy, father of Maligne Oldfield.

***New Living the Questions Study***  
**Beginning in September**  
**The First Paul –Radical Apostle of Jesus**

If you've ever struggled with Paul or the writings attributed to Paul, this study will change the way you look at him. You'll gain "fresh insights into Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman Imperial theology, and the apostle's relevance for Christians today." The DVD-based 12-week study will include an optional book (The First Paul by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan). For more information, to sign up or to order a book, contact Janine Watkins (336-1991, [janine.watkins@hillviewmethodist.org](mailto:janine.watkins@hillviewmethodist.org) or Gayle Woods (938-5964, [gaylewoods5964@msn.com](mailto:gaylewoods5964@msn.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 with concern for - **Lewis & Trulah Mills—Ruth Green— John Stafford— Margaret Hartley—Phyllis Barth.***

*Pray in sympathy with—**The family of Roger Enlow—** The family of Lucille Hansen - Bruce and Bobbi Cleveland on the death of his mother,*

*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.



## **FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP** ***New Dinner Groups Forming***



Would you like to get to know other people at Hillview better? Beginning in September, new dinner groups will begin. Each group will meet in a host home once a month, September-November. The dinner will be a potluck, organized by the host. This will be a wonderful time to share food and faith while getting to know fellow members. Singles are welcome! A number of hosts have been recruited and they have picked dates and times. Sign-up sheets are now on a table in the gathering area. For more information, call Debbie Mallis, Chair of Discipleship & Evangelism, at 853-2740.

**Hillview Joy's** - Ryan Hoffman received his Eagle Scout Award at an Award Ceremony on Monday, August 17th, Ryan is a member of our Scout Troop 40 and his Eagle Project was collecting books for the new library.

## Two notes from Barbara...

I have too many email-type places to keep track of! Please use [revbabs2000@gmail.com](mailto:revbabs2000@gmail.com) for email correspondence and don't hesitate to give me a call if it is time sensitive material (hm 288-1394, **991-8464** cell). 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. Several have found that this works great!



### **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)



### **Lunch Bunch**

We will meet at the Lotus Garden on Fairview (on right, cross Eagle Road, past Louie's) on September 10th 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.

**Youth Ministry**  
**Youth Group will resume Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>!**

**Hillview BBQ Request**

Would the person(s) who made the marinated carrots be willing to share the recipe? We have had a request for it, please submit a copy to the office.

Thanks  
Claudia

**Tarts served at the Aug. 20, 2009 Hillview Barbeque**

2 pkgs ready made graham cracker tart shells  
1 8oz. Pkg. Cream cheese (room temp.)  
1 cup powdered sugar  
1 envelope of Dream Whip  
1/2 cup cold milk  
1/2 tsp. Vanilla extract  
1 can (21oz) cherry pie filling

On high speed in small bowl of electric mixer combine Dream Whip, milk and vanilla extract. Beat 4 minutes.

In large bowl of elec. Mixer mix together cream cheese and powdered sugar. Combine well.

Fold Dream Whip mixture into cream cheese mixture.

Put one large spoonful of the Dream Whip-cream cheese mixture into each tart shell. Refrigerate a few hours. Then:

Top with cherry pie filling.

Keebler brand tart shells can be found at Albertsons.

Wilderness pie filling is also available in blueberry or lemon flavors.

This recipe makes 12 tarts.

These tarts can be frozen and served later.