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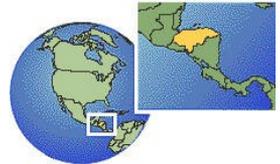
## **WORSHIP**

- \*Early Bird Service 8:30AM**
- \*Sanctuary Service 10:00 AM**
- Sunday School**
- \*Classes for all ages at 11:15**
- \* This is our year-round schedule– no changes for Fall!**



**Leadership Retreat  
September 12—Noon**

**Volunteer In Mission trip to Honduras  
Informational meeting Sept. 26 at 7PM**



**CROP Walk  
October 17**

**Church Bazaar and Fall Festival  
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## Random Musings

Earlier in the summer, in the midst of re-arranging furnishing for the early worship service, Gene Lubiens and I moved the Christian flag out of the sanctuary. It didn't come to our attention that this bothered anyone until weeks later. I wish we had known a little sooner. It had never been our intention to start a conversation about this flag in the sanctuary or trump some formal process by removing the flag. And, once we heard that this was a bigger deal for some folks than we realized, we simply put it back. While the Christian flag may be a very meaningful faith symbol to some folks (having been in the sanctuary for 17 years) it may not be for others. From my perspective, this is one of those places where we appreciate these differences as part of our "blended" community of faith.

I don't bring this up to start a conversation about the Christian flag. I bring this up as an example of why it is important to ask questions and seek answers when things like this arise. In our church dozens and dozens of decisions are being made every day—by staff, by ministry teams, by individuals--- decisions that never go to committees for formal discussion and votes. This is one sign of the vitality of Hillview--- things are happening! I certainly trust that all of us are operating in good faith when we make these decisions. We can also trust the intentions of those who call problems to our attention. Things only go wrong if the right questions don't get to the right people in a timely fashion and some concern or unhappiness festers.

WE HAVE TOO MUCH GOOD STUFF  
HAPPENING AT HILLVIEW  
TO BE SIDETRACK BY MISSED COMMUNICATION!

If you have a question and you aren't sure who to ask, start with me! Although I am really not party to every decision made at Hillview, I will want to know if there is a concern and I will gladly help us find our way to answers if I don't have them.

I thank God every day for the trust, the grace, the enthusiasm and the Spirit that fills Hillview. It is priceless.  
We are rich indeed!

## **The CROP Hunger Walk is Coming Soon!**



Mark Sunday, October 17, on your calendar for the annual CROP Hunger Walk! This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> year in a row that Hillview has participated in this worthy cause. If you haven't walked in the past, please join us. The walk begins at Julia Davis Park and follows a 6-mile route along the greenbelt and city streets. There are also 3-mile and 1-mile alternative routes for those who are unable to walk the entire route. If you can't walk, please consider sponsoring a walker. One fourth of the money raised will go to the Idaho Foodbank and the rest funds Church World Service projects worldwide. You can sign up to walk in the gathering area beginning Sunday, September 12.

This year we will have a friendly competition with our fundraising rival, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Let's see who can recruit the most walkers and raise the most money to fight hunger!

### **Two Invitations to anyone new to Hillview**

1—Sunday September 19, 4-5:30pm

Meet & Greet with Pastor Barbara

A few Hillview folk to get acquainted, ask questions, get a little more oriented.

2—Sunday September 26, 4-6pm

Methodist Basics

Pastor Barbara teaches a really, really basic overview of who United Methodist are and how we came to be. (Anyone is welcome if you would like a review...)

(please let Barbara know if you are interested church-375-0392 cell 991-8464)

Childcare is available at both of these gatherings.

## **Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger Gathering**

Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger (IIRAH) is a grassroots organization that works at developing solutions to the root causes of hunger in Idaho through education and public policy.

The first IIRAH gathering of the fall will be Tuesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m. at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 3430 N. Maple Grove. Special speaker is Karen Vauk, President and CEO of the Idaho Foodbank. She will be talking about Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as Food Stamps) and long term solutions to hunger. Everyone is welcome.

## **Idaho Summit on Hunger and Food Insecurity**

**Tuesday, October 19, 2010                      8:00am—4:00pm**

Doubletree Riverside 2900 W Chinden Blvd Boise Idaho

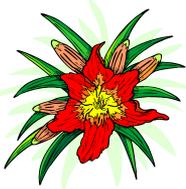
The conference will include two keynotes and five workshop tracks.

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

Brochures available on the Welcome Table, Registration form available in the office,

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

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



### **Lilies of the Rock Garden at Hillview**

As fall approaches and flower beds are in need of being thinned, please save some of your day lilies for planting in the flower bed in front of our church. This area has been previously planted with geraniums, petunias, snapdragons and other annuals. We would like to have some perennials that would be nice, be lower maintenance and look visitor friendly.

Please bag any starts you would like to donate and mark them with color and size so they can be arranged accordingly around the rocks. You can bring them to the church on Sundays this fall or call for a “pick-up”. We would like to have plants from our member families and especially if you have red day lilies. Anyone wanting to volunteer for this planting or donate some starts can call the church office or Kathy Tuttle at 208-375-7748.

## **HILLVIEW U.M.W. CALENDAR CORNER**

### **Lady Veterans' Luncheon September 14 -**

See UMW bulletin board

### **Unit Meeting Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00**

The Hillview United Methodist Women's unit is inviting Boise area UMWs to join us for our Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> unit meeting that will be focused on immigration. Betty Luginbill attended the immigration workshop by the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society last spring. She will help us understand the issues surrounding immigration through "exercises" that she experienced at the workshop. Women's Division has been encouraging local units to study, pray and take action on the immigration issue facing our nation today. We ask your unit to join Hillview in study and prayer to prepare us for action. This meeting is open to men and youth as well as ladies! For childcare please call Judy Halverson 327-0541 before Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Hillview Women's Fall Retreat in 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. 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.

### **Fall Gathering of the Snake River District**

**United Methodist Women**

**Hagerman United Methodist Church,**

450 East 27th St., Burley ID 83318

**September 18, 2010**

All United Methodist women and friends are invited  
To fellowship with UMW sisters from throughout the district  
To sing and praise God  
To elect new District officers and recognize outgoing officers  
To make your unit pledge to mission  
To offer our monetary gifts to Mission Giving

To learn about United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)  
Depot West in Salt Lake City  
To hear speaker Brian Diggs from The Depot in Salt Lake City  
To browse the program resources and buy your winter reading materials  
To worship and share communion  
Call Judy Halverson for details and registration

## **MONTHLY CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**Morning Book Group** 2nd Monday of the month/ 10:00 am  
Borders Books at the Mall  
September's book *The Last Algonquin*  
October's book *The Help*  
Contact person: George Ann Morris – 853-2729

**Evening Book Club**  
2nd Monday of the month 6:30 pm  
Church Kitchen/ Meal provided  
September's book *A Monk in the Inner City*  
October's book *Moloka'i*  
Contact Person :Darlene Smith 376-5977

**Lydia Circle (Study Group)**  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays 9:30am  
Church Parlor  
Contact Person: Judy Halverson 327-0541

**Fellowship Circle**  
NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER  
Regular meetings start in October  
Contact person: Betsy Baughman 424-7713

## ***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](mailto: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 Foncesbeck 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***

For those of you who would like to send Janessa cards of encouragement/love—thinking-of-you ...here is her address and if you would like to read her blog it is at <http://janessac.blogspot.com/>

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**We need your help**—we would like to keep this listing of military personnel as up to date as possible so family members we are asking you to call (375-0392) or email ([churchoffice@hillviewmethodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@hillviewmethodist.org)) the church office with information on your soldiers name, branch of service and where they are serving.

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.





## **Go to Honduras in June 2011!**

We are starting up the bi-annual VIM (Volunteer in Mission) team that will be going to Honduras June 19-25, 2011. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the church. VIM

teams are not mission teams trying to evangelize or convert, but rather are guests of the local Methodist Churches that invites teams to witness what the Methodist Church is doing in that country. Hillview has participated in the VIM Program in Honduras 3 times before - in 2004, 2006, and 2008 - and our schoolchildren scholarship program is a direct result of those trips. We are also inviting the Middleton Church to join us, and we anticipate a group size of 10-14 total. In addition to witnessing what the particular local church is doing, we will also be performing some construction work under the direction of the local foreman and workers. The typical cost usually runs between \$1500 - \$2500 per person, and we try to provide some scholarships to help offset the cost. In addition, there are usually a few days at the end of the trip where we experience the beauty of Honduras, whether it is the ancient Mayan Ruins or a Caribbean island. We will also offer Spanish classes between now and June, as well as cultural training and historical background of Honduras. Even if you are not sure you are called to join the VIM team, come to the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> to get more information.

Contact Ron or Judy Halverson (327-0541) for more details.



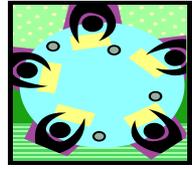
### **School Supply Update**

Thank you to all who donated backpacks and school supplies for Whittier Elementary School. We collected over 70 backpacks! The school staff appreciates the school supplies for their students and for our continued support.

## **Important Reminder**

**All Members of Ministry Teams & Any Interested Persons**

**Please plan to stay after worship and education hour on Sunday September 12 for a Leadership Lunch Event**



We will engage in some important evaluation & discernment together and then spend some time in our teams, putting feet under our dreams and visions. Please make the effort to be there. For most teams, this will be your September meeting...

Questions? Ask Pastor Barbara

## **Welcoming New Members!**

We welcome new members Lewis (Lew) Smith, who has been attending our Early Bird service and Michelle McAlister who sings in our choir. They joined in August.

We are welcoming new members into our fellowship here at Hillview again in late September. If you are interested



## **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)

We will have Craft/Beading Classes! We will begin on September 8th at 5PM– bring your own supplies or just come in and see what Claudia has to share!



## Lunch Bunch

We will meet on October 14 at 11:30AM., location TBA.  
We will also have a tour of the facility. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the gathering area or call the church office 375-0392

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study News

We will be meeting at 7:30pm for the rest of the summer (through Sept. 15).



## *You Belong to God*

Fall Women's Retreat

Cascade, ID

September 24– 26, 2010

Registration deadline: September 19

*Don't delay—space is limited to 15 ladies!*

The Fall Women's Retreat, held at the Depot in Cascade, 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. Judy Halverson and Cheryl Richardson are facilitators for the program, "You Belong to God".

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. Cost is \$65, which includes meals and lodging. Registration forms can be found on the United Methodist Women's bulletin board or downloaded from Hillview's website. . For more information, contact Judy Halverson, 327-0541; [judybhalverson@gmail.com](mailto:judybhalverson@gmail.com)

## Early Bird Worship at 8:30a.m.

—a very simple worship experience for those who rise early want to start their Sunday with prayer & song. (Pastor Barbara & Gene will lead this service throughout the year.)

10:00 worship continues all year as usual followed by Classes for adults & kids...

