



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
Silver Creek Plunge

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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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

These first two months at Hillview have truly flown by. I have appreciated the strong turn-out for the Meet the Pastor small groups. (If you didn't make it to one of those and want to have a chat, just let me know!) I've listened and talked with dozens of you now. I've checked in with all the church boards and committees I have discovered. I'm getting a feel for who you are, individually and together, as the church on Ustick. And, I have fallen in love with Hillview. There is much goodness here!

Your Church Council, the Discipleship Task Force and the Staff/Parish Relations Committee have charged me with a task in the coming weeks. I will be taking my listening and observations and doing my best to create a list of tenets for Hillview—a document that lists descriptively, in brief statements, how we understand ourselves and our shared ministries as followers of Jesus Christ. You will be given NUMEROUS opportunities to comment, amend, add, delete and discuss these agreements so that ultimately, they will reflect not MY understanding of Hillview, but the church's understanding of itself.

These tenets will then become a framework of accountability for us-- for instance, if our tenets say something about how welcoming and open we are, we ask ourselves if our priorities and activities reflect that. If our tenets say something about how we work to deepen our relationships with God through Christ, we ask if our programming, preaching, classes, etc. point to the importance of this.

The tenets can become a tool for helping us make decisions about how we spend our money and what ministries we choose to support or emphasize. So, if we are considering taking on a new ministry or mission project, we can look to these agreements to see if it fits in with how this church community understands its work in the world.

The tenets can be a simple way for us to let people know who we are—what distinguishes us as a church in Boise. We can slip this little document into any welcome packet and a person will know right away what they might expect to experience here.

I can share with you from my personal experience in my last appointment that this can be a powerful exercise and a very effective tool for us. It proved to be useful in all kinds of planning and visioning AND visitors commented that they found it very helpful.

These won't be written in stone, like the Ten Commandments. We can and will revisit and revise them from time to time. Please watch for opportunities to be part of this conversation and join in. Your perspective and input is VITAL.

Thank you. Pastor Barbara

FALL SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Beginning September 13th, a variety of classes for adults, youth, and children will start up the 2009-2010 “school year” at 10:15 am-11 am. Look over the classes listed below and attend a class that will stimulate your faith journey.

Classes for Adults:

“Journey Through the Bible”, leader Lilburn Wesche and David Barber; (Library/Parlor)

This class will be an in depth, sequential study of the Bible, beginning with the book of Genesis.

“Jesus and Java”, Sip a cup of coffee or tea around the kitchen table and join in on discussions on contemporary issues viewed through the Christian lens.

“The Class Without a Name”, leaders Joe and Vicki Prin; (Youth House) First session will be to solve this class without a name! Then the class can concentrate on how to put your faith into action.

“Sermon Talk Back”, leader, Pastor Barbara;(Ballantyne Hall) this class offers dialog between Pastor Barbara and you about the sermon—you can attend every Sunday or drop in when you feel the need to discuss the sermon.

Youth Class, (6th-12th grade) leader Michelle Ward; (Youth House) the curriculum *BL4Y--Bible Lessons for Youth--* offers youth an opportunity to focus on how Scripture relates to their lives today.

Children Class (4yr.-5th grade) leaders Judy Halverson and Adrienne Gustafson; (Rm 10)

The Way of the Child is a new approach to helping children in their spiritual formation. A quiet, reflective environment with various stations to visit will be offered for our children.

Questions about classes? Contact Judy Halverson, 327-0541, rdhalverso@aol.com.

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 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.

Janessa Chastain, our seminary student, has created a blog to help us follow her progress. If you would like to check on her the link is <http://janessac.blogspot.com>

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.

Hillview BBQ

Marinated Carrots

Dorothy Friend

Cook 6 cups sliced carrots until barely tender; drain.

Heat:

1 can tomato soup	1/2c salad oil
3/4 c vinegar	1 tsp. Salt
1 tsp. Worcestershire	1 c sugar
1 tsp. Mustard	1 tsp. Pepper

Cut up 1 small onion and small green pepper; add to cooked carrots. (these amounts can vary if you wish more or less).

Pour heated sauce over carrots, onion and pepper; let stand in refrigerator overnight or longer. Sauce may be used second time for about 3-4 cups of carrots.

Can add 1 can French cut green beans. (I do this when I make this dish)

Youth Ministry
Youth Group will resume Sunday September 13th!

Thank you notes

Hillview United Methodist Church,
Thank you so much for your recent donation to Whittier
Elementary. As you know we can always use these items and we
are very grateful for your generosity you always show our school.
Thanks Again
Whittier School

Dear Hillview
Thanks for helping pay for camp. I had a lot of fun. I hope I can
earn another scholarship next year.
Thank you
Tyler Gallas

PS and thank you Judy for the card.

Fall Festival News



Mark your calendars for November 8th! That is when we will
have our annual Fall Festival with silent auction and lasagna
dinner. We will be raising funds for the Volunteer in Mission
trip and Christian Education's special project to prepare
room 10 to be a quiet spiritual development area for children.
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,
baked goods and other wonderful items available to the public so
there will be additional volunteer opportunities for that day.



NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS
Tuesdays at 10am (starting 9/15)
Wednesdays at 6pm (starting 9/16)

Pastor Barbara will be leading these 1-hour studies that focus each week on the sermon scripture text for the coming Sunday. She promises this will be meaningful, interesting & fun. How good is that?!!

AN INVITATION...

If you are new to Hillview
and wondering how to deepen your connection,

If you have been involved at Hillview for some time
but aren't sure about officially joining the church,

If you have faith questions that aren't
quite being addressed,

PLEASE LET ME KNOW!

I am wanting to work with you
to meet these kinds of needs.

Slip me a note... give me a call...drop by my office...

Thanks. Pastor Barbara

"Thank you for your response to Hillview UMC's financial needs this year! As of September 1, our cash flow, for the first time in several years, is equal to our budgeted expenses! We are 'out of the red' and 'in the black'!!! If we continue to be generous in our regular offerings and pledges we will not only meet our expenses but we might be able to exceed our budget expectations!

It would be gratifying, humbling and exciting if we could go beyond our expenses this year for that would enable us to increase our influence by initiating new programs and engaging in additional challenging opportunities!!

We know you join with us in rejoicing at the way God is blessing the ministry of our pastor, Barbara, and at the opportunity to have Gene join us in a full time associate ministry. Let us each one continue to support the work of the Kingdom here at Hillview with our prayers, our time, our energy and our finances.

Our prayer, as is yours, is that this congregation will be a true 'light house' for Christ both in our community and beyond. May God continue to bless you as you respond to His will in your life."

Stuart Gustafson, chair
Hillview UMC Church Council

Lilburn Wesche, chair
Hillview UMC Finance Committee

Sam Goodwin,
Treasurer

Please save this date—October 27, 2009

We will have our annual Charge Conference at 7PM and would love to see all of you there.

Displaying God's Love

Our church is scheduled to participate in the Whitney UMC Saturday Sack Lunch Program the third Saturday, of every month (10:00am—1:00pm), This year our faithful helpers prepared over 1100 lunches for qualified people who live in that community. There are other churches that have volunteers working on all the other Saturdays of the month. This ministry is a true blessing for everyone involved.

Every Wednesday volunteers come to our Sanctuary to make sure it is “picked-up” and in order for various services, especially for Sunday morning worship.

On the second and fourth Wednesday of every month helpers come to our church parlor to help assemble and prepare the newsletter for mailing, (1:00—2:30PM).

We sincerely want to thank the following people for their time, fellowship and loving service: Merrie Albright, Dave and C.C. Angell, Kjell Knutsen, Leon and Emogene Moore, Shirley Moss, Dorothy Ott, Harriet Dake, Arlene Worthington, Georgene Barrier, Jackie Cooney, Maligne Oldfield and the Rasmussen Family.

If you are interested in any of these ministries or have questions, please call Ethyl Minnis (376-0417) or Marge Miller (672-1084). No experience is necessary. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for the Whitney Lunch Program– we generally need five people. For these jobs you only volunteer at your convenience.

Thanks everyone for your outstanding help.

Ethyl & Marge

Editors note: There were a couple of names missing from the above list—Ethyl Minnis who works with the Sack Lunch Program and schedules our acolytes for our Sunday Sanctuary service and Marge Miller, who faithfully comes each week to clean the sanctuary and twice a month to help with the newsletter as well as her work with the Sack Lunch Program. She also makes sure that there is a full crew for the newsletter Their dedication and service is greatly appreciated!

HILLVIEW U.M.W. CALENDAR CORNER

FUTURE FUNCTIONS...

Unit Meeting—Sept. 19

Fall Retreat Sept 24—27

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.



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 Mary Kelly, sister of Helen Bivens..

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 or Gayle Woods (938-5964, 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**
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.



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.



Bead Class—Sept. 19, 1PM

We will have a beading class for beginners of all ages . This could also be a time for beaders of all levels to get together and work on projects for the Church Bazaar. Experienced beaders are welcome to come share their tips and techniques.

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



Lunch Bunch

We will meet on October 8th 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.

Announcement of Fulltime Position for Gene Lubiens

Hillview is going through some major changes as you are all aware. These changes represent a renewal process in our congregation. Together, as we work on the renewal process, we have been presented with a special opportunity. Gene Lubiens has become available to serve our congregation on a full time basis. Gene has a broad resume, with education and experience in areas involving music, K-12 Christian education, and theater arts.

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee has reviewed Gene's resume for the contributions he can make to this congregation. SPRC and Church Council unanimously approved Gene to join the Hillview church staff full time effective September 1. Between September 1st and January 1st, Gene will focus on expanding music ministries as we gain a clear picture of needs in other work areas going into 2010. Accordingly, we will shift Gene's job description and responsibilities.

Gene's background and talents make him a flexible and valuable staff member here at Hillview. We are blessed to have this opportunity. If you have any questions, please feel free to see me or the Chair of Church Council, Stuart Gustafson.

Now, please join me in welcoming Gene and praying for his success in his wider and developing role here at Hillview United Methodist Church.

Respectfully,

Charlie Pegan
HMUC SPRC Chair