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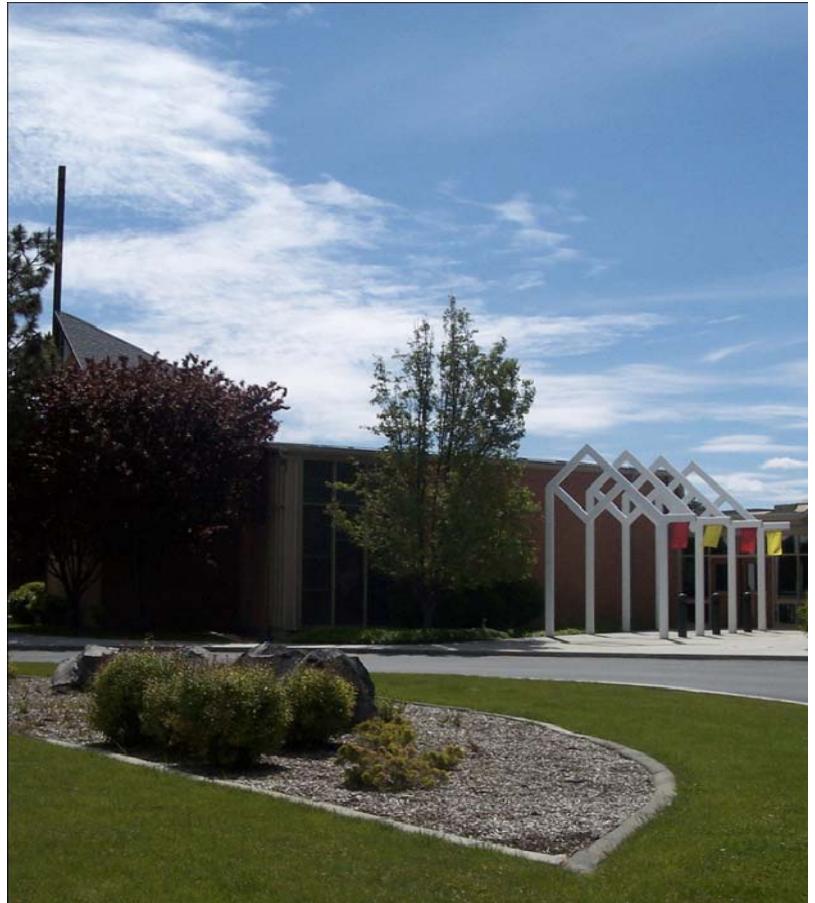
The Connector

Sunday Morning

Worship at 8:30 a.m.
and 10 a.m.

Small groups and Bible studies
for all ages are available after each
service.

Childcare is provided for
infants to three-year-olds.



We are a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all persons into full participation in the life of the congregation regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, racial or ethnic background, economic status, or mental or physical abilities. As we journey to the reconciliation of all persons as children of God, we celebrate our human family's diversity.

Random Musings from Pastor Barbara

The Annual Conference of the Oregon/ Idaho /United Methodist Churches concluded earlier in June, and many decisions about our shared life have been made by representatives from all the churches as well as by our bishop and his cabinet of superintendents. Bishop Hagiya has appointed me to serve another year at Hillview, a decision I am very pleased about. We still have much good work to do together!

Let me take some space in this column to remind us all of what the expectations and responsibilities are for United Methodist clergy. I think it is important that everyone knows and understands these particulars. We are appointed year to year by the bishop, who works with the district superintendents to bring leadership to all the churches in any given conference. When we are ordained, we each agree to itinerate—to move to other churches in the conference as requested. Those who make these prayerful decisions take into consideration the needs of all the churches, the particular concerns of clergy and their families and any other mitigating circumstances. It is a process that is taken very seriously.

Once I have been appointed to a church, it is my responsibility as pastor to serve with great care, meeting the needs of those in the congregation, as well as offering a prophetic voice regarding what is possible. It is also my responsibility to offer some leadership in the local community. (I have the privilege of writing for the Idaho Statesman on a regular basis. I have also chosen to continue working to build interfaith conversation in Boise through the work I helped launch known as “Healing Our Future.” Additionally, I try to be a public presence in regards to hunger, civil rights for all, and opposition to the death penalty.) We are expected to keep covenant and contact with other UM clergy in the area through monthly meetings (which I do faithfully). We are expected to offer leadership in the conference connection. (I currently serve as chairperson of the conference team on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. I have also just agreed to serve a four-year term on the Board of Ordained Ministry.) In addition to the four weeks of vacation we are encouraged to take annually, we are expected to take at least one week of formal continuing education every year. (I am grateful for this and welcome these opportunities to stay current.)

Beyond doing my best to satisfy these expectations, I occasionally preach in assisted living communities, lead workshops or classes in other churches when requested, and do my best to represent Hillview as a positive force in our community.

It is my sincere promise to you to faithfully and joyfully attend to these responsibilities as we begin a new year—a 5th year—together.

Say Cheese!

Your WIM Team is doing the preliminary work for our next photo directory. Brush up on those smiles! Coordinate those outfits! Look for more information in future newsletters and on the screen between services!



Save this date!

Saturday, August 24, 9:00 a.m.-noon
Pastor Barbara will lead an ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP.

(The Enneagram can help you determine your most formative value and how it affects your choices and interactions with others.)

Dunia Marketplace Event

Fair Trade Community Shopping Event sponsored by King of Glory Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

Where: Dunia Marketplace, 1609 N. 13th St., Boise
Located in historic Hyde Park
When: Friday, June 28, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Come join us for an *evening* of **SHOPPING** and **REFRESHMENTS**, with **ENTERTAINMENT** provided by Joshua Kamana on the bongo drums. This is an opportunity to support fair trade market with **our proceeds going toward ELCA's Malaria Campaign**. *If you need a ride, contact Pat Nearman (514-0485) or Nancy Severson (888-8787).*

Fair Trade: What is it? It improves families and communities by offering better wages, decent working conditions, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

History of Dunia Marketplace: Dunia Marketplace is a not-for-profit Fair Trade store, "**A Store with a Story**" that has been in operation since November 1995 under the former name of Ten Thousand Villages. ***Dunia is a beautiful word describing "world" and "life" in multiple languages—an appropriate description of our nonprofit fair trade store, as each purchase creates a world of opportunity!*** They represent 58 producing countries in the developing world as well as local partners; Artisans4Hope, Create Common Good, Global Gardens, Morning Owl Farm, Sustainable Futures, and The Chumbi. These partners help refugees in Idaho to acquire skills. Your shopping experience will include products imported from the global and Boise communities featuring nativity sets from around the world, textiles, glassware and many other products.

One Voice Can Be Powerful

(by Dawn Phipps)

This year Bread for the World invited me to attend its annual National Gathering and to participate in Lobby Day, which was held in Washington, DC, on June 8 - 11.

I had the privilege of attending workshops and powerful worship services, seeing national monuments, reading treasured documents ensuring our freedom, submitting my offering of letters to be given to our elected officials, and to be part of something bigger than myself. I had lunch with Barbie, who was one of the people featured in “A Place at the Table.” She inspired me, and gave me some very insightful advice on why people like us talk about our struggles on SNAP.

When attending a life-changing event, people often try to live in the moment—live in the now. But for four days, I found myself living in the HOW. How is someone from Idaho, the only Idahoan at the Gathering, going to be heard and in Washington, DC, of all places? I was heard, but you also can be heard and you don't even have to fly to Washington, DC!

Please, call your senator's or representative's office. Send an email. Get some paper and envelope and write a letter. Send them a Facebook message or send them a tweet. One voice makes a difference because at some point my one voice joins others and so on and so on! When elected officials assault the poor, it damages our nation. Hunger is ground zero. Hunger affects every aspect of society, every single person, every second of the day and night. Protesting the war? Marching for marriage equality? Pro-life? Pro-choice? Save the whales? You can't do any of that if you are hungry and wondering where your next meal is coming from or wondering how you will feed your children. It all boils down to and starts with hunger!

We have a divine mandate to give people something to eat. I am an advocate and I have a challenge for you: How is God calling you to be a voice for the least and the last? How will you find a fresh call to end hunger?

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JULY COMMUNITY MEAL



The **July meal** will be on **July 31!** Entrée will be grilled burgers (and veggie burgers) and hot dogs. **NEEDED:** 3 cooks, 8 people for setup (setting up tables outside as well as the other tasks to set up for the meal), 6 cleanup staff, and 3 to 4 people to monitor and serve food. **FOOD NEEDS:** 8+ large salads, 6+ side dishes, and 8+ desserts to serve **20 people**. See the sign-up sheet on the sign-up table in the Gathering Area.

The **BOISE COMMUNITY BAND** members are our special guests and will entertain us with their music!



LGBT Christian Connection

The LGBT Christian Connection meets every second and fourth Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Hillview Church Library. Please join us or pass this invitation on to someone you know who might be interested in joining us.

CAMPING NEWS!



Fourteen youngsters are registered and going to Camp Sawtooth in July! Many are first-time campers. Please remember in prayer the staff and the counselors who will help guide and lead these young people. The campers for Elementary Camp, July 7-13, are: Philip Carpentier, Malcolm Chambers, Ella and Grace Cunningham, Hayden Foncesbeck, and Josh and Megan Gallas. Maggie Edmondson and Maraya Hanson will be counselors for that camp. Junior High campers for July 7-13 will be Tyler Gallas and Annika Linguist. Counseling for the Elementary II Camp, July 14-20, will be Kinsey Walt. Attending Senior High Camp, July 21-27, will be Aaron Fretwell, Maraya Hanson, Jayne-Marie Linguist, Nicole Pittz, and Amory Zuccherro. Thank you to all who helped provide scholarship money to assist with camp fees!

Newsletter Frequency Change

The Hillview Connector will be coming to you only once a month. The deadline for articles and announcements will be the 15th of each month.



Please add these names of military personnel to the list of those for whom we pray, as they are away from family and friends serving their country: **Jackson Irish, moving to Monterey, CA; Kevin Custer, USMC; Dustin Soper; Cara Hammond, Air Force, Mississippi; Spec. Christopher Fabela, Army; Sgt. Willie Fabela, USMC; Staff Sgt. Bryan Koepl, Army, Goodfellow AFB, Texas; Seaman Christina Golovanoff, USCGC Mellon based out of Seattle.**



To keep this listing of military personnel as up to date as possible, family members may contact the church office at 375-0392 or churchoffice@hillviewmethodist.org with information such as name, branch of service, and where serving.

Thank You

Dearest Hillview,

Thank you so much for the graduation recognition, party and gift. I really appreciate that you recognize our accomplishments and it was very sweet.

Thank you also for providing such a positive environment for me to learn and grow in my faith. The Hillview community has been one of the best influences on my life and I will miss you all very much. But I know I have four exciting years of growth and discovery ahead of me.

Much love,
Emily (O'Morrow)



Mission Trip

Five youth are gearing up for a mission trip this summer to Portland, Oregon.

We will study together the root causes of poverty and examine ways in which we all can be a part of the greater solution, all while working in soup kitchens, community gardens, food banks, serving lunch at a local free lunch program, and doing minor painting and yard work.



But we can't get there without YOU! The youth going on the mission trip will be selling "stock" in the mission trip. These donations will be crucial for the youth to reach their fundraising goals. But what will you get as a return on your stock investment? When we return, all of the stockholders will be invited to a stockholder presentation where the youth will present all that was done, their personal experiences, fun stories, moments throughout the trip, and what was learned during the week-long mission.



So please talk to a youth and find out more about the trip. And please consider becoming a stockholder for our mission trip!



Thank you,
Hillview's Youth Group



Family Fun Nights (Monthly)

Join us each month for Family Fun Nights! Parents and/or grown-ups MUST chaperone their children and youth.

- July 25, 3 p.m.-8 p.m.—Roaring Springs
 - \$15 per person. Sign up on the clipboard outside of Maggie's office.
 - All money is due by **Monday, July 22.**
- August 9, Dusk —Movie Night: "*The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*"
No cost. Bring a dessert and movie snacks to share.

Thank You!!!



Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to this wonderful ministry to the children and families in our community. Vacation Bible School could not be a reality without your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness! Thank you.

Kids Basics Class (July)

We will offer our second Basics Class for Children (and Youth) in July as we learn more about the Bible. This three-week class, beginning July 14, is designed for kids (and youth) who have completed 3rd grade and above. Contact Maggie Edmondson, Minister of Congregational Life, if you have any questions or need more information. And sign up on the clipboard outside of Maggie's office to participate in this wonderful class.

July Basics Class—Parenting

Please join us for our four-week Basics Class on Parenting with our very own Sandy McDaniel beginning July 7 at 9:15 a.m. in the Library! She has 51 years of experience working with families, has written four books, and is the founder of parentingsos.com. While Sandy's parenting seminars for Hillview will focus on her unique discipline system, her research and writing in the field of self-esteem will be a large part of this series as well.

Whether you are a grandparent, a parent, or someone who works with children, this series is designed to meet your needs. See parentingsos.com for a glimpse of Sandy's work and her heart for children.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP! A NEW SUMMERTIME GROUP EXPERIENCE— "THE WAY OF FORGIVENESS"

9-week study on Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., July 11 through September 5

Forgiveness of ourselves, others, even God, is not an easy process. However, it is part of our call as faithful followers of Jesus in the imperfect world in which we live. We will discuss such topics as "Living in God's Blessing," "Releasing Shame and Guilt," "Facing and Transforming Our Anger," "Receiving God's Forgiveness," "Forgiving Others," etc. We will engage in discussion and various spiritual practices to help us connect with God's love and healing. **To register, please call Janine Watkins, 336- 1991, or Maggie Edmondson by July 7** so participant materials can be ordered .

Where in the World Is Flat Jesus?

From Boston to Germany to the United States Capitol, and to the Boise River, Flat Jesus has been on many adventures so far this summer. Continue to send in your pictures of Flat Jesus and of his many adventures to Maggie Edmondson (meg.edmondson@gmail.com) or Jeff Thompson (jeff.thompson@hillviewmethodist.org).



From the Congregational Life Committee

The Congregational Life Committee would like to offer another gathering like the *Advanced Directives for Senior Living* and would like your input! If you have an idea or would like more information about a particular topic, please let us know! Look for more information in the bulletin and in the next newsletter for an upcoming gathering in August.

Back-to-School Supplies



“Back to School” sales are underway—time to pick up school supplies for students needing assistance. Hillview has assisted Whittier Elementary School for many years and these generous donations have been much appreciated by the faculty and students. Whittier Elementary is a school that has a high number of low-income families, many of them refugees.

Please bring items by August 11 to the church Gathering Area and place them in the designated drop-off box.

Items needed are:

BACKPACKS!!!! (BACKPACKS are the number one priority!)

16- or 24-count crayons

Pencils, #2 lead

Colored pencils

Fiskar-type scissors, pointed

Watercolor paint set with brush

Spiral notebooks, wide- or college-ruled

Washable markers

Pens, black or blue

Pink eraser, large

Ruler

Loose-leaf paper, wide- or college-ruled

Facial tissue box



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS and EVENTS

Monthly Circle Meetings:

Morning Book Club

2nd Monday at 9:30 a.m.
Meets at Barnes & Noble.
Contact: Kristen Guyon,
322-5090

Evening Book Club:

2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Church kitchen.
Contact: Darlene Smith,
376-5977

Friends of Phoebe:

1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Church kitchen. Child care is
available.
Contact: Dawn Phipps,
713-1414

Lydia Circle:

1st & 3rd Tuesday,
9:30 a.m. -11 a.m.
Church library.
See summer schedule for
topics. Contact: Judy
Halverson, 327-0541

Fellowship Circle:

2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in
members' homes.
Contact: Betsy Baughman,
424-7713.

Mission U, July 2013

LEARNING TOGETHER FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

Mission U is the new name for UMW's annual learning and mission experience (formerly called School of Christian Mission). The theme is "For the Transformation of the World" and the study topics are: Living Sacramentally and Walking Justly (Spiritual Growth); The Roma of Europe (Geographic), and Poverty (General Issue). Study Leaders are Rev. Bob Flaherty and Karen Morray for the Spiritual Growth study, Helen Van Nice and Dr. Roger Boe for the geographic study, and Gayle Woods, returning for a second year, for the General Issue Study.

Make your summertime learning not only easy but a spiritual journey undertaken with fellow travelers committed to and yearning for "The Transformation of the World."



Plan to attend Mission U this summer. All ages and genders are invited. Registration forms are located on the UMW bulletin board.

Mark Your Calendars -- United Methodist Women Events:

Lydia Circle Summer Schedule

- July 2 Costa Rica Rainforest Experience by Leah Platt , 9:30 a.m., Church Library
- July 18 Bible Study by Rita Wood, 9:30 a.m., Church Library
- July 18 Ice Cream Social (There will be a speaker from the Boise Urban Garden School)
- July 25-28 Mission U at Nazareth Retreat in Boise



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Music Notes

GREETINGS FROM KAMPALA, UGANDA

There weren't detailed sets, beautiful costumes, or experienced musical artists that I've learned to enjoy at a Broadway musical production, but the 3 ½-hour program carried tremendous personal meaning for Kendra and me this past Sunday afternoon. About 40 of the 82 kids at the M-Lisada Orphanage that has been home for Adikini these past 11 months performed instrumental and vocal specials, dancing, yoga, and drama for a receptive neighborhood and guests, including a representative from the American Embassy. It was the Day of the African Child and our first visit back to the orphanage after picking up Adikini the previous Monday. We had already experienced two required court sessions during the week and watched a tremendous change in Zimri during the final day as she worked through some sickness and relational acclimation of those first days. She was super for the courtroom sessions after many long hours of waiting in a side room for her moment.

We have been to the American Embassy, we are scheduled for another court appearance this week, we have scheduled a medical appointment for Adikini next week, and we have a stack of papers to fill out for her passport and visa process. Today we plan to meet another couple that is adopting two boys from M-Lisada, which will be the orphanage's fourth and fifth adoptions. I am thankful each day we return to our guest house that we have lived through one more day of the amazing transportation experience.

I am including two web sites for any who might like to know more about Adikini's personal background and to see where she has been living:

<http://beingrochelle.com/category/m-lisada/> (be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom of this site to read *Adikini's Story*); and <http://mlisada.org/>. Some of you may be following our journey on Kendra's blog, uisforuganda.wordpress.com.

SUMMER MUSIC MINISTRY (June and July)

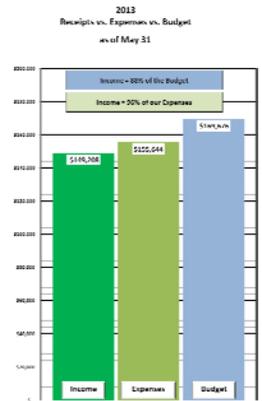
Many, many thanks to Sue Walch, Chancel Choir, Bill Britton, Duane Conitz, John Lodal, Sven Knutsen, Kinsey Walt, Jeff Thompson, Zoe Carlson, and Mary Lynn Olson for providing the special music during these summer weeks. I look forward to returning with a very sweet granddaughter, stories from Uganda, and to the familiar times of worship again in a place where faith matters.

Gene Lubiens, Director of Music

Finance

We want to thank everyone for your continued support and your responses to requests for special offerings.

This chart shows where we were financially as of May 31. These figures are for the General Fund, which covers the operations of Hillview. As you can see, we had received only 96% of our expenses. This continuing shortfall has reduced our savings (reserve fund) to a very minimum amount (\$8,000). This amount will cover one week of normal expenses.



We have been short an average of \$307 every week this year for a total of \$6,436 as of May 31.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 375-4805 or curtiskron@cableone.net. You can also catch me at church on most Sundays.

Curtis Kron
Chair, Finance Committee

Electronic Giving

There are two types of electronic giving:

Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)

This is new to Hillview and allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week or month, you will especially appreciate electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church. To set up EFT, you will need to complete an authorization form and return it to the church office. You can use either your checking or savings account for the contributions. Electronic giving cards will be provided if you wish to put something in the offering plate each Sunday. Only two people will see the form to set up the transfer.

Automatic Bill Pay

You set this up with your bank. If you have online banking (Internet), you can set up a recurring or one-time bill payment and your bank will send Hillview a check on the specified schedule. You can specify a specific number of payments.

Someone will be available between services and after the 10:00 a.m. service on July 14, 21, and 28. They will be able to answer any questions and assist you in setting up either method of electronic giving.

Please contact Curtis Kron (375-4805 or curtiskron@cableone.net) if you have any questions.

Growing in Love

We are blessed to have many wonderful children and their families here at Hillview, and we are growing out of our shared classroom space on Sunday mornings. Hillview's Preschool has graciously shared their space with us, but we need more room on Sunday mornings to continue to grow in grace and to grow in love of God and neighbor. We have a wonderful opportunity this summer to invest in our Children's Ministry with a second-mile giving to help furnish and paint a room of their very own! The project will cost approximately \$2,000. Please prayerfully consider making a gift towards this project and watch our children grow! Be sure to identify your gift for the Children's Sunday School room. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Walt, Chair of Trustees, or Maggie Edmondson, Minister of Congregational Life.

Youth News!

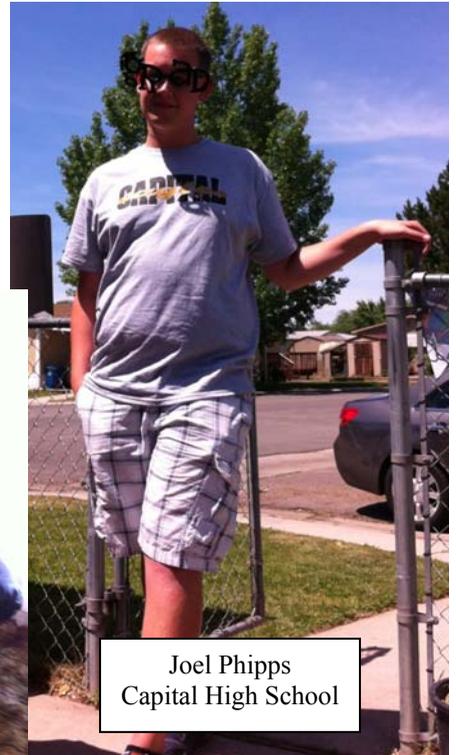
On June 2 we celebrated with graduating high school seniors Joel Phipps, Emily O'Morrow, and Justin Lamb. Best of luck as your new journey begins!



Justin Lamb
Centennial High School



Emily O'Morrow
Eagle High School



Joel Phipps
Capital High School

July Events

(Due to summer camps and the mission trip, we are only meeting once in July.)

July 14, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.: Frisbee Golf on the very challenging and rewarding Hillview UMC Greens. Bring a Frisbee and a friend!

July 28-August 2: Portland, OR. Mission trip! THANK YOU to all who purchased stocks to help us get there.

Faith in Action

A Few More Full Stomachs - March on Hunger Update

Thanks to all of your contributions to the collection barrel during April, 125 pounds of food were donated to the Idaho Foodbank. This is the equivalent of 105 meals. Together we make a difference.



The First Fruits!

In the Gathering Area is a cart labeled “From the First Fruits.” Bring in a portion of your garden to share with others. Plant extra just for this! Bring in whatever your garden grows. In the spirit of the First Fruits, bring the best, the first quality, and the first of the crop that comes on. This symbol of giving freely from the first and not the last is a wonderful stewardship message and reflection of what God has provided.

If you are not a gardener, please take something from the cart and enjoy it. Bring what you can, take what you wish.

“Honor the Lord with your substance and with the **first fruits** of all your produce.” (Proverbs 3:9)

FIRST FRUITS GARDEN—A NEW PROJECT

This year there will be two garden beds for a Hillview “First Fruits” Garden. If you would like to garden but don’t have space, you may request a “share” in the garden in exchange for working in it. Produce will also be placed on the “First Fruits” cart and taken to the Community Ministries Center.

We need:

People to finish constructing and filling the beds.

Gardeners (or those willing to learn) to plant, maintain and harvest the produce.

We have seeds and plants ready to go!

If you can help, or if you would like to request a working share, please contact Gayle Woods (gaylewoods5964@msn.com or 938-5964) or sign up in the Gathering Area.

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Membership

If you are interested in becoming of member of Hillview, or learning more about what this means, please contact Pastor Barbara through the church office. Membership is one way to express your commitment, not just as a follower of Jesus but as one who trusts that Hillview is the community in which they can best live into that life. The next opportunity to join will be July 28th during worship.

Donations

A donation has been made to Hillview's Memorial Fund in memory of Dorothy Hieber

In memory of Charles Brown and Dorothy Hieber a donation has been made to the Janessa Chastain Ministerial fund.

Dates to Remember

July 15
Newsletter Deadline

July 25
Family Fun Night

July 31
Community Meal

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