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The Connector

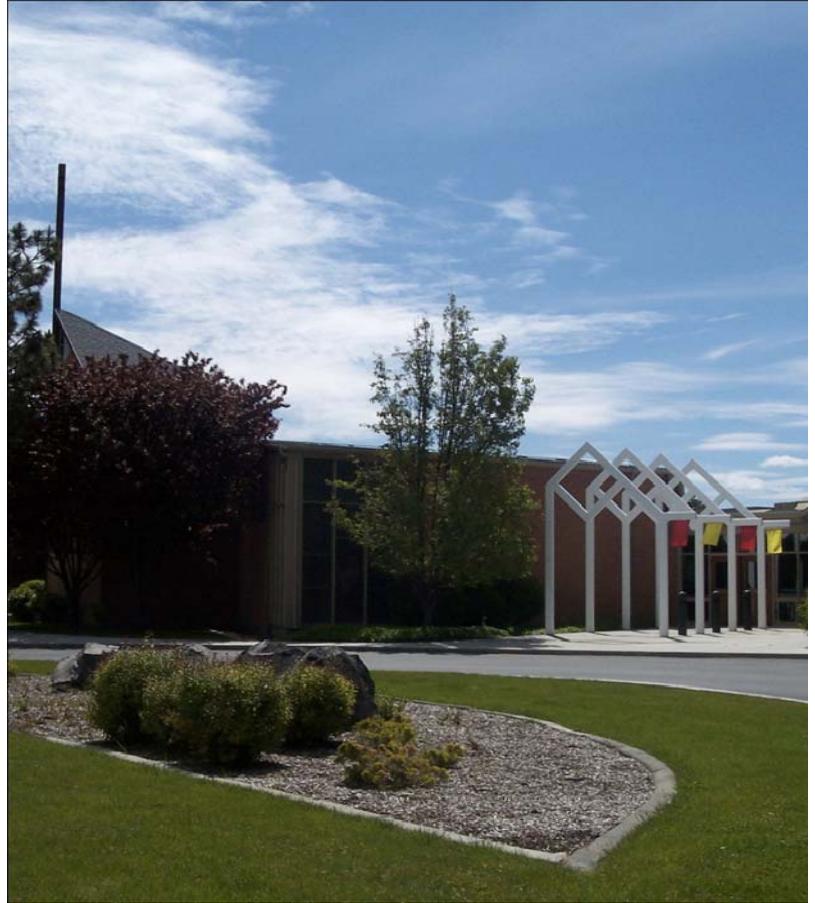
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Sunday Morning

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

“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...” Matthew 25:35

Last month many of us had the chance to see the film “A Place at the Table” – probably the best film on the topic of hunger I have seen to date. What stays with me most from the film were some of the words from a young WORKING mother who could not pay for housing, childcare AND food. Consequently, she found herself needing to rely on food banks and soup kitchens by the end of each month. I recall her saying something in the film about the embarrassment of “needing to eat whatever people give you.” She also spoke about the difficulty of budgeting for nutritious food for even part of each month. The cost of fruits and vegetables has skyrocketed in recent years while the cost of junk food has gone steadily down.

Her comments have kept me thinking about our Community Meal. It is such a good thing that our meal invites people to serve themselves what they want to eat from our buffet line. It is such a good thing that we thoughtfully provide for gluten-free and sugar-free dietary needs. We try to always have a non-red meat option for the main course. Our guests get to choose what they need or want for dinner and serve themselves right alongside all of us as we eat together. Some of the stigma of being hungry disappears when we SHARE a meal, rather than dish out food to “others.” I think about what a fussy eater I am and realize how grateful I would be if I needed help and could still make some choices about my food. By everyone serving themselves and all of us eating TOGETHER, we are doing something important to protect the dignity of those who are struggling with food security.

All of us who bring food to share might remember that the more attention we can pay to bringing fresh, healthy, tasty side dishes and salads the better. Nutritious food is expensive. Adults and children on food assistance or very limited budgets are at risk for all kinds of health concerns because much of what they eat is cheap and highly processed. Our meal can do more than just curb hunger. It can provide much-needed nutrition. If Jesus came to our Community Meal, I can hear him saying, “I was hungry and you gave me GOOD food to eat...”

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!



Trustees

A big thank-you to all those who helped with the spring start-up of the Hillview Refugee Gardens and for donations of plants and weed barrier. We are also thankful for new volunteer helpers on the Garden Team, Chris Carpentier and Karen McAlister.

Save the Date

Sunday, June 9

Bob and Anne Post's 65th Wedding Anniversary!

Please join us to help celebrate following the 10 a.m. worship service.



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.

Reconciling Ministries

PAINTINGS/POEMS INSPIRED BY BELIEF IN EQUALITY AND JUSTICE

I painted the two pictures at the bistro tables in the Gathering Area. I also wrote a poem to go with each picture with a dedicated purpose. There are individuals who are without Christ and stay away from church. They feel they have been labeled unworthy. As a caring Christian community, we need to continue to take a responsible stand concerning human sexuality in all its variety and shape. Jesus stood beside the lost, hated, and discredited individuals. He loved them. We need to stand up as Christians who care about our LGBT neighbors and the injustice they face in our society. Inform yourself, take a stand, and inform others. Take part in a movement to make a sincere and loving difference. Speak up for those who feel they must remain silent.

—Arlene Worthington

Arlene's paintings and poems are displayed in honor of Hillview's 2nd anniversary of becoming a Reconciling Congregation. Arlene serves on the Reconciling Ministries Team.

Join Us at the Boise Pride Festival



Hillview will participate in the Boise Pride Rally, Parade, and Festival on Saturday, June 15. This event is intended to “bring the community together in the acceptance and equality for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) people in Idaho.” The rally will begin at 11:00 a.m. on the Capitol steps, followed by a parade that will end at Ann Morrison Park. Join us for the rally, and walk with our Hillview banner to the park where the Festival will be held. Hillview will have a booth with information about our congregation. You do not have to be part of the LGBT community to participate. Many of us will be walking in support of our LGBT family and friends. In fact, some of our LGBT friends need us to walk for them because they are afraid to participate and face possible discrimination in the workplace. For more information, please contact Debbie Mallis (853-2740 or dmallis@juno.com) or Michelle Ward (322-0286 or justkickin1204@msn.com). You may also visit Boise Pride at <http://boisepride.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/454376291322419/>.

Come to the Coffee House at Annual Conference



This year our Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Annual Conference will be held at the Riverside Hotel on Chinden Blvd. in Garden City. This provides a great opportunity for us to participate in some of the activities. On June 19, the night before the official opening, Oregon-Idaho Reconciling United

Methodists will host a Coffee House from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come. We have been asked to provide a few people to give 2- to 3-minute talks about why it is important to them to be part of a reconciling congregation or why LGBT visibility/voices/equality/freedom to marry make a difference in their lives. These should be personal testimonies. Do you have something to share? If so, please contact Debbie Mallis (853-2740 or dmallis@juno.com) to be added to the program.



JUNE COMMUNITY MEAL



It's BBQ time! The meal on **June 26** will move outside (weather permitting) for grilled burgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs.

NEEDED: 3 cooks, 8 people to set up tables outside and the other tasks to set up for the meal, 6 cleanup staff, and 3 or 4 people to monitor and serve food.

FOOD NEEDS: 8+ large salads, 6+ side dishes, and 8+ desserts to serve **20 people**. Please sign up at the table in the Gathering Area.

If you have any questions, call Marilesta Nelson 375-5116.

LGBT Christian Connection

The LGBT Christian Connection will be meeting 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.

Camp Scholarship Assistance Needed



We are blessed to have a large group of children and youth from Hillview wishing to attend Sawtooth this summer and need additional funds to help send them to camp. If you feel called to go a second mile and help send our Hillview children and youth to camp, or if you need more information, please contact Marilesta Nelson or Maggie Edmondson.

Newsletter Frequency Change

The Hillview Connector will be coming to you only once a month, starting with this issue. 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.

Congratulations!

Lila Hill, former Hillview secretary, has been recognized for her more than 25 years of volunteer service as a local historian and community leader. She will be honored in September by the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church with the Ministry of Memory Award at the annual United Methodist Historical Meeting.

(from The P.E.O. Record, May-June 2013)

Thank You

Dear sisters and brothers at Hillview UMC,
Thank you very much for your generous support of our conference Hispanic/Latino Ministries. With your help, we will continue to carry the love and good works of the UMC to our neighbors. God bless you.

Mary Foote

Dear Hillview members,
This note is to thank you for the beautiful Easter plant delivered by Barbara Strouth. The blossoms are still lovely and I am enjoying it so much. Thank you for your kindness!

Maxine Baxter

Recognition of Graduates at Hillview

All graduates will be recognized in worship on Sunday, June 2. We will include a list of names and basic information about our graduates in the July Connector. If you have not let Maggie Edmondson know about the your graduate, please do so as soon as possible by contacting her at 891-4385 or meg.edmondson@gmail.com.



Mission Trip

Seven 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



Basics Classes

Our June Basics Class will be *Freeing Theology 1* with Pastor Barbara. This 4-week class will help you learn to talk about God first without “Church Words” in order to bring us to a clearer understanding of God with “Church Words.” Join us this month as we learn how to discover language of our own to talk about God. This class meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Library.

Upcoming Basics Classes:

July: Parenting (with Sandy McDaniel)

August: Spiritual Practices (with Maggie Edmondson)



Summer Opportunities for Children

Sunday Mornings (weekly)—We will have two Sunday School classes this summer, Preschool-2nd grade and 3rd-6th grades, that meet at 11:15 a.m. We will spend the summer exploring all that creation has to offer, so every Sunday is Green Sunday!

Geocaching (all summer)—There are nearly 2 million geocaches hidden worldwide for anyone to find—some right in your own neighborhood. We’ve put together seven Hillview Kids official geocaches hidden treasures for your family to seek and find using a Smartphone or other GPS device. Receive a prize for finding all seven. The hunt begins on June 2!

Flat Jesus (all summer)—Join in the fun this summer and take Flat Jesus with you wherever you go! Summer is just around the corner, and we find ourselves in and out of church, so help us to stay connected during the summer months and share your adventures with us and with Jesus! Be sure to check out the bulletin board for more adventures with Flat Jesus this summer!

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

June 19, 7 p.m.—Baseball with the Boise Hawks.

Ticket prices and sign-ups will be available beginning June 2.

July 25, 3 p.m.-8 p.m.—Roaring Springs

\$14 per person plus tax. You can sign up beginning June 2.

MYMU—Methodist Youth Moving Up

MYMU will meet on Sunday, June 9, from noon until 2 p.m. We will continue our study on the *Three Simple Rules* and play water games. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of lunch (pizza) and please let us know if you have any allergies. Also, be sure to have a Parental Consent form on file.

All 3rd-6th graders are invited to join us for this group of their very own, which includes those who have *just completed 2nd grade!* Please let Maggie know if you will be there, so we have enough pizza for lunch.



Vacation Bible School (June 24-28)

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and we need your help! We still need volunteers to help us throughout the week, volunteers for the Closing Fair on Friday, June 28, and donations of supplies and food for the Closing Fair. If you would like to help out or have donations for VBS, please contact Maggie Edmondson at 891.4385 or meg.edmondson@gmail.com.



Golf at Falcon Crest

8:00 a.m., Saturday, June 29

Prime time golfing—early Saturday before it gets too hot! Nine-hole executive course with shotgun starts. BBQ with hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, green salad, beans, and dessert afterwards (around 11 a.m.) at the home of John and Pam Lodol. Cost for golf and BBQ: \$18, adults; \$10 juniors.

Not a golfer? Join us for fellowship, food, and fun at the BBQ (adults, \$5; children, \$2.50). Who will win the closest to the pin, longest drive, and lowest/highest score prizes?

Contact Norm or Flora Walker at 869-0577 if you have questions.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS and EVENTS

Mission U July 2013

LEARNING TOGETHER FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

Monthly Circle Meetings

Morning Book Club:

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

Evening Book Club:

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

Friends of Phoebe:

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

Lydia Circle:

1st & 3rd Tuesday at
9:30 a.m. in church library.
Watch for summer program
information that will
include field trips and
special 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 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 for the General Issue Study.

The "Living Sacramentally and Walking Justly" study will explore how world changes lead Christian disciples to seek new ways to communicate their understanding of faith and God's mission in today's world. "The Roma of Europe" will introduce the Roma, Europe's single largest minority group, who over the years have been enslaved, shunned, and persecuted. Their history, lifestyle and spirituality will be highlighted. Students will investigate how the church and other organizations work alongside the Roma and explore opportunities for Christian response and advocacy. This is the second year for the General Issue study of "Poverty," a human rights issue with grave impact on women and children. How we become agents of God's compassion and healing in the world is the focus of the study as its themes address biblical witness and our United Methodist Heritage, global poverty, consumerism, and spiritual poverty.

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. The early registration and scholarship application deadline is July 3. After that there is a \$15 fee. Registration forms are located on the UMW bulletin board.

Mark Your Calendars -- United Methodist Women Events:

June 9 & 16 Undies Sundays
June 11 Veteran Ladies Lunch
July 3 Early registration deadline for Mission U – save \$15
July 11-14 Mission U at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon
July 18 Ice Cream Social
July 25-28 Mission U at Nazareth Retreat in Boise





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Music Notes

SING, SING, SING! IN BOISE

Singers from around the conference are invited to join with a mass choir of voices from Idaho's Treasure Valley when they gather for the **Annual Conference Ordination Service, June 22** at **First United Methodist Church** in **Boise**. Anyone who is interested should email Meredith Messinger at mmessinger@boisefumc.org with *your name, home church, and voice part*.

Participants will need to attend rehearsal from 3 – 5:00 p.m. on June 22; the service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Plan to bring a folder, a water bottle, and your choir robe (or one can be provided for your convenience).

SUMMER MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE (June & July)

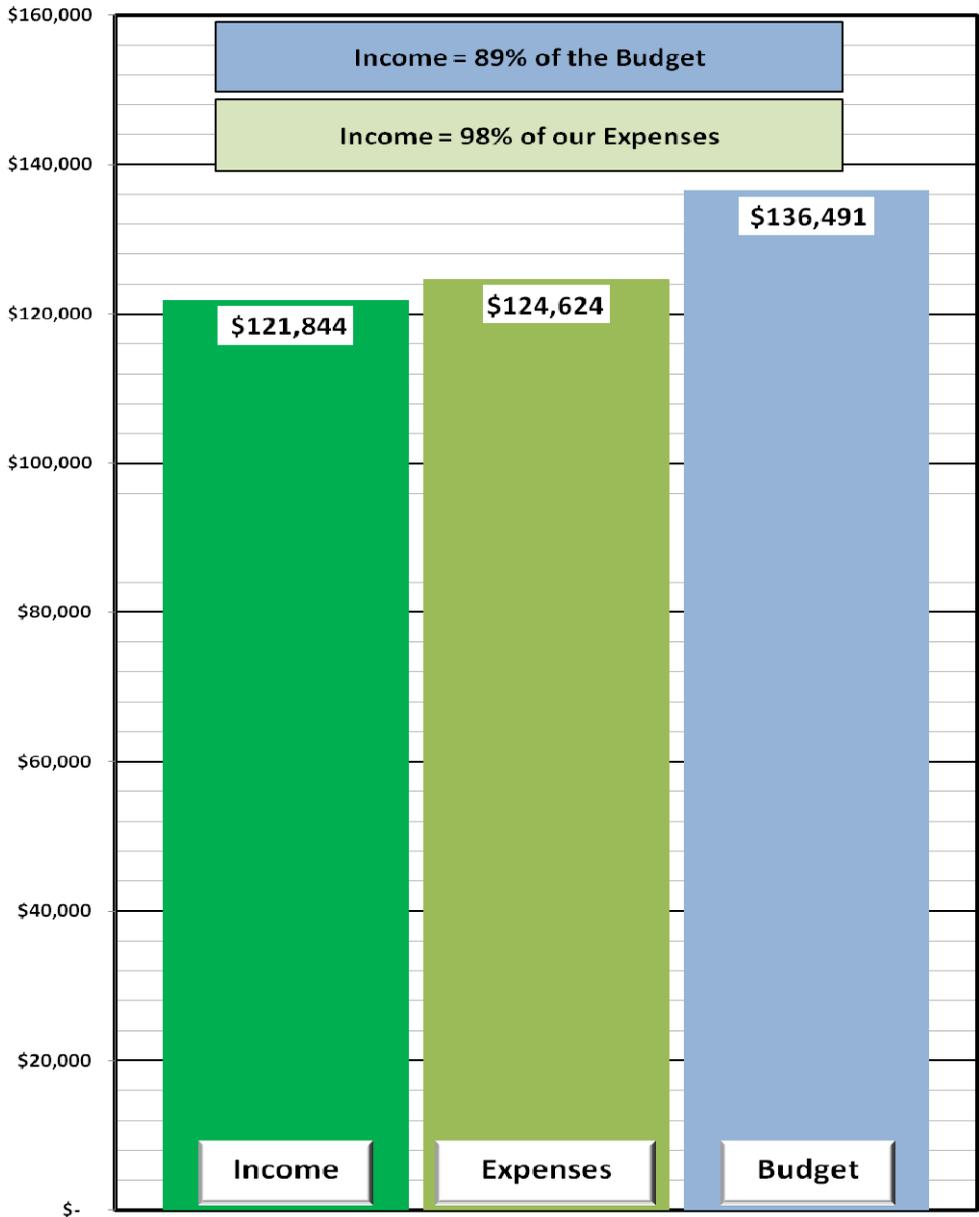
On May 21st my daughter, Kendra, received word that she must be in Kampala, Uganda by June 10 for her first court date in the adoption of a 3 yr. old girl from that country. I will be traveling with Kendra for the time needed to complete the adoption process there.

Music specials are being planned for June and July to cover the Sundays I will be gone. **Hillview Instruments** will continue to play for the Sunday services. The **Chancel Choir** and **Rhapsody Ringers** will be resuming their ministry in August.

Thank you for your prayers and support during this time. I look forward to increasing my "Papa" role.

Gene Lubiens, Director of Music
cell: 989-5981
email: glubiens@hotmail.com

2013
Receipts vs. Expenses vs. Budget
as of April 30





Change Hunger Fast Offering

Since 2008 the Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Hunger Task Force has awarded 35 grants totaling over \$50,000 to churches throughout our conference. That means 35 new ministries in Idaho and Oregon are feeding children and adults, offering them opportunities to learn skills they need to provide healthy meals for their family, growing fresh produce and giving people the opportunity to experience the satisfaction of meeting their needs in a sustainable manner. Nearly all the funding for these grants has come as a result of the annual *Change Hunger Fast* offering. All money contributed is used for grants.

There will be a special collection container available on June 2, 9 and 16, so begin saving that “change” now. Here are ideas to help you:

CHANGE

Empty pockets and wallets each day, saving the **change** for this offering.

Round purchases up to the next even dollar amount and contribute the **change**.

Involve your kids by putting a certain amount of **change** in an empty can each day for every time someone says, “I’m hungry,” or “What’s to eat?”

Each day, choose something different to count and contribute **change** for the number of cans in the cupboard, spices, pairs of shoes the family owns, etc.

HUNGER

When you know **hunger**, there are seldom leftovers in the refrigerator. Put in a dollar for every leftover in your refrigerator or freezer.

It’s hard to learn when you are experiencing hunger. Give a gift for every well-fed child you know or see in a given day.

FAST

Fast for one meal per week and contribute what you would have spent.

Eliminate **fast**-food meals—eat at home or carry a lunch—and use the difference for the offering.

Fast from “junk food” or desserts or espresso drinks or any other nonessential expenditure and donate what you would have spent.

Faith in Action

“Undies Sundays”—June 9 and 16



We will be collecting new packaged underwear of all sizes for both genders to be distributed to those in poverty through many agencies, including Boise Rescue Mission, City Light for Women and Children, Interfaith Sanctuary, and Hope’s Door. Please place your donations in the labeled bin next to the coat rack area.

Putting Faith in Action on June 9

Each Sunday, Friendship Feast provides a hot meal for the homeless in downtown Boise. The meal is held at First United Methodist, but for several years a team of 6 to 8 people from Hillview has done the cooking and serving the second Sunday of each month. The commitment is from about 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. It’s a great opportunity for fellowship and getting acquainted with a few people while slicing, dicing, stirring, and serving. No cooking skills are necessary; all you need is a willing attitude. **It will be Hillview’s turn on June 9.** If you’d like to give this a try, you can sign up at the table in the Gathering Area. If you would like more information, contact Kim Custer at custerid@rmci.net or 376-7962.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Thanks to your generous support for second-mile giving, Hillview was able to send a check for **\$1,821** to the United Methodist Committee on Relief from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Together we enable UMCOR to be a presence in times of emergency or disaster around the globe.

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)

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An Interfaith Gathering for Reflection on Vision



Thursday, June 6, 7:00 p.m.
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
6200 Garrett St., Garden City, ID 83714

Come share in an hour of prayers, songs, sacred texts,
and simple rituals presented by local faith communities.

*Please do all you can to encourage the attendance of youth and younger adults
from your faith/spiritual community. We will be emphasizing their involvement
as much as possible at this gathering.*

Questions?

Call Rev. Barbara Nixon (991-8464)

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Dates to Remember

June 6
Interfaith Gathering

June 9 and 16
Undies Sundays

June 24-28
Vacation Bible School

June 26
Community Meal

June 29
Golf at Falcon Crest

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Annual Conference Coming to Boise!

The Oregon/ Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will meet in Boise June 20-22, 2013. Our Hillview delegates are: Jim Walt and Pastor Barbara.

EVERYONE is welcome to attend: Leadership Training Event with speaker Phyllis Tickle on Saturday, June 22, from 8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. You must register for everything but worship.

Memorial Service Thursday, June 20, 7:30 p.m. at 1st UMC

- Ordination Service Saturday, June 22, 7:30 p.m. at 1st UMC
- Laity Workshops at the Riverside Inn, Boise Thursday, morning
- All plenary sessions as visitors each day. (schedule on website)

If you have questions and want to know more, please visit the conference website at www.umoi.org or talk with Pastor Barbara and Jim Walt.

Opportunities for giving this month BEYOND your commitment to Hillview:

- Change Hunger Fast
- Camperships for Hillview Kids
- Shares for our Youth Mission Trip to Portland
- VBS donations

Please be sure to send in your Flat Jesus pictures and share your summer adventures with us! Print them off and bring them in or email them to Maggie Edmondson, meg.edmondson@gmail.com, or to Jeff Thompson, jeff.thompson@hillviewmethodist.org.

The Way of Forgiveness

Please join us this summer for a 9-week study on Forgiveness with Janine Watkins, Thursdays, July 11 through September 5, from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Library.

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 engage in discussion and various spiritual practices to help us connect with God's love and healing. To register, please contact Janine Watkins, 336-1991 or Maggie Edmondson, 375-0392, by June 23 so participant materials can be ordered.

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 Church 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.