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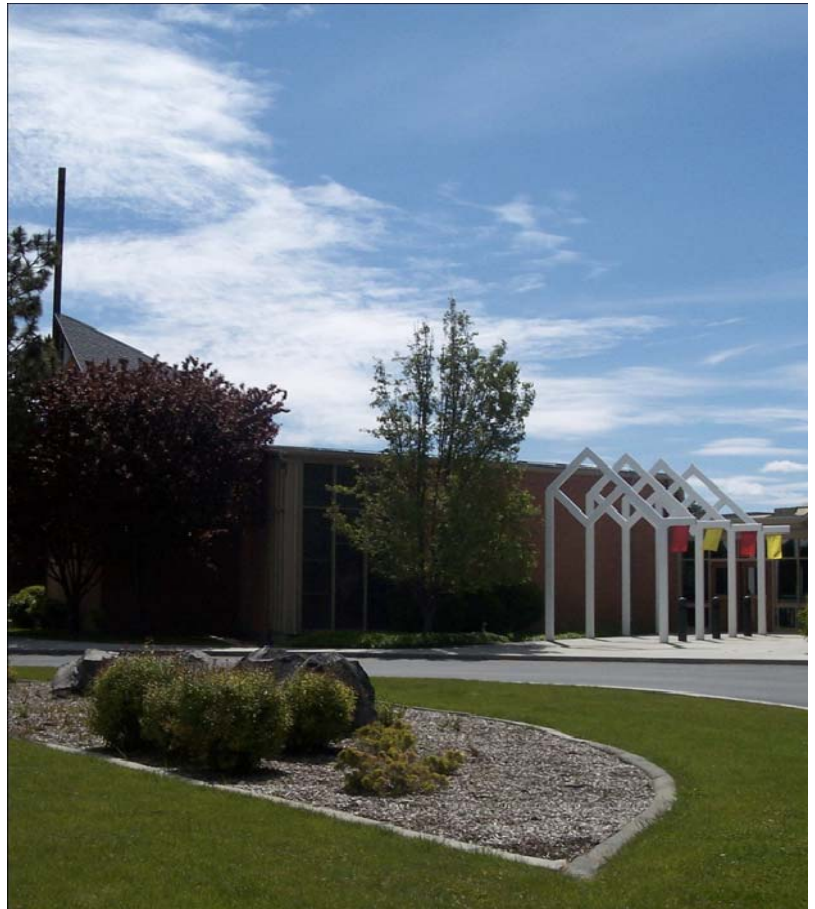
# The Connector

## 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

In just a few short weeks it will be June 22 – my last Sunday as pastor at Hillview. Five years have passed quickly, and during that time we have shared life together as a people trying to live more fully into what it means to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. I know I have been an agent of change here, not so much by offering new ways of being, but by challenging and encouraging you to live into what has long been the truest, best character of this church:

You are people with kind and generous hearts.

You are people who do not check your brains at the entrance to the sanctuary.

You are people who want to use your faith to make a difference in this world  
by helping the hungry, the homeless and all who struggle,  
by welcoming all who have not been welcome, and treating them as equals  
and by your willingness to accept the discomfort of wrestling with hard  
questions.

You are people who try your best to work together with trust, transparency and grace,  
taking some risks in order to make that loving difference.

I want you to know that you have been an agent of change in my life as well, not so much by offering new ways of being, but by challenging and encouraging me to live into my truest, best self, which pretty much coincides with the list above.

The bishop did us all a great service in matching us up five years ago. We have been good for each other in growing our lives of faith. From my perspective, this all worked so well because of your openness and willingness to move forward when I arrived. I felt received and trusted as pastor of Hillview from the moment I walked in the doors.

I believe our bishop is again doing a great service to Hillview as he appoints Brenda Sene to serve as your next pastor. And I believe the future is bright and spirit-filled because I know who YOU are and what is possible because of it.

I am now packing up all my stuff to take with me, but I will leave my love behind, spilled out everywhere for all of you.

## Blessing of Unions at Hillview Survey

It was previously announced that a straw poll would be conducted on June 1 to gather input regarding the blessing of unions at Hillview. After a great deal of discussion, we at Church Council have decided that it would be more helpful to conduct a brief informational survey *in its place* throughout the month of June. We will then use that information to continue the conversation after the new pastor transitions to Hillview this summer.

The June 1 bulletin will include this survey and will be available throughout the month of June in the Gathering Area. You may complete the survey at any time during the month and place your survey in the box in the Gathering Area. If you will not be in worship during the month of June, please contact the Church Office and we will send one to you.



Our next Young Adult dinner will be at Sockeye (3019 N Cole Rd, Boise, ID 83704) on June 5 at 6:30 p.m. All *post-college (age) young adults* are invited to join us for food, fun, and casual conversations. Contact Maggie Edmondson, Minister of Congregational Life, if you need more information or would like to join.

## Flat Jesus Photo Challenge



Our favorite traveling friend is back this summer for more adventures! Using the prompts below, take Jesus with you and share your adventures and insights with your Hillview UMC family! Pick up your Flat Jesus and Photo Challenge card in the Gathering Area beginning June 1. Please email your photos to [hillviewflatjesus@gmail.com](mailto:hillviewflatjesus@gmail.com) AND if you share your pictures on Facebook and/or Instagram, please use the tags #flatjesus #hillviewumc for us to follow you!

## It's time to say good-bye...Pastor Barbara's Farewell Celebration

Join us on Sunday, June 22, as we say good-bye to Pastor Barbara with a special send-off in worship and an *ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK* from 11 a.m. until about 2 p.m. We will provide fried chicken (gluten-free), yummy cake (with extra frosting, of course), and beverages. We are anticipating around 300 people, so please plan on bringing either a large side dish or a large salad to share, and be mindful of refrigeration limitations and potential food spoilage. We are also looking for people who would like to dig out their ice cream makers and make some ice cream from scratch or commit to bringing a few gallons of store-bought ice cream. Bring your picnic blankets, chairs, and well wishes as we celebrate Pastor Barbara's ministry here at Hillview! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to set up or clean up, please contact Maggie Edmondson, Minister of Congregational Life, at 891-4385 or [meg.edmondson@gmail.com](mailto:meg.edmondson@gmail.com).

## Welcome, Invitation, Membership (WIM) Meeting

**June 1, 12:00 noon**  
**Brief but important session. Please come.**



### Lunch Bunch

The Hillview Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. on June 12 at McGrath's Fish House. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area, or call the church office (375-0392) if you would like to attend.

Pastor Barbara still has some copies of her book *Things I Wish Jesus Said*. They are available for purchase in her office for \$10 each (tax included). You may pick one up anytime. She'd be happy to sign it for you.

### COMMUNITY MEAL



**IT'S BBQ TIME!** The **June meal** on **June 25** will move outside (weather permitting) for grilled chicken and hot dogs. **NEEDED: cooks, setup people, cleanup people, and food monitors and servers.** **FOOD NEEDS: salads, side dishes, and desserts.**



We are working on **special music by Gary Woods and his group** for your evening's enjoyment.

Children's activities will be provided. See the **sign-up sheet** on the sign-up table in the **Gathering Area**. If you have any questions, call Marilesta Nelson 375-5116.

**OSL (Order of St. Luke the Physician) Region 6 Conference**  
**June 20-21, at Hillview UMC, 8525 Ustick Road**  
**Speaker Rev. Canon Dr. Mark A. Pearson—"Focused Listening for Healing"**  
**See registration form and Conference Agenda for more details.**  
**Questions? Call Ilene Brown at 957-3677.**

### From the Trustees

If anyone sees tasks that need to be done around the church grounds such as weeding, trimming of shrubbery, or sweeping of walkways, please feel free to make some time to help us spruce up the church grounds. Please bring your gardening tools. Trash bags and brooms would be available at the church if you see Claudia during church hours. Thank you!

## Youth Group News

We started the year reviewing the Wesleyan principles of prayers, presence, witness, service, and gifts. We are finishing the year reviewing what it means to S.H.I.N.E.: to **S**upport each other; **H**onor God; **I**nvite others to know God's love; to **N**urture our neighbors through acts of love, kindness and mercy; and **E**xplore God's word. Learning to support each other, we recently went miniature golfing with the MYMU (Methodist Youth Moving Up).



Help us congratulate our graduating seniors as they move on to their next great adventures in life:

Hanna Berry (Mountain View)  
Kimberly Lamb (Centennial)  
Paige Spraker (Centennial)  
Kinsey Walt (Centennial)

Maraya Hanson (Centennial)  
Nick Lopez (Capital)  
Anna Van Order (Centennial)

### June Events

1: 5:00-6:30 Regular Youth Group at the Youth House

8: 5:00-6:30 Senior Celebration Dinner

15: NO YOUTH GROUP (Father's day)

21: 9:00-1:00 Day of Service. Be ready to work hard and do good work with groups around the Treasure Valley.

23-27: VBS 9-noon)

29: 5:00-7:00 Water Fun! Bring your towel, water clothes (no bikinis) and goggles. Don't forget the sunscreen.

# Faith Builders

BUILDING FAITH ONE BLOCK AT A TIME

Join us this summer, beginning June 1, for our Summer Sunday School program called Faith Builders. Faith Builders is a 13-week fun program for children 3 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade that will meet in Room 10 at 11:15 a.m. This summer, we will experience the wonder and adventure of the Bible, building our faith brick by brick, so bring your imagination and creativity! If you have any Legos that you would like to donate to Hillview for our summer program or would let us borrow, please contact Maggie Edmondson, Minister of Congregational Life. **\*Please note: There will be no Sunday School on June 22, as we will be celebrating Pastor Barbara's ministry.**



Here is a preview of our new pastor and her family!  
Rev. Brenda Sene, Dennis King, Sean, Jared, Cameron  
and Sarah.

I know we are all waiting to meet Pastor Brenda and her family in person. It won't be long now and we will hear from her in our next newsletter!



## Vacation Bible School Mission Project

We have selected Ronald McDonald House as our mission opportunity for VBS 2014. Ronald McDonald House serves families of pediatric patients who travel to Boise for medical treatment. It provides a welcoming home-away-from-home to hundreds of families each year. Guests come from throughout the state of Idaho, Eastern Oregon, Northern Nevada, Alaska and beyond. The professional staff strives to provide a nurturing family-centered environment that is safe, comfortable, supportive, respectful, and responsive to their individual needs.

We are asking our VBS families to contribute the following items during the week as a part of their mission project and invite each of you to participate as well.

Needed items include:

- Gift certificates to WinCo, Walgreens, and gas stations
- Individual packages of trail mix
- Juice boxes
- Pop Tarts
- Breakfast and snack bars
- Fruit cups
- Large hot and cold paper or plastic cups
- Lysol All-Purpose Spray
- Antibacterial sanitizing wipes
- Individual hand sanitizer
- New baby blankets
- New clothing for premature babies
- Small toys – no choking hazard

*All items must be new and in original packaging.*

### Calling **ALL** VBS Volunteers...

Interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this year? Then we have a place for you! VBS will be held June 23-27, 2013 from 9 a.m. until noon with a closing program and fair on Friday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. We need a few adult group leaders, daily registration assistants, craft assistants, people to BBQ for the closing celebration, and more! Pick a volunteer form from Maggie and return it as soon as possible! Volunteer sign-up sheets for the closing celebration will be on the table in the Gathering Area beginning June 1.

## **Emergency Compassion Fund (A ministry to those at risk)**

We have a fund to help people with emergency needs. Many of these people are traveling; some are local people, others come from within our congregation. The specific circumstances are as varied as the people. Most have a one-time, very real financial need. To meet these needs, we draw on a small “rainy day fund.” Funds are drawn at the discretion of the pastoral and office staff and the church treasurer whenever financial help is deemed necessary. Some of the ways we have helped recently include rent, electric bill, gas, food, car registration and emission testing—basic needs for those around us. If you would like to help, please donate to the Emergency Compassion Fund.

## **Join Us at the Boise Pridefest!**



A new group has taken over the organization of Boise Pride Week, a time to celebrate Boise’s LGBTQ people. Hillview will be participating in the rally, parade, and festival on Saturday, June 21. Whether you are gay or straight, please plan to join us and show your support. The rally will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the Capitol steps. Following the rally we will line up behind the Hillview banner, joining other faith communities that are part of the Interfaith Equality Coalition. The parade will proceed to BoDo (8<sup>th</sup> & Broad). Hillview will have a booth with info about our church. Wear your Hillview shirt, if you have one, or other colorful clothing. This is a family-friendly event and lots of fun.





Vacation Bible School is **June 23-27**. Grab a hammer, find a paintbrush, and put on your thinking cap! At Cokesbury's *Workshop of Wonders (WOW)* VBS, children will discover how to imagine and build with God! At the Workshop of Wonders, discover how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God. Experience the love of Jesus. Start an adventure. Use your imagination and creativity to build your faith. Meet people from the Bible who used what they had to produce something amazing with God. Use your heart, mind, and imagination to participate in the creative life of God, the one who works wonders!

Online registration is available now for Vacation Bible School for Preschool (3- and 4-year-olds)-5<sup>th</sup> grade and Volunteers at <http://2014.cokesburyvbs.com/HillviewUMC>. Paper forms are available in the church office and on the Christian Education Bulletin Board.

### Vacation Bible School Donations Needed

Vacation Bible School plans are well on the way for turning the ordinary into the extraordinary this summer with the Workshop of Wonders, June 23-27. The VBS Planning Team needs help collecting the following recycled and new items. Please bring your donations to the Gathering Area *before* June 19 and place them in the Vacation Bible School bin.

**Recycled:** cans (soup, vegetable, etc.) *please remove labels and wash*; miscellaneous washers, nuts, clasps, small springs, etc. (to be glued on cans, so not too big), and clear plastic containers (salsa, hummus, etc.) *Please wash out; labels are ok.*

**New:** colored electrical tape, colored and designer duct tape, small plastic animals (including dinosaurs!) 2" high maximum, and small pebbles/rocks - 1/2" max, real or smooth-colored-glass-type.



# Hillview UMW NEWS and EVENTS

## *Mission u*

Don't forget the date for *Mission u* 2014 is July 24 -27, Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, Idaho. If you get the registration turned in before July 2, you can deduct \$15. This opportunity to study and grow is not just for women, but men and older youth, too!

Under the banner theme of "Mission u: Learning Together for Transformation of the World" are three studies:

- How Is It with Your Soul? (Spiritual Growth)
- The Church and People with Disabilities (Issue)
- The Roma of Europe (Geographic)

Information about the studies and registration forms for *Mission u* are on the United Methodist Women's bulletin board in the Ballantyne hallway. Hillview UMW offers sponsorships.

## Hillview "Circles" Summer Schedule

Hillview United Methodist Women offers four circles to participate in fellowship, spiritual growth, and expanding our understanding of mission. Ladies are invited to visit and participate in these small groups. Contact names are listed below.

**Morning Book Club**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 9:30 a.m. at Barnes & Noble. July & August: select your own book to read. Contact: Kristen Guyon, 322-5090.

**Evening Book Club**: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in church parlor.  
Contact: Kristen Guyon, 322-5090.

**Lydia Circle**: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the Hillview library. Summer months we have variety of programs, including field trips. Contact: Judy Halverson, 327-0541.

**Fellowship Circle**: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in members' homes. No meetings in July & Aug. Contact: Betsy Baughman, 324-7713.

**Friends of Phoebe**: 1st Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Hillview kitchen. Women 50 and younger explore social justice issues and service to the community. No meeting in July. Contact: Lori Myers-Linguist, 562-7991.

## Ice Cream Social

Thursday, July 10, 7 p.m.

Hillview UMC

Everyone is invited!

### Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming United Methodist Women Events:

June 10	Veteran Ladies Lunch
July 10	Ice Cream Social—Report on UMCOR West mission trip
July 24-27	<i>Mission u</i>
August 9	Book Sale

## Volunteer In Mission UMCOR West Trip Report

May 4-9, Hillview's Volunteer In Mission team spent the week in Salt Lake City volunteering at the UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) West Depot. Team members Gary and Merri Albright, Sam Goodwin, Kristen Guyon, Judy Halverson, Heidi Holmes and Mark Richardson put together school kits: a cloth bag (sewn by volunteers using a variety of sturdy fabric designs!) 3 notebooks, one ruler, scissor, six pencils, one eraser, pencil sharpener, a box of 24 crayons. We assembled over 4,000 school kits. Sara Goodwin sat at a table most of the week sealing the cellophane wrapper covering a toothbrush—over 3,000 are now ready to go into health kits. Tami Eide, Cheryl Richardson, Janine Watkins and Gayle Woods used their sewing skills to finish 56 receiving blankets, 9 layette gowns, and modify 40 school bags.

Team members expressed that although they would never personally experience the joy of a child opening the school bag or see the newborn baby wrapped in a blanket or wearing the gown, or watch a child brush her teeth, we still felt connected through God's love to those whom we served. After completing a pallet of boxes containing school kits, we blessed them with this prayer:

“Most gracious and loving God, we come together to do your work: One item at a time, One kit at a time, One box at a time, One pallet at a time to serve One person at a time, who is One from the multitude of your children in need across this world. Amen.”

Then we chanted, “When the earth rocks, UMCOR rolls!”

You can learn more about the UMCOR West trip by viewing photos on Hillview UMC's Facebook page and by attending the July 10 Ice Cream Social for a more detailed report by team members.

Want to be part of the Volunteer In Mission ministry? Please donate to the VIM fund! If you don't have a yard sale item (see article “Reverse Yard Sale”), you can still donate \$30 (or any amount!) to the VIM fund. The recent trip used up most of the fund (\$800 was donated to the Depot to purchase needed kit items and some expenses of team members were also covered) so we need to replenish the fund to be sure Hillview is ready for the next mission trip!

## Yard Sale With a Twist –June 7

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

\*Pick up donated items at homes (a truck or large cargo area would be helpful!)

\*Receive and arrange items at the church 6:30-8 p.m, on either Wed. June 4, Thur. June 5, or Fri., June 6.

\*Assist with giving items to refugee families Saturday, June 7, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**DONATIONS NEEDED!!** Donations are for refugee families starting over. Please look through your house to donate, in good condition, the following: cookware, utensils, dishes, small appliances, sheets, towels, blankets, furniture, children's toys and clothing, adult clothing. See above the dates/time to drop off your donations. If you need a pickup, call Judy Halverson, 327-0541, or sign up.

Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area at sign-up tables.

**\$30 is a suggested donation**—you may donate more or less! Donations will replenish the Volunteers in Mission Fund after funds were used for the UMCOR West Depot trip to Salt Lake City. The mission money given to UMCOR West will be used to purchase supplies for the kits and maintenance for the sewing machines used there to sew school bags and layette items. You are donating to two missions—VIM and helping refugees!



### **Music Notes**

New members are always welcome!

**MUSIC GROUPS and REHEARSAL TIMES: (sanctuary)**

<b>Rhapsody Ringers</b>	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday
<b>Chancel Choir</b>	7:15 p.m.	Wednesday
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday
<b>Hillview Instruments</b>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday

## **Hillview Preschool 25th Anniversary!**

In September 1988 a preschool was proposed to the HUMC Administrative Board, and by November 1988 the Hillview Preschool Board had been formed. After almost a year of planning, licensing, purchasing, and hiring, the Hillview Preschool opened its doors in September 1989.

The committee that made the proposal were the following: Karen Andreason, Gayle Woods, Judy Halverson, Sandy Hassakis, and Janette Wilbur.

The first preschool board was:

Ron Halverson (Chairperson)	Gayle Chastain Woods	Janette Wilbur
Karen Gowland	Barry Prindle	Jane Fulkerson
Jim Todeschi	Chris Ochoa	

This preschool, sponsored rent- and utility-free by Hillview United Methodist Church, has served as an outreach to the community for 25 years. This has enabled us to keep tuition cost low, offer a safe and loving environment, and keep exceptional classroom ratios at 8 children:1 teacher.

Hillview Preschool has educated more than 1,500 students in the Treasure Valley. These children represent many faiths, many races, and varying abilities.

Today, (May 18, 2014) Hillview Preschool would like to thank the members of HUMC for supporting our preschool, and we would like to recognize those members who have helped the preschool during the past 25 years.

Thank you for knowing “Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.” The founding members, as well as those listed below ,were presented with a certificate acknowledging their commitment to early childhood education, dedication to the community, and the many hours of volunteer service they have given.

These following church members have served as board members, staff, volunteers, and even as Santa!

Jean Britton, Beth Clovis, Jennifer Fonnesbeck, Claudia Flora, Sam Goodwin, Sara Goodwin, John Lodal, Pam Lodal, and Vicki Prin.

Christy Burgoyne  
Director, Hillview Preschool

Inadvertently, Gayle Woods was not given her certificate of recognition during last Sunday’s service. However, she did receive her certificate during coffee (it had stuck to Ron Halverson’s certificate!). Gayle played a huge role in doing the legwork, research, and obtaining all the necessary licensing for the preschool. Thank you, Gayle!

# Faith in Action

## Be a Part of Something New

The first ecumenical **Community Service Day on Saturday, June 21**, will bring together members of seven churches and Capital High service groups to help a wide variety of agencies and organizations in our community. Projects include cleaning, repairs, construction, painting, outdoor “yard” work, repackaging commodities, making fleece blankets, and assembling hygiene kits. There will be tasks for everyone with **all levels of physical ability** and all ages. Singles, couples, grandparents and grandkids, one parent with children – whatever your “family” configuration that day, you are invited to be a part. When you preregister, you will have the opportunity to indicate any physical limitations.

Registration materials are available in the Gathering Area – **preregistration ends June 8** so you will know your job assignment prior to that day. We will gather briefly at **8:45 a.m.**, go to our work sites, and then return for a sack lunch (provided) and time of fellowship, **ending at 1:00 p.m.** Please join in this wonderful community effort and help show that Hillview really does put its faith in action!

## Help with Friendship Feast

It will be Hillview’s turn to provide the crew for 1<sup>st</sup> UMC’s Friendship Feast on **Sunday, June 8**. If you are willing to help, you can sign up on the sheet in the back of the Gathering Area, or contact Kim Custer for more information: [custerid@rmci.net](mailto:custerid@rmci.net) or 376-7962.

## First Fruits Garden

Calling all gardeners, or “would like to but don’t know how” gardeners! Help is needed with our new Hillview Community Garden. Located west of the Youth House, the produce grown communally in them will go on the First Fruits cart on Sunday mornings. Any excess produce will be donated to the Community Ministries Center’s food pantry. You can just stop by for 15 minutes and pull a few weeds or check to see if anything needs to be watered, tended or harvested. Don’t know a weed from a tomato plant? Sign up to help at the back of the Gathering Area and we will work with you. Contact Gayle Woods for more information.

## **Our Church Staff**

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Mariya Gavrilutsa

### **Nursery Director**

Peggy Sheldon                      208-340-8143

## **Care Notes**

Please be sure to stop by the Care Notes display on the Congregational Care bulletin board to check out some of our new titles. Care Notes help people dealing with intensely emotional situations who are looking for concise, easy-to-read guidance and support. Each booklet offers strength, help, and healing for those who are hurting. If you have a need or know someone who could benefit from these Care Notes, please do not hesitate to pick one up and share this valuable information.

## **Dates to Remember**

June 5: Young Adult Dinner at Sockeye

June 7: Yard Sale With a Twist

June 8: Senior Celebration Dinner (Youth Group)

June 12: Lunch Bunch at McGrath's

June 20-21: OSL Conference

June 21: Family Service Day  
Boise Pridefest

June 22: Pastor Barbara's Farewell Celebration  
and All-Church Potluck

June 23-27: Vacation Bible School

June 25: Community Meal

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