

MAY 2014



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faith matters**

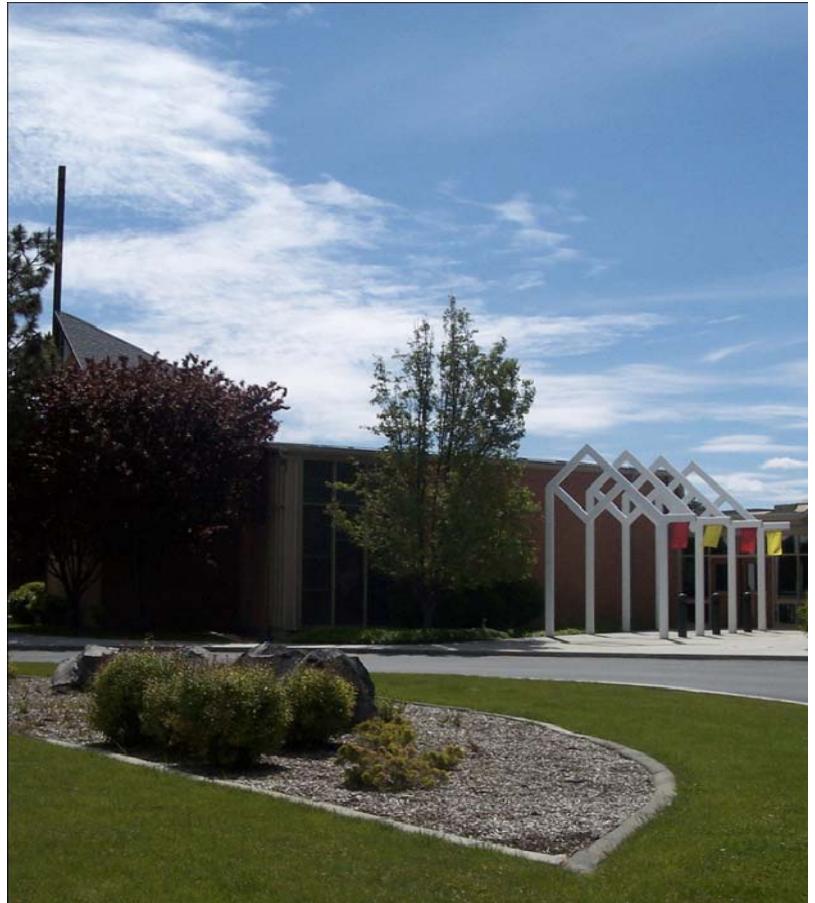
# The Connector

## 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

My musings this month are TRULY random—several things to mention here.

First, some official business. All clergy, as they change churches, are being asked by our bishop to be very intentional in sharing with their congregations about healthy boundaries. Our relationship must change once I leave Hillview. I will no longer be able to serve as your pastor. We may still be friends on Facebook, keep in touch in other ways across the miles, even visit if you are in Corvallis. But I cannot return for memorial, services or baptisms or weddings, and you should not include me in any important conversations about church matters or seek my help with pastor counseling once I have relocated. If you are new to United Methodism, this may seem harsh, but there are very good reasons for these limits. By calling upon your new pastor, Brenda Sene, in all these ways, new relationships form more quickly and fully. And I, as the former pastor, am freed to do the same in my new setting as well. This is not easy for pastors or parishioners, but the formal boundary seems to help. I am sharing this now rather than in my final newsletter musings in case anyone finds this troubling. I don't want this to be the last thing you hear from me, but it is necessary to share this. Please check in with me if you need to talk more about it.

Second—New Topic! Even though EVERY Sunday at Hillview is exciting, there are a couple of very special Sundays coming this month. May 4 (Communion Sunday) we will celebrate the Confirmation of four young people and receive them into membership. Anyone else wishing to become a member that day? Please let me know. May 18 we will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hillview Preschool and make the service that morning extra “kid-friendly.” And, we'll have special interfaith musical guests. Come and bring friends!

Third—Different Topic! Theology Thursday is back this month (May 15). Come to Cobby's on Chinden at 5:30, get yourself a little food and/or drink and join a lively conversation about God and faith without using a lot of church words. Seriously fun talk. All are welcome.

Fourth—Fun Opportunity! All Comers Theater (A.C.T.) Saturday, May 31, 10:00 a.m. Bring your imagination and help create a mini-drama for worship the next day (June 1, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.). All ages are welcome, but really young actors or actresses need a parent or grandparent to join them.

Last, but not least, please e-mail me with any significant highlights, revelations, theological “aha” moments, or other memories you hold about Hillview from the last five years. I welcome your input for my June sermon series and for possible New Testament material. Thanks.

## Confirmation Sunday



On Sunday, May 4, we will celebrate the Confirmation of four wonderful and committed youth as they complete the program. This celebration is not an ending. Rather, it is a beginning! The Confirmation experience is designed to help these young people recognize the Holy Spirit at work in their lives and make “firm” their baptismal vows. Join us at the 10 a.m. service to celebrate with them as they make a commitment to support the church and welcome them into membership.



Our next Young Adult dinner will be at Highlands Hollow Brewhouse (2455 Harrison Hollow Blvd, Boise) on May 1 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.

## **Road Map for Seniors Sunday, May 18, Noon**



Looking for a place to talk and share your experiences with other people as you grow older? Join us for our next Road Map for Seniors Lunch on Sunday, May 18, in the library at noon. We will have informal conversations over a light lunch. Please sign up on the Congregational Care bulletin board.

## An Interfaith Gathering for Reflections on Justice

Thursday, May 8, 7:00 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

6200 Garrett St., Garden City, ID 83714



Come share in an hour of songs, words, sacred texts, and simple rituals from throughout our interfaith community. Light refreshments following. Questions? Call Rev. Barbara (991-8464). Sponsored by Healing Our Future.

### Lunch Bunch



The Hillview Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. on May 8 at IHOP (7050 W. Emerald Street). The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area, or call the church office (375-0392) if you would like to attend.



Pastor Barbara is beginning to collect packing boxes. If you have access to sturdy boxes that are uniform in size and suitable for packing, please let her know. Thanks!

### Community Meal



WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 6-7 p.m.

ENTRÉE: TACO BAR

NEEDED: WORKERS FOR SETUP; CLEANUP, ETC.

SALADS

DESSERTS

See the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions, you may contact 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—"Focussed Listening for Healing"

See registration form and Conference Agenda for more details.

Questions? Call Ilene Brown at 957-3677.

**Theology Thursday** May 15 at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Barbara leads her last free-wheeling theological conversation over sandwiches at Cobby's (4348 Chinden) this month. This is a continuation of all the Freeing Theology classes she has offered but is open to any and all who are willing to try speaking about God and their faith without relying on "church" words. No sign-up is necessary. Just come and enjoy! Questions? Call Pastor Barbara (991-8464).

## 2014 Youth News

On March 22 and 23, 10 youth spent 24 hours fasting and learning about hunger causes and coming up with some ingenious solutions to solve local and global hunger issues. We had a little fun as well, building a shelter out of cardboard, walking to Winco and watching movies.



### May 2014

4<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Youth House. Regular Youth Group.

11<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day. NO YOUTH GROUP.

18<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Youth House. Regular Youth Group.

25<sup>th</sup> Bowling or some similar off-campus activity... To be determined.



Join us on Sunday, May 4, after Sunday School for an *MYMU Mini Golf Adventure!* Bring a sack lunch, \$10 *cash*, and comfy clothes for an afternoon of fun. We will leave no later than 12:30 and will return to the church by 3 p.m. Permission slips are available outside of Room 10. Remember, all 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join us. Please return your permission slips and money to the church office no later than Friday, May 2. Please contact Maggie Edmondson, Minister of Congregational Life, if you are able to carpool/chaperone, have questions, or need more information.



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.



On Friday, May 30, at 7 p.m. in Ballantyne Hall, we will be showing “*The Lego Movie*” to kick off our summer Sunday School program, Faith Builders! Bring your family, a blanket or pillow, sweet treats to share, and a friend for this super fun night of Lego fun! Popcorn and drinks will be provided!

# Super Powers of Prayer



On Sunday, May 18, at noon in Ballantyne Hall we will learn more about the **Super Powers of Prayer!** If you're a fan of comic books or superheroes, you might visit the Superhero Database. This entertaining collection of favorite (and not so favorite) superheroes, villains, and superpowers is worth a look, but something is missing. Jesus is missing! So are other superheroes of faith, like Abraham, Joseph, David, and Esther. Your name isn't there. Neither is mine. And there's no mention of God's powerful gift of prayer. We're all superheroes, transformed by God's radical love, and gifted with super powers of prayer.

Children and families will have the opportunity to explore the wonder of the gospel and the super powers of prayer. Together, we will string prayer beads, write prayers for the day, learn how to pray in color, and experience different ways to pray, including a superhero prayer! We will provide sandwich makings and drinks, so please be sure to bring a side dish or dessert to share! Please register for this family-friendly event by May 15. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board outside of Room 10.

## Easter Flower List 2014

<u>Name of Donor</u>	<u>Honor or Memory</u>	<u>Name of Honoree or Memory of</u>
Pam & John Lodal	Memory	Norm Lodal & Len Winans
Bud & Linda Sherrets	Memory	David Sherrets
Tami & Steve Eide	Memory	Lloyd & Avanelle Edwards
Tami & Steve Eide	Honor	Andrea & Michael
Jim & Myrtle Hall	Memory	Oakley & Margaret
Leah Platt	Memory	Jerry & both of our parents
Carol Barnard	Honor	My parents
Bill & Jean Britton	Memory	Our parents
Gary & Gayle Woods	Memory	Our parents
Greg Golovanoff	Memory	Parents & grandparents
Angie & David Barber	Memory	Ruth & Joe Barber
Angie & David Barber	Memory	VeLynne Iverson & Bev
Anonymous	Honor	Remaklus
Marcia Belcheir	Memory	Ethyl Minnis
Judy Halverson	Memory	Tg Belcheir
Barbara Nixon	Honor	Pauline Butler
Stan Barth	Memory	Confirmation Class of 2014
Brian F Randolph	Memory	Phyllis Barth
Julie Peterson	Memory	Betty Bodovinitz; Dale
Deanna McKellip	Honor	Randolph
Madonna Burchfield	Memory	Nancy & Frank Anderson
Norm & Flora Walker	Memory	Bob Forney
Norm & Flora Walker	Honor	Darrell Burchfield
Sam & Sara Goodwin	Memory	Sister Grace Hungerford
Ethyl Minnis	Honor	Brenda, Jeff, Beth, Marj- our children
Lynn McCoy	Memory	Our parents
Ken, Rhonda Ralls & Katie & Sam	Memory	Maggie
Mark & Cheryl Richardson	Memory	Curt Naeve
Cynthia Jonsson	Memory	Jim Ralls
Pete Nealis	Honor	Our parents
		Curt Naeve
		Norma



Save the date! 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.



*The Interfaith Equality Coalition invites you to:*

Healing and Hope:  
an Interfaith Service to Lift Up  
"Add the Words"

**Monday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Ahavath Beth Israel Social Hall**  
**11 N. Latah Street, Boise**

***For 8 years the Idaho legislature has refused to hold a hearing for a bill to add the words "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to the Idaho Human Rights Act. During this interfaith service we will acknowledge our disappointment and look to the future with hope.***

Please Join Us!



# Hillview UMW NEWS and EVENTS

## *Mission u*

On your mark, get set, and go for the gold in adult learning experiences. The date for *Mission u* 2014 is July 24 -27, Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise. You can attend the Thursday evening/Fri. session; Saturday/Sunday morning session, or attend all 4 days!

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)

Leading “How Is It with Your Soul?” will be the Rev. Sandra Kimbrow and Sheila Sundahl. Framed within the four verbs, “pray,” “learn,” “mentor” and “transform,” this study examines the historical setting of that important question in Methodist class and band meetings and the perspectives on the four verbs from different cultural contexts.

Study Leaders for “The Church and People with Disabilities” are Dr. Roger Boe and the Rev. Janine DeLaunay. Topics of Awareness, Accessibility, and Advocacy range from biblical perspectives, overviews of living with and adapting to varying disabilities, completion of an accessibility audit, and multisensory worship and education.

Returning this year to facilitate “The Roma of Europe” is Helen Van Nice. This history of the Roma explores their treatment in contemporary European culture, their lifestyle, and their spirituality; investigates ways that the church and other organizations work with them; and presents opportunities for response and advocacy.

Registration forms for *Mission u* are on the United Methodist Women’s bulletin board in the Ballantyne hallway. Hillview UMW offers sponsorships.

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

May 3	Spring Luncheon
May 7	Friends of Phoebe
May 4-10	Mission Trip to Salt Lake City UMCOR Depot
May 13	Veteran Ladies Lunch



# Music Notes

## THANK YOU!

July 1, 2008, marked the beginning of an extended ministry opportunity and experience I never anticipated. After being a music teacher and church music director for 40 years, I assumed I would lay aside the music books and move into a new phase of life and activities. I can say with a very grateful heart that being a member of the Hillview staff has been a wonderful nearly six-year chapter in my life and personal ministry.

Many factors influenced my decision to offer my letter of resignation to the Staff and Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), none of which include dissatisfaction with the church or the various ministries that are visible and in the process of developing. I have appreciated the gracious support of the congregation and of those who have worked closely with me in the music ministries. Engaging in ministry with the Chancel Choir, Hillview Instruments, Rhapsody Ringers, and occasional times with the children has been a special joy and source of personal enrichment. I am especially grateful for the spiritual direction and ministry of Pastor Barbara.

I express my deepest thanks to the SPRC and congregation for the opportunity I have had to become a small part of the life and influence of Hillview in the continuing purpose of providing a place where faith matters. My prayers will continue to be with you in this endeavor, and I will value your prayers for me and my family in this time of transition and change.

Gene Lubiens

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

Gene Lubiens, Music Director

## **Yard Sale With a Twist –June 7**

We need your donations of usable items and then pay the yard sale volunteers at least \$30 to haul your items off to the church. We will begin collecting items Wednesday, June 4; Thursday, June 5; and Friday, June 6. We will have volunteers at the church in the evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to receive drop-offs and the \$30 donation too. There is a sign-up sheet for those who need to have items picked up at their homes.

The items will then be given away free on June 7 to new refugee families. Think what you would need to start your life over if you were a refugee. Be sure the items are in good condition!

Your \$30 donation will be used for the Volunteer In Mission fund, and your donated items will be another way to be in mission by helping others. Save your good stuff you don't need or that you want to share till June 7! Contact person: Judy Halverson, 327-0541.

## **Volunteer In Mission Trip--UMCOR West Depot**

On May 4, Hillview's Volunteer In Mission team will leave for Salt Lake City for a week of volunteering at the UMCOR West Depot. UMCOR West is a 22,000-square-foot depot that stores much needed disaster relief supplies that are sent state side and abroad in times of disaster and war. At the depot, volunteer mission groups gather, assemble, package and shelve relief supply kits for future shipping. Remember when last summer our Hillview Vacation Bible School collected school supplies for school kits sent to the depot? Volunteers went through every bag to check that items in each bag were in order. Volunteers at UMCOR West are vital to the success of this ministry. Please keep our Hillview VIM team in your prayers: Gary and Merrie Albright, Tami Eide, Sara and Sam Goodwin, Kristen Guyon, Heidi Holmes, Judy Halverson, Cheryl and Mark Richardson, Janine Watkins, Rita Woods, and Gayle Woods.



## **LETTER CARRIER FOOD DRIVE**

**Stamp Out Hunger**

**Saturday, May 10**

**1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Shift**

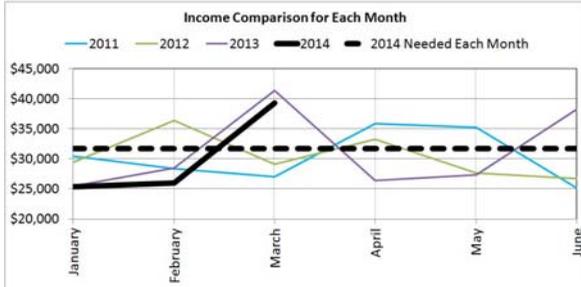
**Cole Post Office Station**

## **VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!!**

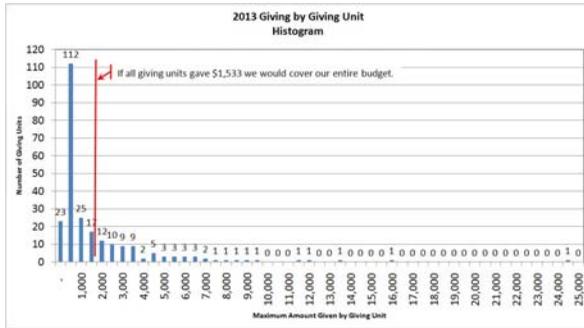
Volunteers are needed to put food into large totes for the Idaho Foodbank, so standing is required. The location is behind the Cole Post Office Station, off Ustick Rd. and Cole Rd. Sign up on the tables in the Gathering Area. Contact Judy Halverson at 327-0541 or [judybhalverson@gmail.com](mailto:judybhalverson@gmail.com), for more information.

# Finance

We want to give you an update on our finances for this year. The chart at the right shows where we stood as of March 31, 2014. The cross-hatched portion at the top of expenses represents our portion of Shared Ministry.



The chart above shows the amount of income received for each month in 2014 as well as the previous three years. The heavy lines show 2014 with the dashed line being what is needed each month. March income (5 Sundays) was above what was needed for the month. Let's keep it up.



This chart shows the number of givers who gave up to a certain amount in 2013. It shows that 112 givers gave between \$0 and \$500, and that two gave between \$3,500 and \$4,000. It also shows that if the 248 givers each give \$1,533, we would cover our budgeted items. These charts are posted on the bulletin board by the office.

Curtis Kron  
Chair, Finance Team

## 2014 Receipts vs. Expenses vs. Budget as of March 31



Asking not included in expenses: \$1,964  
Church Development, Youth & Young Adult Ministries, BSU Wesley Foundation, Hispanic Ministry, District Church Extension

# Faith in Action

## Exciting New Inter-Denominational Service Opportunity

Save Saturday, June 21, in your summer plans for a morning of serving our community with your family and neighbors. The **Community Service Day 2014** will bring together members of **seven churches** and four service groups from Capital High School to provide assistance to 16 agencies and organizations that serve those in need in our community. Service projects will include: cleaning, outdoor work & repair, packaging commodities, making fleece blankets, organizing, and assembling hygiene kits.

Singles, couples, grandparents and grandkids, one parent with children – whatever your “family” configuration that day, you are invited to be a part. There will be tasks for everyone from the hard-core “get in there and do major work” folks to the “I need something I can do sitting down” folks and everyone in between.

Registration materials are available in the gathering area, and you will know your job assignment prior to that day. We invite you to be a part of **Community Service Day 2014 on Saturday, June 21, 2014, from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm.**

## 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.

## Hillview’s Community Gardens

Do you enjoy getting your hands in the soil, or are you at/near the church regularly and willing to pull a few weeds or turn on the timer to water the gardens? Want to grow your own produce but don’t have the space or energy for your own garden? You can either sign up for a share of the new Hillview Community Garden or just to **help occasionally**. Located west of the youth house, the produce grown communally in them will go on the First Fruits cart on Sunday mornings, and excess produce will be donated to the Community Ministries Center’s food pantry. Sign up at the back of the Gathering Area or contact Gayle Woods for more information.

## Thank You to LDS Mission Volunteers

The Hillview Refugee Gardens were visited by 14 Mission Volunteers of the LDS Church in our Bench area on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Under the supervision of Kathy Tuttle, these young people cleaned up and fixed up the garden areas. They cleared the trash, weeds and tree branches/needles, cleaned the shed, sharpened and cleaned the tools, cut and placed/replaced the weed barrier/carpet pieces. They turned the compost piles and worked over the drying pile so that that could be chipped and added to the compost bins for this coming summer, and turned and prepared the soil in a couple of the gardens where the families needed some help. They also worked on our 2 Hillview community garden spaces. Our gardens, tools and plots are now ready to start the new season of growing food for families. A huge “thank you” to them!

**The CROP Walk scheduled for May 18 has been cancelled and rescheduled for October 19, 2014.**

## **Our Church Staff**

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## **Donations Received**

Donations have been made recently in memory of Karen Henning, Lois Baker's daughter, and Mary Rasmussen, Jim Rasmussen's sister.

In honor of Dan and Dawn Pierce, a donation was made to Hillview.

## **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**

May 1: Young Adult Dinner

May 3: UMW Spring Luncheon

May 4: Confirmation Sunday  
MYMU Mini Golf Adventure

May 8: Lunch Bunch  
Interfaith Gathering

May 12: Interfaith Equality Coalition Interfaith Service

May 18: Road Map for Seniors

May 28: Community Meal

May 30: Movie Night

June 7: Yard Sale With a Twist

June 21: Family Service Day

June 23-27: Vacation Bible School

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