



**A place where
faith matters**

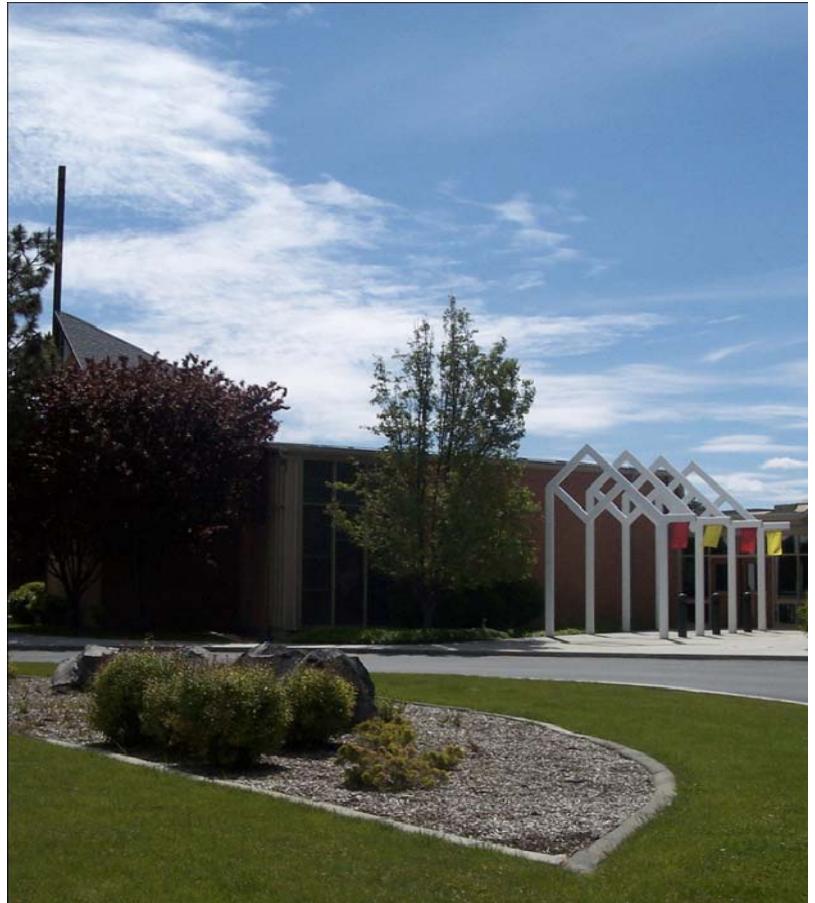
The Connector

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.

A few months ago our Church Council adopted a simple mission statement:

Hillview United Methodist Church is committed to being a community of followers of Jesus Christ whose faith matters.

Along with this statement, they adopted three “focus strategies,” meaning three ways we will work hard live into this mission:

We will strengthen Hillview as a place where people can connect with God, with others and self no matter where they are on their faith journeys, no matter what questions they may have.

We build awareness in the wider community of the emphasis we place on personal spiritual growth AND action beyond our walls.

We will empower individuals to uncover and pursue their particular passions for social justice—locally, nationally and/or globally.

To some degree, all of the above does reflect Hillview as we are now. But we have lots of work to do if we are serious about living more fully into our mission. And that work needs to keep us focused collectively on our mission. This means that Hillview ministry teams will keep in mind our church tenets (available at the Welcome Counter) and these strategies as they do their work. In a very real sense, there are no bad ideas and we will work to be respectful about all ideas from all sources that are offered for consideration in the life of our church. But there are ideas and possibilities that are not a match for our mission. This reality requires our leaders to be very discerning. I ask us all to be in prayer about our mission and to be open to where God leads us as we continue our life together as followers of Jesus Christ.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES



We are collecting food for the Community Ministries Center Thanksgiving Boxes **through November 10.**

You can **pledge a turkey** for the Thanksgiving boxes by dropping a note in the **Thanksgiving food collection bin**; then bring the actual frozen turkey to church on November 17. **Cash donations** are also welcome.

Below are the **items other than turkeys that are needed:**

Canned yams or sweet potatoes
Canned pumpkin
Fruit cocktail or other canned fruit
Canned green beans or corn

Canned cranberries
Canned milk
Boxed dressing (stuffing)
Jell-O

As we get closer to Thanksgiving, you can also bring the following:

Pie shells (frozen)
Butter
Fresh potatoes

They also need volunteers to assemble the Thanksgiving boxes **on Sunday, November 17, at 3 p.m.** in the annex at Mountain View Community Church, 3000 Esquire Drive, Boise.

We work (often in collaboration with other organizations and faith communities) to minister with people whose struggles include hunger, poverty and homelessness. –Tenet 9

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, November 3

On November 3 at both services we will be remembering and honoring those persons from within our congregation who have died since this time a year ago. There will also be an opportunity for people to light candles in memory of all those lost this year beyond our congregation: friends, family, even beloved pets (which we know can be family too). This is always a beautiful Sunday and special time of remembering. Plan to be there, and be sure to invite anyone in your life who needs to honor their departed loved ones.

Lunch Bunch

We will meet on November 14 at Louie's Pizza & Italian Restaurant (6565 Fairview Ave.) at 11:30 a.m. Please come join us! Sign up in the Gathering Area, or call the church office at 375-0392.

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COMMUNITY MEAL



COMMUNITY MEAL is **November 27**. The entrée will be meatloaf.

NEEDED:

Helping hands

Food to serve 20

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. We need YOU!

Questions? Contact Marilesta Nelson at 375-5116 or email nelsonm111@aol.com.

The Refugee Gardens could use donations of lightly used, nearly new, or new garden tools. If you or someone you know are retiring their shovels, hoes, and rakes, these items would be appreciated by the families who use the space at Hillview.



An Interfaith Gathering for Reflections on Gratitude

Thursday, November 14, 7:00 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 6200 Garrett St., Garden City, ID 83714

Come share in an hour of songs, sacred texts, and simple rituals presented by local faith communities. Light refreshments following. *Questions? Call Rev. Barbara Nixon (991-8464)*. Sponsored by Healing Our Future.

**You are invited to attend the
Thirty-First Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical and Interreligious Service.
Monday Evening, November 25, 7:30 p.m.
Saint John's Cathedral (corner of Eighth and Hays streets)**

Come join us in prayer and song with representatives from the city's various religious denominations, civic and state leaders, the Ecumenical and Interreligious Choir of more than 100 voices, the brass ensemble, and the great Cathedral pipe organ. Please bring several canned or boxed food items for the Idaho Food Bank. A collection (cash/check) will also be taken during the service for Corpus Christi House.

Buy a Hillview T-shirt



Did you miss the opportunity to buy a Hillview T-shirt this past spring? You now have a second chance! Orders will be taken for Hillview T-shirts in the Gathering Area on November 3 and 10. They are available in a variety of colors and in both men's and women's sizes. "Hillview United Methodist Church" and the Methodist logo are on the front. The phrase "Room at the Table for All" is on the back. The shirts will be available in time for Christmas. Not only can these shirts be worn at church events, but they are a perfect way to represent our church when attending rallies and legislative hearings. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Mallis at dmallis@juno.com or 853-2740.

Youth News

We finished our unit on prayer with a soggy walk down Northview, up Cole, and returned on Ustick. Seven youth completed this walk in total silence. Yes, silence, for 45 minutes. During the month of October (and into November), we are studying service and answering the question "How do we act toward others when we see them through the eyes of God?" To practice, our Youth Group painted the lovely abstract art currently hanging in the Gathering Area across



from the church office. Blindfolded, they were told to paint an item (i.e., a dog or a tree). Their friends then verbally guided their brush strokes to create this masterpiece.

We need your help living out SERVICE in two ways. First, from now until November 10 we are collecting much-needed toiletry items and clothing (new large sizes) for the Idaho State Veterans home. Walmart gift cards are welcome! See the footlocker display in the Gathering Area for a complete list.



We are also seeking yards to rake for our annual Rake Up Hillview. Our Youth Group will help you put your yard to bed for the winter at NO COST! We just want to help anyone who needs it. See Claire or Jeff if you need help with fall yard work.



November Calendar

- 3rd 5-6:30 p.m. At the Youth House. Regular Youth Group
- 10th 4:00-4:45 p.m. Youth Council (planning the Christmas party!)
5:00-6:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 17th 4:00-6:00 p.m. Rake Up Hillview! We will be raking yards for Hillview members and friends throughout Boise. Dress for the weather; bring your rake, gloves and other gardening tools. ***ADULT DRIVERS NEEDED***
- 24th 5:00-6:30 p.m. Regular Youth group at the Youth House



Hillview's Congregational Care Ministries provide care, concern, prayer, and support for families and individuals at various stages, places, and circumstances of life. The Congregational Care Team is here to respond to the needs of the congregation and to engage the church in the ongoing spiritual, physical, emotional, and relational expressions of living faithfully within the Body of Christ.

Visitation—Hillview extends friendship and compassion through its Care Ministries. Under the supervision of Maggie Edmondson, Minister of Congregational Life, we strive to create meaningful relationships with each person we meet, whether they are homebound members, in the hospital, in an assisted living facility, or simply in need of pastoral care. If you or someone you know has a care need, please contact the church office.



Prayer Chain—There are times in all of our lives when we need to be lifted up in prayer by our community of faith. We consider it a privilege and responsibility to pray for the hurts of individuals, families, towns, nations, and the wider world. Please contact Linda Sherrets at 377-3248 to add your request to the prayer chain.

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, Monterey, CA; Kevin Custer, USMC; Dustin Soper; Cara Hammond, Air Force, Mississippi; 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.



Knowing Your Options: Planning for the Next Stage of Life

Are you considering making a change in your living arrangements as you grow older? Do you know the difference between Independent Living, Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing and Home Health Care options? Have you already made these changes? If so, what do you wish you knew before making these changes and what advice could you offer to someone else in a similar position? If you are looking to make these changes or have already made these changes, then join us on Sunday, November 3, at noon in Ballantyne Hall for a light lunch and interactive discussion.

Emergency Compassion Fund (A ministry to those at risk)

From week to week, Hillview Secretary Claudia Flora, Congregational Life Pastor Maggie Edmondson, and Pastor Barbara Nixon regularly encounter people with emergency needs. Many of these people are traveling; some are local people, others come from within the congregation. The specific circumstances are as varied as the people they see. Most have a one-time, very real financial need. To meet these needs, they have drawn on a small “rainy day fund” that some Hillview folks have supported. (This fund is essentially empty.) They have drawn on a small contact list of persons who are open to giving for these kinds of needs, and they have used funds from their own pockets.

Money raised at the Bazaar will go directly into the renamed Emergency Compassion Fund to be drawn from at the discretion of office staff and the church treasurer whenever financial help is deemed necessary.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the United Methodist Church has a book of *Social Principles*? The social principles are a call to a "prayerful, studied dialogue of faith and practice," according to their preface in the United Methodist *Book of Discipline*. While not considered church law, the preface emphasizes that they are an effort on the part of the General Conference "to speak to the human issues in the contemporary world from a sound biblical and theological foundation as historically demonstrated in United Methodist traditions.”

One of the social principles speaks to the responsibility of both our government and private enterprise:

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We claim all economic systems to be under the judgment of God no less than other facets of the created order. Therefore, we recognize the responsibility of governments to develop and implement sound fiscal and monetary policies that provide for the economic life of individuals and corporate entities and that ensure full employment and adequate incomes with a minimum of inflation. We believe private and public economic enterprises are responsible for the social costs of doing business, such as employment and environmental pollution, and that they should be held accountable for these costs. We support measures that would reduce the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few. We further support efforts to revise tax structures and to eliminate governmental support programs that now benefit the wealthy at the expense of other persons.



Kids Basics

Join us in November for a three-week Kids Basics class on Being a United Methodist at 9:15 a.m. in Room 10. Kids will learn more about John Wesley (founder of the Methodist movement), what we believe as United Methodists, and more. ALL kids (and youth) are invited to come and learn more about why being a United Methodist is so awesome. Please contact Maggie Edmondson if you have any questions or need more information.

Children's Church

Children's Church meets every Sunday in Room 10 immediately following Kids & Grown-Ups Together during the 10 a.m. service for children ages 3 to 2nd grade. During Children's Church, the kids interact together over the Scripture reading for that Sunday. After hearing the story of the day, they complete an activity or craft relating to the lesson.

Third Grade Bible Class

Third graders will have the opportunity to learn how to use the Bible and participate in a 2-month class that exposes them to the different stories and many voices found in the Bible. Throughout the class, students will become familiar with a wide range of Bible stories. Each third grader will be presented with a personal Bible upon completion of the class in November and will remain in worship following this class that meets in the library during Children's Church.



Join us on Sunday, November 3, at the 10 a.m. service to recognize the third grade class, as a congregation, and celebrate their work in learning about the Bible. All third graders who have been attending the class will receive their own Bible.

THEOLOGY THURSDAY! November 21, 5:30 p.m.

Pastor Barbara leads a free-wheeling theological conversation over sandwiches at Cobby's (4348 Chinden) on the third Thursday of each 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 necessary. Just come and enjoy! Questions? Call Pastor Barbara (991-8464).

Advent Workshop



**Saturday, November 30, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Ballantyne Hall**

Looking to add more depth to your journey through Advent this year? We have just the workshop for you! We will make Advent wreaths, ornaments for your Christmas tree, Chrismon ornaments for Hillview's tree, Christmas cards for our homebound members to deliver when we go Christmas caroling, and other fun Christmas treats. There is a suggested \$10 (per family) donation (with scholarships available) to cover the cost of supplies, and EVERYONE is welcome to attend. Please contact Maggie Edmondson, Minister of Congregational Life, for more information or with questions at 891-4385.

MYMU—Methodist Youth Moving Up

MYMU will meet on Sunday, November 10, from noon until 2 p.m. We will conclude our study on John Wesley's *Three Simple Rules for Following Jesus* and learn how we are to "Stay in Love with God." We will also eat lunch and play games.

All 3rd-6th graders are invited to join us for this group of their very own. Please let Maggie know if you will be there, so we have enough food for lunch.

"Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God." -John Wesley

Music and More

This year our Christmas Pageant offers our Hillview children a wonderful and unique opportunity to learn how to play the tone chimes as a part of their annual offering to the congregation. Each week **through December 11** children Preschool-6th grade will learn how to play the chimes, sing, and practice their parts for the pageant. There are **NO auditions** and **ALL** children are invited to take part in this pageant led by Sue Walch and Maggie Edmondson. There will be no practice on November 27 (Thanksgiving break) and there will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 14, from 10 a.m.-noon. The Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 15, during the 10 a.m. worship service.



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.
Contact: Judy Halverson,
327-0541

Fellowship Circle:

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

Contact for UMW events:

Judy Halverson, 327-0541, or
judybhalverson@gmail.com.

General Unit Meeting

Saturday, November 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Church Library

All ladies are invited to join us to learn about "Interfaith Community." Barbara will help us explore what an Interfaith Community is and why it is important for us take opportunities to connect with people of other faiths.

We will also vote on the 2014 budget, election of officers, and have a pledge service prior to Barbara's presentation.

You can shop at the Church Bazaar afterwards!

Please contact Judy Halverson by October 30 to make arrangements for child care.

"Journey to Adopt"

Thursday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Church Library

Everyone is invited to hear Gene Lubiens' story of his daughter Kendra's journey to adopt Zimri in Uganda this past summer. This special Fellowship Circle meeting is open to all!

Annual Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 7, at 10:00 a.m.

Don't miss our annual Christmas Gathering Brunch on Saturday, December 7, at 10:00 a.m. in Ballantyne Hall. The brunch is provided, so just bring along a friend! The Angel Tree gift tags for children who have parents in prison will be available at the brunch. Another opportunity to be in the giving spirit of Christmas is to bring postage stamps as gifts for our Veteran Ladies who live at the Idaho Veterans Home. *If child care is needed, please contact Judy by December 1. We have a tradition of daughters of ALL ages (yes, even babies!) attend with their mothers or grandmothers!*

Mark Your Calendars -- United Methodist Women Events:

Nov. 9	General Unit Meeting - 10:00 a.m. in the parlor
Nov. 12	Veteran Ladies Lunch—10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Dec. 7	Page Christmas Brunch—10:00 a.m. in Ballantyne Hall
May 4-10	Mission Trip to Salt Lake City UMCOR Depot



Music Notes

THANK YOU, KIDS!

They were more than a young praise team leading in praise and worship—which they did with confidence and enthusiasm. The kids were a vital part of every element of our **Children’s Sunday Service** (October 13) as they provided chime accompaniment for the Hymn of Tradition, offered personal prayers during the Joys and Concerns, sang the offertory special highlighting the fact that each one could affirm *“I Am A Promise,”* and through creative drama assisted Pastor Barbara during the *“Mood Math”* pastoral reflections. Thanks to Maggie Edmonson, Sue Walch, youth assistants, and parents for supporting the involvement of children in our ministries and underscoring the directive of Christ, *“Don’t push these children away. Don’t ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom* (Mark 10:14, The Message). Thank you, kids!

SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 22, 7 p.m.

“Night of Music”

This annual event has become an Advent tradition for many individuals and families as the Music Department and guest musicians share an evening of seasonal music, joy, and refreshment. The *Night of Music* is an excellent way to pause and enjoy the sounds of festive music and review the personal meaning and significance of the season in the midst of a typically increased pace of holiday activities. We hope you will mark this date on your Advent calendar and share in the celebration and fellowship of this special evening.

REHEARSALS: (sanctuary)

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

New members are always welcome. Previous experience is not required.

Gene Lubiens, Music Director

Finance

The table below shows how we have done financially, on average, each week through September 30. The figures reflect the 39 weeks before September 30.

Average income each week	\$ 6,999
Average expenses each week	7,191
Average shortage each week	-192

The table shows where we were as of September 30 and, if the current trend continues, where we will be at the end of the year. Please carefully consider what you might be able to do.

Total shortfall as of September 30	-\$7,506
Total shortfall at end of year	-\$10,008

If you are required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA or retirement plan this year, did you know that you can have part or all of that distribution made directly from your plan to the church? An RMD begins when you turn 70½. If it is transferred directly, the amount of the contribution can be excluded from your gross income. This should lower your taxes. If you take the distribution and then donate to the church, it is counted as income and you can only deduct the donation if you itemize on your tax return. These two links can provide further information:

<http://www.irs.gov/Retirement-Plans/Charitable-Donations-from-IRAs-for-2012-and-2013>
[http://www.irs.gov/Retirement-Plans/Plan-Participant,-Employee/Retirement-Topics---Required-Minimum-Distributions-\(RMDs\)](http://www.irs.gov/Retirement-Plans/Plan-Participant,-Employee/Retirement-Topics---Required-Minimum-Distributions-(RMDs))

This is just to give you a heads up. Please check with your personal advisors.

Curtis Kron
Chair, Finance Team

Blue Christmas Service, Sunday, December 15, 7 p.m.



Christmas can be a painful time for some people. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died. It may be a time that has always been difficult.

The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation—all of these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and spending. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern. We need to know that we are not alone.

Our spirits sink, as the days grow shorter. We feel the darkness growing deeper around us. We need encouragement to live the days ahead of us. Come out and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle—and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness.

Help prepare the church for Advent and Christmas on Saturday, November 30, at 10 a.m.

All are welcome to join the Worship Ministry Team. The more the merrier and quicker to get the work accomplished. Hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies will be provided!



Caroling!

On December 14 (early afternoon, most likely) we will carol. This year there will be the option of staying at the church and calling our homebound and singing to them by phone or going to see them in person. This way as many of you who would like to participate will be able to join in the fun. We will coordinate the time with the children's rehearsal so they can join us so watch for more details. Hot chocolate, coffee and cookies will be served afterward.

Faith in Action

Christmas in October?

If you are planning to “get your Christmas shopping out of the way early,” before you hit the stores, consider these options for Alternative Christmas Gifts:

Watch for additional information and the Alternative Giving Tree display right after Thanksgiving. The Faith in Action team has selected three projects this year—one global, one local, and one “Hillview.”

Interfaith Sanctuary

Homelessness in Boise is increasing and there is a need for expanded services in addition to the ongoing needs.

Honduran Scholarship Fund

Scholarships support education for students from Fuerzas Unidas, one of the poorest areas in Honduras.

Hillview Camperships

To help provide our children and youth with this wonderful opportunity for Christian growth, Hillview provides partial financial assistance to attend church camp.

OR

Hillview Night at Dunia Marketplace



Mark your calendar for the third annual Hillview Shopping Night at Dunia Marketplace in Hyde Park on Sunday, December 1, 5-8 p.m. Dunia will be open after hours for Hillview members, friends, and guests.

The mission of Dunia is to provide vital, fair income to artisans by selling their handicrafts and telling their stories. Enjoy this special opportunity to browse their wide assortment of gifts from around the world, and to sample homemade goodies while you do your Christmas shopping. Enjoy a relaxed evening of fellowship and make a difference in the world.

Dunia is located at 1609 N. 13th Street in Boise’s Hyde Park District. For additional hours, visit their web site at www.duniamarketplace.com or call 333-0535.

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Hillview UMC Bazaar

Our **Church Bazaar** will be on **November 9**. We welcome your donations of hand-crafted items, baked goods, jams, and jellies. Donations may be dropped off no later than November 8 (baked goods may be brought in early on the 9th). We will be setting up at 1 p.m. and would appreciate as many helping hands as can be there. We also need helpers during the sale; signup sheet is in the Gathering Area. Proceeds will go to the Emergency Compassion Fund. Questions? Please call Claudia Flora (375-0392 or 409-2979).

Say Cheese!

Your WIM

Team has set the date for our next photo directory—December 3-7. Get ready to sign up. Look for more information in future newsletters and on the screen between services.



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.

Dates to Remember

November 3: All Saints Sunday
Road Map for Seniors- Planning for the Next Stage of Life

November 9: Church Bazaar
UMW Unit Meeting

November 10: MYMU

November 14: Lunch Bunch at Louie's Pizza & Italian
Restaurant
An Interfaith Gathering for Reflections on Gratitude

November 17: Rake Up Hillview

November 21: Theology Thursday

November 27: Community Meal

November 30: Advent Workshop
Advent and Christmas preparation

December 7: UMW Christmas Brunch

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