



The Connector

Sunday Morning

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

Small groups and Bible
Studies for all ages are avail-
able after each service.

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

**Fall Back on November 2.
Daylight Savings Time ends!**

All Saints Sunday, Nov. 2
Join us as we give thanks for all those who have died in the
faith.

MYMU Fall Lock-In
Friday, November 7—7 p.m. to Saturday, November 8 at 8 a.m.
Calling all 3rd—6th graders! Bring a friend, a snack to
share, your sleeping bags, and your sense of adventure!

**Road Map for Seniors: Planning Your Last Hurrah
November 9 noon—2 p.m.**
.We will discuss Pre-Planning Your Memorial Service with
Rev. Brenda Sene. A light lunch will be served. Please sign
up on the Congregational Care bulletin board.

Church Bazaar, Nov. 15, 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Come support our Community Meal as you shop for tasty
treats and craft items!

Hanging of the Greens, Nov. 30
Join us for a potluck sandwich and finger food lunch and
decorating the church following Sunday School.



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.

Offerings

November is an odd month in the church. We often treat it as a preparation month. Instead of living in the moment, we look entirely to the future. This short changes a wonderful month. It sometimes feels like the church has adopted the capitalist/secular approach, where people are encouraged to think about Christmas shopping even before the end of October. Advent is the time of preparation before Christmas, and now November is the time of preparation before Advent. I encourage you this month to slow down and appreciate each day of November.

November begins with All Saints Day, when we take the time to give thanks for all of those who have died in the faith. Our personal saints, who have passed the faith down to us, are worthy of the time we spend thinking of them and giving thanks for them. I give thanks for my grandparents, parents, and sister, as well as the hundreds of church members over whose funerals I have presided.

On Sunday, November 9, many of us will be gathering after worship and Sunday school to “prepare for our final hurrahs.” I love that we are doing this one week after our All Saints celebration. We acknowledge that we, too, are saints, and that one day we will join with all of the other saints at Christ’s heavenly banquet. As much as we work to deny it, death is part of life. We are giving our children and grandchildren a gift when we let them know what our final wishes are. Let’s take the time to write to them about what we want to be remembered for, and what we believe about life after death. These thoughts are just as important as the details of our obituaries, and will be treasured even more by our families.

After all of this talk about saints, our church will feel completely alive on the weekend of November 14 – 16. The District Youth will hold a retreat at Hillview, and our 8:30 worship service will be wonderfully inundated with many, many young people as we celebrate communion together.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23, we will be invited to remain after worship to learn about our Endowment, and to give thanks for the saints of this church who made plans for the future of Hillview. Everything about our worship will express our gratitude to God.

November 30 is the First Sunday of Advent! After worship we will hang the greens together (decorate the church). We will also begin filling our prayer tree this Sunday. A prayer tree is our church’s true Christmas wish (prayer) list to God. You will

be invited to write out your prayers during Advent on a small piece of paper. Each of these prayers will then be folded and placed into a clear glass ball ornament and placed on a Christmas tree. Each week our Christmas prayers will be added to the tree. As you are shopping this month, please look for clear glass ball ornaments, and consider buying a package or two and donating them to the church.

Please, take the time to appreciate November—not as preparation for Advent and Christmas, but as a wonderful time to explore your relationship with God.

Grace and Peace,
Brenda



The Worship Committee invites you and your family to help us prepare our church for Advent and Christmas.

What? Hanging of the Greens (& other decorating activities)

When? Sunday November 30 after a potluck sandwich and finger food lunch.

There will be things that all ages can do. Do you have a Nativity set that you would like to share? We will have a special area in the Sanctuary that will be set up to display them. There will be more information on this as time gets closer.



POINSETTIA SALES WILL START November 30. Cost will be \$12. Sign up in the Gathering Area to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone.

Advent Devotional

Interested in receiving Hillview's Advent Devotional? If so, we need you to sign up in the Gathering Area and indicate whether or not you would like to receive a printed copy (and how many) or would like to receive your devotional emailed to you daily. Please sign up no later than Sunday, November 16, because we will be printing and assembling the books during that week. Please contact Maggie Thompson if you have any questions or need more information at meg.edmondson@gmail.com or 891.4385.



Lunch Bunch

The Hillview Lunch Bunch will meet at Cottonwood Grill (River & 9th) at 11:30 a.m. on November 13 . The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area, or call the church office (375-0392) if you would like to attend.



COMMUNITY MEAL November 26.

The entrée will be is Sloppy Joes.

NEEDED:

Helping Hands

Food to serve 20

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.

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



DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL OCCASION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOUR HILLVIEW FAMILY? If you would like to provide flowers for the altar to honor a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion, please contact Marilesta Nelson (375-5116) or Claudia in the church office (375-0392).

Visitation Team

The Congregational Care Committee is expanding its homebound visitation team. Homebound members rely on these visits to feel connected to Hillview and appreciate the connection these visits offer. Contact Maggie Edmondson, Minister of Congregational Life, to sign up for this wonderful and vital care ministry.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

During September and October we finished our review of the first 5 books of the Bible and started our new Youth Leadership Council. Active members of the council include Nichole Pittz, Jayne-Marie Linguist, Tyler Gallas and Ryan Hanson. These youth are responsible for leading games and devotionals each youth group, as well as helping Jeff and Claire plan events and service projects. Their leadership is VITAL to maintaining our vibrant youth group!

October 19th kicked off our 15ish annual **Veteran's Footlocker Drive** (which will end on Veteran's Day in November). This is an important service project for the Boise community. Not only does it provide needed supplies for our veterans living in the State Veteran's Home, it also reminds them that they are not forgotten and provides a link across generations. A complete list of needed items are next to the footlocker in the gathering area, and on page 7 of this newsletter.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 2nd 5:00-6:30 At the Youth House.** Regular Youth Group. We'll have a brief discussion of books in the Bible named for or about women, followed by time to create crafts or baked goods to donate to the church bazaar.
- 9th 4:00-4:45 Youth Leadership Council.** Planning the Christmas Party!
5:00-6:30 At the Youth House. Regular Youth Group. The Shortest books of the Bible and Minute to Win it Games!
- 14th-16th Treasure Valley Youth Rally. At Hillview!** With other Methodist churches around Treasure Valley, we'll meet Friday evening for a weekend of service and fellowship. Bring overnight gear and work clothes. Cost is \$25* and registration forms will be available at Youth Group or on the Youth Bulletin board.
- 16th NO EVENING YOUTH GROUP MEETING**
- 23rd 5:00-6:30 At the Youth House.** A Youth Group Thanksgiving Feast. **Bring your favorite candy/chips or other junk food to share.**
- 30th Noon-1:30. At Hillview.** Hanging of the Greens followed by Potluck lunch!
- **NO EVENING YOUTH GROUP MEETING****

*Never let financial hardship keep you from attending youth events! We do have some scholarships available. See Claire or Jeff for help.

Finance

On Sunday, October 12, Pastor Brenda spoke about small churches and what is happening to them as they struggle. Some pastors are wondering if there will be a church for them to serve, while the congregations are wondering if their church will last.



Vale, OR

United Methodists are part of a connectional faith. Each of us is connected to every church and outreach wherever it may be.

As we pay our bills, we are directly supporting these small churches by helping to provide a pastor so they can worship, grow in their faith, and reach others with the message of Jesus Christ. There are 14 churches in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference receiving this support.

I experience some joy as I pass through a small town and see a United Methodist Church, probably the only church, knowing that I am a part of keeping it there.



Monmouth, OR

Help these churches continue in their service by your donations to Hillview. We need to cover our current shortfall of \$18,205 so we can continue supporting this outreach.

Curtis Kron, Chair of Finance

All Church Conference November 11, 2014 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for this important annual meeting where we will approve the pastor's salary, vote on the lay leadership, and the membership report. We will also have a brief presentation from the Endowment Committee.

2014 Veteran's Foot Locker Drive October 19th—November 16th



Items needed at the State Veteran's Home:

Clothing:

NO UNDERWEAR OR UNDERGARMENTS

Sweatpants, Sweat shirts and sweat suits for men & women. Sizes L,XL, XXL, 3XL

Socks for both men and women

Stocking caps (beanies), scarves and sweaters

Ladies' clothing items (10 lady vets at the home)

Pants and shirts, especially larger sizes

Comforters, throws, wraps, quilts or blankets

Personal Care Items

Wal-Mart Gift cards (any amount). Give them to Claire Chambers, Jeff Thompson or leave them in the church office c/o Veteran's footlocker drive

Denture Cleaner and dental adhesive

Deodorants, anti-perspirants and hand cream

Hairbrushes with soft bristles

Postage stamps, note cards

Large print reading material

Activity books (crosswords, word searches, Sudoku)

****PLEASE: NEW, HANDMADE OR LIKE NEW ITEMS ONLY! ****

Our veterans deserve the best!

MYMU Fall Lock-In

Calling all 3rd-6th graders! We will be having a lock-in on Friday, November 7, from 7 p.m. until Saturday, November 8, at 8 a.m. Bring a friend, a snack to share, your sleeping bag, and your sense of adventure! Permission forms will be available in your Sunday School class.

Please contact Heidi Holmes at 619-952-9935 if you have any questions, need more information, or would like to volunteer to help her with this wonderful event.

Children's Christmas Pageant

The Christmas pageant is a tradition that is played out by congregations across the spectrum during the holiday season as it has for generations. Interest in the circumstances of Jesus' birth goes back to the earliest days of Christianity. The story as described in the Gospels was depicted in icons and other religious art. In medieval times, the Nativity story was enacted on traveling wagons as part of religious dramas about the life of Jesus. Saint Francis of Assisi is credited with popularizing the tradition. In a candlelit Christmas Eve service in 1223, he staged a reenactment of Jesus' birth, and he included live animals, a tradition many churches continue to this day.

It's time to begin rehearsing for the annual Christmas pageant! Hillview's children have gifted the congregation with this for as long as anyone can remember. The scripts vary from year to year, but the basic storyline never changes. It's about the birth of Jesus. Children tell the story of a baby being born who brings a new kind of hope, a new kind of life and, a new kind of love to the places that have gone away. Most of us have heard the Christmas story so often that we have the tendency to stop listening to it. Did you know that the Bible actually tells the story from two different perspectives? Do you sometimes find it confusing to remember where in the Bible you can find the various characters in the Christmas story? Can you imagine how confusing it still is for children and youth?

This year, Hillview's children are presenting *Double Take: A Christmas Pageant as Told by Matthew and Luke with Humor, Mystery, and Awe* on Sunday, December 14 at the 10 a.m. worship service. Rehearsals for the Christmas pageant will take place from **6:45-7:15 p.m.** on Wednesdays in November and December. Please see Maggie Thompson and Leigh Falconer for more information and to sign your child up to participate in this wonder gift to the Hillview community.

Thank you!



We would like to thank you all for all you have done to celebrate our marriage. We are blown away by Hillview's generosity, kindness, love, and support as we begin our new life together. Thank you so much for the Honeymoon gift and cupcake party, attending our wedding and reception, for the cards, presents, and well-wishes. We are so very blessed to be a part of this community of faith.

Love,
Jeff and Maggie Thompson

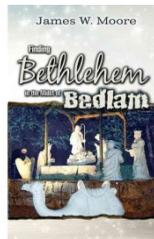
Christmas Pageant Rehearsals



Calling all children, Preschool-6th grade (and any youth who would like to participate)! It's time to start rehearsing for the annual Christmas Pageant. We have many speaking (and non-speaking) parts, so there's something for everyone! There are no auditions, so just show up and we'll find a place for you.

We will have *five* Wednesday rehearsals: November 5, 12, and 19 in addition to December 3 and 10 from **6:45-7:15 p.m.** immediately following Children's Choir. There is a **mandatory dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 13, from 9:30 a.m. until noon.** Please make every effort to attend each rehearsal. If you have any questions, need more information, would like to sign your child up, or would like to volunteer your time, please contact Maggie Thompson at 891.4385 or meg.edmondson@gmail.com.

Advent Study—Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam



Christmas or confusion, Bethlehem or bedlam . . . Which will you choose this year? The truth is, we don't have to choose, because Christmas always happens right in the midst of our confusion. God breaks into our confusion and is made known in Jesus Christ. Christmas and confusion--weren't they intimately related at the first Christmas when Jesus was born? Sometimes we forget that. But, that's what this study is about--how Christ breaks into our chaos and confusion and brings Christmas--how Bethlehem always happens in the midst of bedlam. Join us for this five-week study on Sunday mornings at 11:10 a.m. in Room 6 beginning on November 30. Please sign up for this wonderful class beginning November 1 in the Gathering Area. Books will be available for purchase on Sunday mornings and in the Church Office during the week for \$9. Please contact Maggie Thompson, with any questions or for more information at meg.edmondson@gmail.com or 891.4385.



Hillview UMW NEWS and EVENTS

General Unit Meeting—Focus on Missions

Saturday, November 15, 10 a.m. Church Library

United Methodist Women are focused on mission to women, children and youth, around the world and at home. At the November 15th general meeting, we will focus on missions we support with our pledge to mission. There will be an opportunity to pledge to mission, elect officers for the 2015 year and adopt a 2015 budget. If you have been collecting coins for the World Thank Offering, please bring your donation to turn in. Child care will be provided. Plan to either come early to shop at the Hillview Bazaar or stay after the meeting to shop!

Christmas Around the World Lunch

Saturday, December 6, 2014, 11:30 a.m., Ballantyne

Ladies of all ages are invited to attend our annual Christmas gathering. This year will be different by having foods from around the world for a luncheon. If you have a favorite dish that you would like to prepare from a country (lasagna from Italy?), please sign the Christmas Around the World menu list—we will need main dishes, side dishes and desserts. The sign up table is in the gathering area by the kitchen door. The Angel Tree will be available to pick a child's angel tag to purchase a Christmas gift on behalf of the incarcerated parent. Child care will be provided.

Lady Veterans' Lunch

There will be a change on the date we have the Lady Veterans' Lunch for November due to Veteran's Day falling on our regular second Tuesday. We will go to the Idaho Veterans Home on Tuesday, November 18. At this time, there are eight ladies living at the home and we usually have six ladies attending the lunch plus several of the ladies' daughters join us too. If you would like to help prepare one of the items for the lunch menu and/or attend the lunch, look for the Lady Veteran's Lunch sign up (usually posted two Sundays before the date of the lunch). We regularly serve lunch the second Tuesday of each month, carpooling at the church at 10:30 a.m. and returning around 1 pm. The ladies at the home enjoy the good food and fellowship—join us!

Human Trafficking In the Treasure Valley

3 Night Classes: November 5, 12, 19: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Boise First United Methodist Church

November 5: Detective Tim Brady --Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

November 12: Merikay Jost--Treasure Valley Against Human Trafficking Network

November 19: Detective Mike Miraglia, --Boise Police, Gangs Unit

Sponsored by the Boise First United Methodist Women

Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming United Methodist Women Events

November 15 General Unit Gathering—Pledge Service

November 18 Veteran Lady's Lunch

December 6 Christmas Around the World Lunch

Holy Land Study Opportunity

November 15, MFSA and the conference's Holy Land Task Force will hold an event designed to help local churches increase their knowledge of the Middle East and the possibilities for United Methodists to make a difference in this difficult struggle.

In June, our annual conference passed a resolution asking every congregation to study the issues around bringing peace to Palestine and Israel. You will learn more about the current situation there and how our churches are being asked to help. You will go home with resources that will help every church, no matter what their previous knowledge.

Our leaders for the day will include Zaha Hassan, a Palestinian-American Muslim lawyer, Mark Braverman, an American Jewish author and speaker, and Rev Diane Dulin, a United Church of Christ pastor with extensive experience on this issue.

The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Clear Lake UMC in Keizer, a church with easy access from I-5. Your \$10 registration will cover the cost of materials and the soup and salad lunch. The day will end no later than 4:00 p.m..

Pastors and anyone else who is interested are strongly encouraged to attend.

You can register for this event by contacting Claudia Roberts at clarobb@juno.com. The \$10 registration may be paid at the door. If you would like to arrange an overnight stay in Keizer or Salem, contact Jan Nelson at jannelson515@msn.com.



MUSIC NOTES

Leigh Falconer, Music Director

Tis the season to...SING!!

Halloween is upon us, which means that Thanksgiving isn't far behind, which means...well, you know where I'm going with this. The Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany seasons are a time to celebrate the wonders of this time of the church calendar. And Hillview has many ways YOU can get involved, be a part, participate!

Chancel Choir, directed by yours truly, meets Wednesday evenings from 7:10 until 8:10 in the sanctuary, and welcomes anyone high school age or older. They participate in worship almost every week by leading hymns and singing anthems.

The **Children's Choir**, also directed by me, meets Wednesdays from 6:00 until 7:00 in Ballantyne Hall. They are a joyful and energy-filled bunch, and we'd love to see this group grow by leaps and bounds. The children sing in worship about once a month.

Sue Walch directs the **hand bell choir**, which meets Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 in the sanctuary. From both a visual and aural perspective, the hand bells enrich any service they play in. They play about once a month in worship.

Testament, our praise band, is directed by Jeff Thompson. Their music enlivens worship every week, with a stalwart group of musicians that lead us in contemporary Christian music. There are opportunities for instrumentalists as well, especially with the coming holiday season.

As we approach Christmas, a time when many of us find we're feeling removed or alienated from the true meaning of the season, experiencing the mysteries of Christ's birth through music is a powerful way to reconnect. I hope you'll consider joining us.

Save the Date—Baked Potato Lunch and All-Church Christmas Caroling

On Sunday, December 14, we will be having ONE worship service at 10 a.m. for the Children's Christmas Pageant. We invite you to join us following Christian Education classes at noon for a baked potato lunch and All-Church Christmas Caroling to our homebound members. Look for more information in the December *Connector* and in the Sunday morning announcements

ARE YOU READY FOR WHEN THE ELECTRICITY GOES OUT?

What if your electricity goes out for days from a winter ice storm and heavy winds? Will the trucks bringing our food be able to get through the storms? Will our water stop when the electricity goes out? Let's learn about this.

Disaster Preparedness for Individuals

SAT, NOV 8, 2014 from 1-3 PM

Hillview United Methodist Church
8525 Ustick Rd. (between Milwaukee and Maple Grove)
Boise

Free

Taught by Flora Green Walker, RN

Bring a 5 to 8 oz. glass jar with lid if you want to make
the wick for an oil candle to use in emergencies

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Faith in Action



THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES

As we approach the holidays, it is time to assist with Thanksgiving food boxes for clients of Community Ministries Center (CMC), the food pantry that Hillview supports.

There is always a great need for turkeys - and chickens, which are often preferred by seniors, couples or singles. So in addition to the items listed below, donations of either the “birds” or of cash to purchase them are very welcome. Either write a check to Hillview with CMC Thanksgiving on the memo line or write a check directly to CMC.

Food boxes will be assembled on **Sunday, November 16**, at 3:00 p.m. at Mountain View Community Fellowship Church, so all contributions will need to be brought in **no later than November 9**. Assistance with assembling the boxes is appreciated as well.

The following items are needed:

- Canned yams or sweet potatoes
- Canned green beans OR corn
- Canned fruit
- Canned milk
- Canned cranberries
- Canned pumpkin
- Jell-O
- Boxed Stuffing
- Frozen pie shells
- Butter
- Fresh potatoes (closer to Thanksgiving)

Cookin’ up Some Friendship and Faith in Action

Each Sunday, Friendship Feast provides a hot meal for the homeless in at First United Methodist church in downtown Boise. Several times a year **team of 6 – 8 people** from Hillview does the cooking and serving. The next opportunity is on **Sunday, November 9, from about 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**, and it’s a great time of fellowship and getting acquainted with a few people while slicing, dicing, stirring and serving. If you’d like to give this a try, you can sign up at the table near the south door of the gathering area. And if you would like more information, contact Kim Custer - custerid@rmci.net or 376-7962.

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Church Bazaar

November 15, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Crafters, bakers, and jam and jelly makers! Get ready to donate your hand-crafted or home-made items! We would like to have bake sale items as well as decorative pieces and, of course, knitted, crocheted, and quilted items available. Shoppers, start saving up for this opportunity to get that perfect gift and help raise funds at Hillview. This year the funds will go to our Community Meal. We will be setting up on Friday, November 14. at 1:00 p.m. Sign up to help in the Gathering Area on the sign up table. For more information, please call Claudia Flora at the church office (375-0392) or on her cell at (409-2979).

Dates to Remember

November 2: Daylight Savings Time ends
All Saints Sunday

November 7 –8: MYMU Lock-in

November 8; Disaster Preparedness

November 9: Roadmap for Seniors

November 11: All Church Conference

November 14,15,16: District Youth Event

November 15: UMW General Unit Meeting
Church Bazaar

November 17: Church Council

November 26: Community Meal

November 27: Thanksgiving
(office closed Nov. 27-28)

November 30: Sandwich Potluck and Hanging of the Greens

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