



# Hillview United Methodist Church

## THE CONNECTOR

NOVEMBER 2015

### Dates to Remember

### Wednesdays @ Hillview

Please join us for Wednesday evenings of supper, study, fellowship, and fun.  
(The last Wednesday of the month will be the Community Meal at 6:00 p.m.—no other programs.)

**5:30-6:00 p.m.** Family-friendly Supper –  
kitchen will be open until 6:15 p.m.  
(Sign-ups for the meal would be appreciated,  
and donations will be gladly accepted!)

**6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
Bible Study with Pastor Pete  
Children's (3 yrs-5<sup>th</sup> grade) activities in Room 10  
Youth discussion group with Pastor Brenda  
Praise Band practice

The Gathering Area will be open for visiting with friends.

Child care (infants-2 yrs) is available in the Nursery.

### Advent Schedule



### Wednesdays @ Hillview

**Dec. 2, 6:00 p.m.** "Blessed Beginnings" Advent Study with Pastor Brenda

**6:00 p.m.** Children's Christmas Crafts (Dec. 2, 9, 16 and Birthday Party for Jesus (Dec. 23)

**Dec. 2** During Wednesdays @ Hillview—Decorate Church

**Dec. 6** 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Christmas Carol Communion  
7:00 p.m. Night of Music

**Dec. 13** 10:00 a.m. service— Children's Christmas Pageant

**Dec. 20** Christmas Caroling

**Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 7, 9 and 11 p.m.  
Communion will be served at the 11 p.m. service

Nov. 1 Fall Back Daylight Savings time ends  
Senior Road map

Nov. 6 Church Women United World Community Day

Nov. 7 Church Bazaar UMW Unit Meeting

Nov 12 Interfaith Gathering

Nov. 23 All Church Conference

Nov. 25 Community Meal



### November Stewardship Challenges

Choose to do one or all!

\*Sign up to serve on a ministry team in the coming year.

\*Make a gift to the church in someone's honor.

\*Help decorate the church for Christmas.

\* Submit an Advent devotional. (See page 3.)





Offerings ~



As my children get older I have enjoyed giving them family items. I love the things that have been passed down to me, and I love watching my children appreciate their heritage. When Jared and Adriana were married in July, their altar was an old table from the farm in New York. When I was a child, it was in the dirt floor cellar, covered with dust and old gourds, considered too old to be used. The tablecloth on their altar was made by my great great grandmother in the mid 1800s. The family Bible on the table was from 1844 and listed the births, marriages, and deaths in the family. The pearls Adriana wore were given to my grandmother in the 1920s. The tables for the reception were decorated with 19th century books that were always in our family home.

Our heritage, whether that of our family, or our church, or our faith is important. It provides us with a strong foundation, a sense of belonging, an understanding of who we are, and security. It doesn't mean that we live in the past, clinging to tradition. There is beauty of mixing the old with the new, of watching as new generations leave their imprint. On the wedding day, it felt like generations had united to create and celebrate this young couple's beginning. It was as if the last

200 years of our family had culminated on that day.

That is what I believe we celebrate every year in the church in November. We begin the month with All Saints Sunday, when we remember the generations who have passed down the faith to us, and as we specifically remember and celebrate the lives of those in our congregation who have joined the "cloud of witnesses" in the last year. I love to combine the old and the new on this day. We will be welcoming new members to the church, celebrating that those who lived before us have left us a legacy to build upon. We will add our imprint as a new generation in the church.

November is our stewardship month. We give thanks for those who supported this church in the past with their gifts and talents so that we may worship at Hillview every week, and we add our gifts and talents so that future generations will continue to worship God and make a difference through Hillview UMC.

November is a mixture of the old and new, which reflects our faith and our church. We value our traditions as we celebrate the present and the future. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. We have much for which to be thankful. Thanks be to God for our heritage and our faith. Amen.

Grace and Peace,  
~Brenda

Is My Theology Out of Whack?

1. Does my theology cause me to act in an unloving way toward others?
2. Does my theology cause me to think of a loving God or an angry deity?
3. Does my theology cause me to be optimistic or pessimistic about this life and the future?
4. Does my theology cause me to feel (or act) humble, or does it cause me to act judgmental?
5. Does my theology compel me to change?

Sermon Schedule

November 1:  
Children's Story: A Sister Avenged (2 Samuel 13)  
Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6a  
Sermon: Making a Difference in the World

November 8:  
Children's Story: Absalom, My Absalom (2 Samuel 14-18)  
Scripture: Mark 12: 38-44  
Sermon: Making a Difference in Our Community

November 15:  
Children's Story: A Plague Averted (2 Samuel 24)  
Scripture: Proverbs 3: 1-12  
Sermon: Making a Difference in Our Homes

November 22:  
Children's Story: Solomon Becomes King (1 Kings 1-2)  
Scripture: Joel 2: 21- 27  
Sermon: Making a Difference in Our Hearts

November 29:  
Children's Story: Joseph Renews His Trust  
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13  
Sermon: Blessed Beginnings: Refining Ourselves

## 2015 Hillview Stewardship

In November we will embark on a stewardship campaign to address Hillview's financial needs for 2016. I know, I know; it seems like we just finished one of these . . .

We did indeed complete a successful stewardship campaign in May. There was great financial urgency at that time, and we'd like to say a hearty "Thank you" to everyone in the congregation for meeting those needs. We are now on more solid financial footing, even with the addition of three new hires: Matt and Duane to lead the choir and the praise band and Caltin to lead our family care ministry. Now we look forward with a full complement of staff and many new ideas and initiatives ahead of us.

Once again, we will ask you to prayerfully consider how you support Hillview. Our theme for the campaign will be "Making a Difference." Throughout November you will hear how we do make a difference in international ministries, local outreach, and within our local community of faith.

The campaign will wrap up on Sunday, November 22. We will ask all members to submit their giving estimates for 2016 at that time, and we will celebrate where we've been and where we are headed next. We look forward to discussing this with you in a candid manner throughout November.

- \*Learn and prepare Sunday PowerPoint. (Thank you to Cyndy Jonsson)
- \*Learn the sound system.
- \*Staff the PowerPoint clicker.
- \*Become an usher.
- \*Do sandwich prep for Saturday Sack Lunches.
- \*Be a second adult for Youth Group.
- \*Visit the homebound.
- \*Join the Prayer Chain.

To volunteer for any of these opportunities, call the church office (375-0392).



## *Advent Devotional*



The theme for our Advent season this year is "Blessed Beginnings." You are invited to write a devotional on a

"Blessed Beginning" in your life. If you are an artist, you may submit a drawing or painting of a "Blessed Beginning." You may include a Scripture passage and a prayer. Children are invited to participate! If there is a particular date you want to choose for your devotional, please designate the date. We will be

printing the Advent Devotional for the whole congregation. We will also use Facebook and emails to share the devotionals. The drawings and paintings will be used in the devotional and as slides for Sunday morning worship.

You may sign up when you are at church, or call the church office at 375-0392, or email [www.hillviewmethodist.org](http://www.hillviewmethodist.org).

## *All-Church Conference November 23*

Our All-Church Conference will be on November 23 at 7 p.m. This is when we vote on our pastor's salary for the coming year, on the church leadership for the ministry teams, and on the Membership Report. We will have a Church Council meeting following the All-Church Conference.



## Hillview UMW General Unit Meeting

## Annual UMW Christmas Lunch

### *The Purpose of UMW*

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

### Saturday, November 7, 2015

All women are urged to attend this Unit Meeting at 10 a.m. in the parlor/library. It will be Our Pledge Service.

We will also have elections, set the budget, and choose our local mission project.

If you have been collecting coins for the World Thank Offering, please bring your donation.

Child care is available.

Our annual UMW Christmas lunch will be on Saturday, December 5, at 11:30 a.m. in Ballantyne Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring daughters and granddaughters.

Everyone brings a delicious dish to share and we always have a fun program. We will also install officers for the coming year.

Our "Angel Tree," showing gifts to buy for inmates' children, will be there to invite your participation. We have supported this worthwhile project for several years.

Come and experience some Christmas Spirit!

## Hillview United Methodist Women's Circles (Sub-Units)

Hillview United Methodist Women offers five 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.

**Lydia Circle:** Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Hillview library at 9:30 a.m. We are using the *The Upper Room* devotional booklet for our study this fall. Contact Judy Halverson at 327-0541.

**Morning Book Club:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 9:30 a.m. Barnes & Noble. A book to read and discuss is chosen each month. Contact Kristen Guyon at 322-5090.

**Evening Book Club:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor. A book to read and discuss is chosen each month. Contact Darlene Smith at 376-5977 or Michelle Ward at 322-0286.

**Fellowship Circle:** Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in members' homes. Variety of programs. Contact Betsy Baughman at 324-7713.

**Friends of Phoebe:** Study group meets in the evening at Hillview, Room 6. For new schedule, contact Sue Cook at 375-1835.

## World Community Day

Hillview invites you to World Community Day on Friday, November 6 at 10 a.m. Mary Lynne Ball will present "Our Journey Together." Notify Jeanette at 378-1217 if child care is requested.

## Upcoming UMW Events

General Unit Meeting: November 7

Christmas Lunch: December 5



## ***Senior Road Map: The Challenge of Change***

Wondering how to find help when your needs or those of a family member change? Please join us on Sunday, November 1, from noon to 2 p.m. for a light lunch and informative program. All ages are welcome.

Our guest speaker will be Kimberly Ouwehand, Community Outreach and Development Director for Treasure Valley Hospice. Kimberly has provided many educational workshops and information to help

people make more-informed, smart health care decisions before a crisis arises.

There will also be a panel discussion and time for questions and answers. Please sign up in advance so we can plan lunch. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area, or call the Church Office at 375-0392.

### ***New Artwork on Display***

The sweet doggie portraits by Linda Sherrets that we enjoyed during the summer are gone, but we have three beautiful Idaho scenes painted by Bertha Matthews taking their place. Bertha's artwork will be on display for the next 3 months. Thank you, Bertha and Linda, for sharing your creativity with us!

### ***Reading Suggestion***

*The Golden Cage*  
*Three Brothers, Three Choices, One Destiny*  
By Shirin Ebadi

History is best described through life stories told in simple ways by appealing to what human beings hold in common: the love of life and country. *The Golden Cage* is the story of three brothers, as told by their sister, who each subscribe to a different ideology that tears Iran and their lives apart.

### ***Planning ahead— Idaho Discipleship Conference***

**February 19-21, 2016:** Friday, 6 p.m. through Sunday noon  
**Nampa Civic Center**

**All ages welcome.**

**All faiths welcome.**

Keynoters: **Tony Campolo, Susan Briehl, David Lose, and Mia Crosthwaite**

Music Clinician and Lead: **Marty Haugen**

Band: **Alex Street**

Fee: **\$60/adult, \$30/child with \$180 family cap, includes lunch and dinner on Saturday**

Out-of-town attendees:

- We are working on hotel discounts; we'll keep you posted
- You may request a host home; local attendees are opening up their homes
- Nine local congregations have opened up their halls for congregational groups

For more information: [idahodiscipleship.blogspot.com](http://idahodiscipleship.blogspot.com)  
Questions: [idahodiscipleship@yahoo.com](mailto:idahodiscipleship@yahoo.com)



## *Sunday School Classes*

### **Adults**

Jesus and Java  
Journey through the Bible  
Preacher's Forum—with a new format! Pastor Brenda will lead discussions from the book Speaking Christian, by Marcus Borg.

### **Youth**

Junior High (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade): Fun new program for this age group!  
High School: Michelle Ward will lead a discussion-type class for high schoolers.

### **Children**

Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in Room 10 for stories, activities, and crafts.

Be sure to check out the Christian Education bulletin board for more class information, including locations.

## *Community Meal News*

**COMMUNITY MEAL is on November 25. Come give thanks for our joyous bounty and share a bowl of stew with our community.**

### **NEEDED:**

Helping hands

Salads and desserts to serve 20

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

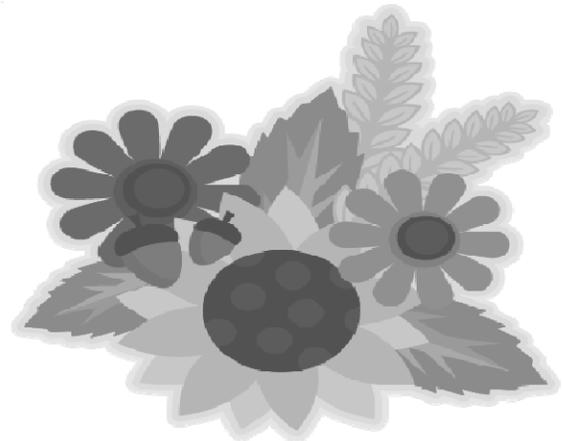
Questions? Contact Marilesta Nelson at 375-5116 or email her at [nelsonm111@aol.com](mailto:nelsonm111@aol.com).

## *Lunch Bunch*

The Lunch Bunch will meet on November 12 at the Cottonwood Grille (9th & River, north of the Boise River), at 11:30 a.m. Sign up in the Gathering Area. Come and join us for conversation and good food.

### **ASSISTANCE NEEDED!**

Because of some major and significant life-changing events, Marilesta needs some help with the Community Meal program over the next several months. She needs help with the shopping and/or with entrée prep. This can be on a one-time basis or on a continuing basis, whatever you feel called to do. If this is something that you would be interested in, please call Marilesta at 375-5116 or e-mail her at [nelsonm111@aol.com](mailto:nelsonm111@aol.com).



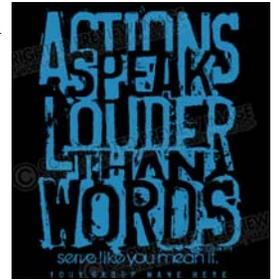
## Hillview Youth Group News by Claire Chambers



Ryan, Tyler, Christian and Megan making cookies for cookie Sunday. Don't worry, they washed their hands many times during the process!

Our youth were busy in the month of October—baking cookies for cookie Sunday, dinner at Pastor Brenda's, and playing all kinds of fun games!

New t-shirts! Youth Council voted for and approved new t-shirts this year. The quote on the shirts is "Actions Speak Louder Than Words. Serve like you mean it!" with "Hillview Youth S.H.I.N.E." at the bottom. We thought this accurately captured the spirit of our church and the passion of our Youth Ministry program—helping others. The shirts are black with glow-in-the-dark lettering and available in adult sizes S-XL. Cost is \$15 and you don't have to be in Youth Group to purchase one! We are also in need of "sponsors" to help students who cannot afford to buy a shirt. See Claire Chambers to purchase one or sponsor a youth!



New T-Shirts!

### November Calendar

1<sup>st</sup> 5:00-6:30 Regular Youth Group

8<sup>th</sup> 4:15-4:45 Youth Council  
5:00-6:30 Regular Youth Group.  
Ken Jenkins will give a brief talk on the Veterans Footlocker Drive.

13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Treasure Valley Youth Rally at Hillview. Check-in is Friday evening followed by worship and games. Saturday is a day of service, so dress appropriately. It ends Sunday morning. Cost is \$25. (Scholarships are available, but you need to let Claire know ASAP!)

22<sup>nd</sup> Bowling at Big Al's or Emerald Lanes! Meet at the Youth House at 5 p.m. and return by 7. Plan to bring \$10 and a friend! ADULT DRIVERS NEEDED!

29<sup>th</sup> Veterans Footlocker kickoff!  
5:00-6:30 Regular Youth Group

This is the 18<sup>th</sup> year of our Veterans Footlocker Drive! Starting on November 29 we will be collecting items for the Idaho State Veterans home (see article for details). Listen for youth announcements throughout November for details!



Colby, Christian, Malcolm, Ryan, Tyler and Megan playing human battleship.

## *Fall Work Day—Saturday, October 31- 9 a.m. to Noon*

Please plan to help the Trustees spruce up the church grounds and facilities. The trustees will provide donuts and coffee, tools, trash bags, etc. Please feel free to bring some of your own gloves, tools, rags, brooms, and rakes, etc. to supplement those we provide. This is a good time to enjoy some social time with your fellow church members.

We will be sweeping the driveway gutters, sidewalks and handicap parking in front of the church. We

will also weed the landscaped areas in front of the church and parking lot and behind the junipers around Ballantyne Hall. We will rake the leaves and pine needles from the lawn areas in front of the church, the juniper landscaped area under the pine tree, the lawn area around the Youth House, and clean the outside stairwell behind the Youth House. We will also trim some shrubs around the church, parking lot, and Youth House, and clean the Youth House gutters with a hose.

We will be digging out puncture vines on the east side of the parking lot, along the access drive from Christine Street to the parking lot and along the west side of the drive exit to Ustick Road. This work will also include picking up trash along the drive exit to Christine.

### *Wanted: Male Story Link Volunteers*

Story Link is a prison ministry that offers incarcerated parents a connection with their children through books. The parent or grandparent reads a book that is recorded, and Story Link volunteers mail the recorded CD and children's book to the child. If you can volunteer for 3 hours a month, contact Judy Halverson at 327-0541 or [judybhalverson@gmail.com](mailto:judybhalverson@gmail.com).



### *Caregivers Support Group*

The next gathering of the Caregivers Support Group will be Saturday, November 7, at 10 a.m.

A person who has been a caregiver will share experiences. If you are a caregiver or may become one in the future, please join us. Questions? Please call Jeannie Swenson at 323-0141.

### *Trustees Report*

Construction of the new sound cabinet in the Sanctuary is nearing completion. The wood top to the cabinet should be complete this week. Thanks to Sam Goodwin for staining and sealing the wood and Joe Prin for the installation. Ron Halverson has been hard at work refining and installing a new desktop computer and other components so we will be

prepared for any weddings and events in the church. We may be obtaining a larger Yamaha soundboard, possibly from Trinity Church in Idaho Falls. Seamless gutters will be installed on the back of the Youth House this week, which will prevent flooding in the outside stairwell from runoff from the roof.

The Fall Work Day is Saturday, October 31, from 9 a.m. to noon. Please help spruce up the church. (See article above.) The Islamic Center expects to be able to move from their present church on Stewart Street to the remodeled Christine Street location by May of next year.



## *Time to Order Poinsettias*

It is that time of year when we start thinking about Christmas. We will have poinsettias decorating the church; for \$12 you may have your name and the name(s) of loved ones listed in the bulletin and in the newsletter as a way to honor or remember them. Please fill out the information below and return this form (and \$12) by mail or in person. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area in case you forget your form.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I (We) will pick up my poinsettia after the Christmas eve services.

\_\_\_\_ I (We) will donate the poinsettia to the homebound.

\_\_\_\_ I (We) will help deliver a poinsettia to the homebound.

\_\_\_\_ I will donate but wish to remain anonymous.

Please make your check out to Hillview UMC and write poinsettia on the memo line.



# NOVEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:30 Worship 10:00 Worship 11:00 Korean Church 11:15 Sunday School Noon Senior Roadmap program 1:00 African Church 4:00 Zion Church Revival	<b>2</b> 7:00 Church of God 7:00 Boy Scouts/Troop 40	<b>3</b> 9:30 Lydia Circle 11:00 Sermon Study	<b>4</b> 5:30 Supper 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Children's activities 6:00 Praise Band Practice	<b>5</b> 6:00 Hillview Preschool Fall Fund-raiser 7:15 Choir Practice	<b>6</b> 10:00 World Community Day 6:00-9:00 Zion Church Revival 7:30 p.m. Church of God	<b>7</b> 6:00 a.m. Zion Korean Methodist Church 8:00-4:00 African Church 10:00 Caregivers Support Group 10-2 Church Bazaar 6:00 Zion Church Revival
<b>8</b> 8:30 Worship 10:00 Worship 11:00 Korean Church 11:15 Sunday School 1:00 African Church	<b>9</b> 9:30 Morning Book Group, Barnes & Noble 6:30 p.m. Evening Book Group 7:00 Church of God 7:00 Boy Scouts/Troop 40	<b>10</b> 10:30 Lady Veterans Luncheon at Veterans Home 11:00 Sermon Study	<b>11</b> 5:30 Supper 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Children's activities 6:00 Praise Band Practice	<b>12</b> 7:00 Interfaith Gathering Center for Spiritual Living 10464 Garverdale Ct Boise 7:15 Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 7:30 p.m. Church of God	<b>14</b> 6:00 a.m. Korean Church 8:00-2:00 African Church 8:00 Men's b-fast, Moon's Café
<b>15</b> 8:30 Worship 10:00 Worship 11:00 Korean Church 11:15 Sunday School 1:00 African Church	<b>16</b> 7:00 SPRC 7:00 Trustees 7:00 Church of God 7:00 Boy Scouts/Troop 40	<b>17</b> 9:30 Lydia Circle 11:00 Sermon Study	<b>18</b> 5:30 Supper 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Children's activities 6:00 Praise Band Practice	<b>19</b> 7:15 Choir Practice	<b>20</b> 7:30 p.m. Church of God	<b>21</b> 6:00 a.m. Korean Church 8:00-2:00 African Church 10:30 Whitney Sack Lunch Program
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Please remember to call the church office with any scheduling requests or changes. Just because a day may look available on the calendar, it does not mean that it is! This is our church calendar. We have not included Boy Scout activities, Preschool, outside groups, Fit and Fall-proof, and other activities. Please be considerate and flexible with room use.



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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.



**AN IMPORTANT REFUGEE ASSISTANCE TRAINING** will be held Thursday, November 5, and Thursday, November 12, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Cathedral of the Rockies downtown campus, and will be led by "Glocal Community Partners," a Boise Christian group that serves global communities locally. This education will give you the beginning tools needed if you have ever wanted to reach out to our refugee population in

any capacity: with prayer, offering occasional assistance, or by mentoring and becoming a friend to a family for a period of time. Glocal works directly with all three refugee agencies in Boise. Contact Director of Local Missions Cindy Todeschi at [ctodeschi@boisefumc.org](mailto:ctodeschi@boisefumc.org) to RSVP or to receive more information.