



## Hillview United Methodist Church

*To live the teachings of Jesus as we share God's unconditional love*

**NOVEMBER 2018**

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Your  
**VOTE**  
Counts



# VETERANS Day

### **Fall Back on November 3.**

Set your clocks back one hour.

### **Vote on November 6.**

Hillview is a polling place for those who live nearby, so it will be a busy day!

**Veterans Day is November 11.** Donate to the Veterans Foot Locker Drive November 4 through 18.

**Thanksgiving is on November 22.** The church office will be closed November 22-23.

## **Dates to Remember**

- Nov. 4: All Saints Sunday
- Nov. 8: Lunch Bunch at Cottonwood Grille
- Nov. 10: UMW Unit Meeting
- Nov. 13: Lady Vets Luncheon
- Nov. 22 & 23: Church Office closed
- Nov. 28: Community Meal



### **November Stewardship Challenges**

Choose to do one or all!

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

\*Contribute to the Veterans Foot Locker Drive.

\*Volunteer to help at the Friendship Feast on Dec. 9.



*Offerings ~*

It is time again for our annual stewardship drive. We are not pulling out all the stops for our stewardship drive this year because we believe you already know why we ask you to give to the church.

It may be tempting to be cynical and say, "Of course I know why you want my money. We need to support the institution and pay the bills." Yes, that is part of the reality. There are always things that need to be done like repairing the parking lot, paying the electric bills, replacing furnaces, updating rooms, salaries, and program costs. The list sometimes seems endless. While that is all true, there is a much deeper reason why we all give a portion of our money to the church.

I used to take exception to the idea that giving to the church was giving to God. The church is a fallible institution, and I may not even always agree with how the money is used! How could paying bills be giving to God? As I have grown older, I have grown to understand that the church is the closest we have to the "Body of Christ" on earth. We make mistakes and we sometimes do not meet the needs of individuals, but it is one place where I know the intentions are good and as pure as I can find. The church exists to make a difference in the world because the church is part of the ushering in of the kingdom of God. That is why we work to make life better for everyone around us. We look outward to include more and more people in the beauty of the kingdom.

I have struggled through the years with how much my family should give to God through the church. When our children were young, it was a true sacrifice to give anything! I felt guilty when people handed in their pledge cards. That was the main reason I did not like to preach on giving; I felt like a hypocrite. When people would talk about percentage-based giving, I thought it had to mean 10 percent. It was about

10 years ago that I realized I could start with a smaller percentage of my income and work my way toward 10 percent. Even the 10 percent is not the actual goal! I want to give as much as I can, with 10 percent going to the church. What I give beyond the church is above my 10 percent. That even includes what I spend on my children and grandchild.

What have I learned in this process of growing in giving to God through the church? I can't wait to turn in my pledge card each year! It feels so good to not be a hypocrite! I love the feeling of responsibility I get from being generous. The more generous I am, the more I want to give, and the bigger my heart feels. Giving has a spiritual dimension. I feel closer to Christ because I am making a sacrifice for someone else. When the church helps a family pay their rent, or when we provide Vacation Bible School to the community for free, or when we invite the community to Trunk R Treat, or when we see the children and adults learning in Sunday School, or when we take turns visiting homebound church members, I feel so proud that I am participating in all of this through my giving! I do not want to go back to resenting or trying to control the money I give to God through the church.

Dennis and I choose to give by placing a check in the offering plate at the first service each week. There is something about a weekly gift for us that feels right. Some of our members send a monthly check through their bank. Some pay through a credit card, so they can get extra points. Some choose to use cash. You are welcome to give in whatever way is meaningful to you.

As your minister, I have chosen not to know how much any person gives to God through this church. The pledge card is important for us when we put our budget together, but the percentage you choose to give is between you and God. If you feel uncomfortable when we talk about money in the church, I invite you to explore why you feel uncomfortable. Is it because you already give as much as you can and you feel guilty when you cannot give more? Is it because you know you could give more, but you don't trust the church leadership to use it toward building the kingdom of God? Is it because you do not distinguish between being asked for donations from other groups and the church you attend? Is it because you are on a fixed income and your giving must be static? Is it because you are at a stage in life where you need the assistance, rather than being the one to provide the assistance? Please understand that no one is trying to make you feel uncomfortable or shamed. We are giving you an opportunity to grow through your generosity, and to make a difference in our community through the church.

Thank you for your generosity and your love. Together we do more!

Grace and Peace,  
~Brenda

**Finance/Stewardship**

**Together We Do More!**

**\$ \$ Where Does It Go? \$ \$**

STAFF: Our staff works with the congregation, encouraging us in various endeavors. This is our largest expense (salaries and benefits).

LISTED BELOW ARE THREE BUDGET ITEMS:

**Hospitality:** This is for expenses incurred when hosting leadership events (sometimes Conference events); special celebrations are also included. (Approx. \$49 per month)

**Coffee and punch:** After each Sunday service, coffee and punch are served as we greet each other. This also includes sugar, creamer, tea and hot chocolate. (Approx. \$185 per month)

**Kitchen supplies:** This covers kitchen cleaning supplies and paper products (plates, paper towels, napkins) and tableware. (Approx. \$40 per month)

THANK YOU! Your faithful financial support, prayers, presence, service and witness keep our faith community functioning and reaching out to others. **We are the church at work.**

Finance/Stewardship

**We were -\$ 7,345 behind on 9/30.  
Our goal for October is \$30,793.**

**General Fund as of September 30, 2018**

Month	Income	Expenses	Unpaid Shared Ministry	Difference
January	\$ 25,290	\$ 23,520	\$ -	\$ 1,770
February	\$ 26,044	\$ 28,495	\$ -	<span style="color: red;">-\$ 2,451</span>
March	\$ 24,615	\$ 24,776	\$ -	<span style="color: red;">-\$ 161</span>
April	\$ 28,718	\$ 27,755	\$ -	\$ 963
May	\$ 24,379	\$ 23,955	\$ -	\$ 424
June	\$ 21,890	\$ 27,246	\$ -	<span style="color: red;">-\$ 5,356</span>
July	\$ 28,746	\$ 27,620	\$ -	\$ 1,126
August	\$ 20,982	\$ 25,370	\$ -	<span style="color: red;">-\$ 4,388</span>
September	\$ 25,404	\$ 21,461	\$ 3,215	\$ 728
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 226,068</b>	<b>\$ 230,198</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b><span style="color: red;">-\$ 7,345</span></b>

The 2018 Budget is \$318,446

In October we received an anonymous donation of \$10,000 into our Trustees Account. We extend our heartfelt thanks for this generous contribution. These monies will certainly help us address needs for our church.

Angie Barber

Finance Chair



### **Be the Change: Small Things are Important Too**

I get overwhelmed sometimes at all the ways that our world needs fixing: climate change, immigrants, the role of women in our society, inability to talk civilly to one another, hunger, violence, and so many more. I want to make some grand statement or gesture that will surely have a positive impact on these problems. And then I run out of steam. It all seems so huge and beyond me. Have you felt this way too?

So when I saw this post on Facebook, I thought there was a bigger truth hidden in the post that was more than a simple request to change the toilet paper when it runs out. It's such a little thing—changing the toilet paper. It only takes a minute. It makes life so much better for the one

who comes next and would encounter the empty roll. So what if we applied this approach to other encounters in our lives? There are so many things that take practically no time, cost very little, but can have a positive impact on others. We could think of it as a form of Faith in Action. The “faith” part is the belief that small gestures on our part can have a positive impact. The “action” part, of course, is the act itself. Here's a list of a few small things that we could do in the next month (or beyond!) that I think of as faith in action.

- Picking up trash when taking a walk
- Looking in the eyes of a homeless person standing on the corner, acknowledging the existence of another human being who probably feels invisible
- Speaking up when you hear another group described in broad and disparaging terms, reminding others that we are unique individuals first and foremost
- Letting someone get in line in front of you when traffic is backed up
- Telling someone that you care
- Smiling at a stranger
- Making extra soup and delivering it to a shut-in
- Leaving a bigger tip than usual for the waitress who looks so harassed

There are many opportunities that occur in our life every day if we only take the time to see them. Together we can change things, one tiny gesture at a time. And, who knows, with faith the size of a mustard seed we might ultimately change the world.

—Marcia Belcheir



### Can You Help with Worship Preparations?

The Worship Team is working to reorganize and assure that everything is ready for our worship services each week. However, we are a small team and cannot do this alone. We are looking for a few people to serve on two teams. Our sanctuary needs to be set up for worship between 4 p.m. on Saturday and 8:10 a.m. on Sunday. Each person on this setup team would only have to do this about once a month. We also need communion stewards for second service. This person prepares communion on the first Sunday of the month between services. Each person on this team would only need to do it every two to three months. These are small but important jobs to support the worship of our congregation. Will you step up and assist? For more information, contact Debbie Mallis at 208-853-2740 or [debbiemallis@gmail.com](mailto:debbiemallis@gmail.com).

### Donations Needed for Our Veterans Foot Locker Drive HUMC to Help Veterans: November 4-18, 2018

The Veterans Foot Locker Drive (1998 through 2018) once again comes to Hillview! For the 18<sup>th</sup> straight year, Hillview UMC and its Youth Group are asking you to help support our ministry for local veterans. Please bring your donations to help the heroes and heroines at the Idaho State Veterans Home. To donate, just see the Army foot locker in the Gathering Area starting Sunday, November 4, for a list of items needed by our veterans, and then leave your donation in the foot locker on Sundays.



In past years, clothing items like extra-large sweat suits, toiletries such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, and comfort items (including word search books and crossword puzzles) have been joyfully received by Veterans Home residents. Walmart gift cards are also very welcome, as the Veterans Home staff can then purchase the items in highest demand for residents. Donations can be made on Sundays through Sunday, November 18. The HUMC youth will deliver the items before Christmas. Please contact Claire Chambers for more information. Thank you for serving those who served!

### Bazaar News

I have an amusing story to tell. Our last bazaar was not well attended and so it was decided that the church would take a break. Then, after some cleaning and reorganizing, we found a few items from the last bazaar that were tucked safely away and we learned that we have very dedicated crafters who have been happily preparing for the sale this year, and so we will be having one more sale!



### Hillview UMC Bazaar

**Saturday, December 1, noon to 2 p.m.** (following the UMW Brunch) and

**Sunday, December 2, Sunday morning, between services and following the 2nd service**

If you would like to donate hand-crafted or quality collectable items please contact Claudia at 208-375-0392. We will be arranging the items on Friday, November 30, at 2:00 p.m. Please volunteer to help set up and help with the sale.

—Claudia Flora



## ***Beca Con Bendiciones of Honduras Scholarships with Blessings***

Fuerzas Unidas is a “barrio” located on the mountainside of Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras. Over 50,000 people live in this neighborhood that does not have a local government or police services. There is electricity for those who can afford it, a sewage system, and schools. Water is brought in tank trucks for those who can afford to fill holding tanks. Water jugs can be filled by a water pipe at the bottom of the hill and carried up the high hill to home. Large school buses pick up workers in the neighborhoods and transport them to jobs in Tegucigalpa as housekeepers and security guards of homes and shops. The average pay for

most Fuerzas Unidas workers is about \$3.80 per day, up from the \$2 per day reported in 2004.

Public schools in Honduras are “free,” but many children are unable to attend because of enrollment fees and the uniforms and school supplies that they are required to buy—about \$120 per year. Attending a secondary school is more expensive because of transportation costs for a bus to go into the city, as well as increased school fees. Hillview UMC established a special relationship with the Fuerzas Unidas Methodist Church in 2004 and 2006 when our Volunteer In Mission teams were hosted there. We have been able to send students to school—elementary and high

school—since 2005. The 2017 Christmas Alternative Giving donations (plus other donations by members) were enough to send **40** students for the school year, February to November 2018. We recently received photos of each of the students, many of whom we have supported for all of their school years. Stop by the Faith In Action bulletin board to see some of our students displayed each month. We are giving these Honduran children and youth hope through education.

### **Prayer Shawl Program: Knitters and Crocheters Needed!**

We could use some more shawls to add to our current supply. We like to offer shawls or lap robes to those who are ill, grieving, having surgery, or other medical procedures.

Questions, please call:  
Loretta Alloway (208-323-0464)  
Lois Baker (208-830-2071)

### ***Lunch Bunch***

Come join us on the second Thursday of the month for good conversation and food. This month we will meet on November 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Cottonwood Grille (9th & River Street).

Sign up on Sunday, or call the church office at 208-375-0392.

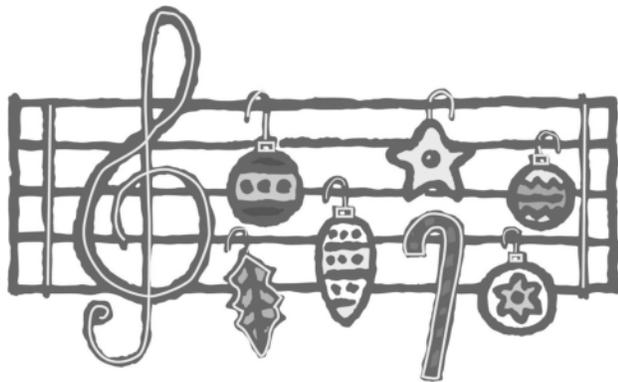
## UMW Happenings

### *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.

### . UMW Unit Meeting – Nov.10

The next Hillview United Methodist Women's meeting will be on Saturday, November 10 at 10 a.m. in the church library. We will hear from some people who went to the Salt Lake Depot this summer. We will also have our annual pledge service, elections, and decide how our mission money will be spent. We need everyone to attend and share their ideas as we set our goals for next year.



### Christmas Brunch – December 1

Our annual Christmas Potluck Brunch will be on Saturday, December 1 at 10 a.m. All women, daughters, and granddaughters are invited to attend. There will be some special music, as well as delicious food. Please plan to attend this wonderful event.

## *Hillview United Methodist Women's Circles (Subunits)*

Hillview United Methodist Women offers five circles to provide fellowship, spiritual growth, and expand our understanding of mission. All ladies are invited to visit and participate in these groups.

**Lydia Circle:** Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Hillview library from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Contact Judy Halverson at 208-327-0541.

**Morning Book Club:** Meets the 2nd Monday at 9:30 a.m. at Barnes & Noble. A book to read and discuss is chosen each month. Contact Kristen Guyon at 208-322-5090.

**Evening Book Club:** Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the church kitchen. Contact Darlene Smith at 208-376-5977 or Michelle Ward at 208-322-0286.

**Fellowship Circle:** Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in members' homes. There is a variety of programs. Contact Betsy Baughman at 208-340-2830.

**Friends of Phoebe:** Study group for women ages 18 to 99 meets once a month at the Youth House. Contact Jenn Knecht at 208-863-1926.



## *Youth News* (by Claire Chambers)

### **November Calendar**

4th: 11:30 to 1:30 at the Youth House. Veterans Foot Locker Drive kickoff, Safe Sanctuary training, pizza and fun.

11th: 11:30 to 1:30 at the Youth House. Just the usual food and fun.

18th: 11:30 to 1:30—Bowling! Cost \$10. Scholarships available.

25th: 11:30 to 1:30 at the Youth House. Movie day (to be determined).



### ***WIM (Welcome, Invitation, and Membership)***

#### **Coffee Hour Hosts**

The Welcome, Invitation, and Membership Committee (WIM) has a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for Coffee Hour Hosts who will provide snacks such as cookies, cake, crackers, fruit or veggies, etc. They would be responsible for bringing the goodies and setting them out on the table near the coffee on Sunday mornings. We would like to have two families per Sunday. Please help us make this a success. Thank you all, and let's get snacking at coffee hour. For more information, call Alison Lehrman at 208-375-0392.

#### **New Exhibit in Gathering Area**

Take a look at our first display in the Gathering Area of creativity in the form of cross-stitching! The three pieces of counted cross-stitching were created by Joan Lee, a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Boise and a friend of Hillview member Jo-Ann Kachigian. Joan's son Mark was scheduled to display his photography, but illness has caused a postponement until the next quarter (January 2019). Thank you, Joan, for sharing your lovely craft creations.

***Greetings from Duane, your song leader, choir/bell director***

My thanks to all the special music provided from within and without the congregation during the summer months. While the choir is singing for our second service, I encourage anyone wanting to bring a musical blessing to the congregation to see me. We will get you scheduled in. I look forward to shared music and worship that will lift our spirits and glorify our Lord. Choir is at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays (after the Community Meal). There is room for you, and bring a friend.

***Faith in Action******Milk and Cereal for  
Corpus Christi***

We set a goal of 10 gallons of milk every week and have met or exceeded that since we began July 4, 2016. We've been a little below a few times this fall but made up for it in route to Corpus Christi when needed. This is a terrific service that is so appreciated by CC clients, who thank us every Monday morning and enjoy unloading the milk and cereal and bringing it in. If you multiply the average 13 gallons per week by 110 or weeks since we began, that's a lot of milk! We've had deliveries of 15 gallons or more on many occasions. Many times, they're flat out of milk until the HUMC delivery. Trust me, we know how much EVERYONE truly appreciates the donations of milk AND cereal every week! You may think, "What difference am I making with just one gallon of milk and a bag of cereal?" Together WE are making a difference, each week, with each gallon of milk, each bag of cereal. Keep up the good work. Thanks so much to each and every one of you! There's a sign-up sheet on the table in the Gathering Area. If you forget to sign up but still want to donate milk and/or cereal, your donation is happily received. Fresh fruit is also welcome.

August 9, 2018

Dear IRC Supporter,

On behalf of everyone at the International Rescue Committee in Boise, please accept my sincere thanks for your generous gift of \$637.77, which we received on 7/31/2018, to help the victims of the attack against refugees in our community. Your gift has been immediately deployed to help families impacted by this attack.

Your gift will help pay for temporary housing, provide travel logistics, and help pay for emergency airlift of victims needing out-of-state medical care. The IRC will continue to cover medical bills and provide trauma counseling to the refugee community as the needs arise. There will be needs far into the future as families grieve and recover.

We are grateful to you for being an important part of the IRC community and for your commitment to our ongoing mission of helping people on their journey from harm to home.

Thank you for your continued partnership in support of those we serve.

Sincerely,  
Julianne Donnelly Tzul  
Executive Director  
IRC in Boise

## *Safety Ministries*

Safety Ministries is a fairly new committee and team of individuals focused on the safety and security of everyone attending worship and some events at Hillview. Our main focus is to develop procedures that address security, safety, and medical concerns and to provide security and medical support for activities held at Hillview, such as Vacation Bible School and Trunk R Treat for the last two years.

In addition, each Sunday during worship services, team members offer up their worship time to patrol the parking lots and main church building for the safety and security of everyone attending worship. The Safety Ministries Committee would like to invite physically able individuals to join our security team and participate in this security patrol ministry. For a few hours of your time, you can

help provide peace of mind for others attending worship at Hillview. If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Gene Hochhalter at 208-360-4092 or send an email with your questions to [kata9b@cablone.net](mailto:kata9b@cablone.net).

## *Hillview Preschool*

### **Hillview Preschool Security**

In today's environment, it is paramount to secure and protect the children attending Preschool at Hillview. Therefore, new Hansen wing security procedures are being implemented immediately to enhance Preschool protection. The south Hansen wing doors will be locked during Preschool hours. The teachers will lock and unlock the doors to accommodate the arrival and dismissal of students only. Any Preschool parent arriving late will have to enter through the east Gathering Area door near the Preschool office. All other individuals visiting

Hillview during the week should enter and exit via the east or north Gathering Area doors. The Hansen wing south doors are not to be used as an exit during Preschool hours unless it is an emergency. In addition, the restrooms located in the Hansen wing are reserved for Preschool use during Preschool hours. There are additional restrooms located in the Ballantyne wing. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 208-360-4092 or Christy Burgoyne, Preschool Director at 208-377-9280.

Eugene Hochhalter, Chair  
Safety Ministries Committee

### **Election Day Bake Sale**

Hillview Preschool will be holding a bake sale on November 6. Please stop by the church and see what goodies are available for a donation. The proceeds will help make sure that the Preschool continues to be a place where learning is fun!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 Praise Band	2 4:00 African Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Church of God	3 8:00-4:00 African Church
4 8:30 & 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:30 Youth Group 11:45 Worship 1:00 African Church	5 10:00 Art Group 4:00 African Choir Practice	6 9:30 Lydia Circle 11:00 Sermon Study 2:00 Civil Civics Discussion 6:00 Bible Study	7 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir	8 11:30 Lunch Bunch at Cottonwood Grille 7:00 Fellowship Circle 7:00 Praise Band	9 4:00 African Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Church of God	10 8:00-2:00 African Church 8:00 Men's b-fast, The Original Pancake House 10:00 a.m. UMW Unit Meeting
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18 8:30 & 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:30 Youth Group Bowling 11:45 Worship Team 1:00 African Church	19 10:00 Art Group 4:00 African Choir Practice 7:00 Cong. Care 7:00 SPRC 7:00 Trustees	20 9:30 Lydia Circle 11:00 Sermon Study 2:00 Civil Civics Discussion 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Young Adults	21 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir	22 <b>Thanksgiving</b>  Church Office Closed	23 4:00 African Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Church of God	24 8:00-4:00 African Church
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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 Fallproof, and other activities. Please be considerate and flexible with room use.



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**Office Hours:**

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m.-noon, Friday

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.

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**November Community Meal**

**November 28**

All are welcome to come join us for food (sloppy joes) and fellowship. Please see the sign-up sheet for ways that you can help with the meal. If you have questions, please call Marilesta at 208-375-5116.

