

What's Happening

Saturday, May 15

10 am—4 pm—Youth Mystery Outing

Sunday, May 16

Volunteer Sunday
8:45 am—Sunday Classes
10 am—Worship

Monday, May 17

10 am—Gentry
6—7 pm—Safe Sanctuary—Arcade

7—9 pm—Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 19

6:30 pm—ESL Class
7 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7 pm—Women's A/A

Thursday, May 20

9 am—Women's Bible Study @ Audrey Greenlee's
5:30 pm—Sharing the Journey
6:30 pm—ESL Class

7 pm—Bell Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 21

10 am—4 pm—Community Food Basket

7—9 pm—Youth Book Club

Saturday, May 22

9:30 am—1 pm—Lay Speaking Class

1—8 pm—Private Gathering—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 23

Pentecost

8:45 am—Sunday Classes
10 am—Worship

Noon—6 pm—Bag-n-Baggage Rehearsal—Fellowship Hall

7 pm—Community Concert

Monday, May 24

7—9 pm—Worship Planning Team

7 pm—Boy Scouts

7:30 pm—Women's Evening Fellowship @ Susan Jensen's

7:30 pm—Men's Bible Study—Parlor

Tuesday, May 25

8 am—Noon—WFWA Dental Van

Wednesday, May 26

6:30 pm—ESL Class
7 pm—Women's A/A

What's Happening (continued)

Thursday, May 27

6:30 pm—ESL Class

Sunday, May 30

10 am—Worship

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day—Office Closed

7—9 pm—Worship Team Meeting

7 pm—Boy Scouts

7:30 pm—Prayer Shawl Guild

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Thank You!

Thank you for inviting Time To Grow to your Camp Sunday. The Holy Spirit was present and bright in all of you. Thanks again for your support.

~ Rev. Bill Hays

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Safe Sanctuary Training

May 17—6-7PM

HUMC has a Safe Sanctuary policy designed to keep our children and vulnerable adults as safe as possible. Volunteers and staff who work with either of these groups are required to take this training. The training takes about an hour and you are welcome to bring your dinner with you since it is a little early in the evening for some. If you are a staff member, a bus driver or a potential volunteer with our Family Ministry programs please consider taking this training. If you are a pre-teen or teen interested in helping with younger children, this is not the training you will need so please contact me and I will set up training just for this group!

Meet in the Arcade. Questions?

Contact Christine at 503-544-8319 or christine@hillsboroumc.org.



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May 15 Edition Worship Services

May 16 – ASCENSION SUNDAY

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53

Sermon: "Belief in God is Belief in Myself" Jesus is "beamed" up into heaven leaving us to continue the work he started. During Fellowship Time you will have the opportunity to sign-up for mission and service opportunities within our church. I hope you sign up for something that inspires and stretches you!

May 23 – PENTECOST Wear red or another fiery color!

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:14-17

Sermon: "Challenging Our Assumptions" What assumptions do you live by? What assumptions do your neighbors live by? What moves us to understanding each other?

May 30 – First Sunday after Pentecost Susan Jensen will be preaching.

Be here for Pentecost!

Calling all families! The children will have an opportunity to "bang the drum" on Pentecost. We made drum bangers in Morning Jam last Sunday. They will be used in church on Pentecost Sunday (May 23) to accompany a musical piece David is working on. Practice will be during Lift Off! on May 16. Please plan to

Top of the Hill Outing

Top of the Hill group will meet for an easy 5K (~3 mile) walk on May 16 at 3pm. We will meet at New Season's Market in Orenco for the walk then gather at McMenamin's Cornelius Pass Roadhouse at about 5pm for a meal afterward. All are welcome and may attend the walk and/or food. For more information please contact Elyn Lewis (elyneee@yahoo.com).



Backpacks a Big Success and a Big Question

May is our last opportunity to support forty hungry students and their families at Lincoln Street Elementary School, our neighbor across the street. Many thanks to those of you who helped this project this year. The principal and counselor at Lincoln Street also sent their thanks. You are making a big difference in the learning ability of ten percent of the school's population.

But the big question is: Shall we do it again?

In order to answer this and other questions, we are conducting a survey at church Sunday, May 16th. And, as part of our May backpacks, we are including a survey of the families served this past year. Only then will we decide about changes, continuation or expansion of the program. Hope to hear from you on the 16th.

Pentecost (continued)
bring your children so they can participate in practice and in playing -- all ages are welcome.

The End is Near

Weekly Scrip sales end June 6th. But don't panic. We will have monthly opportunities to stock up on Scrip during July and August. Then, when school begins, we will be back to weekly Scrip sales. Why? Our distributor for the Scrip Program is a school district, so we follow the school calendar.

Of course, you can prepare by purchasing Scrip ahead. That way, you will be able to support Hillsboro UMC's Shared Giving with Scrip profits as well as ease your busy Summer schedule. What can you get? A drive-through lunch or snack, instant grocery money, movies, music, home improvement products and an opportunity to help people around the world.

Stop by the Scrip Table in the Fellowship Hall after worship now through June 6. Scrip and answers to your questions readily available.

Need musical helpers for Lift Off!

Our children have been asking for more opportunities to sing and to play instruments. This summer we are going to be focusing on music in Lift Off! We will be work on both vocal music and on playing the chimes. We could really use some volunteers who have skills in this area. If you are musically inclined please consider volunteering some hours this summer so our children can participate in making a "joyful noise!" Contact Christine if you are interested in helping with this. (505-544-8319 or christine@hillsboroumc.org)

Gwen's Note

I believe it is time to renovate/remodel the Fellowship Hall! What I need is someone to step up to the task of chairing this exciting project! I know people willing to help. And I know there is someone in our congregation who is capable of leading a small task group to get this project moving. I just don't know who you are...yet! Please call me if you are sensing God's nudge to step up.

Here are some of the ideas I have heard already about the space. First, return it to the original design by removing the false ceiling. Do an energy assessment. Re-finish the floors. Replace the folding chairs with more comfortable chairs. Install a separate sound and projection system for multi-media presentations.

The Fellowship Hall is the most used space in our building. It needs to look good and be more usable. It is time! Let's do it!!!

See you in church!

Peace, < \ ~
Gwen // ||

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Active Retirees & Others Outing

The next Active Retirees outing is the 25th Anniversary Concert of the Oregon Chorale! This group has performed internationally and will sing favorites from over their first 25 years. It will be a great concert!!!

The concert is Sunday, June 6, at St. Matthews Catholic Church, 447 SE 3rd Ave. Hillsboro. Cost is \$10 for Seniors. The concert starts at 7:30 PM and it is suggested that you be there by 7:10 PM to buy tickets at the door as large crowd is anticipated.

For more information contact Barbara or Al Deck.



Youth News

Saturday, May 15 "It's a Mystery"

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Meet at the church at 10:00AM We will take the church bus to an unknown (to the youth) destination for an unknown, but very fun event. We will return to the church by 4:00PM. Youth should dress for the weather, bring a change of shoes and a warm hat. The cost is \$7.00, which covers transportation, food, and fun. Invite a friend!

Friday, May 21 Book Club

7:00PM to 9:00PM in the youth room

We will be discussing the book Number the Stars by Lois Lowery, and other Historical fiction that are set during World War II.

We will also be choosing a new theme for the next month, so bring your suggestions with you.

Sunday, June 6 Youth Sunday

Youth will plan and be an active part of worship.

Sunday, June 6 Welcome BBQ

12:00 to 2:00 PM

All current youth and incoming sixth graders (current 5th graders) and their families

are invited to Carrie and Brady's house for games and BBQ. Meats, buns, and condiments will be provided.

Please bring a side dish to share. Time to be announced.

Looking ahead: Mark your calendar for Summer Jam and our B1 Fasting event July 20-22



UMW

The annual Ladies Lunch Out will bring United Methodist Women to Elmers Restaurant on June 2.

The no-host luncheon will begin at 11:30. Elmers adds a 15% gratuity to each order for large groups such as this. The restaurant is at 390 SW Adams, at the corner of Oak and Adams in downtown Hillsboro.

The UMW executive board will meet at the church at 9:30 on June 2, prior to the luncheon. There will be no local UMW meetings during July but several members plan to attend the School of Christian Mission at George Fox University in Newberg from July 8 to 11. The next Executive Board will be held August 3.

Summer JAM: Be one - with attitude!

Let's create another great VBS! Planning meeting: Tuesday, June 1 7PM

We had such a good time last summer with our new evening, inter-generational VBS. I am so excited to be working on it again and hope many of you will want to help make it even better this year. The dates will be July 20 - 22 in the evening. Our inspiration will be the Beatitudes. We will need creative activity leaders for music, art, drama, woodworking, gardening, games, cooking - if you have a special gift you'd like to share please let us know! But mostly, right now, we need a planning team. We will meet Tuesday evening, June 1 at 7PM. Let me know if you want to participate, even if you can't make it to the meeting. Christine (505-544-8319 or christine@hillsboroumc.org)

Be Prepared to sign-up to for mission and service opportunities on Volunteer Sunday May 16!

Family Ministry Corner

Welcome to Summer!

It's warm and rainy as I write this - a typical spring morning. My focus, though, is already well into summer (and even fall) as I work on planning activities, programs and classes. I am conscious, though, that church isn't all about programs and activities and classes. Church is the people. Church is us! So, how is the "us that is church" doing? How is our soul? Are we caring for each other? Are we reaching out into the world to share Christ's love through our actions? Are we creating community here at the building that is church so we can help each other grow in faith? Are we making a commitment to our children that will help them grow in faith in a loving and supportive environment? All good questions, I think, and ones that can inspire and inform us as we lead our busy lives.

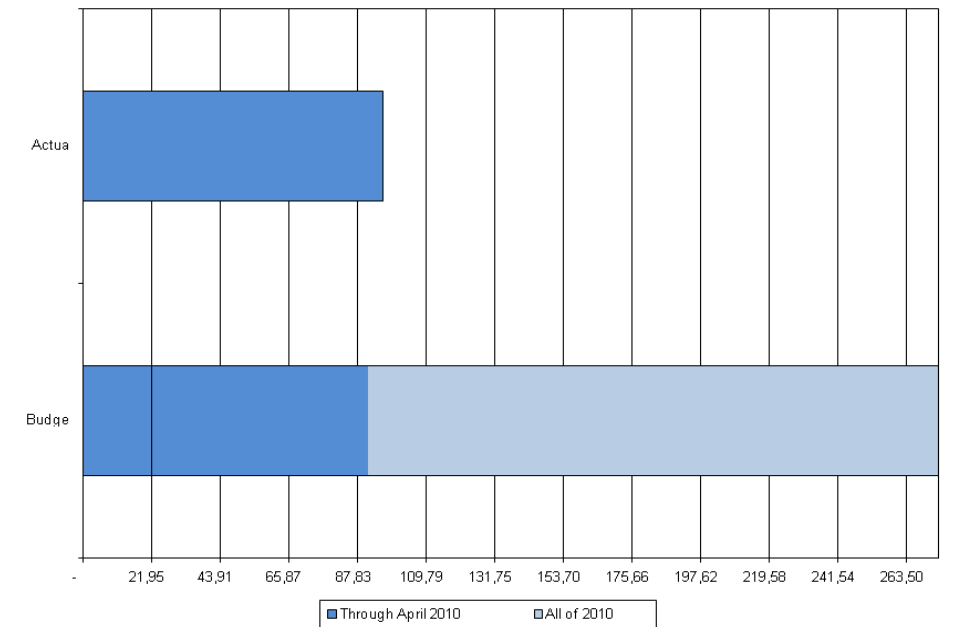
The answers to these questions can help us shape our future at HUMC. The Administrative Council is working to create a new Vision Statement for the church. It will help us to define and articulate where and what God is calling us to be and do. Families are a huge part of that vision. Please think a bit about the vision you have for HUMC, particularly where it pertains to families in terms of faith formation, outreach, and community. It would be great to hear from you about your hopes and dreams for the church. And as you think - dream big! Take care! Christine

Change Hunger Fast—Sunday, May 23

The children will be "passing the hat" during worship on Pentecost Sunday (May 23) in support of the Bishop's Initiative to Eliminate Hunger.

Please bring change for this important collection.

Finance Corner



Keep up the good work! We are going great! At this rate we won't have to plan an autumn fundraiser!
~ Pastor Gwen

Hearing More of Your Story

One of the signs of a loving, caring congregation is how much we listen to each other. At Hillsboro UMC, we share joys and concerns in worship, we fill the gaps with an active prayer chain during the week, we visit eagerly after church at Fellowship time, we happily join fellowship and other small groups just to get to know and support each other. But how many of us truly know the "rest of the story"?

June is Listening Month at HUMC. In that time, more than 100 people will engage in The HUMC Listening Project - Telling Our Stories 2010. If you receive a call, please say "Yes," then tell us your story.

Hooray! May Has a Fifth Sunday!

What's so exciting about five Sundays in a month? For one thing, you get more church for your month. At Hillsboro UMC, that means it is Undies and Sundries Sunday (try saying that five times fast). Child sized socks and underclothes, as well as toothbrushes, un-scented soap, shampoo and paper products are collected for Monika's House, and Hillsboro School's Resource Center.

Beginning May 23rd, the Undies and Sundries collection basket will be in the church entry just waiting for you to fill it up. Monika's House is a women's shelter, Hillsboro Resource Center is one of the few free sources of clothing and necessary sundries open to families in the Hillsboro area. Both need products for clients all year round, but HUMC collects only on the 5th Sunday of the month. Next opportunity to contribute comes in August.

