

SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS
8:30 & 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Next Cornerstone deadline is January 21st

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The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
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January 3, 2013

A Season of Giving

On behalf of the Missions Committee, we would like to sincerely thank the congregation for their generosity during a variety of fundraising activities this holiday season.



Your donations during Heifer Plus Sunday and other seasonal campaigns allowed us to give \$26, 680 to the following causes:

Heifer International, where the donated funds buy farm animals for those families seeking financial independence; Habitat for Humanity, where we partner with families who are working to build a better life; to UMCOR, for disaster relief funds when catastrophe has struck.

Additional funds went to our four RHUMC missionaries: Frido Kinkolenge working in children's ministries in Liberia, John Elmore, a Mission Volunteer Coordinator in Chile, Missionary photojournalist Paul Jeffery, and Red Bird Mission in Kentucky.

AND. . . you purchased gifts or gift cards for 315 youth from Toberman Neighborhood Center. Thank you for bringing smiles to the faces of the youth and their parents who are tremendously

grateful for your kindness.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

-Sir Winston Churchill

from the pastor



You may have noticed the appearance of little colored dots and lines here and there around the campus. This is a good thing – a sign of more to come! We are still in the early stages, but the new education facility whose plans we approved last September is moving forward. We are working with our general contractor, Del Amo Construction, our architect Joe Spierer and Associates, and the City of Rolling Hills Estates to develop a more detailed plan for our campus. The spots of paint on the ground are the markings of our utility surveyors, whose work is needed as we prepare the construction drawings we will submit to the city.

For those new to our congregation, we have been working on plans to replace the Sunday School buildings constructed over forty years ago with a new building that matches the rest of our facilities. It will be simple, flexible, energy efficient. It will allow us to serve more effectively the mission with children and families that has been at the heart of our church's life for many years.

A year and a half ago our church family gave gifts and pledges totaling just over \$1.5 million over three years for this project. Well over half of that amount has been given already. We know that the total cost will be close to \$5 million. Over the coming weeks we will be in touch with everyone again, with three goals. The first will be to re-confirm the pledges made by those who responded so generously already. We want everyone to know that we count on

their gifts as we go forward. Some may choose to raise or extend their pledge, which would also be welcome! A number have already done so. The second will be to reach out to those who did not respond to the earlier campaign. Some of us were not here back then, and others were not ready or able to take part at the time. The third will be an effort to encourage a number of major gifts from families in our congregation, to help us move ahead in the strongest possible position.

Back in September, my hope was to raise between \$1 and \$2 million in addition to the original \$1.5 million given or pledged. So I want to share with you the news that a number of members and friends have already come forward with significant contributions. New and increased gifts to the project have reached \$450,000 even before we officially started. Almost \$200,000 were given before the end of the year. Another \$250,000 was pledged over the coming five years. This is most remarkable, and a real sign of strength as we go forward.

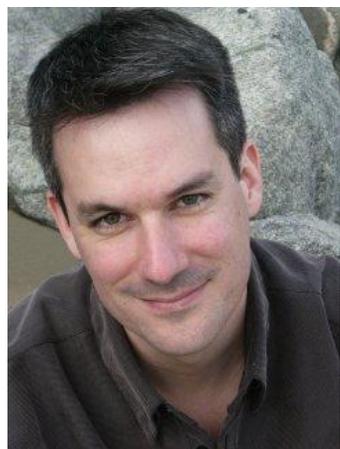
So the paint marks on the campus are a sign of good things to come. As we work through this exciting process please feel free to be in touch with me at any time. As we enter this new year together, I look forward to making a difference in the lives of children and families for decades to come.

Grace and peace,



SUNDAYS AT 2 CONCERT JANUARY 6TH

In commemoration of Benjamin Britten (1913-1976), the program will feature the world premiere of Bruce Broughton's Sonata for Cello and Piano. There is no cost for the concert but a free-will offering is suggested.



Internationally renowned concert pianist and favorite of Southland piano aficionados, Los Angeles-based **Robert Edward Thies** is Gold-Medal winner of the Second International Prokofiev Competition in St. Petersburg, Russia. Robert has performed worldwide with over forty orchestras including the Saint Petersburg Philharmonic, Liepaja Symphony (Latvia), Mexico City Philharmonic, the National Symphony of Mexico, Auckland Philharmonia (New Zealand), Louisville Orchestra, Fort Worth Symphony, Virginia Symphony, Buffalo Philharmonic, Pasadena Symphony, and the Naples Philharmonic, to name just some. A graduate of USC, his teachers have included Robert Turner and Daniel Pollack, both protégés of the legendary Russian pedagogue and pianist Madame Rosina Lhevinne and the great pianist Josef Lhevinne. Robert has a huge and avid Southern California following. He is returning to the Palos Verdes Peninsula

where he grew up for his third appearance on the *Sundays at Two* series.

Currently Principal Cello of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, **Andrew Shulman** is the former Principal Cello of Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and London's renowned Philharmonia. The first British winner of the Piatigorsky Artist Award, he has performed numerous concertos with the world's leading orchestras. He has given recitals in London's Wigmore Hall, Buckingham Palace, and the Royal Palace in Stockholm, performed cello concertos with Simon Rattle at the Royal Festival Hall and with Esa-Pekka Salonen at the Hollywood Bowl. At 21 he became principal of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, and at 22 Riccardo Muti appointed him principal of the Philharmonia. He recorded 26 CDs with the Britten Quartet for EMI and solo CDs for Virgin and EMI. Shulman received an Honorary RCM from the Queen Mother in 1986, and subsequently became a Professor at the Royal College of Music. Now residing in Los Angeles, he teaches at the USC Thornton School. He is a regular guest artist at the Ojai, Aspen, La Jolla, and Mainly Mozart summer music festivals, and last season recorded three new cello concertos written for him. He also played Schumann and Vivaldi concertos with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, and performed the complete works for cello and piano by Beethoven with Jeffrey Kahane (soon to be recorded).



Family Ministries

The **Purposeful Readers** are preparing to discuss the book *A Family Christmas* by Caroline Kennedy on January 13 at 6:30 p.m. "In *A Family Christmas*, Caroline shares the Christmas poetry, prose, scriptural readings, and lyrics that are most dear to her, drawing on authors as diverse as Harper Lee, Nikki Giovanni, Martin Luther King Jr., Billy Collins, John and Yoko, and Charles Dickens. There are also many lesser-known gems throughout and personal treasures from her own family -- including a young Caroline's Christmas list to Santa Claus and a letter from her father as President to a child concerned about Santa's well-

being. *A Family Christmas* includes selections from: Groucho Marx, Emma Lazarus, Mark Twain, Sandra Cisneros, Pearl S. Buck, Truman Capote, Gabriela Mistral, Ogden Nash, Clement Clarke Moore, Vladimir Nabokov, Marianne Moore, Calvin Trillin, E. B. White, and many more. This diverse and unique anthology will become a timeless keepsake, and will enrich your heart and mind with the spirit of Christmas.”

The Purposeful Readers don't always share the same opinions about a book, but we always have fun discussing what we think, and learning more about each other in the process. You don't have to have read the book to participate in the discussions, so feel free to stop in and join the fun.

The **Creativity Group** will be meeting on January 21st at 7 p.m. in the Health & Wellness office. Feel free to bring something creative that you have been working on, and be inspired by others who are honing their craft as well. For more information, contact Caitlyn Szieff.

Carol Berthelet Retires After 25 Years with RHUMC

Carol started working at this church at a time in her life when many others may have thought of taking it easy – not Carol! In addition to working here 20 hours a week, she sang in the Riviera UMC's choir and was also in their bell choir, (two in each hand!), played golf, walked every day, and the list goes on. Carol has been an important part of our administrative staff. She prepared the Sunday bulletin, maintained member records, ordered supplies, assisted with The Cornerstone, to name just a few of her responsibilities. She is headed to surgery at the end of this month and felt it was a good time to retire, “I am 92 years old, you know!” she offered when submitting her resignation. We don't know for sure, but we think she should be in the Guinness book for “Retirement Age Records”. After Carol has her surgery and is feeling better, we look forward to her attending a future morning service where we can properly thank her for her years of dedicated work. We will keep you posted about that date. Thank you, Carol, for your years of service, charm, and laughter.



A “Shift” Change for Parish Nurse Marian Komori

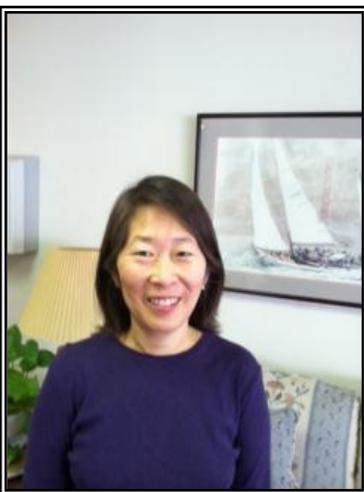
How quickly time flies! When I first joined the staff of RHUMC my intent to serve in the parish nurse position was for two years. But somehow that term stretched to four years. I have had fun and it has been a time of learning and growing. Just as hospitals have shift changes, the time for me to be off duty has come. I will complete my “shift” at the end of January. I am glad that Annette will be the new parish nurse and we will work together for a short time.



RHUMC has been forward thinking in having a nurse on staff and the trend for churches to recognize the need for parish nursing seems to be growing. I feel blessed to have been called to do that work and am truly grateful. It has been a privilege to work with Jonathan, John, Diane and the entire staff. I have made many new friends and have gotten to know many others as they shared their life journeys. I am blessed to have had that experience but now look forward to having more time to pursue personal interests. Certainly plan to be at church and will continue to be part of Health and Wellness. In the meantime I sincerely want to thank those who have lent their support and guidance. I appreciate the grace and love shared over the years.

May God continue to bless all of you during 2013 and beyond!
Marian Komori

Welcome, Annette Matsuda



Annette has been hired as our new Parish Nurse and will start in that position on January 21st. Annette's nursing background includes 23 years in school nursing at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. She also served for seven years as a hospital nurse, working in surgical and labor and delivery nursing.

Annette is a member of Rolling Hills Covenant Church where she has been involved in several volunteer opportunities. For several years she has enjoyed singing with the RHUMC church choir and Los Cancioneros Master Chorale. She grew up at Wayside UMC in Lomita and also has been part of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles. Annette's mother and missionary sister

and family live in the Philippines. She can be reached at 310-377-6771, ext. 116 after January 21st.



Greetings Greater Los Angeles Partners in Faith!

A very Merry Christmas and happy holiday season to you and your congregation from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles (HFH GLA)! Because of the work we did together in 2012, more than 80 new homeowners across greater Los Angeles now have decent, sustainable and affordable homes to live in! This year we were able to complete more homes than ever before for hardworking, low income homeowners in need. It would not have happened without your prayers and support. Thank you!

In closing, I'd like to say again how grateful HFH GLA is to you and your congregation for all of your continued prayers and support over the last year. With more than 80 new Habitat for Humanity homes built or rehabilitated in greater Los Angeles (including the Ray family's Long Beach home pictured here), we have much to celebrate during this joyous season. Over the last two years, 40 congregations from all denominations have come together to raise more than \$40,000 to help complete 10 homes. Check out [Lent Build 2013](#) for more information. Once again, God's people are in need of a good carpenter during Lent 2013!



Please feel free to contact me at chrisu@habitatla.org or at (424) 246-3622 to receive more information.

Chris Untiet,
Manager, Faith Relations

Concert Featuring Jade Johnson Set for February 1st



Her latest role was as Sheila Franklin in the

Many of you no doubt remember Jade from her impressive performance at Disney Hall when our own Chuck Dickerson conducted the Los Angeles Inner City Youth Orchestra there last spring.

We are fortunate to be able to book this busy performer who appeared at age 8 in her first role and has gone on to appear in over 30 musical productions. At the February 1st concert, Jade will be accompanied by piano, bass, drums and guitar.

In 2009 she performed at the NBA Block Party during All Star

was also
for
Soulja

Theatre



Weekend, and the opening act recording artist Boy. Jade is currently a BA major at USC. musical *Hair*.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Ticket prices are \$20 per adult and \$10 for under. Sales will begin on the patio on January

February 1st. children 12 and 13th and can also

be purchased from the church office during the week.

SAVE THE DATE!

What: Annual Silent Auction for the Children

When: April 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Where: The Norris Pavilion, Rolling Hills Estates

What's Next: More details to follow in future newsletters and church bulletin



Basketball Update

Happy New Year! Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! Now it is time to work off all of that holiday eating! Our basketball dates for January are:

Mon., Jan 7th, 6-8 pm
Mon., Jan 14th, 6-8 pm
Mon., Jan 21st, 6-8 pm
Mon., Jan 28th, 6-8 pm

Thurs., Jan 3rd, 6-8 pm
Thurs., Jan 10th, 6-8 pm
Thurs., Jan 17th, 6-8 pm
Thurs., Jan 24th, 6-8 pm
Thurs., Jan 31st, 6-8 pm

Sat., Jan 5th, 2-4 pm
Sat., Jan 12th, 2-4 pm
Sat., Jan 19th, 2-4 pm
Sat., Jan 26th, 2-4 pm

If you would like to be sent reminders/updates regarding our schedule via email, please forward your email address to John Kwan at john@rhumc.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Administrative Assistant Opening at RHUMC

The church is seeking a person to fill the full-time position of Administrative Assistant. Candidates for this job should have good communications skills, both written and verbal; a good working knowledge of Word and Excel; and must be able to deal with people with a variety of needs.

Experience with coordinating events would be helpful. A minimum of two years administrative experience is required; college degree and work history with a church or in a non-profit setting is preferred. This position will report directly to the Assistant to the Pastor, with oversight from the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Please send your resumé to churchoffice@rhumc.org, or fax to 310-544-4123 by January 31st.

Faith in Action

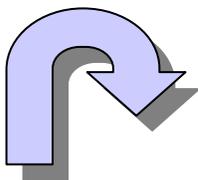
Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our Faith in Action project to provide Christmas gifts for the homeless served by St. Paul's United Methodist Church. The outpouring this year was overwhelming! Thanks to your efforts, we were able to deliver 115 gifts bags, each filled with a blanket, a pair of socks, a gallon bag full of toiletries and some Christmas candy. We also handed out 15 children's gifts of pla-doh and trinkets. We want to extend particular thanks to Trader Joe's and Ralph's for donating the reusable grocery bags we used to package the gifts. This body of Christ is truly blessed to be able to help those who are less fortunate and, most especially, to give our youth the gift of learning how to give back.

LOGOS-LAND

Ready . . . Set . . . GO!

Are you ready to race? Our junior and senior high youth will be heading over to Del Amo Mall and conducting a scavenger hunt called "The Amazing Race." We will break our group up into teams with a parent/adult chaperone assisting them. They will be given a list of tasks and a camera/video camera to complete their tasks. The team that completes the most tasks in the given time frame wins! We will meet at

the Del Amo Food Court to start our event. Friends are more than welcome to attend and participate! And if you are willing to be a parent chaperone, please let me know! Here are all the important details:



JUNIOR HIGH (6th - 8th Grade)

Sunday, January 13th

1 pm to 4 pm

Meet at the Del Amo Food Court

3 Del Amo Fashion Center, Torrance, CA

SENIOR HIGH (9th - 12 Grade)

Saturday, January 26th

3 pm to 6 pm

Meet at the Del Amo Food Court

3 Del Amo Fashion Center, Torrance, CA



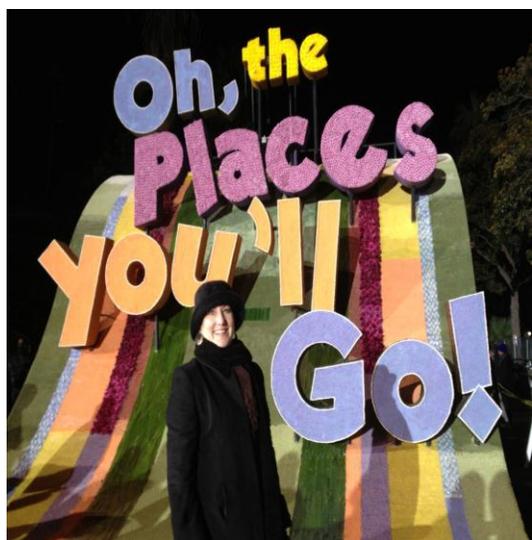
These photos will give you an idea of the fun the youth have on these hunts. Del Amo management might think differently.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask! Please RSVP with John Kwan if you are planning on attending! 310-377-6771, john@rhumc.org.

R H U M C . . .

The alarm went off at 4:00 a.m. and I knew I could not afford to hit the snooze button. It was so early that the furnace hadn't even kicked in. The weather forecast called for this to be bitter cold morning and they were right. Dear friends had given us tickets to the Rose Parade so we were Pasadena bound.

Oh, the Places You'll Go was this year's theme for the 113 Rose Parade. Having to be in the parking lot by 6:00 a.m. gave us plenty of time to walk around before the parade started.

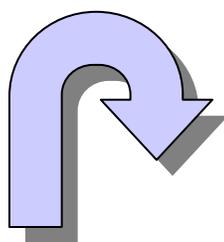


As we walked the streets and saw the floats decorated with all the beautiful flowers my son, Steven said "I bet you 10 bucks before the parade is over you will cry." I told him there was no way...so glad I am not a betting woman. My insightful son realized it long before I did that this year's theme would pull on my heart strings. After completing 10 years of Kid Zone and now expanding my role with Children's Ministries I am reminded how lucky I am to be a part of such a dynamic church and community. As my mother Dottie says "God is good."

Oh, the Places You'll Go makes me think of hope and making dreams come true for my family and all the children and families that I have the privilege of meeting. May 2013 be filled with fun and adventure for you and your family and may you enjoy every step of the journey...*Oh, the Places You'll Go*.

Lisa Williams
Director of Children's Ministries

If interested in piano lessons with Chuck Dickerson, please call the Kid Zone office at 310-377-6771 for details. Lessons are for beginners on up.



... CHILDREN

Daddy or Mommy & Me Classes



RHUMPS is excited to offer Daddy or Mommy & Me Classes. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your child playing games, singing songs and meeting new friends.

Session one: Wednesday, January 16 – March 20

Session two: Wednesday, April 3 – June 5

Class runs from 9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and we will meet in the Mission Room. Cost \$180 per 10 week session. To register please call Myra at the preschool at 310- 377-0742.

Everywhere Fun Fair Where God's World Comes Together Spring Break VBC

PV Student's Spring Break – March 25-29

Torrance Student's Spring Break – April 8-2

Our travels will take us to Japan, Australia, Zimbabwe, United Kingdom and Mexico as we learn how to be good neighbors to everyone.

Come One, Come All!

Children will discover that God's love welcomes everyone, as they learn to love and serve God and be a neighbor to the world.

To register please contact Lisa Williams 310-377-6771



Rev. Jonathan Chute, Pastor

John Kwan, Associate Pastor
Lisa Williams, Children's Min. & Kid Zone Dir.
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
Evan Griffiths, Senior High Youth
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Patti MacLeod, Music Dir., 3rd Service
Althea Waites, Organist
Norm Loos, Head Usher
Dick Swan, Usher Captain
Loretta Ball & Janice Plank, January Altar Guild

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