

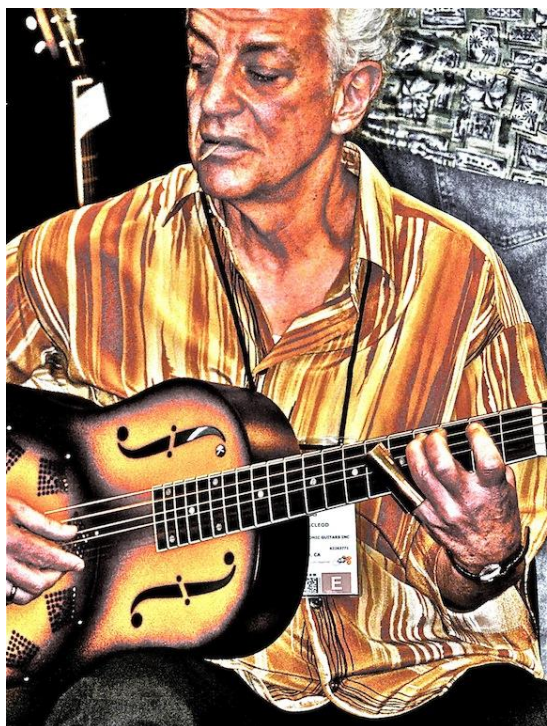
SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS
8:30 & 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Next Cornerstone deadline is October 21st
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The Cornerstone

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October 2013

Mid-Week Blues Concert



Be sure to save **Wednesday, October 23rd**, at 7:30 p.m. for a most exciting "Mid-Week Blues" concert featuring **Doug MacLeod**, husband of our own Patty MacLeod! Doug was nominated for 3 Blues Blast Music Awards, Male Blues Artist of the Year, Traditional Blues Album of the Year and Song of the Year! He is the 2013 nominee for Acoustic Artist of the Year. He is a traveling artist who writes and sings original songs that are based on his own life and experiences. He is known for his superb songwriting, guitar wizardry, warm soulful vocals, wit, and unforgettable live performances. From 1999-2004, he hosted "Nothin' But The Blues", a very popular weekend blues show on Los Angeles' KLON-KKJZ. He has been the voice for The Blues Showcase on Continental Airlines and contributed his soulful slide guitar playing to the Los Angeles opening of the August Wilson play "Gem of the Ocean." MacLeod signed with Reference Recordings in 2012. His new album "There's A Time" was released in March, 2013.

Admission is free and we look forward to seeing you all at RHUMC to share this fun evening.

from the pastor



Fall has definitely arrived. The Santa Ana winds have come. Halloween costume stores have sprung up on every corner. The kids are back in school. It's a good time of year. At church, it's a season of gratitude and grace.

On World Communion Sunday (this Sunday!) we gather at God's table with Christians across the globe and remember that we belong together. On Laity Sunday we are reminded that the Church is more (much more!) than its professional clergy, and welcome our Lay Leader, Earl Butler, as preacher for October 13.

We call the last Sunday of October "Celebration Sunday." We don't talk a lot about money here at RHUMC, and we count on your generosity to make our mission possible. It's an opportunity for us to consider our giving for the coming year, and to give thanks for all that makes the congregation healthy and strong. On the morning of the 27th we look forward to a wonderful celebratory brunch. After 3rd service we'll gather for the usual taco night feast. All are invited as we give thanks for the coming year's mission and ministry together.

We don't talk a lot about money, but I'm not afraid to let you know where our money goes, and what it accomplishes. This year, our **Mission with Children and Families** is about 28% of the Operating Budget. That comes to about \$330,000. Your giving provides salaries for staff, money for space and facilities, and resources needed to provide excellent programs for children and youth. This past summer our Vacation Bible Camp served over 200 children. Logos serves about 50 junior and senior high students each week. Almost 70 youth took part in the Sierra Service Project. In Sunday School we serve about 45 children each week, and Kid Zone reaches a whole lot more, every Monday through Friday.

Local and World Outreach is about 19% of Operating Budget, or \$224,000. This is what we use to help people who are hungry or hurting, whether they live close by, across the country or around the world. It also represents our part of the wider work of the United Methodist Church, including ministerial education, interfaith dialogue and humanitarian relief.

We also invest about 24% of the Operating Budget in **Congregational and Community Care**. That's about \$283,000 in the current year. Caring for each other in times of need is a part of our life as a family of faith. When someone is sick, or has lost a loved one, we count on the church to be there with kindness and compassion. Salaries for pastoral and support staff, parish nurse, meeting space for wellness and exercise groups are also included in this figure.

Our Worship Life makes up about 29% of the Operating Budget, or \$342,000. Our investment in worship includes a team of excellent leaders, support staff, music resources, space and facilities, and the energy to make it all go! On average over 400 people gather each Sunday to worship God, give thanks for the gift of grace in our lives and grow in faith. At Christmas and Easter we share God's love with an even larger extended family, through music and stories that stir our hearts.

This is where the money goes. These are some of the people it reaches and helps. As we move into this new season of grace, I want you to know what a difference you make. Thank you for your generosity and giving!

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

Celebration Sunday – October 27th

Celebration Sunday for our annual giving campaign is **October 27th**. Two events will take place that day which we hope all of you will attend. The first is worship, which will help us to focus on the values of compassion and community that we share as God's family.

The second will be the special Celebration meal which will follow in Wesley Hall after each of our Sunday services (brunch in the morning and dinner after 3rd Service). We will have plenty for visitors, guests and friends to join with us, but we also ask everyone who plans to come to make a reservation so that we can have an accurate count. Reservation cards will be distributed by our ushers on Sunday, October 20th.

As we give thanks for the blessing of life which God gives us, please plan to gather and celebrate with other members of our church family. Thank you!

All Saints' Sunday – November 3rd

Each year, on the first Sunday of November, we celebrate All Saints' Day with a special prayer of thanksgiving for members and friends of our church family who have died in the past year. We are also invited to share names of persons who have been a part of our own lives over the years, whether they were members of this church or not. This year the Sunday of All Saints falls on November 3rd, and again we want to extend the invitation to share with us people who have helped you to live and grow in grace, or have touched your life in a significant way. If you would like to include someone in the service who has died since November 1, 2012, please call the church office with their name, and the date of their death if you know it. All of us have been blessed by people who have gone before us, and this is an opportunity to remember their contributions to our lives.

Hold the Date!

Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, November 16th – 6:30 p.m.

Paid reservations will be taken on the patio starting Sunday, October 27th, between services...the donation is \$30.00 per adult, \$15.00 per child twelve and under. Anyone wishing to help with setting up Wesley Hall or cooking in the kitchen may call Doug Kemps at 310-544-3240 or Suellen Fung at 310-541-8191. Following the dinner in the Sanctuary, James Calhoun, our summer substitute organist, will perform once again on the organ. The organ will be moved to the center of the Chancel area so you will be able to watch his fancy footwork with the pedals along with hearing him perform various musical scores.



Shop Early! Beat the Holiday Rush! Sunday, November 10th

Shop at our UMW Sponsored MISSION MARKET

(After each of our morning services)

Help UMW raise money to support these mission work areas: Toberman Neighborhood Center, Sierra Service Project, RHUMC KidZone, Community Helpline, Harbor Interfaith, Rainbow Services, Forensic Nurse Specialists, Amigos Circle of Life, Harbor Area Halfway House, SERRV International.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Plan to share and donate your favorite homemade food items such as breads, cookies, jams, etc. and any hand crafted creations, sewn, knitted, crocheted, jewelry and/or artwork. Donated items can be brought to the church kitchen on Saturday, November 9th, after 2:00 p.m. or on Sunday morning November 10th, before the first service.

United Methodist Women

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our Annual Luncheon a success! There was fun, fellowship, good food and informative presentations by our local mission representatives.

Heifer Plus Sunday - November 10th



Gifts to Heifer International, Habitat for Humanity, and our Missionaries make wonderful Christmas presents as well as the fabulous spread of hand-crafted items, gift foods and art provided by the UMW. The action takes place in Wesley Hall Sunday morning and before and after the evening service.

You will be given a “shopping list” where you can sponsor a farm animal for a community striving to move forward; buy a door or window for a Habitat house; support a Missionary's great work. Then there will be tables filled with knitted, crocheted, and sewn objects; preserves, baked goods, and holiday surprises.



This church family knows their way around the annual Mission Market – we've won the Conference Mission Giving Award six times in recent years!

Get ready to shop 'til you drop on November 10th. These gifts truly are the gifts that keep on giving.

And for the Well Collection...

WELL Done!

Over \$2,000 was given on Rally Sunday to support our mission for clean water in Kenya. WELL Done! These gifts and those from the Vacation Bible Camp children make it possible to provide a well for a Kenyan Village. If you missed Rally Sunday and would like to learn more about this project, please contact Dale Gehr at 310-377-6548. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, checks can be made to RHUMC with "Wells" in the memo line and placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

Missionary Paul Jeffrey is coming to town!

Every three years United Methodist missionaries take a few weeks to visit congregations that support their ministry. Paul will be with us Wednesday, **November 13th**, to share some of his beautiful photography and talk with us about where he has been and what mission means today in our community and around the world. For more information about Paul Jeffrey, visit his website at www.kairosphotos.com.

Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.



STEVEN VANHAUWAERT
and DANNY HOLT piano

Sundays At Two

~ presents ~

4handsLA

*Reprising their critically acclaimed
Jacaranda performance of
Stravinsky's Rite of Spring
celebrating the 100th anniversary
of its Paris debut*

4handsLA is L.A.'s "dazzlingly young" (Los Angeles Times) piano duo. Regular performers on the Jacaranda series in Santa Monica, the energetic duo were introduced to audiences in 2009 in a performance of Stravinsky's Rite of Spring. The Huffington Post wrote that the duo's performance "created a sensation." Free Will Offering.

Presidential Volunteer Service Award 2012-2013 Recipients

<i>Saahil Anand – Bronze</i>	<i>Michelle Portillo – Gold</i>
<i>Ethan Droesch – Bronze</i>	<i>Caela Roach - Bronze</i>
<i>Nathaniel Coleman – Silver</i>	<i>Megan Roach - Gold</i>
<i>Liese Cooper – Bronze</i>	<i>Madison Routh - Bronze</i>
<i>Natalie DeLuca – Bronze</i>	<i>Taylor Routh - Bronze</i>
<i>Katie Fejes – Silver</i>	<i>Branden Schmidt - Silver</i>
<i>Katya Forsyth – Bronze</i>	<i>Johnny Schmidt - Bronze</i>
<i>Sarah Foster – Gold</i>	<i>Rebecca Schulist - Gold</i>
<i>Gracie Froom – Bronze</i>	<i>Brian Smalling - Silver</i>
<i>Alex Garcia – Gold</i>	<i>Jada Smith - Gold</i>
<i>J.B. Hanhart – Bronze</i>	<i>Katie Stam - Bronze</i>
<i>Samantha Hanhart – Silver</i>	<i>John Szieff - Gold</i>
<i>Kathleen Holihan – Bronze</i>	<i>Julian Szieff - Bronze</i>
<i>Bobby Jones – Bronze</i>	<i>Ryan Tsang - Bronze</i>
<i>Kelsea Jones – Bronze</i>	<i>Shannon Tsang - Bronze</i>
<i>Kyle Kleinick – Gold</i>	<i>Alex Wearn - Gold</i>
<i>Niki Lorentzen – Silver</i>	<i>Austin Welch - Bronze</i>
<i>Ryan McGowan – Gold</i>	<i>Rachel Wilkinson - Gold</i>
<i>Georgia Nelson – Gold</i>	<i>Steven Williams - Bronze</i>
<i>Lauren Olsen – Gold</i>	<i>Ranger Woodland - Gold</i>
<i>Zoe Peterson – Bronze</i>	<i>Kelsey Yamasaki - Gold</i>
<i>Nicole Phillips – Bronze</i>	<i>Evan Zakman - Bronze</i>
<i>Sara Platnick – Bronze</i>	<i>Hayley Zakman - Bronze</i>
<i>Kacie Plunkett – Gold</i>	<i>James Zhang - Gold</i>

This award was created by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to thank and honor those who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

The award was based on the following hours of service in a 12 month period:

Youth 14 & Under	Youth 15+
Bronze: 50-74 hrs	Bronze: 100-174 hrs
Silver: 75-99 hrs	Silver: 175-249 hrs
Gold: 100+ hrs	Gold: 250+ hrs

Rocktober 2013

Friday, October 25th
6 pm - 9 pm



Junior & Senior High Welcome

Attractions: Bungee Trampoline, Carnival Games, Video Game Theater, Joust, RC Cars, Velcro Wall, Bungee Run, Live DJ, Photo Booth, Snow Cones, Cotton Candy, & Popcorn

\$30 Admission/Dinner (All Inclusive)

Lots of Free Raffle Prizes!

Get 5 Extra Tickets at the Door for Bringing a Friend!

Lost & Found

Have you lost or left something behind on the church campus? If so, please call the church office to see if it has been turned in at 310-377-6771.



Children's Ministries

A Great Place to Grow

Lisa Williams
Director of Children's Ministries

*“Anyone can count the seeds in an apple,
but no one knows how many apples are in a seed.”*

September 26 kids around the country celebrated John “Appleseed” Chapman’s birthday. He was born in 1774 in Massachusetts. He never drove a car or sent a basketball through a hoop. He just grew apples. One might ask why this is important. The answer is Johnny Appleseed lived by example! And of the many footsteps he took across the frontier in his bare feet he left five for us to fill:

Use What You Have

Share What You Have

Respect Nature

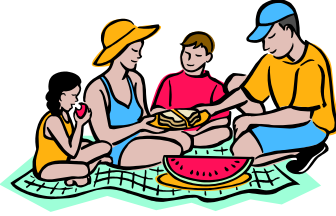

Try to Make Peace Where There is War

You Can Reach Your Destination By Taking Small Steps...

Oh, the Lord is good to me,
And so I thank the Lord
For giving me the things I need:
The sun and the rain and the apple seed.
The Lord is good to me! Amen

Take the Johnny Appleseed pledge.
Promise to do one small deed every day that can change the world for better.

Children's Ministries

<p style="text-align: center;">Acolyte Training</p> <p>Acolytes play an important role in worship. They bring God's light into the service. At the end of worship, they carry the light back into the world. This represents a symbol that Jesus Christ is for all people.</p> <p>If you are in 4th grade and above and are interested in becoming an acolyte, please contact Lisa Williams 310-377-6771</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Family Picnic Sunday, October 20th After 2nd service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A great chance to meet new families, friends, and get to know the Sunday School staff. Kid and adult friendly food will be served.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">RHUMC Kid Zone Halloween Carnival Wednesday, October 30th 3:30-5:00 All Are Welcome Ages 3+ Please bring your parents</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Piano Lessons RHUMC Director of Music, Charles Dickerson Ages 5+ Please contact Kid Zone 310-377-7302</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mommy/ Daddy and Me Class 16 months - 2 years Wednesdays 9:15-11:15 Starting October 3rd</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Preschool Open House Thursday, October 24th 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Sanctuary 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Preschool Classrooms</p>



Welcome Rachel Stam

Rachel Stam has joined the staff as the **Director of Family Ministries**, effective September 23. Rachel has been a member of the congregation since 2010, when she moved to South Bay with her family from the Detroit area. Before joining RHUMC, Rachel served as an elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Michigan, where she also chaired the Children and Family Ministries program. Rachel previously worked in Human Resources at Ford Motor Company.

Rachel is the proud mother of two children, Katie and Caleb. Katie is an eighth grader at Miraleste Intermediate School who enjoys LOGOS and SSP, and Caleb is a fifth grader at Dapplegray Elementary who enjoys Taco Night. Her husband Adam works at Toyota Financial and is an avid Detroit Tigers fan. Rachel is very excited to start her new position and looks forward to hearing your ideas about programs and activities related to family ministries. She can be reached at (310) 377-6771 ext. 105 or ryostam@gmail.com.

Purposeful Readers

The Purposeful Readers will next meet on Sunday, **October 6th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room to discuss Brian D. McLaren's book, *A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions that are Transforming the Faith*. The *FaithfulReader.com* wrote, "...A New Kind of Christianity is incredibly well written, engaging, thoughtful and provoking....one of the most significant conversations that will shape Christianity for years to come."

Sandcastles – The next Sandcastles event for families who are experiencing divorce is on Sunday, **October 13th**, from 1-5 p.m. Children 6 through 17 years of age and their parent or parents benefit from this remarkable program led by licensed therapists and experienced teachers. The cost is \$125 per family, and includes the book *Sandcastles* by M. Gary Neuman. This course was so helpful that in the state of Florida it is now mandatory for divorcing couples with children. You can register by calling the family ministries office at 310-377-6771, email familyministries@rhmc.org or pick up a brochure on the patio on Sunday mornings.



Health & Wellness
Annette Matsuda, RN, BSN
Parish Nurse

“Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.”
 III John 1:2 (NASB)

Last year, we had one of the worst cold/flu seasons in recent history. This month marks the beginning of our 6 month (average) flu season. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that all persons over age 6 months get the flu vaccine. Flu vaccines historically diminish the effects of flu symptoms.

In addition, we can stop or minimize the spread of germs in our homes, at work, church, and other public places by doing the following:

- Avoid close contact with those who are ill.
- Stay home when you are ill.
- Cover your cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands often.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Let’s do our part to have a healthier fall and winter this year.

I recommend the following readings from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/stopgerms.htm>

“Stopping the Spread of Germs at Home, Work & School”

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/handwashing/>

“What is the right way to wash your hands?”

Your Health and Wellness Committee plans for 2013-2014 year include the following: Encouraging everyone in the church to carry emergency information cards, offering presentations on “Optimal Aging” and “Current Nutrition Topics,” and introducing a hiking group to our offered exercise classes.

Your H/W committee members are: Chairperson: Chris Campbell, Shirley Bails, Nina Bradbury, Joyce Crump, Rita Guiton, Marian Komori, Patty Kurlak, Sam and Carolyn Melvin, Ken Ueda, Sylvia Warner, Thelma Yasuda, and myself. If you have a topic that you would like to see addressed, please let one of us know.

Senior Pastor	Jonathan Chute	Music Director	Chuck Dickerson
Assoc. Pastor	John Kwan	Organist/Pianist	Althea Waites
Children’s Min. & Kid/Mid Zone Dir.	Lisa Williams	3 rd Service Ensemble	Patti MacLeod
Preschool Director	Myra Ghabrial	Admin Asst. to Pastor	Michele Nelson
Family Ministries Dir.	Rachel Stam	Church Office Admin	Peggy Roulette
Jr. High Youth	John Kwan	Treasurer	Robin La Tourette
Senior High Youth	Evan Griffiths	Bookkeeper	Nicole Lowery Zakman
Parish Nurse	Annette Matsuda	Custodian	Miguel Portillo

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