



ROLLING HILLS  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church  
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### September 7th

# Rally SUNDAY

Hope you can join us as we gather back from our summer adventures and get geared up for the fall. The Chancel Choir will be back, the children will meet their new Sunday school teachers, backpacks will be blessed and you'll have an opportunity to tour our new Choir Room. For the early birds at 8:30, we'll have bagels & fruit. After the 10:00 service, we'll have a church picnic with fried chicken, potato salad and coleslaw. After our 5:30

service, we'll have sliders and chips. And that's not all...there will be music and games to add to the festivities. It will be a great time to relax and share summer vacation stories as we look forward to another great year together. You don't want to miss out on the fun!

See you on Rally Sunday!

**The Chancel Choir Says Thanks!** For those of you who haven't peeked into the newly renovated choir room, please do. It is beautiful, and you should see it. On behalf of the choir, Althea Waites and Charles Dickerson, please accept our deepest thanks for your contribution in giving us this new home. We have so much more space, a refreshed room, and even a patio outside! So if you don't see us in the choir loft during church, you might know where we'll be!

### *from the pastor*



Some years ago a friend of mine, the resident storyteller at the RAND Corporation, taught me that "Things always take longer than they do." Having lived through the recent renovation work we understand exactly what he meant. At last we get to move in to the new space, and over the coming months will learn more what it makes possible in our life and work. There are still a few finishing touches to be cared for (can you say "landscaping"???), but the end result looks to be well worth the trials and tribulations we experienced along the way. A special thanks to Building Committee members Kevin Borg, Mark Tournat and Susan Welch (as well as original member Mike Todd). I cannot tell you how much they have done to bring about this wonderful accomplishment.

We will plan for a celebration Open House in October, but I thought I could share a couple of thoughts about what we have gained. Outside in the parking lot we have created a more visible and inviting "front door" to welcome the wider community. Where our sanctuary was once nearly hidden from the street it is much easier to find. We have already had a new worshiper who told me in the line on Sunday "I hadn't known there was a church there." It will be easier for people to find us.

We've added sixteen new parking spots, including a total of 4 handicapped spaces (up from 3) and a wider ramp located close to the main stairway. Park benches at the top and bottom of the ramp, as well as halfway up, will make it easier for us to wait for a friend who has gone to fetch the car. The set of stairs to the choir room door is also much lower. With improved lighting at night and ease of access all the time it will make the new room more useful for lots of people.

I mentioned at the July Ad Board meeting that we might want to find a new name for the choir room – a name that helps people to have an idea of the variety of things that will take place there. We already have Wesley Hall and the Aldersgate Room (names from Methodist history), as well as the Mission Room. What should we call the new space?

I know that the choir will appreciate having a restroom for Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings, separate storage for robes and music, and a larger and improved rehearsal room. We also look forward to dance classes for young children, fitness classes for adults, Bible study for all ages – perhaps even a film series or family movie night. It's a room that will advance our life in many many ways. So I wonder if it shouldn't have a name that will reflect that wider impact. Suggestions I've heard so far include the Music and Arts Room, the Harmony Room, the Community Room and others.

So many good things are waiting for us over these coming months. I look forward to seeing with you how God is leading us into that future.

Grace and peace,



***Doug Dickson***  
***Associate Pastor***



So now that everyone is back from summer, SSP and vacations all around it's time for school, sports and our fall schedule here at RHUM Youth Fellowship. Youth Pastor Doug Dickson and Sr. High Coordinator Evan Griffiths will be joined this fall by a new Jr. High Coordinator who together with the Youth Council (which includes youth from both Jr. and Sr. High) will be bringing a whole host of new opportunities for fun and fellowship as we explore our faith together. Here are some of our activities coming up this fall:

- 1) Our revamped Logos program that takes the best of Logos and adds some new components. Logos begins a little early this year on September 10th.
- 2) October 17th is the date for the Rocktober Party featuring games, food, prizes and a special guest speaker.
- 3) Each month has an opportunity to serve the community through Faith In Action.
- 4) Starting in October we'll also begin our new, in-depth look at our faith and issues we face daily.

And that's not all! There's more to come and we'll be sharing the news each week with updates to our church website (RHUMC.org), weekly Youth Blasts, as well as Instagram and Twitter (RHUMYouth for both). Follow us or email Youth Pastor Doug Dickson at Doug@RHUMC.org.

**Presidential Service Awards Luncheon** – is on Sunday, 9/28, in Wesley Hall immediately following the 10:00 service.

## **Missions Memo**

### ***Imagine No Malaria***

Unlike many other diseases that are awaiting a cure, malaria was eliminated in the U.S. in the 1950s. However, in Sub-Saharan Africa, malaria continues to kill a person every 60 seconds. But there is hope! *Imagine No Malaria* is a global partnership of the United Methodist Church, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the United Nations Foundation that is fighting malaria with supplies, grant money, education and advocacy programs.

And, according to the Copenhagen Consensus Center, every dollar spent to eliminate malaria can do \$35 of good. United Methodist health workers equipped by *Imagine No Malaria* are now also fighting Ebola. The same trained and skilled health professionals are on the front lines.

“It is a blessing and a gift that a strengthened infrastructure is in place, thanks to the ministry of *Imagine No Malaria*,” said the Rev. Gary Henderson, executive director of *Imagine No Malaria*. “No one dreamed that the church would be called upon in this way.”

Our donations can make a difference in the fight against this disease. Look for table displays at church services in September, and fun activities as part of “Heifer Plus” Sunday . . . surprise guests!

Many, many thanks to the United Methodist Women’s Group for “kick-starting” our project with a VERY generous donation of \$1,000!!!!

To learn more about the project, visit [www.imagenomalaria.org](http://www.imagenomalaria.org).

## “Heifer Plus” Sunday

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**. . . and watch for more information as the date approaches.



**Seeking Volunteers for Building on Faith on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and/or 13<sup>th</sup>.** Habitat for Humanity Los Angeles has scheduled these three dates as an Interfaith Build Day at the Lynwood construction site on 3303 Magnolia Avenue. The Build Days are constructive acts of remembrance and response to the destructive event 13 years ago at the World Trade Center. You must be 16 or older to participate on one, two or all of these build days. Please RSVP to [chrisu@habitatla.org](mailto:chrisu@habitatla.org) or [smason@habitatla.org](mailto:smason@habitatla.org) as soon as you are able to confirm your spot as space is limited.

## New to the Church?

If you are interested in learning more about Rolling Hills UMC and becoming a member, plan to join us **Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**, at 11:30 a.m. for the next **New Member Gathering**. It's a relaxed and informal time where you'll meet others who are new to the church, hear about the life and work of the congregation, take a tour of the facility, share a light meal and learn a bit about the United Methodist Church. It's a helpful introduction for people who would like to know more than just what happens on Sunday mornings. Many of the people who attend one of these gatherings decide to join the church, but there is no expectation that anyone do so. For those who do wish to join, we will be welcoming new members into the church on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at all three services.

## United Methodist Women – Long Beach District

The Long Beach District UMW 2014 Annual Celebration and installation of officers will be held on **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. at the Bellflower United Methodist Church located at 14525 Bellflower Boulevard, Bellflower, CA 90706. To register, contact Patricia Colon at 424-264-8133 or [verocolon98@gmail.com](mailto:verocolon98@gmail.com).

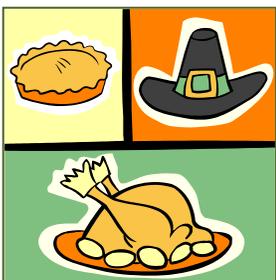
## Rolling Hills United Methodist Women – Potluck

Join us for a potluck salad luncheon on **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Mission Room. We invite all women of the church to come and take this opportunity to hear our Associate Pastor Doug Dickson share about himself and his experience at this year's Sierra Service Project. Come and learn about our UMW fellowship circles and our mission giving. Bring a salad to serve six to eight people. Dessert and drinks provided. Childcare will be provided. Children should bring own lunch. Don't miss this great opportunity for fun and fellowship!

## Disciple Bible Study

Disciple III classes will begin on **Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate room. The curriculum will cover prophets in the Old Testament and Paul's travels in the New Testament. This is a 32-week course and materials will cost \$40. **No prior requirements and all are welcome.** Sign-ups on the patio after Sunday services. For more information contact the church office or Rachel Stam at [familyministries@rhumc.org](mailto:familyministries@rhumc.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Autumn is coming and that means leaves will be falling and the cooks will be preparing RHUMC's **Thanksgiving Dinner** set for **Saturday evening, November 22nd!**

Turkeys will be roasted in the Weber Kettles, mashed potatoes and corn pudding will be coming out of the ovens and Wesley Hall will be a festive place to enjoy your dinner.

Following dinner will be a great program in the Sanctuary featuring Curtis Brooks on the saxophone with his ensemble. Reservations will be taken on the patio starting Sunday, November 2nd. Tickets are \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under twelve will get you a place at the table. So....save the date!

## Dawn Unity

Dawn Unity is sponsoring a talk on "Interfaith Relations in Los Angeles" by Fr. Alexei Smith, Director of Ecumenical and Religious Affairs for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, who has been at the center of that world for 14 years. Join us on **Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary.

## Sierra Service Project



The **Junior High youth** (Sixteen in all) and four adults attended SSP in July and went to Chiloquin, Oregon. They flew to Sacramento and spent the night at Parkside UMC. The next day was spent driving to Chiloquin, the home of the Klamath Indian tribes. The group stayed at Chiloquin UMC where 57 people from seven different churches were also staying (plus eight SSP staff members). The youth and adults from all seven churches were divided into seven work groups and sent out to work. Three groups scraped and painted the exterior of homes, three other groups built stairs for front porches and one group made wood bunk beds for the church basement. Each day also included kitchen duty, camp clean up, singing, worship and free time. The week

ended with a fun afternoon called “Splatterfest” where we slid on a giant slip-n-slide, played “Drip-Drop-Drip”, and had a HUGE shaving cream fight! It was an amazing week of service and fun!

Forty-three **Senior High youth** from RHUMC spent a fantastic week in Stockton the first week of August participating in Sierra Service Project. This was the first time in years that all of the senior high youth were together at one site and the first time experiencing a week-long urban site. They were split into six work teams with the following projects: painting a house for the nonprofit Visionary Home Builders (go to <http://www.visionaryhomebuilders.org/> for more information), building a new fence for Jerry and destroying his old one, helping out at the Boggs Tract Community Farm (a community farm in Stockton), painting Linda’s house, painting the Rock of Hope City Church and a strike force team that parachuted into various projects to help them get completed before the week was out. You can read more about the trip and see pictures at: <http://sspstockton.tumblr.com/>.



The theme for all of SSP this summer was Speak Up, based on Proverbs 31:8-9. Each group spent much of the week reflecting on the differences between judgment and discernment, learning more about how listening is an important part of speaking up and thinking about the small actions that people take that can make a big difference in someone’s life. During the week, the youth learned a lot about themselves, their relationship to God and their relationship to the world.

This amazing experience would not have been possible without the support of many in our RHUMC community. Thank you to everyone who participated in our fund-raising activities and otherwise made contributions towards the cost of the trip. And thank you especially to our adult counselors, who gave up a week of vacation to accompany our youth: Rick Bradley, Rebecca Coleman, Doug Dickson, Shari Frasier, Todd Froom, Brian Hanhart, Elizabeth Holihan, Emily Howard, Jan Johnson, Steve Johnson, Mike Peterson, Kathy Platnick, Cindy Schmitz, Doug Schmitz, Peter Williams, and Linette Woodland.

## RHUMC Chancel Choir to Participate in Hymns Concert

The Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles (ICYOLA) will present “An Afternoon of Hymns” at Holman United Methodist Church on **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. The concert will be a fundraiser for ICYOLA’s after school music and literacy programs.

Our Chancel Choir will join with members of the Holman UMC Choir and others in this concert that will feature some of our most beloved hymns in fresh orchestrated settings. We hope you’ll join us at what promises to be a fabulous collaboration with the Holman Choir. For tickets, contact Charles Dickerson at [cedickersoniii@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cedickersoniii@sbcglobal.net).

## Delight in Hearing More of Althea Waites

On **Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 p.m., our very own Althea Waites will be the featured soloist with the Cole Conservatory Orchestra performing Mozart Concerto in B-Flat major, K.450 at the CSULB Carpenter Center. Contact [www.carpenterarts.org](http://www.carpenterarts.org) or call 562-985-7000 for more information.

*Second Sundays at Two*  
Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

**LA Phil Principal Concertmaster**  
**MARTIN CHALIFOUR**  
with Pianist **TIMOTHY DURKOVIC**



**Martin Chalifour** began his tenure as Principal Concertmaster of the Los Angeles Philharmonic in 1995. He has concertized extensively, playing hundreds of concerto performances from a repertoire of more than 50 works with the world's leading orchestras and conductors.



Los Angeles-based pianist **Timothy Durkovic** is the Grand Prize Winner of the 1996 Los Angeles Liszt Competition as well as a winner of the Beverly Hills Auditions. He was the recipient of the Outstanding Master's Graduate Award from the USC Thornton School of Music.

**Save the Date!**

We are excited to announce the upcoming concert, "An Evening of Music for Two Pianos" featuring our own Althea Waites and Mark Uranker on **Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. These two pianists have performed extensively throughout the U.S. and Europe as soloists and chamber musicians and as the Orpheus Duo. Both artists are on the keyboard faculty at the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at California State University, Long Beach. Be sure to save the date!

**Club Maintenance**



Club Maintenance volunteers completed numerous repair, cleanup and other jobs recently, including: realigning the Narthex credenza drawers, replacing a burned out Sanctuary light bulb that required removing four long pews in order to set up the lift, trimming low hanging branches, replacing missing tips on folding tables, patching damaged drywall in the Sanctuary, cleaning dirt and growth from a rain runoff swale in the Pre-School, treating for termites in the Pre-School, installing posters on the wall of the Kid Zone office, painting Doug's office, cleaning, priming and painting the patio benches, adding padding to the table moving cart in Wesley Hall to stop damage to the tables, repositioning Sanctuary light fixtures loosened by the recent roof replacement, and reattaching loose wall carpeting in Wesley Hall.

The hard working crew consisted of Jim Showalter, Oren Sheldon, Don Pedersen, Dan Martin, Gene Koester, Clarence Fung, Bob Chamberlin and Bill Bails. The next session of Club Maintenance will start at 8:30 a.m. on **Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is welcome to help in this effort to keep our facilities working well.



**Children's Ministries**  
**Lisa Williams**  
**Director of Children's Ministries**  
**KidZone**  
*A Great Place to Grow*

Summer at RHUMC is always a bit wild and crazy and this year was no exception!

Kid Zone's tag line is "A Great Place to Grow." When Stephanie Robey and I designed this logo and tag line many years ago, I had no idea what it would mean to so many people. How can five simple words have so much meaning?

The most amazing part of summer is that kids who were campers in elementary school are now starting to work as counselors. This happens at many summer camps; counselors meet, they become friends, and lifetime friendships are formed. So, you may be asking yourself what makes Kid Zone Camp so different?

I guess I would say it is the comments I heard while walking the campus, “Do you remember that time at camp when Jesse taught us to yoyo?” or “What do you mean there is no more Chatter Theatre, those little guys were my favorite – I still have all of my Bible buddies.” “Remember the year we did LAVA LAVA at VBC? Yeah, what did the big volcano say to the small volcano? I LAVA you.” As I heard these comments, I knew Kid Zone continues to make a difference not only to the children we serve, but to our counselors as well.

Kid Zone truly is “A Great Place to Grow.” It is a place where kids and young adults know that they are family. It is a place where they return to and when they do, are greeted with open arms. It is a place where they can meet new friends and reconnect with old ones. It is a place where they feel at home.

Romans 15:7 shares, “Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

I am proud of our summer staff. Not only did they welcome one another, they welcomed the children and families. God has provided us with a great place to grow. As we move into fall, with our hectic school schedules, let us remember that God invites us to grow and welcome one another each day.



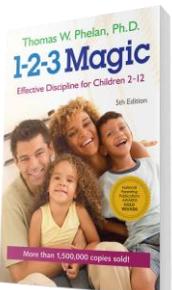
## Family Ministries

*Rachel Stam*  
*Director of Family Ministries*

Summer is over, and it is back-to-school season! We have many events and activities planned for all ages in the upcoming year. I hope to see you at some or all of these events! As always, if you have any suggestions for family outings or activities, please don't hesitate to contact me. My email is ryostam@gmail.com. See you at church!

Save the Date  
October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

## 1-2-3 Magic PARENTING



Dr. Thomas W. Phelan, the author of the bestselling *1-2-3 Magic Effective Discipline Children 2-12*, will be speaking at our church on **Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. With humor, insight, and proven experience, Dr. Phelan provides strategies to encourage good behaviors while controlling the not-so-great ones. More info will be coming on our website and also in the October issue of the Cornerstone. Parents and grandparents, you will not want to miss this special event!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Walking Group

The walking group is back for the fall! Join us for our late-summer excursion through the South Coast Botanical Garden on **Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**. Meet at the garden entrance at 10:00 a.m., and we will walk in together. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month are free to the public. Hope to see you there!



Drop off the kids while you enjoy a night out! On **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., we are offering a safe and fun-filled night for your kids, aged infant to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The cost is \$20 per child/\$5 per each additional child. To sign up, email [familyministries@rhmc.org](mailto:familyministries@rhmc.org) or call the church office at (310)377-6771, ext. 105. Be sure to include your child's name(s) and age(s). Space is limited, so be sure to register early!



## Health & Wellness

*Annette Matsuda, RN, BSN*  
*Parish Nurse*

*From your Health and Wellness Team...*

Your Health and Wellness Team meets from September through June and works closely with me to bring you an excellent program of opportunities related to health and wellness. While this rather large team of gifted members has historically worked together as a whole unit, this past spring, the group organized itself into smaller committees to work more efficiently and effectively.

**The Educational Programs** committee includes Nina Bradbury, Susan Deo, Carolyn Melvin, and Sam Melvin. These members primarily plan our Bag Lunch speaker programs on topics most relevant to our church members and community.

**The Blood Drive committee** includes Chris Campbell, Joyce Crump, Rita Guiton, Patty Kurlak, and Ann Peitzman. These members plan our blood drives, involving our church family and community. We have been hosting blood drives for over 20 years.

**The Special Projects committee** includes Shirley Bails, Marian Komori, and Sylvia Warner. These members plan projects like the CPR update classes and Emergency Cards distribution for the church family.

Ken Ueda serves as an aide to the above committees as needed. I serve as a resource for each committee.

All of us work together to execute the above programs planned by the committees. We have a lot of fun, and I have grown to deeply respect and love each of these wonderful persons.

If you have any suggestions for our team, please talk with any one of us.

**“Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health,  
just as your soul prospers.” 3 John 1:2 (NASB)**

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Senior Pastor	Jonathan Chute	Music Director	Chuck Dickerson
Assoc. Pastor	Doug Dickson	Organist/Pianist	Althea Waites
Children’s Min. & Kid/Mid Zone Dir.	Lisa Williams	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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		Asst. Secretary	Ana Ysabel Lopez
Senior High Youth	Evan Griffiths	Treasurer	Robin La Tourette
Parish Nurse	Annette Matsuda	Bookkeeper	Nicole Lowery Zakman
		Facilities Manager	Rick Mitchell
		Custodian	Miguel Portillo
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SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS  
8:30 & 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS  
Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
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