



The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
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April 2015



The Chancel Choir along with the Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles will celebrate the conclusion of the Lent Season with a Service of Music to be presented on the evening of **Good Friday, April 3rd**, at 7:30 p.m. The program will consist of the *Requiem* by Karl Jenkins, and will also feature other music that recognizes the Passion of Christ. Jenkins is a composer from Wales who began his music career as a jazz artist who later became well known in the United Kingdom for writing music for commercials. He published his *Requiem* in 2004, and our Good Friday presentation will be a first for our church, and perhaps the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Hope you plan to attend.

from the pastor



On Friday the air was filled with defeat and despair. The anticipation and hope that the crowd had brought with them into Jerusalem just a few days before had been crushed. The end had come in a way none of them had expected. The arrest, the trial, the abuse, the crucifixion itself – each had done its part to bring Jesus’ followers to the ugly end of the road. Then the sun had set on Friday, and the Sabbath day began.

The Sabbath was a day of rest – the day God had rested. At the end of creation, when everything God had made had been called “very very good,” God took another day to recover from the work. The Sabbath is the foundation of our weekend, of the notion that our bodies, our hearts and minds, need a break from the labor of the rest of the week. But I think that must have been one of the strangest Sabbaths in their lives. They were overcome with grief. They were in shock. They had seen it, but they couldn’t believe it. They had failed. They had deserted. They had betrayed. They had denied. It was a complete loss of everything they had worked and hoped for. Rest? Only in the sense that they didn’t go about their regular routines. They couldn’t even observe the normal burial rites for their friend. They prepared the oil and spices, but then the Sabbath came, and they rested.

It seems that the journey to the tomb on the morning we now know as Easter was their way of getting back to normal. Getting on with things. This is what you do. You drag yourself out of bed in the dark early morning, and you do what you’re supposed to do. It wasn’t hope that led them there, but duty. When everything else has been stripped away, sometimes that’s all we have left. It wasn’t especially well-planned. Only on the way did they wonder how they would get the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb.

I’m glad that the actual event of the resurrection lies in the realm of mystery. No one saw what it looked like when Jesus was raised from death. By the time the women arrived, whatever happened that morning had already happened. The tomb was empty. And when Jesus finally did appear, even those who had known and loved him best had trouble recognizing him.

Eventually they figured it out. You could say it that way. Or maybe he wouldn't leave them alone until they did! He showed up when they were hiding in fear, behind the locked doors of the upper room. He showed up again on the road to Emmaus, walking with two of the disciples – as though he were a stranger – as they told him what had happened just the week before. When they went fishing, he appeared on the shore. He kept working with them until they got it, and when they lost it once more, twice more, he came back again.

He's like that. He doesn't give up easily! He wants us to live in the light of grace, and the hope of new life. He wants us to live with generosity and compassion. He wants us to know community with one another. Easter was not simply an event that happened, but that *keeps* happening. He didn't leave them alone, and I suspect he won't leave us alone, either.

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

Holy Week

April 2 – Maundy Thursday – 7:30 p.m.

Tenebrae service with readings and candles.
Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

April 3 – Good Friday Concert – 7:30 p.m.

Featuring *Requiem* by Karl Jenkins
and other music that recognizes the Passion of Christ
Presented by the Chancel Choir,
the Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles and Guests.

April 4 – Easter Egg Hunt – 9:00 a.m. on the church campus.

Please bring a dozen plastic eggs to the church office
by Friday, April 3rd filled with toys or candy.

April 5 – Easter Worship – 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. with Chancel Choir.

Sunday evening worship – 5:30 p.m.
with the third service ensemble.

Mission Gifts – Your contributions continue to make a difference!

Here are a few excerpts from correspondence recently received from our mission partnerships:

Amigos Sin Barreras – “It is with a grateful heart that I acknowledge your generous donation to Amigos. We now have a larger number of clients coming to the pantry...and we are better able to serve them.... We would be lost without the help we receive from your church.”

1736 Family Crisis Center – Gift of \$2,000. “Your donation makes a direct and immediate impact on the lives of our clients, and we are deeply grateful for your support of the important work we do. Support through contributions provide comprehensive help to children from newborns through adolescents, women, men, and families through crisis circumstances, including domestic violence, homelessness, abuse, neglect, poverty, substance use, post-traumatic stress disorder, and distress, and to improve their prospects for long-term housing, safety, survival, financial stability, and success.”

Harbor Interfaith Services – Gift of \$2,000. “Thank you for believing in our mission and for your support to assist the homeless and working poor. Over 23,000 people sought our assistance last year. Our ultimate goal is to go beyond the immediate needs of our clients and continue to empower the homeless and working poor to shift away from government dependency and create a brighter future. Your support makes that goal a reality.”

CROP Hunger Walk



CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger locally, throughout the U.S. and around the world. RHUMC has been a long-time supporter of CROP Walk. Mark your calendar to walk or sponsor a walker during this year's walk, **Saturday, May 2nd**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Point Fermin neighborhood of San Pedro. For more information, watch for tables on the patio in late April or call Kim Hall at 310-721-7526.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

A big thank you to everyone who contributed items and food to sell at our UMW Mission Market and to all of you who helped set up and worked at the market. It was a successful day and we will be able to support our youth group and continue to give to some of our other UMW mission projects. Thanks again!!

The District UMW is having their Spring Celebration dinner and program at Redondo Beach First Church at 243 S. Broadway in Redondo Beach on May 1st from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Topic will be "Human Trafficking" and the speaker is Dr. Sandra Morgan. To register, call Barbara Smith at 310-328-7240 or e-mail her at redbarronness1@aol.com. Registration is \$12. A donation of toiletries for Toberman would be very much appreciated.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are invited to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter! We will meet on **Saturday morning, April 4th**, at 8:30 a.m. One crew will decorate the large narthex cross outside. The other crew will decorate the inside of the sanctuary. This is a wonderful opportunity to start your Easter with beautiful flowers!

And then what goes up, must come down. Please help us take down the Easter flowers after the 10:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, April 12th**. Even 15 or 20 minutes of help can make a HUGE difference! We will be completely finished in 45 minutes! Thank you!

From Martha Rowlett



Many of you remember Martha Rowlett from her time here at RHUMC as Senior Pastor from 1988 to 1998. Martha continues to be a prolific blogger and is the author of four books on prayer. Her book, *Weaving Prayer Into the Tapestry of Life*, provides an overview of the understanding and practice of prayer, offering an invitation to the reader to move from thinking to doing.

The theme of Martha's blog is "*The Book Goes On.*" She says, "I am putting in the blog things relating to prayer mostly and writing about things that I might have put in the book but it is already printed! I try to add something each week, usually on Thursday or Friday."

You can link on to Martha's blog via our website at: <http://rhumc.org/get-connected/martha-rowlett/>. You can also go directly to our website at www.rhumc.org, click on "Get Connected" then click on "From Martha."

Second Sundays At Two

Sunday, April 12th at 2:00 p.m

DAVID SHOSTAC

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PATRICIA MABEE

Two of the town's favorite artists and good friends share their passion for music in a Baroque flute-and-harpsichord



Dean of Southland flutist, **David Shostac** was appointed Principal Flute of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra in 1975. "Extraordinary, dazzling, world class" and "a musician of the highest order" are words critics have used to describe his artistry. An alumnus of The Juilliard School and Tanglewood he is the recipient of two Rockefeller performance grants.

As a gifted solo recitalist, ensemble performer and educator, **Patricia Mabee** is acclaimed by audiences and critics for her virtuosity, flawless technique and outstanding interpretive skills. She has been featured as a soloist with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, where she has been Principal Keyboardist since 1976.



Free-Will Offering

Rolling Hill United Methodist Preschool Fundraiser



Come try out Pieology Torrance from **April 14-16**, between the hours of 11:00 a.m.-9:30 p.m. and RHUM Preschool will receive 15% of your purchase. Pieology is located at 3720 Pacific Coast Highway at the corner of Hawthorne & PCH. Be sure to pick up a flyer from the narthex, church office or download one from our website at RHUMC.org.

RHUMC Spring Work Party – Saturday, April 18th

Come one and all to the spring work party. There will be plenty of food, fun with friends and family and a good sense of accomplishment in getting our facility in shape for the summer.



You can select the type of project you would like to do. We are encouraging groups like families, scouts, youth (you can get volunteer credit), choir, etc. to sign up to work together. This will allow for fellowship and fun.

Two shifts will be available: 8:30 -12 noon or 12:30-4:00 p.m. Coffee and donuts will be available at 8:30 a.m. and pizza and hot dogs at lunch. There will be sign ups on the patio on March 29th and April 5th.

Questions? Call Joanne Moser at 310-541-6249 or Dale Gehr at 310-377-6548.

Club Maintenance



Club Maintenance completed a number of smaller tasks including replacing missing chair leg tips, removing balls from high conduit runs in Wesley Hall, making sticks to prop open trash dumpster covers, painting a guard for an air conditioner, putting tape on loose protective padding, tightening a number of loose toilet seats, replacing an extension ladder rope, installing window shades in the Choir room, installing a whiteboard and making additional progress in cleaning out the storage area for tools and paint used for maintenance. Those participating included Bill Bails, Jonathan Chute, Gene Koester, Dave Larson, Don Pedersen, Rich Prihode, Oren Sheldon and Jim Showalter.

The next regular Club Maintenance effort will begin at 8:30 AM on Saturday, May 9th. Please join Club Maintenance in this ongoing effort to keep our facilities in good working order.



Doug Dickson
Associate Pastor

Wow! Was March a busy month! We closed out our 2014-15 Logos session with a graduation ceremony for our seniors and then led worship the following Sunday. Wheww! Now it's time for April...

First of all, don't miss out on the Holy Week services this week leading up to Easter. The opportunity to remember and reflect on Jesus' final days leading to the cross and resurrection can be healing and transformative for all. Be sure to check out the schedule here in the Cornerstone.

Secondly, Easter is nearly here so get out your Sunday best and celebrate the rising of Christ with millions around the globe. Our services are a bit different Easter morn, taking place at 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 as well as the normal 5:30 p.m. 3rd Service.

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Our first meeting of Logos Extensions will be on April 8th from 6-8 pm and we'll be starting our Really Gross, Yucky and Weird stories chat. This one will make you pucker up and cry as well as messing up some clothing so wear something you don't mind getting reaaaalllly dirty!

Check out the youth website (RHYouth.org) for more information as it comes up.

"Flamingo Flocking is back!"

This popular fundraiser sends a flock of pink flamingos to a residence of your choice for a few days. They're great for birthdays, welcoming someone home, or spreading joy to loved ones. For those who don't love flamingos, flocking insurance is available. Flocks start at \$10 and all donations go towards the high school Sierra Service Project trip. "

Silent Auction

On **Sunday, April 19th**, after the 10:00 service, the Senior High SSP group will be holding a Silent Auction fundraiser in Wesley Hall. The youth will be donating their time and talents to help pay for their week at SSP. Some of the items that were up for auction last year were: babysitting, tutoring, cooking, and computer repair to name a few.

Come get your auction on!



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

RHUMC Children

Life is a Series of 1000s of Tiny Miracles

In February our Sunday school team went to the Johnson cabin in Big Bear for a retreat. Our theme was miracles. It was a time for planning for the year ahead. We opened our hearts and minds to be on the lookout for God's ordinary miracles, especially during Lent.

Now that the retreat is over, the search for miracles hasn't stopped. As I prepare for Easter I have spent time reflecting on ordinary miracles. Here are a few that I have found:



Youth Sunday – sharing in their lives and being a part of their story

VBC Lent workshop – their questions are so thoughtful and intentional!

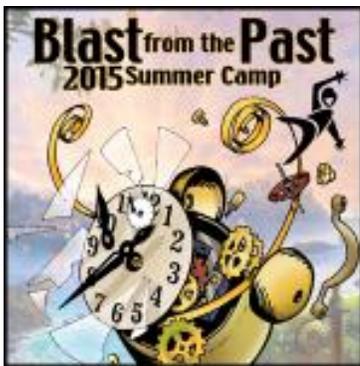
RHUMPS @ Walteria is up to 29 kids!

Spending time with family & friends

The Bible has over 35 miracles performed by Jesus

Spending time with God

Easter!



Kid Zone Summer Camp

Blast from the Past!

June 15-July 31, VBC August 3-7

To register- www.rhumc.org/kidzone

Early Bird Discount -10% before May 1st



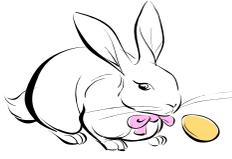
Mid Zone Summer Camp

Grades 6-8th

June 15-July 31, VBC August 3-7

To register- www.rhumc.org/midzone

Early Bird Discount -10% before May 1st



Easter Egg Hunt

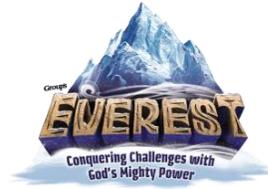
Saturday, April 4 at 9:00am

All are welcome!

RSVP by bringing a dozen filled
Easter eggs

to the church office the week of
March 30 - April 3

for more information
rhumc.children@gmail.com



Ever thought about hiking Mt Everest? Well, if you don't think you are in shape and ready to make the trek, you might think about becoming a **Crew Leader at Vacation Bible Camp** instead!

For more information about how you can enjoy the high peaks without wearing snowshoes – contact Lisa Williams 310-940-6608 or rhumc.children@gmail.com

Rachel Stam Director of Family Ministries



Spring is here and family ministries is off to a rocking start! All of the Dinner for Eight groups have met or have plans to meet in the next couple of months. I've heard from many people that their group is the "best!" We just wrapped up the 3-part "Cooking with the Bible" session. It was a wonderful time of cooking, learning and, of course, eating. Some of our favorites were Jacob's Green Bean Salad and homemade hummus. We are thinking about launching another session over the summer. I hope you can join us!



"Cooking with the Bible"



Enjoy a kid-free evening out! Drop off your kids for a night of games, crafts, movie and a pizza dinner. Space is limited, so be sure to register early!

Rescheduled!

When: **Saturday, April 11th, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Who: Infants to 5th graders Cost: \$20/child, \$5/each additional child per family.

Registration: Email familyministries@rhumc.org.

2015 All-Church Family Camp

Family Camp is just around the corner! Join us for our All-Church Family Camp on **Memorial Day Weekend, May 22nd -25th**, at the Lazy W Ranch in San Juan Capistrano. Accommodations include heated cabins, bathrooms with hot showers, and delicious meals from Saturday breakfast to Monday lunch. In addition to wonderful fellowship with family and friends, you can participate in traditional camp activities such as hiking, swimming, volleyball, archery, horseshoes, crafts, ping pong and campfires. You can come up Friday night and stay until Monday afternoon for just \$158.00 per person. Children aged 3-9 are half price and children under 3 are free! If you can't stay for the whole weekend, you can join us for a day or two at a reduced price. We love and welcome new families joining us! For more information, stop by the Family Ministries table after church beginning April 26th. You can also contact Cathy Stark at Cathy@bblsurflaw.com or the church office at 310-377-6771, ext. 105.



3rd Tuesday Walking Group



This month, we will hike the Terranea Trails, located on 1 Terranea Way, Rancho Palos Verdes (right off of PV Drive South). We will meet on **April 21st at 10:00 a.m.** in front of the resort. You can park in the free public parking lot as you enter the resort. Afterwards, we can eat lunch and enjoy the gorgeous view from Nelson's restaurant. This trail is relatively flat, so walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Hope to see you there!



Health & Wellness
Annette Matsuda, RN, BSN
Parish Nurse

Health and Wellness Opportunity

Blood Drive

For the past two decades the spring blood drive at RHUMC has become an important part of our church's service to the community. Again this year, the Health & Wellness Team of RHUMC is sponsoring 2 blood donation days (reserved just for us) at Torrance Memorial Blood Donor Center. This Center provides a comfortable environment with recliner chairs, great outdoor view to enjoy, and friendly experienced R.N.s overseeing your welfare as you give blood.



Did you know that you can help save up to 3 lives by donating just one pint of blood and about an hour of your time? The need for all types of blood is constant and is always in short supply. Patients at Torrance Memorial Medical Center use an average of 1200 units of blood and components per month. We hope that you will take this opportunity to schedule your "gift of life" appointment, support our church, and help your community.

Dates and times of our "blood drive" at Torrance Memorial Blood Donor Center will be:

FRIDAY, MAY 8th – 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
MONDAY, MAY 11th – 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The blood donation center is located inside the west Torrance Memorial entrance (3333 Lomita Blvd., Torrance) on the second floor above Outpatient Day Surgery. Parking is conveniently located in the west parking garage on Medical Center Dr., across from the original hospital.

The Health & Wellness Team will have donor sign-ups on the patio between church services in April & May.

Contributed by Ann Peitzman, Chairperson, Health and Wellness Team

Ann is our newly-elected chairperson. She is a retired Registered Nurse who worked for 23 years at Torrance Memorial Medical Center in the Ophthalmology/Laser Center. Ann sings in our choir and Sweet Adelines chorus, volunteers at the Torrance Art Museum, paints watercolors, loves to travel with her husband, Fred, and enjoys keeping up with her grandchildren.

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 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
Senior High Youth	Evan Griffiths	Asst. Secretary	Ana Ysabel Lopez
Junior High Youth	Nicole Benson	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.
Next Cornerstone deadline is April 24th
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