



The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
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New Church Directory is Coming!!!



Online Church Directory is a multi-featured, custom-designed online photo directory that will allow us to easily connect and engage with one another. In addition to printed copies, you will be able to access the directory via the web and mobile app! We will use SSL for secure communication so your data is password protected, encrypted & safe. What's more, you will have the ability to update your own personal info, including photos.

On **Sundays, May 1 and May 8**, we will post the most current information we have for the directory out on the patio. Please review the information and initial if it is correct. If there are changes or if you would like your contact info to be added, please note them on the posted information or email churchdirectory@rhumc.org. If you are unable to attend church on those Sundays, we will have the information available for your review at the church office until **Friday, May 20**.

After we import our information to the secure server, we will receive a personalized email from Online Church Directory with instructions on how to log in to the system. At that point, you can upload your family photo and/or change any additional information if needed. The photo can be a formal family portrait, a casual shot at the beach, or a quick selfie. It is up to you!

For those who would like for us to take a snapshot of your family, we plan to hold casual photo sessions in May or June. Those dates will be announced in the May Cornerstone.



from the pastors

Jonathan Chute



Easter Sunday was, of course, memorable – and for all kinds of wonderful reasons. The first Sunrise Service in years was a gift to the many who shared it. Our morning services and their music were glorious. The celebration of baptism at 11:00 was a special treat. Sunday evening was blessed by even more stirring music, special guests, and another baptism! All in all well over a thousand persons gathered to celebrate the victory of life and hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There were long-time friends and first time worshipers together as a family of faith. It was a joy and a wonder to be part of it with you all. Thank you! For all that you do to make this congregation's mission and ministry so encouraging and hopeful I truly cannot express my appreciation enough.

In a way, I'd love just to bask in it all over again. We could meet this coming Sunday, and the one after that as well, and just look back and remember how much fun it was. Wasn't that music amazing? Wasn't that baby beautiful? And how about that flower cross!

But the grace of God doesn't sit still for long. It doesn't stay in one place, but moves outward and onward. It leads us into new places, new relationships, new discoveries, new mission and ministry. For the women that morning it meant not staying at the empty tomb, but going and telling the others what they had seen. It meant that Jesus was not finished with them, or with the rest of his friends and followers. In those first days after Easter he kept surprising them, showing up unexpectedly where they were holed up in Jerusalem, walking along the road to Emmaus, or calling out from the shore when they'd gone back to fishing in Galilee. He kept showing them glimpses of the future to which they were headed.

And he's doing that with us as well. We believe that our congregation's future is built on a generous mission with children and families. We have been working to develop plans for the renewal of our educational facilities to serve that mission for many years to come. We successfully completed Phase One of our plan a little over a year ago. And the time is near for us to begin work on Phase Two.

Later this month we will be inviting our church family to come to one of a number of gatherings, to hear where we are with the city, with the building plans, and with the efforts to raise funds needed to complete the work. These will take place mostly in people's homes, though there will also be a couple of gatherings at the church after our morning services. There will be a brief presentation, time for questions and answers, and an invitation to give generously to this important project. We'll have the names of our hosts and the locations of each gathering available shortly, with signups before the end of the month. The gatherings will take place from early May to the first week of June.

Like the disciples, we don't know exactly what the future will hold, but Jesus invites us to follow him there. I look forward to catching a glimpse of it with you.

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

April Herron



Dear Friends,

Wow!

I don't know how better to express my reaction to Holy Week and Easter at Rolling Hills UMC than this: WOW. It was amazing! So many people worked in so many ways, both hidden and visible, to create so many beautiful and meaningful events. People made their contributions with happy and generous spirits. Participants went away expressing their gratitude for the myriad ways they had experienced the grace and wonder of God.

The cross in the narthex is an engineering marvel and a thing of beauty. The choir has remarkable skill and stamina. The children seem to love Sunday School as much as they love hunting for eggs. The ushers and the hospitality magicians are endlessly attentive. The lay liturgists are dedicated and expressive. The range of creativity and focus brought to bear by Worship Committee/Altar Guild members and helpers, acolytes, sound techs, teachers and counselors, orchestra members, and our unique and wonderful Third Service Band is truly astonishing. And the good news is that Easter continues!

Easter is a season that extends for fifty days until Pentecost (this year on May 15). Thus, while it is still Easter, we have a chance to explore Thomas's reaction to news of Christ's resurrection (see John 20:19-31) and the Apostle Paul's encounter with the risen Christ (see Acts 9:1-20). We'll have the joy of participating in youth-led worship on the theme of "Knowing, Growing, and Showing the Love of God." We'll be able to choose from an array of learning and growing opportunities for ourselves and/or our families, as revealed in the pages of this newsletter. God's new creation, in us and in the world, continues to unfold.

Thank you, Rolling Hills UMC, for giving me a picture, and an experience, of God's resurrection power,

April

Methodist Missionary from Chile



Missionary John Elmore visited RHUMC on Wednesday evening, March 9 and gave a wonderful update on his work with the Methodist Agricultural School in Angol, Chile. The program began with a slide presentation showing ongoing projects at the school and was followed by an engaging question-and-answer time. John's message included encouragement for individuals or groups who would like to volunteer to help in Chile. He would be delighted to hear from anyone who has an interest. His email is jelmore56@yahoo.com. Jackie and Jim Showalter were his gracious hosts for the evening, and Kathy and Rich Prihode provided delicious cookies. Thank you!

Crop Walk



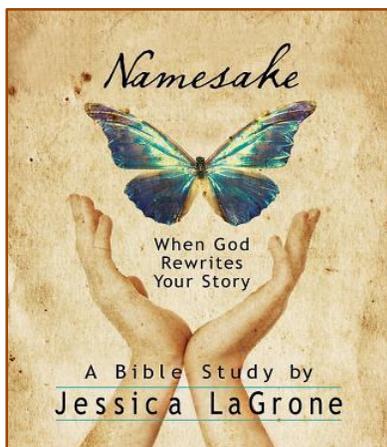
The 36th Annual Peninsula-Harbor Crop Hunger Walk will be held on **Sunday, April 17** at Point Fermin Park in San Pedro. This is a fundraiser to support local, national, and international programs which help alleviate hunger. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised from the walk support local programs and seventy-five percent go to national and international programs sponsored by Church World Service. More information is available at www.crophungerwalk.org/sanpedroca and at cwsglobal.org. This is an excellent opportunity for a healthy and fun day, while doing good at the same time. A picnic lunch will be served by the missions committee for all RHUMC participants. Activities begin at 11:00 a.m. with games for kids and the opening ceremony at 12:30 p.m. A table will be on the patio with sign-up information following services on April 3 and 10.

Sunday, May 22nd

Mental Health Awareness Sunday

A church-wide event

Our worship service will focus on mental health. We hope you can join us for a light lunch at 11:15 a.m. followed by a panel of specialists at noon in the sanctuary.



Namesake – 6 Week Women's Bible Study

Every Tuesday, April 26 to May 31

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Aldersgate

\$10 for Participant Guide

Facilitated by Rachel Stam

Every name tells a story. Names in Scripture were often given to tell the story of a person's identity, upbringing, or character. When God transforms lives, He often brings more than we bargained for: new identities, new journeys, even new names.

Namesake is a six-week DVD-based Bible study that explores the transformational power of God through the stories of biblical characters, such as Abraham, Sarah, Jacob and Naomi, who met God and whose lives and names were changed forever.

The Participant Book contains five daily readings per week, each including Scripture, reflective teaching material with questions and space for recording responses, and prayer. Interspersed throughout the participant book are stories about the names of various contemporary people that help to reinforce the biblical themes.

Before our first session, the participants should complete the first week of reading. If you are planning to participate, please pick up the participant guide at the Family Ministries table Sunday, April 17 after the morning services. You can also pick it up at the church office during the week.

For more information or to sign up, contact Rachel Stam at rachel@rhumc.org or 310-377-6771, ext. 105. If you would like to preview the participant guide prior to signing up, a copy will be available in the church office.

Second Sundays At Two
Sunday, April 10, at 2:00 p.m.

Berlin-based Israeli Pianist Einav Yarden
Plays Schumann's Kinderszenen



"...imagination and exceptionally vivid playing ... Sense of immense majesty, tempered by gentleness and quiet grace," ~ Washington Post

"glistening rapture ... ingenious humor," ~ Tagesspiegel, Germany

Award-winning pianist **Einav Yarden** performs internationally as concerto soloist with leading orchestras such as the Israel Philharmonic, Minnesota Symphony, Beethoven Orchester Bonn, Bucharest Philharmonic, and Calgary Philharmonic, to name just some she has appeared with in the past. Noteworthy stages she performs on as a recitalist include the Berlin Philharmonie, the Beethoven-Haus Bonn, Berlin Konzerthaus, Rose Theater at Lincoln Center, The Phillips Collection Concerts in Washington, DC, Schumannsaal in Düsseldorf, and Paris's Salle Cortot and the Auditorium of the Musée d'Orsay in France. She was the 3rd Prize Winner at the 2009 International Beethoven Piano Competition in Bonn, a Finalist at the 2003 Honens International Piano Competition in Calgary, and First Prize Winner at the 2001 Aviv Competitions, the most distinguished national competition in Israel. In 2005, Einav completed four years of study with renowned pianist **Leon Fleisher** at the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University. Her prior studies were with Professor **Emanuel Krasovsky** at the Rubin Academy in Tel Aviv, where she earned her Bachelor's degree.

Program

Ludwig van Beethoven: Bagatelles, Op.33 Nos. 1 & 2

Robert Schumann: *Kinderszenen* (Scenes from Childhood), Op. 15

Ludwig van Beethoven: Piano Sonata No.31 in A-flat Major, Op.110

Free-Will Offering

Seeking Sierra Service Project Counselor Volunteer

Sierra Service Project (SSP) is a mountaintop experience, they say. It defies words - you just have to experience it yourself, they say. All true, I say.

Last summer RHUMC needed counselors and my boys (15 and 18) consented to let me in on their "favorite week of the year." That week in Chiloquin, Oregon was incredible. As an adult counselor, my main job was to drive and participate in everything the kids did. Every group of 8 to 12 kids has two counselors to drive them to the worksite and help if required. But honestly the kids do everything from getting the supplies to leading the spiritual discussion to deciding who does what and even making the PB&J's. We painted, sang, shared, cleaned up, and helped prepare dinner one night. I never had to be a "Mom" - remind someone to be more respectful or ask someone to help. The kids were amazing and they brought out the best in me. Despite of or maybe because of the community sleeping, showering, and eating, we were all exceptionally patient, helpful, encouraging, kind, and thoughtful.

I'm so proud of all the people that make SSP happen and I'm thrilled that I got to be part of it. Please consider volunteering a week of your summer to Sierra Service Project. I promise that you won't regret it, and then you, too, will get it.

Yours in service,
Caitlin Szieff

If you are interested in learning more about being a SSP Counselor, please contact Kimmie at kimmie@rhumc.org or call the church office at 310-377-6771.

Family Camp



Family Camp is just around the corner! Join us for Family Camp on **Memorial Day Weekend, May 27 - 30**, 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, there will be 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 \$160.00 per person. If you can't stay for the whole weekend, join us for a day or two at a reduced price. Children aged 3-9 are half price and children under 3 are free! Everyone is welcome! For more information, stop by the Family Ministries table on April 24, May 1 & May 8, contact Cathy Stark at Cathy@bblsurflaw.com or call the church office at 310-377-6771, ext. 105.



Parents – Take the night off! How about some fun for everyone in the family? Drop off your kids for a fun night of craft, games, pizza dinner and a movie. Space is limited so be sure to sign up early!

When: **Saturday, April, 16, 5:00-9:00 p.m.**

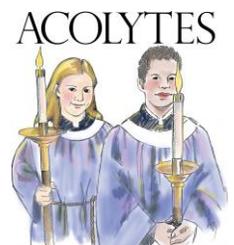
Who: Infants to 5th graders

Cost: \$20/child, \$5/each additional child per family

Registration: Email familyministries@rhumc.org with your child's name and age or call 310-377-6771, ext. 105

Acolytes Wanted

Attention all 3rd-8th graders!!! Rolling Hills United Methodist Church is looking for Acolytes to participate in Sunday morning worship. Acolytes are very important because they will be assisting in the worship service and helping others worship God. Acolytes get to bring the light of Jesus into the sanctuary, as well as assist with offering, communion and baptism. If you are interested in being an Acolyte, please attend the workshop on **April 10th from 11:20-11:50 a.m.** If you have any questions, please contact Kimmie at kimmie@rhumc.org.



April Youth Group Activities

April 6th @6:00-8:15 PM: Youth Group– Bible Jeopardy
April 11th @7:00-8:00 PM: Youth Ministry Council Meeting
April 13th @6:00-8:15 PM: Youth Group– Fear Factor
April 17th @8:30, 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM Youth Sunday
April 17th @11:30-1:00 PM Chill with Miss Nicole @Chipotle
April 20th @6:00-8:15 PM: Fellowship Night
April 27th @6:00-8:15 PM: Youth Group–Project Runway

Jr. High Sierra Service Project

Dates: July 24th-29th

Location: San Diego, California

Cost: \$400

\$150 deposit due by April 3rd

Sr. High Sierra Service Project

Dates: July 31st- August 6th

Location: San Diego, California and Spokane, Washington

Cost: \$450

Paperwork and \$200 deposit due April 3rd for priority location placement

Fundraisers

- Letter Writing Campaign
- **April 24th**- Bake Sale after **8:30, 10:00 and 5:30 service** (Bring a baked good to sell. Can be store bought)
- **May 8th**- Mother's Day Fundraiser after **8:30, 10:00 and 5:30**

RHUMC Preschool Fundraiser



Turn fun into funds by visiting Chuck E. Cheese on **Tuesday, April 12**, from 3:00-9:00 p.m. and 15% of sales generated will be given back to our preschool. Sales include food, merchandise and token deals. No flyer necessary – just notify the cashier that you're participating in our school's fundraising event.

Health and Wellness

Many thanks to the following who donated blood during our recent drive!



Special thanks to Ann Peitzman and Patty Kurlak for coordinating this year's drive and to the Health and Wellness Team for making the drive successful and joyous!

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
John 15:13 (NRSV)

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

Last month we had 5 new attendees for a free breakfast to honor Club Maintenance and its Boy Scout helpers. A big thank you goes to Dick Moe who gave a fascinating talk on the "goings on" at the Norris Performing Arts Center and its founding history. One lucky person won 2 tickets to the Norris Theater graciously donated by Dick Moe.

On **Saturday, April 16**, Dick Goetz will be back to prepare a home-style breakfast from scratch that you will adore. Jim McCurry will educate us on the computer/smartphone encryption battle and what is at stake. Very timely topic! I'm sure we all have our own opinions. This time a donation of \$5 is suggested. Meet in the Mission Room at 7:30 a.m.-Coffee, 8:00 a.m.-breakfast and 8:30-9:00 a.m.-speaker. Hope you can join us!

Club Maintenance



On March 19th a hard working group took care of a number of items on our maintenance work list, including construction of the palm arch, covering a deteriorated patio bench in the preschool area, re-lamping in the Sanctuary, and some painting projects around the campus. The following volunteers helped out in this Club Maintenance session:

Jim Showalter, Keith Levan, Oren Sheldon, Bill Bails, Dave Larson, Rich Prihode, Gene Koester, and scouts Michael Valeri, Brandon Jung, Chris Yang, John Harris, Toby Park and Wesley Park. Our thanks to all of these individuals.

The next opportunity to participate in the Club Maintenance effort will be at 8:30 a.m. on **Saturday, April 9**. Please mark this date on your calendar and share in the ongoing work to keep our facilities in good repair. And also note that a lunch is served.

Senior Pastor	Jonathan Chute	Music Director	Chuck Dickerson
Assoc. Pastor	April Herron	Organist/Pianist	Althea Waites
		3 rd Service Ensemble	Patti MacLeod
Preschool Director	Myra Ghabrial	Adm. Assist. to Pastor	Michele Nelson
Family Ministries Dir.	Rachel Stam	Church Office Admin.	Peggy Roulette
KidZone Director	Angie Gunter	Admin. Assistant	Ana Ysabel Lopez
Director of Children & Youth Ministries	Kimmie Stradling	Treasurer	Robin La Tourette
Junior High Youth	Nicole Benson	Bookkeeper	Nicole Lowery Zakman
Parish Nurse	Annette Matsuda	Facilities Manager	Rick Mitchell
		Custodian	Miguel Portillo
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Fax Line	310-544-4123	Resident Bishop	Minerva Carcaño
Web Site	www.rhumc.org	District Superintendent	Kathey Wilborn

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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