



The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
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July 2016

Second Sunday Supper

A New Worship + Meal Combo!

What could be better, on a pleasant summer evening, than worshipping with your faith community and sharing a meal with friends and family?

Taco Night (after 3rd Service) has been so wildly popular that we've decided to add another meal night. The taco cart will continue to visit us on the last Sunday of every month. Our NEW meal, to be served on the SECOND Sunday evening of every month will be roasted chicken, Peruvian rice, salad, drinks, and cookies. The requested contribution for each meal is \$5 per person, \$15 per family.



July 10th and July 31st

July 10th at 6:30- SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER

July 31st at 6:30- TACO NIGHT

3rd Service takes place EVERY Sunday at 5:30 pm

from the pastors

Jonathan Chute



I'll understand if this wasn't at the top of your mind, but July 1 marks the beginning of a new year together for all United Methodist Churches and ministers. In the old days, clergy went to Annual Conference meetings across the country, half-ready to move to a new appointment. If the bishop read your name and the name of a new church, you had a couple of weeks to get back home, get packed, and get going again. We give thanks that these days those decisions are usually made well ahead of time. April and I have understood for some time that we would be returning to Rolling Hills. Still, it's fun to begin the second year together of our ministry with you all. Actually, it's more than fun. It's truly encouraging.

There are so many good and important things going on around us. Our youth are preparing for their major mission effort of the year. Our summer camp program is in full swing and our preschool summer session is about to begin. Our campus is alive and well, filled with the sights and sounds of youth, energy and promise. Our Sunday School is growing again, especially at the 8:30 service. Kimmie Stradling has helped lead this team of highly capable and caring persons who truly love children, and who love to see them growing and thriving. To get to see that happening at all three of our Sunday services is a joy and a privilege.

We continue working and planning for the launch of our Phase Two building project, and will keep you up to date as we move through the reviews and approvals of the city and other agencies. Thank you to all who took part in the gatherings in May and June to learn more about the plans and to offer your support. We will find ways to connect with the whole of the congregation over the next couple of months, so that everyone has a chance to understand what we are up to. We count on the generosity of the whole church family as we move forward with this important work. Those who have responded so far have shown a remarkable and hopeful spirit. Thank you.

I know that some of you will be away from time to time over the summer months. That will be true for your pastors as well. Thyra and I will be back up to Canada in July for some time at Bigwind Lake (Hannah included!). April will be heading back to Brazil for the Olympics (Lizz and Christina included!). We all need rest and renewal. We all want to see more of those we love but from whom we're apart. I hope that you will find some of the same in these warm, wonderful days.

I know that when I'm away you'll be in great hands. And when you're away I hope you know how much you are missed, and how much it means for us to be together. Eighteen years ago my family and I were traveling from southern Canada to southern California. Our hopes were high for what lay ahead. But anything we could have imagined has been more than exceeded by the community and the grace that we found. Thank you.

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

April Herron



Why choose church? Lila, a character from the first of our summer reading group books, considers this question. Early in life, someone she looked to for guidance shared with Lila his negative views of church; his main objection seemed to be "they always ask you for money." But when Lila, as an adult, enters a church one day (literally seeking shelter from the rain) and is moved by the beauty of the candles and the baptism in progress, she begins to make her own assessment.

After a few Sundays in worship, her first observation was, "They didn't really ask for money. They passed a plate, but nobody made you put anything in it." Even so, she could identify lots of reasons why NOT to go to church, beyond the fact that the woman who raised her never did: "The place was full of strangers. She had only the one dress to wear. They all knew the songs, they knew what they were supposed to do and say and what it meant. They all knew each other. The preacher said things that bothered her, she couldn't make sense of them. Resurrection." On the other hand, "she guessed she liked the candles and the singing. She guessed she didn't have a better place to be."

Lila's words are especially poignant when you learn she is homeless and alone, and that her childhood among migrant farm workers during the dust bowl years was full of hunger and desperation, and had been marked by abandonment. The fact that she works so hard to overcome her shame, isolation, and fear in order to be present in worship, sitting at the back watching and listening, speaks to the hope, compassion, and comfort that glimmers from the word of God, the story of Christ Jesus, and the habits of the people of God gathered together as church. Lila leans toward healing and hope by deciding to be baptized and by choosing, Sunday after Sunday, to go to worship. She leans toward peace and understanding by deciding, day after day, to read her Bible.

Lila's story (as imagined and written by Marilyn Robinson) reminds us of why we strive to extend a kind and respectful welcome to all those we meet at church, as well as what an encouragement it is to be part of a community of faith defined by generosity and love. I am glad for the people who will be choosing Rolling Hills United Methodist Church on July 10 because they find it helps them live as faithful disciples. These new members will give all of us a chance to promise once more to do all in our power to increase one another's faith, confirm one another's hope, and perfect one another in love.

Our July book selection is "The Kindness of Enemies" by Leila Aboulela. I hope you can join us for our discussion on Monday, July 25, at 7 pm in the choir room.

April

Summer Loving Food Drive



Join in the Mission Committee's "Summer Loving" Food Drive! Just look for the grocery cart on the patio after each service. We are collecting food items to help stock the shelves at the Toberman Neighborhood Center in San Pedro. Nonperishables are preferred. To focus our energy, we have named July as the month for Canned Vegetables but anything is appreciated at any time. Toberman serves about 3000 individuals-in-need each year; this is your chance to help in the effort and make a difference!

ICYOLA Makes Annual Journey to Disney Hall

The Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles - founded by our own **Chuck Dickerson**, who perform at our church during the Easter and Christmas Holiday Seasons - will present its 8th Annual Season Ending Concert at 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, July 17** at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. The concert will feature the Main Theme from *Star Wars*, *Danzon 2* by Arturo Marquez, the *Piano Concerto in A Minor* by Edvard Grieg, and a Tribute to Luther Vandross and Prince. Tickets range from \$30 - \$65 and can be obtained by calling ICYOLA at 213-788-4260, through Ticketmaster, or through the Disney Hall Box Office. Please visit the ICYOLA website at www.icyola.org to learn more. Chuck says that he hopes that EVERYONE will attend this year!



2016 Graduates . . . a few more announcements



College

Ellen Mary Chamberlin, daughter of Bob Chamberlin, UC Berkeley, BS in Sociology, after summer camp counseling in Mammoth, Ellen will work at a Montessori school in New Zealand for one year; **Katherine Schott**, granddaughter of Dick & Patti Gloor, Arizona State University, BS in Supply Chain Management (Magna Cum Laude), will be working at Cisco Systems, San Jose.

High School

Alexander Walsh, son of Carl & Beatrice Walsh, from Palos Verdes High School to Santa Barbara Community College; **Isabella Walsh**, daughter of Carl & Beatrice Walsh, from CAVA K-12 (home school) to an Apprentice with San Francisco Ballet Company.

Tuesday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m.

iPalpiti Orchestra

EDUARD SCHMIEDER *Music Director & Conductor*

19th Annual *iPalpiti Festival of International Laureates*
Festival Preview Concert



iPalpiti in Walt Disney Concert Hall, July 2015

“A dazzling international chamber orchestra... Eduard Schmierer’s art is all about communicating emotional energy through glorious sound.”

— Rick Schultz, *Los Angeles Times*

The orchestra *iPalpiti* (*ee-PAHL-pit-ee*, Italian for "heartbeats") is unique in the world in that it draws its members from top prize-winning laureates of international competitions. *iPalpiti* has played to great acclaim in leading concert halls around the world. Approximately 30 artists will arrive in Los Angeles from over 20 countries for the annual *iPalpiti Festival of International Laureates*. Concerts take place at various venues throughout the Southland July 7–24 and culminate in an evening concert by the full orchestra in the Walt Disney Concert Hall. This concert at Rolling Hills United Methodist Church previews chamber music and orchestral selections from the Festival.

Free-Will Offering
Donations appreciated — 100% for the artists

Methodist Missionary John Elmore Follow Up

A total of \$2,013.00 was contributed to the fund for Methodist Construction Projects in Chile headed up by Methodist Missionary John Elmore! Thank you for your generosity!

Visit the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum

On **Saturday, July 16**, we will visit the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, the exclusive West Coast destination for Vatican Splendors: A Journey Through Faith and Art. The price for tickets is \$24/adults 18-61; \$21/seniors 62+; \$14/youth 11-17. Bus service will be available for additional fee (approx. \$30/person). To sign up, stop by the Family Ministries table after the morning services on July 3 and July 10. You can also email rachel@rhumc.org.



Welcome Aboard!



RHUMC welcomes Curt Wuestenhagen as Jonathan’s new Administrative Assistant. Curt has been worshipping with us for about 16 years. He is a native of Wisconsin, an avid Green Bay Packers fan and loves to cook.

Parents Night Out – Saturday, July 9 – 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Parents – Take the night off! Drop off your kids for a fun night of crafts, games, pizza dinner and a movie. Kids aged Infants to 5th grade are invited to join in the fun. The cost is \$20/child, \$5/each additional child per family. To register, email familyministries@rhmc.org with your child's name and age or call 310-377-6771, ext. 105.



Saturday, July 23 – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join us for some fun in the sun! Rolling Hills Country Day School Pool will be open for a pool party! Bring your towels, swimsuits and a friend or two. Hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible Camp

August 1st-5th

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ages 3 years old to 5th Grade

Registration \$65

We are looking for patient and loving hands to volunteer with these amazing children! Do not miss out on the exploration of God's love. Campers and Volunteers can register online at www.rhmc.org

Youth Summer Activities



July 6th at 12:00 p.m.: Beach Day

Fun in the Sun! Bring your sunscreen, beach towel and water toys, to enjoy this beautiful California weather.

July 16th at 12:00 p.m.: Pool Party

Pool Party and BBQ at Kimmie's house!! Pot luck lunch, so bring your favorite snack and swim towel. Address is 22555 Nadine Cr. Torrance, 90505

July 30th from 8:00 p.m. - 8:30 a.m.: Senior High Lock-In

Join us for a lock-in prior to SSP send off to Spokane, Washington. Cost is \$10. Please RSVP to Kimmie by July 26th.

Support Sierra Service Project!!

Help our youth uncover the drawing! You have the chance to assist our youth with their upcoming service trips with Sierra Service Project. There is a wonderful drawing in the narthex hidden under 144 envelopes. Each envelope has a dollar amount on the front (from \$1 to \$144) representing the donation you can choose to make towards the SSP trip. Once all the envelopes have been claimed, the drawing will be revealed. If you would like to participate, pick an envelope off of the picture and take it to the youth staffed table outside to make your donation. Thank you for your help!

Club Maintenance



Club Maintenance met Saturday, June 11, to perform needed repairs to facilities and grounds. Tasks included repairing the screen cart, washing the eaves, cleaning light hoods, replacing wood patio divider for Wesley Hall; touchup paint in the sacristy, Comfort Room, narthex, and Room 5; clean fountain; wash exterior walls; and clean, prime and paint methane vents. Lunch was catered with everyone's favorite Subway sandwich. Those working and enjoying the morning were Bill Bails, Clarence Fung, Jim Showalter, Bruce Harkins, Oren Sheldon, Keith Levan, Bob Chamberlin, and Rich Prihode. The next Club Maintenance get together will be **Saturday, July 9**, at 8:30 a.m. Please join us in service to your church.

Nurse Notes

Our parish nurse, Annette Matsuda, will be on vacation from July 5-18, 2016.

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	Curt Wuestenhagen
Director of Children & Youth Ministries	Kimmie Stradling	Church Office Admin. Assistant	Peggy Roulette
Family Ministries Dir.	Rachel Stam	Treasurer	Ana Ysabel Lopez
KidZone Director	Angie Gunter	Bookkeeper	Robin La Tourette
Junior High Youth	Nicole Benson	Facilities Manager	Nicole Lowery Zakman
Parish Nurse	Annette Matsuda	Custodian	Rick Mitchell
			Miguel Portillo
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Web Site	www.rhumc.org	District Superintendent	Mark Nakagawa

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 July 25th
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