



ROLLING HILLS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
26438 Crenshaw Blvd.
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274
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May 2014



You are cordially invited
to attend our

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 11th

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Wesley Hall

Enjoy a continental breakfast
of pastries, muffins, fruit,
juice and coffee
to celebrate that special
Mom in your life.

from the pastor



"Shared joy is a double joy; shared sorrow is half a sorrow"
-Swedish proverb

One of the features of our morning worship is the sharing of joys and concerns. Each Sunday we know that there will be an opportunity for us to care for each other by bringing our needs, our hopes and our celebrations before the church family as a whole. Sometimes what we have to share is tough and tender. Other times it is playful and fun. It encourages us to know that others are with us in our life's journey. It reminds us that worship is a time for bringing the events of our lives into the light of God's grace.

On Sunday evenings we do it slightly differently. People at 3rd service fill out one of the prayer cards and place it in the offering plate. Then I, or one of the worship leaders, shares those with the congregation as a whole. The goal is the same. We want to celebrate happy events like graduations, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, retirements and Nobel prizes. We also want to share compassion and care when friends and family are struggling. No one should have to be alone in their need. So we invite expressions of thanksgiving, grief, hope and humor to be part of our worship together. It really isn't a time for announcements.

We also don't want to create a burden of expectation! When the opportunity is offered, that does not mean that each side of the congregation has to come up with something to share – are you SURE you don't have a joy or concern? Positive? But it helps the service keep moving when those who do wish to say something raise their hands so that the person with the microphone can see you! It also helps not to wait till they have gone over to the other side of the sanctuary. The point is not to give that person exercise, but to bring us together in prayer. Holding the microphone up close is also helpful. Sometimes we are a little embarrassed to be speaking at all, so keeping the microphone away from our mouths helps us feel less conspicuous. Unfortunately, it also means that many can't hear a word we say. We all think we speak louder than we do. It is a kindness to everyone when we speak out clearly and well.

I'd also suggest that detailed diagnostic information need not be included many times. If it is our own situation being shared, that might be different. But in lifting persons up in prayer it may not be appropriate to describe the medical status of others without their knowledge. My goal for prayers in public worship is to express our needs and our hopes in words that we can share together, so that all can say "Amen."

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

Missions Committee - Great Volunteers Build on Earth!

RHUMC began with a clean dozen volunteers and finished with "Lucky 13" wonderful work volunteers at the Habitat for Humanity 500th House Build at 5370 Lime Avenue, North Long Beach. Much was accomplished Saturday, April 26, 2014, by this hardworking crew to improve the house interior, siding and exterior painting.



The now "dirty-13" Build volunteers included: Bill Bails, Thyra Endicott, Clarence Fung, William Graves, Bruce Harkin, Emily Howard, Eric Rasmussen, Daniel Shrader, Debra Shrader, CJ Sharenberg, Doug Scott, Ryan Tsang, and Connor Welch. The entire project was organized to perfection by Clarence Fung, who began last November to coordinate efforts.

A loud and appreciative "thank you" to Clarence, the Builders, and to an additional team of volunteers, led by Jackie Showalter, who brought drinks, and prepared and delivered a delicious lunch to the Build site – Becky Dyer, Cindy O'Hara, Rich and Kathy Prihoda, Mary-Jane Schwebel, Tammy Scott, and

Ken and Harriet Servis. Habitat for Humanity and the Missions Committee thanks you all for your time, service and monetary donations that helped to build affordable housing for low-income partner families.

Dawn Unity Group's Interfaith Discovery Series

The fourth program in this series is titled, "The Congregation in the Community" to be held **Tuesday, May 6th**, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John Fisher Catholic Church, 5448 Crest Road, RPV. Community in this context means both local and worldwide. How important is the involvement in the community? What beliefs drive this? Panelists are our own Jonathan Chute; Rabbi Charles Briskin, Temple Beth El; and Msgr. David Sork of the host congregation. Bob Rothman is the Moderator. Join us for this evening which is free to all including the cookies after the ninety minute program. Call (310) 833-7008 for questions.

Who are the Graduates? Class of 2014

If you have someone you are proud of who is graduating from any level of education from preschool to post-graduate, please let the church office know so we can celebrate their accomplishments in the June Cornerstone. Send an email to churchoffice@rhumc.org or call the church office at 310-377-6771. Let us know their name, degree (if any), school, future plans (if known), and their relationship to you.



Mother's Day Flower Sale & Fundraiser

Thinking about giving flowers for Mother's Day? We've got the answer for you. Our Senior High Youth will be taking orders for 6-rose arrangements on the patio at a cost of \$25 each. The arrangements will be distributed on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11th. Proceeds will help fund their trip to the Sierra Service Project.

Club Maintenance

The Club Maintenance job completion list included painting the Cry Room and cleaning debris from the Building F roof. Those helping out in this work included Bill Bails, Bob Chamberlin, Nathaniel Coleman, Clarence Fung, Dave Larson, Oren Sheldon, Jim Showalter, and Peter Williams. The next Club Maintenance work party will start at 8:30 a.m. on **Saturday, May 3rd**.



Walt Disney Concert Hall

The Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles (ICYOLA) will present its 6th Annual Season Finale Concert at the Walt Disney Concert Hall on **Sunday, July 6th**, at 3:00 p.m. and you are invited to attend. The concert will feature the Finale to the *William Tell Overture* (commonly known as the theme from *The Lone Ranger*), *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1* (commonly recognized as the graduation march), *Piano Concerto No. 2* by Dmitri Shostakovich, a Tribute to Motown, and *The Great Gate of Kiev* from *Pictures at an Exhibition*, by Modest Mussorgsky.



Chuck Dickerson serves as Music Director and Conductor of ICYOLA in addition to his work here with us. The orchestra frequently provides music for our services at RHUMC. Chuck has asked that we all attend this special concert. Tickets, priced from \$25-\$50, can be ordered through Family Ministries. Bus transportation will also be available if enough members indicate a desire for this service.



Children's Ministries

Lisa Williams
Director of Children's Ministries

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Volunteer Opportunities!

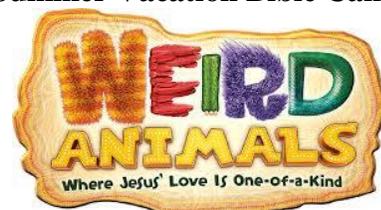


Kid Zone is now accepting applications for summer volunteers:

- Jr. Counselors (incoming 9th Grade)
- High School Students
- Vacation Bible Camp (Grade 6-adult)

Contact Lisa Nagy
Kidzone.midzone@gmail.com
310-377-7302

Summer Vacation Bible Camp



August 4th – 8th
Ages 3 years – 5th grade

For enrollment forms
www.rhumc.org/kidzone

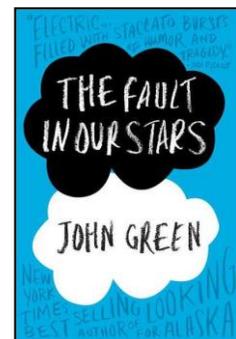


Family Ministries
Rachel Stam
 Director of Family Ministries

Sign-ups began for **All Church Family Camp!** Join us on Memorial Day Weekend, May 23rd to 26th, at the Lazy W Ranch in San Juan Capistrano. Come and hang out with old friends and make some new ones! We offer traditional camp activities such as hiking, swimming, archery, horseshoes and campfires. You can choose to participate in some or all of them – it is up to you! Stop by the Family Ministries table after morning services on May 4th and 11th to register or for more information. You can also get detailed information on our website rhumc.org. If you are unable to sign up on Sundays, contact Cathy Stark at cathy@bblsurfllaw.com.

“Read it Before You Watch it” Book Club

Read and discuss books that will be made into movies! Our first selection is the *Fault in Our Stars* by John Green (movie opening on June 6). *The Fault in Our Stars* is the story of Hazel Lancaster and Augustus Waters, two teenagers who meet at a Cancer Kid Support Group. *The New York Times* called it, "A blend of melancholy, sweet, philosophical, and funny. Green shows us true love...and it is far more romantic than any sunset on the beach." The book club will be led by our very own Kathleen Johnson. Kathleen is a librarian at the Redondo Beach Library and is a mom to Heath (7) and Graham (5). We will meet on May 15th at 7:00 p.m. in Aldersgate to discuss the book. Contact family ministries at familyministries@rhumc.org with any questions or to sign up. Book and movie lovers of all ages are welcome!



Hiking News



Due to the fire at the Elk Lodge, our April hike at Friendship Park had to be cancelled. So, let's try again! We will meet on **Tuesday, May 20th**, at 10:00 a.m. at the Deane Dana Friendship Park and Nature Center in San Pedro. The friendship park offers breath-taking panoramic views of San Pedro, Catalina Island and the Los Angeles / Long Beach harbor complex. We will meet in front of the Nature Center, which is located near the North Entrance right off of

Western and 9th Street. We are always welcoming new walkers to our group, so please plan on joining us! More info about the park can be found on the park's website.



Health & Wellness
Annette Matsuda, RN, BSN
 Parish Nurse

Health and Wellness Opportunities

This month's feature article is contributed by Christina Campbell, Chairperson, Health and Wellness Committee.

RHUMC's NEW Blood Drive

Many of you probably noticed that there was no Good Friday Blood Drive sponsored by our church this year. Cancelling the on-site drive was a difficult decision to make for our Health and Wellness Committee. For two decades, our blood drive has been an important part of our church's rich history of service and mission. The Health and Wellness Committee thought long and hard before deciding to go another direction with our blood drive. This year, we are going to try something new! RHUMC is sponsoring blood donation days at Torrance Memorial Medical Center. We have two days reserved just for us! It is amazing to think that every 2 seconds someone in the United States will need a blood transfusion. Donating blood is a wonderful way to help lives...one donation can save up to 3 lives. We hope that you will all come out and support our church, help our community, and make this a new RHUMC tradition.

The dates and times of our “blood drive” at Torrance Memorial will be:

Friday, May 30th: 8:00 a.m. – 3:15pm
Monday, June 2nd: 8:00 a.m. – 5:30pm

The blood donation center is located **inside Torrance Memorial Medical Center** (located at 3333 Lomita Blvd, Torrance) and is on the second floor above the Outpatient Day Surgery Center. Parking is conveniently located in the West Parking Garage on Medical Center Drive right across from the hospital.

The Health and Wellness Committee will be having sign ups to donate between church services in May or you **can call Chris Campbell at 310-947-9574** to schedule an appointment or if you have any questions.

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
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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 May 23rd
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