The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
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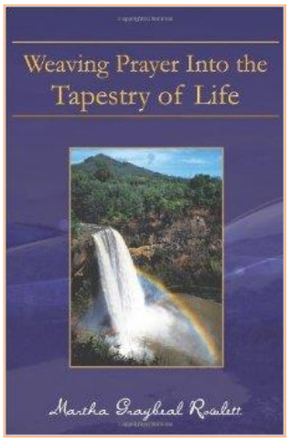
June 2014

*Come Join Us For a Book Signing by **Martha Rowlett** **Sunday, June 8th***



Senior Pastor Emeritus, Martha Graybeal Rowlett, will return here on Sunday, June 8th for a special book signing of her latest work, *Weaving Prayer into the Tapestry of Life*. Martha was senior pastor here from 1988-1998 and is beloved by all who were here during her tenure. This is her second book on prayer; Martha's first book, *Responding to God; A Guide to Daily Prayer* was published in 1996. The signing will take place on the patio between services.

The book is $10 and if you are thinking of buying one, please sign the sheet available on the patio this Sunday. You may also call the church office, 310-377-6771, to let us know as Martha would like to know how many books to provide.

from the pastor

June is a season of endings and beginnings. June brings the traditional school year to a close. From preschoolers to high school seniors to college and graduate students, all kinds of people are looking back at what they have accomplished and ahead to what comes next. We tend to think of graduations as endings. They mark the completion of a program, of a stage in our lives, in our relationships with friends and family.

On the morning of my graduation from college our speaker was the Rev. Peter Gomes, then the Minister of Memorial Church at Harvard, and the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals. Later in the day we heard from Mother Teresa of Calcutta. So it was kind of a heavy duty program, religiously speaking. Peter encouraged us NOT to go through with graduation! College was such a great time in our lives that we should not let the school kick us out into the real world. That was a new idea for most of us. He quoted Mae West, who suggested that "Too much of a good thing... ...is WONDERFUL!!!" Mother Teresa was a bit more serious. Her very traditional moral address was not as cheerfully received by many of my classmates. I'm not sure why they expected her to be funny. That was not exactly her approach to life.

As many of you have heard, our daughter Hannah's graduation from Eastman School of Music and the University of Rochester was lovely. It was a beautiful day, a memorable ceremony, and a celebration of all that she and her classmates had achieved. It was a joyful time for us all. But on the day of any graduation, one realizes that what lies ahead is actually rather more significant than whatever we have done up to that point. In fact, the traditional name for the event is "commencement," which means "beginning." Yes, it's a celebration of where we've come, but more than that it is a first step out in a new adventure. It's like baptism. Sometimes parents will be asked when they are going to get the children "done." But there is no "done"! Baptism isn't the end, but the beginning of a new relationship with God, in and through the community of faith.

At the end of this month I will complete my sixteenth year as pastor with this church family. It has been quite a time together already. But I want you to know that I am looking forward even more to where God will lead us in the season that is only beginning.

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

New Associate Pastor Appointed

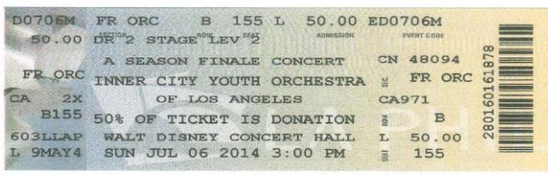
Bishop Minerva Carcaño intends to appoint the Rev. Douglas "Doug" Dickson as our new Associate Pastor, beginning July 1. Doug has served for the past three years as Pastor at Corona UMC. He grew up in Mission Viejo, and studied at UC Santa Barbara and United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He has been in full-time ministry for twenty years, serving churches in San Diego, Hemet and Murrieta. His wife, Stacy, will be serving as Pastor at Torrance First UMC. They are the parents of three children, Kylie (8), Aidan (5) and Maddie (3). We look forward to welcoming them to our congregation and community on Sunday, July 6.

United Methodist Women

Thanks to everyone who supported the United Methodist Women's Spring Mission Market. UMW's Spring Mission Giving totaled $500. In addition to other fundraising events, the following donations were made possible: $500 to the Sierra Service Project, $1,000 for SSP Scholarships, $500 for KidZone Scholarships and $300 for LOGOS Scholarships. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Do You Have Your Ticket Yet?

Here is a ticket to the upcoming Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles Season Finale Concert, which will be held on **Sunday, July 6th**, at 3:00 p.m. at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Downtown Los Angeles.



Our own Chuck Dickerson will conduct the concert, and he wants everyone to be there! Tickets, priced from $25-$50, can be ordered through Family Ministries. So, if you don't have one of these yet, be sure to stop by the Family Ministries table on the patio after church services or call the church office at 310-377-6771 to get yours. Bus transportation may be available based on the demand.

Be sure to join us on Sunday, June 15th after services for refreshments on the patio

Progress Report – We Are Building!

Concrete poured, ready to begin framing.

The sky is the limit.

Taking Shape.

A new window on the world.

Sunday, June 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Second Sundays At Two

Pianist ROBERT THIES

Gold-Medal Winner of the International Prokofiev Competition

Called a pianist of "unerring, warm-toned refinement, revealing judicious glimmers of power" by *The Los Angeles Times*, **Robert Thies** is an artist renowned for his consummate musicianship and poetic temperament. He first captured worldwide attention in 1995 when he won the Gold Medal at the Second International Prokofiev Competition in St. Petersburg, Russia. With this victory, Thies became the only American pianist to win a Russian piano competition since Van Cliburn's triumph in Moscow in 1958. He has already performed over 40 different concerti with leading orchestras worldwide. He frequently shares the stage with members of the LA Philharmonic and the LA Chamber Orchestra He is returning to the Palos Verdes Peninsula where he grew up for his fourth appearance on the *Second Sundays At Two* series.

Free Will Offering

2014 Graduates

College

Manuel Arellano, studied with Althea Waites, from the University of Michigan - M.M. in Collaborative Piano, will study in Berlin at the Hochschule fur Musik to work toward an Artist Diploma in Piano; **Tyler Baker**, grandson of Leonard & Rita Guiton, from Santa Barbara City College to UC Santa Barbara; **Jacob Bethel**, grandson of Norine Morse, Portland State College; **Hannah Chute**, daughter of Jonathan Chute & Thyra Endicott, Eastman School of Music, BA in Applied Music, Harp, with Distinction and performer's certificate, & University of Rochester, BA in Comparative Literature, *magna cum laude* and certificate in literary translation, won the Mildred L. Burton Award for Excellence for Outstanding Language Majors, Comparative Literature, Phi Beta Kappa, pursuing a Master of Arts in Literary Translation, University of Rochester; **Kathryn Florance**, granddaughter of Elaine and Ron Florance, Colorado College, BA in Economics & Art History, will teach in Thailand, then Master's Degree & Teaching Credential at Denver University; **Sean Paul Lorentzen**, son of Randy & Stevie Lorentzen, Marymount California University, BA in Media Arts, with Distinction, Delta Epsilon Sigma & Phi Theta Kappa; **Evangeline Jo**, Student of Althea Waites, Cal State University Long Beach, pursuing a M.M. in Piano USC; **Avery Grace Mauel**, grandchild of Lois & Jim Moore, Bard College, Degree in Anthropology & Choreography; **Austin Peterson**, son of Mike Peterson & Chris Campbell, Commercial Diving Academy, in Jacksonville, FL and seeking a diving position in the southeastern U.S.; **Hailey Peitzman**, granddaughter of Fred & Ann Peitzman, Cal Poly Pomona, Architectural Degree; **Chelsea Rickel**, daughter of Lynn Rickel, Southern Methodist University, BS in Computer Science, Minor in Creative Computing and pursuing a Master of Science at SMU in Computer Science; **Alexander William Salter**, son of Diane & Bill Salter, George Mason University, PhD in Economics, forthcoming marriage and teaching Economics at Berry College; **Paul David Shrader**, son of Daniel & Debra Shrader, Santa Clara University of Law, forthcoming employment at Lowenstein Sandler Law Firm working in "start-up business" and "intellectual property;" **Emilia Llyswen Stawicki**, granddaughter of Gil and Mary Lou Hamblet, University of Utah, BA in Fine Arts with honors in Theatre, will attend the Royal Welsh College of Music and Theatre in Cardiff, Wales**; Dylan Thompson**, grandson of Gene & Patty Koester, UC Santa Cruz, degree in Environmental Studies; **Jessica Louise Thrift**, granddaughter of Louise Thrift, UC Berkeley, Master of Public Health, seeking employment in Health Care Administration.

High School

Sarah Anderson, daughter of John & Karen Anderson and granddaughter of Mary Feyk, from PV Peninsula High School to University of Tennessee majoring in veterinarian medicine; **Paige Kristina Brandt**, daughter of Bob & Laurie Brandt, from South High School to Colorado State University on a Soccer Scholarship; **Nikaela Noël Lorentzen**, daughter of Randy & Stevie Lorentzen, from South High School to Chapman University; **Michael Evan Moore**, grandson of Fin & Winnie Martin, from West High School to California Baptist University; **Emily Osgood**, granddaughter of Norine Morse, from Las Lomas High School, Walnut Creek to Cal-Poly, San Luis Obispo; **Alexander Urasaki**, grandson of Masa Urasaki, from Palos Verdes Peninsula High School to the University of Washington; **Shelby Will**, daughter of Silva & Tim Will, from Palos Verdes High School to UC Berkeley; **Casey Zelhart**, Palos Verdes High School.

Middle School

Alexandra Gwen Bauer, granddaughter of Gil and Mary Lou Hamblet, from Burlingame Intermediate School; **Marin Abigail Moore**, grandchild of Lois & Jim Moore, to Northern Valley Regional High School, Demarest, NJ; **Katie Stam**, daughter of Adam & Rachel Stam, from Miraleste Intermediate School to Palos Verdes Peninsula High School; **John Szieff**, son of Bill & Caitlin Szieff, from Miraleste Intermediate School to Palos Verdes Peninsula High School.

Elementary School

Graysen Elisabeth Bradley, daughter of Rick & Melissa Bradley, from Peninsula Heritage School to Palos Verdes Intermediate School; **Kevin Cross**, son of Mike and Michelle Cross, from Pt. Vicente Elementary to Ridgecrest Intermediate School; **Lucas Hong**, son of Ted & Jennifer Hong, from Montemalaga Elementary to Palos Verdes Intermediate School; **Rowan Moore**, daughter of Caroline and Tom Moore, from Lunada Bay Elementary to Palos Verdes Intermediate School; **Caleb Stam**, son of Adam & Rachel Stam, from Dapplegray to Miraleste.

Preschool

Johanna Martin, granddaughter of Fin & Winnie Martin, from RHUMC Preschool to Riviera Elementary School.

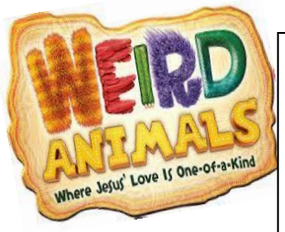
Club Maintenance

Club Maintenance worked on these jobs this month: trash left over from Easter decorations was taken to the dumpster, a broken parking lot bumper was replaced and spares stored for future use, the legs of numerous stools and tables were glued or otherwise tightened, and a general check for repairs to tables and chairs was started. Those participating included Peter Williams, Jim Showalter, Oren Sheldon, Eric Rasmussen, Rich Prihode, Clarence Fung and Bill Bails. Your help with these kinds of activities would be much appreciated in this ongoing effort to keep these facilities, which all of use, in good working order. The next work party will start at 8:30 a.m. and go until noon on **Saturday, June 14th**. Hope to see you there.

Children's Ministries

KidZone
A Great Place to Grow

Lisa Williams
Director of Children's Ministries



Vacation Bible Camp

August 4-8, 2014
Ages 3 years – 5th grade
Volunteers Needed! 6th grade - adult

For enrollment forms-
www.rhumc.org/kidzone

Just the other day, I was stopped on the patio by a preschooler who said, "Hey, I know you, you're the lady who did Bible at VBC." That put a smile on my face and warmed my heart to think that I made a difference in a child's life. *Chris Larson*

You too can have this experience…join the team of excellent volunteers during VBC! For more information on how you can help, please contact Lisa Williams, 310-940-6607 or rhumc.children@gmail.com.

3rd Grade Bible Presentations – June 8th

We will celebrate our 3rd graders at all 3 services by presenting them with their own Bible.
Contact rhumc.children@gmail.com or call 310-377-6771 if you plan to attend. Also, help us celebrate Pentecost by wearing **RED** on Sunday, June 8th.

2014 Presidential Volunteer Service Awards

Are you up to date with submitting your service hours? We want to remind you that our year began July 1, 2013 and will end June 30, 2014. Applications for this year's awards are due July 15, 2014 and may be turned in to Kathy Platnick or dropped off at the church office.

In the spirit of volunteer service in which this award was founded, volunteer service is approved when performed to the benefit of the community without requirement or benefit. For example, school-based activities that are required as part of a grade or fundraising activity for extra-curricular groups or organizations will not be approved. You can always get pre-approval for an activity. When submitting an outside service opportunity for pre-approval, please include a detailed explanation of the event and your responsibility in this activity. Travel time to and from the event should also be included.

All of your approved verified service hours count towards the award. Please provide a certificate or other form of proof that clearly identifies the organization you served, signed by a leader of that organization. As a reminder, here are the hours needed to earn the awards:

14 years and under on July 1, 2013:	15 years and over on July 1, 2013:
50-74 hours – Bronze Level	100-174 hours – Bronze Level
75-99 hours – Silver Level	175-249 hours – Silver Level
100+ hours – Gold Level	250+ hours – Gold Level

Instructions, applications and a sample log sheet can be found on the church's website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Platnick at ksanders@omm.com.

Junior High Sierra Service Project

The team is ready to go! Sixteen youth and four adults will be going to Chiloquin, Oregon, to repair homes belonging to the Klamath Native American tribes. We will fly to Sacramento on Saturday, July 12th, then drive the next day to Chiloquin. We will return by car and plane on Friday, July 18th.

These fun-loving youth have just finished making their own tie-dye t-shirts that we will wear on the airplane. We had a "crazy dinner" when everybody ordered their food but didn't know what food it was! Sound crazy?! It was!

The Junior High SSP team would like to thank the congregation for supporting all their bake sales! Each youth was able to get credit towards the cost of the trip. Thank you!

Family Ministries

Rachel Stam
Director of Family Ministries

It is the end of the school year, and excitement is in the air. Those of us with kids are preparing for graduations, finals and end-of-the-school year parties. It is a fun and momentous time, but I, for one, am already longing for lazy days of summer. My kids will be fairly busy with camps, volunteer work, and sports, but we'll have enough free time to just relax and "breathe" a little bit. To that end, the Family Ministries Committee has been busy planning events for families of all generations to gather and connect. It's going to be a great summer; I hope you can join us!

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

Visit a wonderful little gem in the South Bay! With its spectacular natural setting adjacent to Cabrillo Beach, the aquarium boasts a diverse collection of Southern California sea life. In addition, it also has an aquatic nursery and a "hands-on" exploration center. We will meet on **Sunday, June 22nd, at 2:00 p.m.** in front of the aquarium. The museum is located at 3720 Stephen M. White Drive in San Pedro. The suggested donation is $5/adults and $1/child. Sign up at the patio, contact the church office, or email familyministries@rhumc.org. Plenty of onsite parking is available for $1/hour at the aquarium lot.

Bernstein & Gershwin at the Hollywood Bowl

Hollywood Bowl is back for the summer! On **Thursday, July 10th**, at 8:00 p.m. the wry and witty Bramwell Tovey brings 20th-century favorites from Bernstein and Gershwin, acting as both conductor and pianist for Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. Broadway star Megan Hilty (*Smash, Wicked*) sings favorite Gershwin tunes. Tickets are $23 each and bus service from Wilson Park for additional $6. Sign up at the patio, contact the church office or email familyministries@ rhumc.org. This is the first of two Hollywood Bowl events for the summer. Save the date on Saturday, August 23rd, for Beatles 50th at the Bowl. More info to come in the next issues of Cornerstone.

Hiking/Walking News

Our next hike/walk will be on **Tuesday, June 17th**, at the Charles H. Wilson Park, located at 2200 Crenshaw Blvd. in Torrance. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Dee Hardison Sports Center. The park hosts a farmer's market every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., so those interested can shop and/or grab a meal before or after the walk. Hope to see you there!

Health & Wellness

Annette Matsuda, RN, BSN
Parish Nurse

Health and Wellness Opportunities

Caregiving Options

Many of us are currently the primary person responsible for the well-being and care for a parent or spouse, perhaps in addition to raising children. Hiring a caregiver is counterintuitive for most of us. In the United States, values of independence and the Lone Ranger "I can do it!" mentality make us reluctant to hire help, even when hiring a caregiver may be in the best interests of both ourselves and our loved one.

Having a caregiver does pose the issue of the sense of loss of privacy in your home. But having a good caregiver can also free you to manage your household more effectively and afford you some time for you to invest in friends and endeavors, as God has wired and called you. Caring for yourself will positively impact your care for your loved one.
Some good reasons to hire a caregiver are:

1. if you are finding single-handed caregiving exhausting
2. if you are becoming increasingly worried and anxious
3. if you are losing sleep at night to perform caregiving duties
4. if either you or your loved one are becoming more prone to accidents and injuries because of your exhaustion
5. if you have inadequate time to properly manage your household affairs or time to address your own needs

If you are currently overwhelmed with caregiving stressors, take heart. God sees your diligent efforts to care for those He entrusted to you. Many in our church family here have benefited from hired caregivers in their homes in recent years. If you would like to talk with our parish nurse, Annette Matsuda, about hiring a caregiver, please contact her at the church office, or at her home, 310-618-8122.

Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.
Psalm 33: 20-22 NRSV

Senior Pastor	Jonathan Chute	Music Director	Chuck Dickerson
Assoc. Pastor	John Kwan	Organist/Pianist	Althea Waites
Children's Min. &		3rd Service Ensemble	Patti MacLeod
Kid/Mid Zone Dir.	Lisa Williams	Admin. Asst. to Pastor	Michele Nelson
Preschool Director	Myra Ghabrial	Church Office Admin.	Peggy Roulette
Family Ministries Dir.	Rachel Stam	Asst. Secretary	Ana Ysabel Lopez
Jr. High Youth	John Kwan	Treasurer	Robin La Tourette
Senior High Youth	Evan Griffiths	Bookkeeper	Nicole Lowery Zakman
Parish Nurse	Annette Matsuda	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 June 20th
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