The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
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July 2014

Sumer Fun – Havin' A Blast!

Kid Zone Summer Camp kicked off last week and kicked into a high gear of fun, knowledge, arts & crafts, water play, cooking, dancing, and more. It poses the question, why don't adults have fun camps like this?

Food & fun - A great combo!

BCFF – Best Camp Friends Forever!

-Photos by Georgia Nelson, KZC Counselor

Picassos one and all!

from the pastor

When Thyra, Hannah and I came to Rolling Hills some sixteen years ago we were a little bit late. I had preached the last Sunday of June in our former congregation, and then we began our two car, five person, three driver, one dog cross-country journey. We had two dear friends come along to share the driving, but one of them got an ear infection on the trip and was out of commission. We crossed the bridge over to Michigan and spent the first night in Madison, Wisconsin (home of one of the loveliest state capitals there is). We passed through Minnesota and South Dakota on the way to Yellowstone and Grand Tetons.

From there we headed south, driving along the Sevier River and into the lovely town of Panguitch, Utah. It was the 4th of July, and as we came over the hill and into town the local fireworks show was in full glory. We felt like they were doing it all for our benefit! We visited Bryce and Grand Canyon National Parks, and then made our way across the last stretch of desert. I know that we complain a lot about southern California traffic, but when we hit the 91 I knew I was almost home. I didn't mind.

Most of the time we don't really know where we are headed. We have our hopes, plans and intentions. We are not passively waiting for others to decide our future. But whatever it is that our minds and hearts have

pictured as the future, what is waiting for us is always richer, deeper, fuller, more mysterious and wonderful than anything we could have planned (more frustrating, too, at times!).

We knew the roads we were going to take. We'd covered many of those miles before. We knew the address to which we were headed. We even knew some of the people who were already here. But we had no idea where we were going – not really. Some of you helped welcome us into the life of this church family way back then. Some of you have come along since. And God has found a way to bring us all together into something we could never have expected.

Beginning together this new year, and looking forward to new discoveries, new relationships, I want to say again how grateful I am for the privilege of serving with you.

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

Mission News

CROP Walk Re-Cap

Twelve walkers, two runners (Thyra and Jonathan), and two dogs represented RHUMC in the CROP Walk on 5/3, beginning at Point Fermin Park. All enjoyed the beautiful day and got some good exercise, while raising funds to benefit local service providers including Shared Bread, San Pedro United Methodist Church Sunday Suppers, and Toberman Neighborhood Center.

"To's & Tacos"

Reverend Ut To, one of our sponsored missionaries, and his wife will be visiting our congregation on **Sunday, July 13th**. Reverend To is assigned to Vietnam as Country Director and Mission Superintendent. He trains Christian leaders in developing new congregations and nurturing Christians in Vietnam. After the 10:00 a.m. service, we will offer lunch catered by the "Taco Man", and a brief presentation by Reverend To, sharing his experiences with us. We will also be joined that Sunday by our new Associate Pastor, Reverend Doug Dickson. Tacos, rice and beans will be available for $5 per person, or $15 per family.

Save Your Labels

As part of our Mission Work, we support the Red Bird Mission School in Beverly, Kentucky. The School helps children in this remote, impoverished area learn, dream and hope for a bright future.

By collecting labels, box tops, and lids (V8 products) we can help the school earn free equipment and supplies – it's easy! Just look for products that say "Labels for Education, "Box Tops for Education" or "Tyson Project A+". Some of the participating companies are: BIC, Campbell's, Dannon, Emerald, Glad, Pepperidge Farm, Post, Kleenex and Hefty. You may place the items in the box labeled *Mission Project for Education* located in the narthex. Learn more at: www.labelsforeducation.com , www.boxtops4education.com , and www.projectaplus.tyson.com.

Further Goodwill

Paul Jeffrey, photojournalist and Methodist missionary supported by RHUMC, is currently in Zimbabwe. You can follow his postings on Facebook at http://facebook.com/ kairosphotos and journey with him. His blog is at http://kairosphotos.com. His most recent article posted on his blog is about South Sudan in which he tells of the history of the current violence and gives many reports both sad and inspiring about the plight of the refugees. The photos are amazing! Please keep Paul in your prayers as his travels are difficult and dangerous.

A Special Thank You

United Methodist Women's Spring Mission Giving thanks everyone who supported our spring Mission Mini Market!! We raised more than $2,000 and we were able to donate $500 to Sierra Service Project, $1,000 for Scholarships to Sierra Service Project, $500 to Kids Zone Scholarships, and $300 for Logos Scholarships.

The United Methodist Women and the Future Leaders of the California-Pacific Limitless Team presents:

A Special Gathering Time for Young Women Ages 14-30

July 18, 2014 - 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Biola University, La Mirada, California 90639. **$10.00** Registration Fee, (includes lunch on campus). **Deadline to Register: July 12, 2014.** For more information, contact the church office.

2014 Summer Fest – Benefiting Toberman Neighborhood Center

On **Sunday, August 10th**, from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., the Toberman Neighborhood Center and Chef Michael Shafer will host a Summer Fest dinner and fundraiser to benefit their work with at-risk youth. The event will take place outside of Chef Shafer's renowned restaurant, The Depot, in Torrance. It promises to be a fun and relaxed event with delicious gourmet food, a hosted bar, and excellent live music by *Ramfunkshus*, recently named one of Los Angeles top five wedding bands of 2013 by CBS Los Angeles. Tickets are $125 each. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 310-832-1145 X119 or visit www.toberman.org.

Seeking Crafters

The United Methodist Women are looking for crafters to make homemade items for our fall bazaar. The crafter's group meet every Wednesday from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Lucy Ford's home. For more information, contact Lucy Ford at 310-791-0038.

Memorial Wall Dedications

The Memorial Garden and Wall is a designated space to memorialize loved ones, providing a quiet and serene place for family and friends to visit, reflect and pray. If you would like the name of a loved one etched on the wall, contact the church office. If a spouse dies, the surviving spouse may reserve a space for him/herself. Reserved space will be etched with name of surviving spouse only – no dates – to ensure the space is not accidentally taken. The fee to the family requesting the engraving is $250. Net proceeds will be used for name engraving and for the maintenance of the garden and wall. Other utilizations of the garden are for meditation, small weddings and memorials and for small group gatherings, including classes.

Baby Announcements

If you would like to celebrate the birth of a family member, contact the church office at 310-377-6771. Let us know and we will be happy to honor the birth with a rosebud placed on the chancel for Sunday services as well as a dedication in the church bulletin.

RHUMC Lay Members to the California-Pacific Conference held in Redlands the week of June 22nd.

Members, left to right around the table: Sam Melvin; Carolyn Melvin; Mike Lewis; Pastor Jonathan Chute; Clarence Fung (standing); Gene Koester; Suellen Fung.

The occasion was the Missionary Luncheon, where we receivced the West District Mission Support Award.

Saturday, July 19th, at 7:30 p.m.

iPalpiti Orchestra

EDUARD SCHMIEDER, ***Music Director & Conductor***

"…This was an invigorating world-class performance by young players with technique to burn and a palpable desire to live every note."

Mark Swed,
Chief Music Critic
Los Angeles Times

i *Palpiti* in Walt Disney Hall, July, 2013

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. Approximately 30 artists will arrive in Los Angeles from over 20 countries for the **17th Annual *iPalpiti* Festival of International Laureates.** Concerts take place at various venues throughout the Southland and culminate in an evening concert by the full orchestra in the Walt Disney Concert Hall. This concert at RHUMC previews chamber music and orchestral selections from the 2014 Festival.

Free Will Offering
Donations appreciated — 100% for the artists

Club Maintenance

Club Maintenance helpers kept very busy taking care of a number of smaller jobs including replacing missing exterior wall shingles on the Pre-School classrooms, cleaning the patio fountain, patching nicks and dents in the walls of the Office Building, treating for termites in a ceiling beam, replacing missing mushroom buttons on the Sanctuary pews, trimming low hanging branches in the Preschool area, determining that temporary fence repairs can be made by reusing available rails, and giving all the white portable tables a good cleaning. Those participating included Bill Bails, Dave Larson, Rick Mitchell, Oren Sheldon, Jim Showalter and newcomers Debra and Natalie DeLuca. Thank you and welcome aboard Debra and Natalie.

The next Club Maintenance repair session will start at 8:30 a.m. on **Saturday, July 12th.** There is plenty of work to be done and just about anyone can do the kinds of tasks listed above. Hope to see you there.

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Children's Ministries

Lisa Williams
Director of Children's Ministries

KidZone
Great Place to Grow

Why is Vacation Bible Camp So Important?
Imagine something so special that it reaches every state and even spans the globe. That is what Vacation Bible Camp does. For the last 117 years VBC has been a part of summer. This simple concept of gathering kids and

adults together for 5 days to share bible stories, sing songs, and play games, year after year, has touched the lives of millions of young people and adults.

Do you remember sharing summers with friends and family? For some of you, your days might have been spent in vacation bible camp. Fred Craddock, one of my dad's favorite preachers, shares a time when he was leading VBC many years ago. He was having a difficult time with one of the boys; the boy was surly, did not participate in the activities and overall looked miserable. Fred felt badly for the child. It wasn't until the last day when the boy finally spoke up. He didn't say much but what he did say summed up the entire week. He got it. That week, Fred made a difference and so can you!

I received an e-mail the other day from a mom who was registering her child for VBC. When they pulled into our parking lot the child exclaimed "Awesome, this is where they have the best VBC ever!

This summer you can help make a difference in a child's life at RHUMC's Vacation Bible Camp, **August 4th-8th**, 8:30-12:30 p.m. Consider being a crew leader, or leading a station. Reflect on a time when you were growing up, think about a person who shared God's love with you and how special it might be for you to be that special person to a child.

For more information on Vacation Bible Camp, contact Lisa Williams in the church office at 310-377-6771.

RHUMC Prepares to Send Record Numbers to Senior High Sierra Service Project

On August 2nd, 45 youth and 11 adult volunteers depart for Stockton to participate in a week of service with Sierra Service Project. This will be the largest group RHUMC has ever sent. SSP is a faith based organization that is all about building: building improvements on homes to make them more livable, building bridges to communities in need, building a community with one another over a week of living and working together, building awareness of social justice issues and building the faith journey of those who participate. We are thrilled to have the chance to have yet another wonderful experience.

This year is different for RHUMC in several ways. In all previous years, RHUMC has volunteered at a Native American reservation, often in far off locales. This year we opted to serve in an urban community where youth can experience and see the kind of poverty that exists in the communities around them--even though Stockton is 356 miles north, the environment will be quite similar to South Los Angeles and areas of Long Beach. Also, for the first time in four years, the entire senior high team will be at one site. RHUMC has sent so many youth in the past few years that SSP required us to split into two groups and go to different sites. As a one-time only experiment, this year RHUMC will take over an entire site for a single week. That's a first in SSP history as well! It will be great to have all of our youth together.

This trip would not have been possible without the help of our church family. The youth raised over $30,000 through a letter writing campaign, talent show, silent auction, Mother's Day flower sales, flamingo flocking, some very generous scholarship donations and contributions from the families of the youth attending. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Faith In Action Beach Clean Up!

Saturday, July 26th 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Meet us at Dolphin Park (Torrance Beach)

To sign up please email:
Debra DeLuca at dd3@socal.rr.com
by Thursday, July 24th.

Permission slips must be filled out
and submitted to Debra to participate.
They may be found on our website at rhumc.org.

Please wear a red shirt!

Gloves and trash containers will be provided.

Parent volunteers are more than welcome!

(In case you need to reach Debra by phone,
her cell phone number is (310) 507-4496)

Family Ministries

Rachel Stam
Director of Family Ministries

Join us for a night to remember at the Hollywood Bowl! On **Saturday, August 23rd,** at 8:00 p.m**.,** Hollywood Bowl will commemorate the **Beatles 50th at the Bowl.** Dave Stewart (Eurythmics) will be the musical director, joined by special guests. As well as singing many Beatles classics, the performers will recreate historic sets, including "Twist and Shout," "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "A Hard Day's Night" plus vintage clips and much more in celebration of the Fab Four's L.A. Invasion. Tickets are $48 each and a bus from Wilson Park is available for additional $6. Also, tickets are still available for **Bernstein & Gershwin** concert ($23/person, $6 for bus) on **Thursday, July 10th**. Email familyministries@rhumc.org or call the church office for more information or to sign up.

HOLLYWOOD BOWL

THE BEATLES

Family Camp

A wonderful time was had by all who came to Family Camp! Sixty-two participated and 4 new families joined in the fun this year. Hope you can join us next year! The San Juan Capistrano location makes an easy trip, yet you feel you are definitely out of your zip code.

3rd Tuesday Walking Group

Our next walk will be on **Tuesday, July 15th**, at Torrance/Redondo Beach. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. by the dolphin statue at Miramar Park above Torrance Beach. Hope to see you there!

Health & Wellness

Annette Matsuda, RN, BSN
Parish Nurse

From your Health and Wellness Team…

Many thanks to the members of our congregation who donated blood at our recent drive on May 30th and June 2nd at the Torrance Memorial Blood Donor Center. Giving blood is the "gift of life" to so many people. It is possible to give blood at the Center any time. You do not need to wait for our church blood drive. You can either walk in during business hours or make an appointment:

Blood Donor Center
Torrance Memorial Medical Center
Phone: 310-517-4647
http://www.torrancememorial.org/Blood_Donor_Center.aspx

Hours
M 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
T - TH 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
F 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Donor Center provides a lovely environment with recliner chairs, a pastoral view, and experienced Registered Nurses overseeing your welfare while you give blood.
Submitted by Patty Kurlak and Shirley Bails

Brown Bag-Lunch Health Topics
September, 2014 through June, 2015:

TBD	**September**
Diabetes	**November**
Stroke/Hypertension	**January**
Sleep Disorders	**March**
TBD	**May**
CPR Re-Certification	**June**

Stay tuned!
Submitted by Carolyn and Sam Melvin and Nina Bradbury

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul." III John 1:2 (NRSV)

Senior Pastor	Jonathan Chute	Music Director	Chuck Dickerson
Assoc. Pastor	Doug Dickson	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
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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 July 25th
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