The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
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May 2015

You are cordially invited
to attend our

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 10th
9:00-10:30 a.m.
Wesley Hall

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

from the pastor

There are many signs of new life and hope in and around our church family this Spring. We continue to welcome new friends into our community – people with diverse gifts and helpful spirits. It is encouraging to get to know one another and to see where God may be leading us together. On Easter Sunday we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ at four wonderful services and gathered with over a thousand persons over the course of the day. As one good friend has observed, "Easter is God's way of teaching a congregation its future." The family and friends who shared in that day think of our congregation as their church home. It is a gift and a privilege to see the impact we are making in people's lives.

As one such example, the first weekend in May brings with it the annual San Pedro-Peninsula CROP Walk where walkers and sponsors will help raise funds to address hunger needs both near to home and around the world. And the Spring Blood Drive follows on the Friday and Monday of the Mother's Day weekend. We will again be helping fill up the reserves at Torrance Memorial Medical Center and hope that you can help share the gift of life with others in our community. Thank you to the Health and Wellness Committee for your efforts in making it easy and painless!

Our youth are raising funds for their participation in this year's Sierra Service Project. Their bake sales are always a hit and the Mother's Day flowers are a lovely way to honor someone important in your life AND help our youth share in a generous mission together. The All Church Family Camp is also coming up soon, and I know that many of you look forward to that special time at Camp Lazy W over the Memorial Day weekend.

Thyra and I are also looking forward to our daughter Hannah's completion of her M.A. in Literary Translation from the University of Rochester. We will be back there with her for a week or so this month. It looks as though she will be staying back east for now, working in Rochester and finishing the translation of a contemporary French novel (for pay!). Her harp playing is now more for her own enjoyment than professional purposes. Her love of literature seems to have moved ahead of her gifts in music for now.

By now many of you know of the move that Lisa Williams will be making to serve as a Local Pastor at San Pedro UMC. This has been the result of stirring in Lisa's spirit over a number of years and we wish her every success in her new venture. I look forward to having her as a colleague in ministry in the South Bay, in a role slightly different from working with her on the same team at RHUMC. As this change comes to some of us unexpectedly (and to many of us unwillingly!) we give thanks for the steadfastness of God's grace in each of our lives, and in the life we share together as a family of faith. I know that we give thanks for all she has done and offer our blessing for what lies ahead.

Grace and peace,

Mission News

As we are regularly reminded, there are many in need around the world, especially in the event of natural disasters, but often we are not as informed as to needs closer to home. Red Bird Mission and Clinic, founded in 1921 and headquartered in Beverly, KY provides ministries in the Appalachian Mountains. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide daily obstacles to residents in this isolated, rural, distressed area. Red Bird Mission strives to help through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement.

Save Your Labels

Our church can help, and it's easy! By collecting labels, box tops, and lids (V8 products) we can help the school at Red Bird earn free equipment and supplies. 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. Clip your labels and bring them to church – deposit in the box in the narthex. Meanwhile, you can learn more at: www.labelsforeducation.com , www.boxtops4education.com , and www.projectaplus.tyson.com. Barbara and Bill Leone, of our congregation, are visiting Red Bird Mission this month – plans are underway to invite all to hear of their experience.

Donations Requested to Support Nicaragua Mission Project

This summer RHUMC will be sending a team of 15 youth and adults to Nicaragua for a study and serve mission trip. The program is specifically designed to promote solidarity and cross-cultural understanding between people in Northern and Central America. The group will be building classroom facilities for local children in the morning and then participating in educational and cultural exchanges in the afternoons. Many people in Nicaragua live in extreme poverty. It has a Human Development Index (which measures education, health and standard of living) of 94 as compared to the US HDI of 6. By comparison, Mexico's HDI is 42. We are encouraged to bring educational resources to contribute to the local community we will be serving. Over the next two months we will be seeking donations of Spanish language story and study books, computers and tablets, educational games and certain construction tools. Donations of cash are also good as we will use them to buy school supplies once we reach Nicaragua. Please look for our teams on the church patio for more information about how you can help or contact Kathy Platnick at ksanders@omm.com or at 213-479-6950.

United Methodist Women

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LUCY FORD'S HOME ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS BETWEEN 2:00 AND 5:00 p.m.? Come and find out for yourself and take this opportunity to experience new friendships and learn new skills for creating gifts and décor for the next United Methodists Women's Mini Market in the fall!! Lucy's home is at 5009 Vanderhill Road, Torrance, 90505 and can be reached at 310-791-0038 or 310-422-0098.

Dawn Unity Group

The Dawn Unity Group's fourteenth year will conclude the Interfaith Discovery Series with its popular choral program of religious music on **Tuesday, May 5th**, 7:30 p.m. at St. John Fisher Catholic Church, 5448 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes. *"O Sing To The Lord A New Song All The Earth"* will include performances by three congregational choirs: St. Francis Episcopal Church Choir led by Dr. Jean Cobb; Temple Beth El Choir led by Cantor Ilan Davidson; and St. John Fisher Choir led by Music Director Grant Hungerford. The evening will conclude with music from the three combined choirs. The program is free to all and will be followed by refreshments. For questions call 310-833-7008.

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.

We are re-launching the RHUMC Facebook page! Search for "Rolling Hills United Methodist Church – RHUMC" and give us a thumbs-up (Like us)! The Cornerstone, Weekend Worship Blast, as well as upcoming events and other useful info will be delivered right to your Facebook home page.

(mostly — but not this month)

Second Sundays At Two

Sunday, May 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

Violinist **ELIZABETH PITCAIRN** & Pianist **LOUISE THOMAS**
*~ and the legendary **"Red Violin" Stradivarius** ~*
Perform Beethoven's Great Romantic Era Masterpiece
THE KREUTZER SONATA

Celebrated American violin virtuoso **Elizabeth Pitcairn** performs in partnership with one of the world's most legendary instruments, the Red Mendelssohn Stradivarius of 1720, said to have inspired the Academy award-winning film *The Red Violin*.

Elizabeth Pitcairn is one of America's most beloved soloists. She made her New York debut at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall in 2000 with the New York String Orchestra, and she appeared as soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Academy of Music.

Ms. Pitcairn performs this recital with noted Irish-born pianist **Louise Thomas**, who is Director of Keyboard Collaborative Arts at Chapman University.

Free Will Offering

Our Chancel Choir is Headed to Carnegie Hall

Twenty-one members of our RHUMC Chancel Choir will comprise a portion of a 200-voice chorus that will sing under the direction of John Rutter in the world premiere of his new composition *Creation Canticles* at Carnegie Hall on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th. The program presents a contrast of sorts - it will be the 26th Annual performance by Mr. Rutter at Carnegie Hall, and he has announced that this will be his last. While a few of our choir members have performed at Carnegie Hall in the past under the auspices of other ensembles, this performance will be the first by our choir, and we anticipate that other performances at Carnegie will be planned for the future. We look forward to sharing great stories and pictures upon our return. Attending from our Chancel Choir are Ed Arnn, Barbara Bell, Donovan Black, Ellen Brim, Joe Ceske, Susan Deo, Chuck Dickerson, Judy Dossen, Karin Frasier, Steve Freije, Kelly Graves, Tim Hasselman, Jan Johnson, Steve Johnson, Ginber Kan, Hazel Lord, Sue Mahaffey, Alice Mansfield, Nancy Rasmussen, Jo Sheldon, and Heather White.

Thank You Spring Work Party Volunteers – April 18th

As a result of the idea and the efforts of Trustees Dale Gehr and Joanne Moser, over fifty people, including about 20 Boy Scouts and 3 families with their children, turned out for the all-day April 18th Spring Work Party and lunch. These energetic people accomplished much and the list of things that need to be done was definitely shortened. The variety of jobs done included preparation and/or painting in several places, dusting the upper portions of Wesley Hall, power washing, drain cleaning, step rebuilding, rearranging preschool playground sand, beautification in the Meditation Garden as well as cleaning and oiling the furniture there, hosing cobwebs off exterior walls, pothole repair, tree trimming, rebuilding storage closet shelving, adjusting most preschool gate latches, replacing a rotted lamp post and polishing all pew woodwork.

The efforts of all participants is greatly appreciated. The volunteers saved the church considerable money by not having to hire out these jobs to handymen, cleaning companies and contractors. If you missed this opportunity, a smaller version takes place usually on the second Saturday morning of every month when Club Maintenance does these and similar kinds of jobs to keep our facilities attractive and in good working order for all of us to use and enjoy.

Club Maintenance

Club Maintenance activities involved decorating and putting up the Easter cross in the Narthex, tightening a loose divider panel, replacing the back on a book case, adjusting door hinges, tightening loose chair legs, preparing part of the perimeter fence for painting, filling in a rotted portion of a sand retainer, replacing part of a wooden handrail, trial fitting rain gutter covers and doing spackling work in the Office Building. Those helping out in this work included Jim Showalter, Oren Sheldon, Don Pedersen, Dave Larson, Clarence Fung, Bill Bails, and Boy Scouts Joey Black and Bob and Jack Apoian.

The next Club Maintenance work party is on **Saturday, May 9th**, at 8:30 a.m. Hope you can join us in this activity.

Tuesday on the Town – Preschool Fundraiser

Please support RHUMPS by joining us on **Tuesday, May 12th**, from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at Rock & Brews located at 6300 Pacific Coast Highway in Redondo Beach. The donation amount is 15% of all food and beverage sales, including food to go. A flyer is not necessary but please mention you are part of the fundraiser to ensure accountability. To make certain everyone can be accommodated, reservations are highly suggested and can be made by calling 310-378-4970.

Doug Dickson
Associate Pastor

Calling all Students 5th Grade – 12th Grade!!!

It's time to celebrate your graduation!! We know it's a bit early but we want you to be able to relax and focus on finals and finishing up your summer plans. So we're throwing a party and praise time to recognize all students as they move up to the next level. We'll have some snacks and cake, a time of reflection on school and an opportunity to learn more about what we're doing this summer. (Besides going on SSP). So come join us on May 17th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and bring your family and friends. It's going to be a blast!

Memorial Day Sunday "Unbroken" Screening

In honor of Memorial Day, the youth fellowship will be sponsoring a special screening of "Unbroken" the heartwarming, inspirational true story of Torrance's own Louis Zamperini. This screening is for all ages and will include free popcorn, and a snack and soda bar. (Including our snow-cone machine!) The screening will take place in Wesley Hall from 2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 24th. Bring your loved ones to watch this beautiful experience of courage and faith.

Beach Days for RHYouth

Each Tuesday, beginning June 16th, our Youth Fellowship will be gathering at the beach for fun and fellowship. We'll be bringing some snacks and sodas with us to gather every Tuesday through August 18th from 10:00-2:00ish. Feel free to stop by any of the Tuesdays and hang with friends or meet new ones and DON'T FORGET THE SUNSCREEN!!!

Logos Extension…"Weird, Scary & Gross stories of the Bible!"
Gear up for a messy good time & bizarre truths in the Bible! The youth will be meeting 6:00-8:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month until September. All are encouraged to bring their Bibles and dress for a mess. The lessons will be: May 13th "God vs. the gods" (1 Kings 18:16-40); June 10th "A Fishy Story" (Jonah 1:1-17); July 8th "Hair Raising & Head Splitting Courage" (Judges 4:1-23); & August 12th "Is that Donkey Talking to Me?" (Numbers 22:1-41).

YOUTH LOCK IN
Set your schedules to hang with the youth on Sunday, June 28th. Youth to show up at 5:00 p.m., attend the 5:30 p.m. service, followed by Taco Night, Rock Glow Bowling & much more. Pick up time will be 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 29th. The cost is $25.

****Adults*-we invite you to be a part of the fun. We can use you as volunteers to assist in the lesson and/or activities, or being a food provider. Please contact Nicole Benson or Doug Dickson to help.

Children's Ministries

Lisa Williams
Director of Children's Ministries
A Great Place to Grow

RHUMC Children

Thanks for the memories…

Kid Zone Summer Camp

Blast from the Past!
June 15-July 31, VBC August 3-7
To register- www.rhumc.org/kidzone
Early Bird Discount -10% before May 1st

Mid Zone Summer Camp

Grades 6-8th
June 15-July 31, VBC August 3-7
To register- www.rhumc.org/midzone
Early Bird Discount -10% before May 1st

Ever thought about hiking Mt Everest? Well, if you don't think you are in shape and ready to make the trek, you might think about becoming a **Crew Leader at Vacation Bible Camp** instead!

For more information about how you can enjoy the high peaks without wearing snowshoes – contact Lisa Williams 310-940-6608 or rhumc.children@gmail.com

Rachel Stam
Director of Family Ministries

Summer is almost here and that means music at the **Hollywood Bowl**! This year, we will be offering 3 very different concerts. Our first concert will be a Sing-A-Long to *Sound of Music* on Friday, June 26th. For our weekday music fans, we will enjoy Sinatra's 100th Birthday Celebration on Wednesday, July 29th. Finally, we will wrap up the summer concert season with a Sheryl Crow concert on Saturday, August 8th. If you are interested in any or all of these concerts, you can email familyministries@rhumc.org for more info. We will be out on the patio about a month before each concert date for sign-ups. I hope you can join us for some or all of the concerts!

pno parents' night out

Parents - take the night off! How about some fun for everyone in the family? Parents can enjoy some adult time while the children have a blast! We will be making crafts, playing games, and watching a movie. Pizza dinner will be provided.

When: **Saturday, May 23rd**, 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.

Third Tuesday Walking Group

On **Tuesday May 19th**, we will stroll the San Pedro/LA Harbor Waterfront. We will meet at the north end of the Gateway Plaza Fanfare Fountain at 10:00 a.m. Free one-hour parking is available at the Los Angeles Cruise Ship Promenade parking lot located just past the Catalina Express Terminal gate
(enter on Swinford Street off Harbor Boulevard).

2015 All-Church Family Camp

Family Camp is just around the corner! Join us for our All-Church Family Camp on **Memorial Day Weekend, May 22nd -25th,** at the Lazy W Ranch in San Juan Capistrano. For more information, stop by the Family Ministries table after church. You can also contact Cathy Stark at Cathy@bblsurflaw.com or the church office at 310-377-6771, ext. 105.

Attention: Caregivers

If you are caring for a family member or friend and would be interested in participating in a church-based support group for caregivers, please contact Rachel Stam at familyministries@rhumc.org or call 310-377-6771 Ext. 105.

Leave your full name, phone number, and email address, and the best week days/times for you to meet with a support group.

Health & Wellness

Annette Matsuda, RN, BSN
Parish Nurse

Health and Wellness Opportunities

BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, May 8th: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

AND

Monday, May 11th: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

There is still time for you to make a donation appointment on-line with our parish nurse, Annette Matsuda, at www.rhumc.org.

You may also sign up after the church services on May 3rd.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "…Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."

Matthew 5: 1-2, 7 (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
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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 22nd
www.rhumc.org