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## The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church  
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### *Good Luck and God Bless*



Join us on **Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**, for refreshments between morning services to wish Rev. Doug Dickson well as he looks forward to his new appointment at California Heights UMC in Long Beach effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Although only here for a year, he made his presence felt and we appreciate his time here with us.



Bring Kleenex as we bid farewell to Lisa Williams. Known for her easy tears, she is more than likely to start a flood on the patio as we wish her well. Join us on **Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**, for refreshments between morning services as we wish Lisa well with her new pastoral appointment at San Pedro UMC effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### *from the pastor*



Those who were present for worship last Sunday heard the announcement by our chair of Staff-Parish Relations, Steve Johnson, that our Bishop, Minerva Carcaño, intends to appoint the Rev. Doug Dickson to California Heights UMC in Long Beach, effective July 1. Those of us who have been part of the United Methodist family for some time remember that this is the traditional time for new appointments. Lisa Williams will begin her time as pastor with San Pedro UMC on the same day. And I will begin my 18th year with you all that day as well. It is that season.

Cal Heights is a wonderful congregation with a strong, healthy ministry. They have an excellent Children's Center offering both preschool and after-school programs (sound familiar?), strong music and youth programs. Doug will have the fun of preaching there almost every Sunday and he looks forward to the appointment. We are glad for the year he has shared with us and wish for him every success in the new setting. There will be a time of recognition and thanks with Doug on Father's Day, June 21, with refreshments between the two morning services.

There will *also* be a time of celebration with Lisa Williams on the following Sunday, June 28, as we offer our gratitude and love for her on the next stage of her life and ministry. Lisa and her family have been part of our congregation for nearly twenty years, thirteen of those on staff with Kid Zone, Mid Zone, and more recently Children's Ministries. We can hardly measure the importance of her contribution to our church's life over this time. Please plan to be present for both of these important occasions in the life of our church family!

But wait – there's more!!! Steve also shared the news that our bishop intends to appoint the Rev. Dr. April Herron as the next Associate Pastor with our congregation. Thyra and I have known April for more than thirty years and are excited for the opportunity to work together.

She comes to us after a long and fruitful ministry with Pacific Beach United Methodist Church in San Diego, where she served for twenty-three years. She is a native of San Diego, where her parents still live. She did her undergraduate study at Pomona College and completed her Master of Divinity degree at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley (my alma mater), where her daughter, Elizabeth was born. Following her ordination she served two congregations on the island of Kauai, where her daughter Christina was born. They grew up in Pacific Beach, went off to college and now live in São Paulo, Brazil and Bozeman, Montana. Recently April completed her Doctor of Ministry at Drew University in New Jersey.

April is bright and capable, with a warm and encouraging spirit. She will bring a love of scripture, as well as gifts in pastoral care and visitation to our congregation. She is an excellent preacher. During her time at the Pacific Beach church she helped lead important mission and ministry. The congregation grew under her care and makes a significant impact in the lives of people in the community there. They have a strong homeless outreach program, providing not only food and shelter, but also medical and dental care in collaboration with UC San Diego.

April took something of a sabbatical last year, a time for renewal and rest after her long tenure at Pacific Beach. She traveled from Brazil to Norway, spent time with family and friends, met with colleagues for continued growth and development, and is excited to begin with us. I know you will enjoy her as well, and look forward to the next season of grace in our lives together.

Grace and peace,

*Jonathan*



## Managing Caregiver Stress

Sherri Snelling, a nationally recognized expert on America's 65 million family caregivers, will speak at our church on **Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Sherri's area of expertise is helping caregivers balance self-care while caring for a loved one. The event is free of charge, and a light lunch will be served after the presentation. More information and registration info will be in the July issue of the Cornerstone. This event is open to our community, so all who may need guidance on caregiving are welcome to attend.

## Who are the Graduates? Class of 2015

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 July Cornerstone. Send us an email at [churchoffice@rhumc.org](mailto: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.



## Chancel Choir sings at Carnegie Hall



Twenty-one members of the RHUMC Chancel Choir travelled to New York over the Memorial Day Holiday weekend to join with approximately 200 other singers from around the country to perform the New York premiere of John Rutter's new masterwork *Canticles of Creation*. The performance was presented in the world renowned Carnegie Hall with the composer himself conducting. The weekend included rehearsals on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, but allowed sufficient free time for the performers to take in various forms of New York entertainment - Broadway Shows, visits to the 9/11 Memorial, a New York Yankee game, and a nighttime cruise of the New York Harbor with spectacular views of the Statue of Liberty. The participants reported Mr. Rutter to be a charming but demanding master with indefatigable energy. It was a tremendous, lifetime, bucket list experience for all.

## Third Grade Bible Presentation

Please join us on **Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**, as we celebrate children who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade by presenting them with their own Bible during any of the three services. If you have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, please call the church office or contact Lisa Williams at [rhumc.children@gmail.com](mailto:rhumc.children@gmail.com).

(mostly — but not this month)

## ***Second Sundays At Two***

***Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.***

***Solo Artist & Los Angeles Philharmonic Principal Cellist***

**ROBERT DEMAINE**

***in his Southern California Solo-Recital Debut***



“... an artist who makes one hang on every note.”

— *The New York Times*

“... with rapture and a winning way of making the moment matter.”

— *The Los Angeles Times*

“... deMaine’s art: a beautiful singing tone ... and a persuasive identification with the idiom of the music at hand ... marvelous.”

— *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

“... deMaine plays with an intensity so fierce and lyricism so delirious that it sounds as if his life depends on it ...”

— *Detroit Free Press*

Distinguished American virtuoso cellist **Robert deMaine** has achieved high critical acclaim as soloist, recitalist, orchestral principal, recording artist, and chamber-ensemble artist. In 2012, he was invited to join the Los Angeles Philharmonic as Principal Cellist. As soloist, he has performed nearly all the major cello concertos with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, where he served as Principal Cellist for over a decade. Robert deMaine’s frequent chamber music collaborators include violinists Hilary Hahn and Ani & Ida Kavafian, and pianists Emanuel Ax and Yefim Bronfman. Robert deMaine studied at The Juilliard School, the Eastman School of Music, the University of Southern California, Yale University, and the Kronberg Academy in Germany.

***Free Admission***

## **ICYOLA Makes Annual Journey to Disney Hall**

The Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles will present its Season Finale Concert at the Walt Disney Concert Hall on **Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 3:00 p.m. under the direction of our Director of Music, Chuck Dickerson. The concert, which has become an annual celebration for the orchestra, will open with the Theme from The Magnificent Seven, and will feature the music of George Gershwin and Stevie Wonder. Tickets are priced from \$35 to \$65, and Chuck is asking that everyone attend! Tickets can be purchased through the Family Ministries Office. Call the church office or email [familyministries@rhumc.org](mailto:familyministries@rhumc.org).



## **Junior High Sierra Service Project**



The team is ready to go! Fifteen youth and five adults will be going to Stockton, California. We will be staying at the Central United Methodist Church and working in the nearby community.

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!

## Opportunity Available

The worship committee is seeking volunteers to serve on the usher team for Sunday mornings. We work on a rotation basis, so you would not have to serve every Sunday. If interested, please contact Chris Larson at christinedlarson@gmail.com or call the church office.

## Thank You from Mary Rambach

Mary wrote, "A thousand thanks to the many who helped get me through some difficult days with your cards, phone calls, flowers, visits and attendance at the memorial service of my husband, Ted. Also, much appreciated are Jonathan and the church office staff, Althea Waites, DeForest Kirkwood, Curt Wuestenhagen and those serving on the Hospitality Committee who transformed the Aldersgate from a meeting room into a lovely reception area. Much gratitude for your caring."

## Club Maintenance



Club Maintenance efforts centered on replacing several Sanctuary lights that required removal of some pews, leveling high spots in grass, removing dirt and organic matter from the Office Building roof, brushing cobwebs from preschool eaves, replacing eave light covers on Wesley Hall, trimming low hanging branches, attaching a lamp post cover, preparing handrail bases for painting, cleaning Building B rain gutters and installing gutter covers and painting patio handrails. Participants included Bill Bails, Clarence Fung, Gene Koester, Don Pedersen, Rich Prihode, Dave Satchwell, Oren Sheldon and Boy Scouts Bob Apoian, Jack Apoian and Seth Kreager.

Please join in these sessions to help keep our facilities attractive and functional. The next time will be on **Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 8:30 a.m.



### *Doug Dickson* *Associate Pastor*

It was announced this last Sunday that it is the intention of Bishop Minerva Carcaño to appoint me as pastor-in-charge at California Heights United Methodist Church in Long Beach as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve with you this last year and especially thank our tremendous youth for some memories and experiences that I will never forget. We have grown together through events and activities like SSP and Logos, parties and lock-ins. I praise God for the opportunity to get to know so many wonderful youth and to have worked so closely with our Youth Council.

I want to thank Beth Roach and Caroline Moore for their leadership with the Youth Council; Elizabeth Holihan who, with Beth, helped organize meals for Logos; Kathy Platnick, Peter Williams, Steve and Jan Johnson and Elizabeth Holihan for their diligent work on SSP, helping our youth to experience service and grace. I am thankful for Evan Griffiths and Nicole Benson for their leadership with Sr. High and Jr. High respectively. All of you and many others have been so helpful and faithful in your service of our youth. Thank You.

## Evan Griffiths Goodbye Party

As we get ready for summer, we also will be saying, "Farewell" to our beloved Sr. High Youth Coordinator, Evan Griffiths. Evan graduated with his degree in Mathematics from Cal State Long Beach in May and will be joining the workforce following his summer in Walker River with SSP. We will be celebrating Evan's ministry with us *this Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00-12:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall*. So come and say, "Thank You" and help us bid farewell to Evan.

## Thank You Supreme Paint of Riviera

A big thank you to Supreme Paint of Riviera for their generous donation of paint used to freshen up the Youth Lounge. The lounge is now bright and cheery and the kids love it!

## RHYouth

- **Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)** – Do you have enough service hours? Service hours must be earned over a 12-month period (July 1-June 30) to receive Presidential recognition. PVSA Criteria: Kids-age 11-15; Hours 50-100; & Young Adults-age 16-25; Hours 100-250. Now is the time to get together your service log and certificates to turn in next month. Forms are on our website at RHUMC.org.



- **Extended Logos** – During the summer, we have extended LOGOS to experience “Scary Gross & Weird Stories of the Bible” during a monthly gathering on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Next gathering will be on **Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** - A Fishy Story (Jonah). Bring a Bible and dress for a mess!!!
- **Monthly Chill with Miss Nicole** – **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 a.m. at Daphne’s California Greek, 25420 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance.
- **Weekly F.I.T.S. (Fun in the Sun)** – All Jr. High and Sr. High youth are welcome to join us at the beach **every Tuesday** beginning June 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Bring a towel, sunscreen, and get ready for fun. Meet at Miramar Park (at Miramar & Esplanade), Torrance Beach.
- **Youth Lock In** – Are you ready for some summer bonding time? Well mark your calendar for **Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**. All youth are invited to check in at 5:00 p.m. before attending the 5:30 p.m. worship service followed by Taco Night dinner. Later that evening, we will enjoy some cosmic bowling, retire back at RHUMC and shut our eyes for a bit before our early wakeup call and breakfast in the youth lounge. Pick up time is 8:00 a.m. on Monday. This event will cost \$25. Wear modest comfortable clothing, a light jacket, socks, bedding and pillow, toiletries and a great attitude.
- **Adult volunteers are needed for these events.** Please contact Nicole Benson at [jrhighrhumc@gmail.com](mailto:jrhighrhumc@gmail.com).



VISIT THE YOUTH WEBSITE, [RHYOUTH.ORG](http://RHYOUTH.ORG), OFTEN FOR THE LATEST AND GREATEST FOR OUR YOUTH.



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

***RHUMC Children***

Oh, The Places God Leads Us

Thirteen Amazing Years, how time flies and Now It's Time to Say Goodbye...

The man who introduced me to this church wrote in rhyme,  
 Daddy, this is what I hope to do this time.

What started as a part-time gig turned into a life-changing jig.

How does one share all the emotions in their heart?  
 I guess there is no easy way to start.

Life at RHUMC has been a fantastic ride.

It is with much pride that Kid Zone and children's programs  
 will walk side by side.  
 They will glide and never hide.

Each of you holds a special place in my heart.  
 This is where our family grew up and I got my first start.

From nursery, to Sunday school, to Kid Zone and Logos,  
 to end with SSP what an art!

Life with these kids has been a sweet treat indeed.

As I move forward to answer God's call, I will hold each of you  
 dear in my heart and try hard not to bawl.

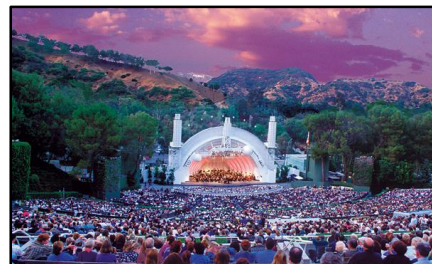
Thank you for sharing your children with me. It has been an honor and privilege to be a part of your lives.



**Rachel Stam**  
*Director of Family Ministries*

### Hollywood Bowl Concerts

We have booked 3 concerts this summer to cater to all types of music lovers! Our first concert will be the **Sound of Music Sing-Along** on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The beloved film in its 50th anniversary year, interactive fun-packs, costumes and thousands of fans, all make this one of the most enjoyable nights of the summer. Tickets are priced at \$32 per person.



For our mid-week music fans, we will gather for **Sinatra’s 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration** on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 p.m. One of the most important music figures of the 20th century, “Old Blue Eyes,” is honored on his hundredth birthday with a celebration of his classic recordings. The Count Basie Orchestra and outstanding guest stars gather for this musical tribute. Tickets are \$26 each.

A **Sheryl Crow** concert will close out our Hollywood Bowl season on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. Nine-time Grammy®-winning singer-songwriter performs with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra for an evening of good-time hits and powerful ballads, from “All I Wanna Do” and “Soak up the Sun” to “Callin’ Me When I’m Lonely.” Latin Grammy®-winning Cuban-Canadian singer-songwriter Alex Cuba opens the evening. Tickets are \$40 each.

Tickets to all 3 concerts are available for purchase. Stop by the patio or church office or email [familyministries@rhmc.org](mailto:familyministries@rhmc.org) to purchase your tickets or for more information. Bus service from Wilson Park is additional \$7.

### Third Tuesday Walking Group

3rd Tuesday Walking Group will be taking a hiatus for the summer. Our fall kick-off walk will be on **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Stay tuned for location.



New Summer Bible Study Opportunity! **Animate: Practices** is an engaging introduction to the central practices of the Christian faith, why they are important, and how we can take part in them today. We will explore topics such as prayer, food, worship and community. This 7-week session will begin on **Wednesday,**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m. in Aldersgate. You can choose to come to one or all – it is up to you! For more information or to sign up, contact Rachel Stam at [ryostam@gmail.com](mailto:ryostam@gmail.com).



**Health & Wellness**  
*Annette Matsuda, RN, BSN*  
*Parish Nurse*

Health and Wellness Opportunities

### Blood Drive Participant Appreciation

Twenty-four of us volunteered to donate blood at our recent drive, and 19 units of blood were contributed to the Torrance Memorial Medical Center Blood Bank.

A big THANK YOU goes to the following:

Nicole Benson  
 Ellen Brim Nancy Black  
 Jonathan Chute Doug Dickson Pat Van Putten Karin Frasier  
 Roxanne Morse Shirley Fehrman Karen Lamoreaux  
 Harriet Servis Blaine Webber Debra Shrader  
 Kathy Platnick Allison Scott  
 Kay Gregory Doug Kemps  
 Hazel Lord Joyce Crump  
 Rachel Stam  
 Ken Ueda

Ann Peitzman and Patty Kurlak did an outstanding job in co-coordinated this drive, supported by current and former members of our Health and Wellness committee: Ken Ueda, Marian Komori, Joyce Crump, Susan Deo, Sam Melvin, Carolyn Melvin, Chris Campbell, Shirley Bails, and Annette Matsuda.

*"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God."*

*II Cor. 9:11-12 NRSV*

Senior Pastor	Jonathan Chute	Music Director	Chuck Dickerson
Assoc. Pastor	Doug Dickson	Organist/Pianist	Althea Waites
Children's Min. & Kid/Mid Zone Dir.	Lisa Williams	3 <sup>rd</sup> Service Ensemble	Patti MacLeod
Preschool Director	Myra Ghabrial	Admin. Asst. to Pastor	Michele Nelson
Family Ministries Dir.	Rachel Stam	Church Office Admin.	Peggy Roulette
Senior High Youth	Evan Griffiths	Adm. Asst.	Ana Ysabel Lopez
Junior High Youth	Nicole Benson	Treasurer	Robin La Tourette
Parish Nurse	Annette Matsuda	Bookkeeper	Nicole Lowery Zakman
		Facilities Manager	Rick Mitchell
		Custodian	Miguel Portillo
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Fax Line	310-544-4123	Resident Bishop	Minerva Carcaño
Web Site	<a href="http://www.rhumc.org">www.rhumc.org</a>	District Superintendent	Kathey Wilborn

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 26<sup>th</sup>**  
[www.rhumc.org](http://www.rhumc.org)