The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
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April 2017

Holy Week

April 9 – Palm Sunday
Children's palm procession into the church.

April 9 – Second Sundays at Two Concert – 2:00 p.m.
Joseph Haydn's Epic Masterpiece
Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross
for String Quartet
performed by UCLA Camarades

April 13 – Maundy Thursday – 7:30 p.m.
Tenebrae service – Holy Communion
Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

April 14 – Good Friday Concert – 7:30 p.m.
"Kyrie"
Selections from Bach's *B Minor Mass* & Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis,*
Requiems by Mozart, Verdi, Duruflé and others,
And the *Gospel Mass* by Robert Ray.
Presented by the Chancel Choir &
The Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles.

April 15 – Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 a.m. on the church campus.
Please bring a dozen plastic eggs to the church office
by Friday, April 14, filled with toys or candy.

April 16 – Easter Worship – 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
with Chancel Choir and brass.
Sunrise Service in Meditation Garden – **6:15 a.m.**
Sunday evening worship – **5:30 p.m.**
with 3rd service ensemble and special guests Doug & Jesse MacLeod

from the pastors — *Jonathan Chute*

Easter is coming soon, and spring is definitely in the air. There is a spirit of renewal stirring around and among us. We are grateful for the winter rains that nourished the earth and brought so much green to life in the hills around us. Those other colors aren't bad either! This time of Easter really does lift us. It reminds us that even in our most difficult days, the grace of God is still at work, bringing new life and hope out of death. Christ's tomb lies open. The grave is empty, and he invites us into a future that is still unfolding in wonder, joy and hope.

Recently a number of you have asked when we might have a new church directory, to help us get to know some of the new friends who have become part of our church family. Even those of us who've been around a while would find it useful! One of the challenges of producing a church directory is that it is out of date virtually as soon as it goes to print. People's lives are ever in motion, and addresses, phone numbers and even family members change all the time!

Rachel Stam, who led our Family Ministries program for the last 3 1/2 years, helped find an answer that we hope will work for years to come. Later this month we will launch an on-line church directory, accessible through our church's web site – www.rhumc.org. You can read about it a little further on, but I wanted to add my own encouragement about the project.

Each family will have its own user i.d. and password, so that you can edit your address or other information whenever it changes. The directory will not be publicly available and is only for non-commercial use by our congregation.

Once you receive the initial invitation you will be able to access the directory (and your personal profile). You can upload a family photo, as well as individual photos if you like. It will give all of us the opportunity to see, and be seen by, other members of our growing congregation. With three worship services each Sunday, none of us has the chance to know everyone who calls RHUMC our church home. But this will bring us closer!

I am grateful for Rachel's leadership. Her warmth and grace have added to our life together. From Parents Night Out programs, the Women's Retreat, Bible study and grief programs, evenings at the Hollywood Bowl, she has helped lead our congregation in generous, hopeful ways. We are grateful that she, Adam, Katie and Caleb will be with us over the coming months, as their move to Texas unfolds.

The season of Lent finds its completion in the events of Holy Week and Easter. They reveal the breadth and depth of God's love. In word and song, in story and symbol, we are invited to experience once more the excitement and hope, the discouragement and despair that marked those days, so that we may discover the new life waiting for us.

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

April Herron

One of the things I love about John August Swanson's art is the attention he gives to the beautiful world around us. In his serigraphs and paintings, the night sky sparkles with a vast multitude of stars. Or a glimmer of dawn or twilight gilds the horizon. Or billowing clouds reflect the colors of a sunset. Meanwhile, the rolling hills are full of the rich and varied greens of leaves and grasses. Flowers, fruits, and grains are growing, being harvested, or given as gifts. Animals are depicted with great attention to detail. The landscape is so evocative, one can almost hear the breezes blowing and the birds singing.

Our sunrise gathering in the meditation garden on Easter Sunday (6:15 a.m. on April 16) will be a little bit like bringing a Swanson painting to life. We'll gather when the morning star may still be visible, and the sky will lighten as we worship. We'll come from our homes with the intent of celebrating Christ's resurrection together. Birds will awaken chirping or fall asleep gently hooting. The bright green leaves of spring, and the faces of our fellow worshipers will increasingly come into focus. The gurgling fountain will echo the joy in our hearts. And, as if all that isn't enough, the gifts from field, farm, and bakery will be hot coffee and cinnamon rolls. Some of us will stand, and some sit, as we sing, pray, and recount the Christian story of new life and the overflowing generosity of God.

Another day I look forward to with great anticipation will come at the end of the month. We are amazingly fortunate that John August Swanson himself is going to pay us a visit! Seven of his works have been on loan to us since the beginning of Lent (three in the narthex and four in the Aldersgate room) and our experience of the season has been immensely enriched by their presence. Now it is coming to pass that two of the works are finding a permanent home among us. The Hollander family is in process of purchasing and donating "Take Away the Stone" and "Entry into the City" as a gift in memory of Gene and Cathryn. Mr. Swanson will be with us on Sunday, April 30, in conjunction with our morning worship services, as we dedicate the gift and increase our understanding of his artistic vision.

Thanks be to God for Easter joy!

April

Mission News

A BIG thank-you to all who brought in clothing and food items for our Harbor Interfaith Drive in late February and March. The collection bins were literally overflowing with contributions of the items most needed to help the homeless in our local community: Men's Clothing, New Socks, Peanut Butter and Diapers. Additionally, over $300 in cash donations was collected (which will be used to purchase additional clothing and food). We also want to note our special gratitude to Bill Graves, who made multiple trips to haul the contributed items to Harbor Interfaith in San Pedro. Well done!

CROP Walk

The Missions Committee invites you to help end hunger in our community and around the world! **Saturday, May 13**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. is the scheduled CROP Walk for this year. You may sign up on the patio the Sunday after Easter OR you can register now at this website: http://www.crophungerwalk.org/peninsulaharbor. We need walkers AND financial supporters.

The CROP walk will follow the South Coast Botanical Garden's one mile peripheral loop. A total of three laps will equal the 5 kilometers recommended by CROP guidelines to equal the average distance women and girls must walk for water each day. The road is stroller and wheelchair friendly.

Agencies benefitted include Toberman Neighborhood Center, Harbor Interfaith Services and Shared Bread of First Methodist Church, Redondo Beach.

Dawn Unity Group

Dawn Interfaith Group will present "Ethics and Religion" as the fourth panel of this year's Interfaith Discovery series on **Tuesday, May 2**, 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 5845 Crestridge Road, RPV. The panelist will consist of our very own Jonathan Chute; President Mike Gazdik, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Reverend Reinhard Krauss, UCLA; and Reverend David Young, Neighborhood Church. Bob Rothman will moderate the free 90-minute discussion. For more information, call 310-833-7008.

RHUMC Choir to Present *"Kyrie"* on Good Friday

The Chancel Choir will be joined by the Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles in a presentation of a concert entitled "Kyrie" on **Friday, April 14**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. The program will feature the Kyrie movements from several well-known works – including the *B Minor Mass* by J.S. Bach, Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*, various requiems by Mozart, Verdi, Duruflé and others, and the *Gospel Mass* by Robert Ray. Admission to the concert is without charge. But all are encouraged to arrive early to get a good seat; a full house is anticipated.

We'd love you to join us at our Easter events. Mark your calendar and worship with us at Rolling Hills United Methodist.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15th

10:00 a.m.

Bring the little ones for an egg hunt, crafts and cookie decorating. (A donation of one dozen filled eggs would be greatly appreciated. Please leave candy in church office by 4/12)

Decorating of Sanctuary for Easter

Volunteers are invited to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter! We will meet on **Saturday morning, April 8**, at 8:30 a.m. One crew will decorate the large narthex cross outside. The other crew will decorate the inside of the sanctuary. This is a wonderful opportunity to start your Easter with beautiful flowers!

And then what goes up, must come down. Please help us take down the Easter flowers after the 10:00 a.m. service on April 23. Even 15 or 20 minutes of help can make a HUGE difference! We will be completely finished in 45 minutes! Thank you!

Help us decorate the Sanctuary for Easter!

You are invited to donate one or more Easter plants to decorate the sanctuary for Easter services. The plants can be dedicated a few different ways.

☐ To the Glory of God

☐ In Honor of: _____

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☐ In Memory of: _____

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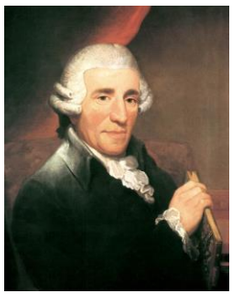
Given by: _____

Number of plants:_____ Amount paid: _____

Cash: _____ Check number: _____

Please make checks payable to RHUMC for $15 per plant, or 2 for $25. Give this order form and payment to the volunteers staffing the table on the patio, place in the offering basket, or send to the office. The last day to order plants is April 9th. Thank you!



Second Sundays at Two

Palm Sunday, April 9, at 2:00 p.m.

~ presents ~

Joseph Haydn's Epic Masterpiece
Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross
for String Quartet

~ performed by ~

UCLA CAMARADES
World-Renowned UCLA String Faculty Members
Movses Pogossian 1st violin and **Antonio Lysy** cello
alongside select students from the UCLA String Program
Joyce Kwak 2nd violin and **Julien Altmann** viola

Movses Pogossian writes, *"The single work on the program is universally considered one of the greatest ever written in the history of music. Joseph Haydn's Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross is an epic masterpiece that invites reflection, meditation, and search for eternal values."*

This performance marks the 230th anniversary of its first performance on Good Friday, April 6, 1787.

Contribute What You Can ~ 100% for the Artists ~ All Are Welcome!

The artists are donating all of the contributions to ***UCLA Friends of Strings*** *for scholarships*

Note from Rachel Stam…

As many of you know, my husband, Adam, works for Toyota, and our family will be relocating to Texas next summer. Therefore, I have resigned from my position as the Director of Family Ministries effective March 31. It has been a privilege working as your Family Ministries Director for the past 3 ½ years. Although I am no longer a part of church staff, I fully intend to be an active and engaged member of our church. See you around the campus! Rachel

New Online Church Directory is Here!

Online Church Directory (www.onlinechurchdirectory.com) is a custom-designed online photo directory that will allow us to easily connect and engage with one another. You will be able to access the directory via the web and mobile app. We will use SSL for secure communication so your data is password protected, encrypted and safe. The best part is that you will be able to update your own personal info, including photos!

On the week of April 24, you will receive an email from info@onlinechurchdirectory.com with information on how to access the directory. **You will only receive this message if we have your email address on file.** If you would like to add or update your information prior to April 24, please send an email to churchdirectory@rhumc.org with your name and current email address.

On Sunday April 30 and May 7, the church office will be open after all three services to assist anyone who may need help adding or updating their information. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or email churchdirectory@rhumc.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

Moves for Life

Wednesday, May 17, noon-1:45 p.m.
Bring your lunch
Interactive seminar (12:45-1:45 with Denise Klatte)

Join the Health and Wellness Team and Parish Nurse for a fun and invaluable interactive session with Denise Klatte, Physical Therapist. Learn to target fall-prevention with the latest in simple and easy exercises for balance and strength. **More information to follow next month**.

Health and Wellness Gives Thanks

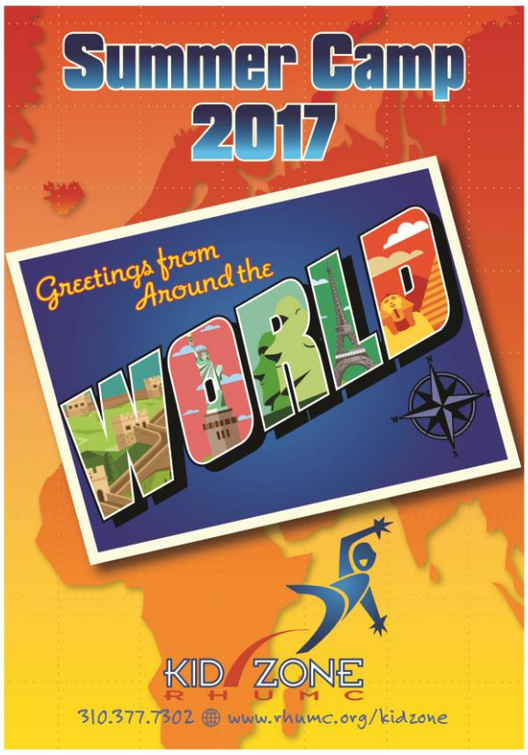
Many thanks to the following who donated blood during our recent drive!

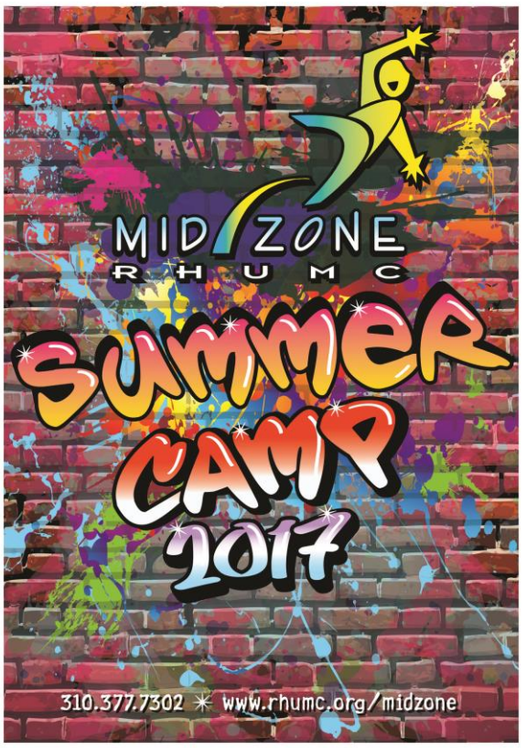
Joyce Crump John Nelson
Marty Mouradian Jennifer Yakubik
Debra DeLuca Mark Salberg Patty Kurlak
Chris Campbell Harriet Servis Annette Matsuda
Pat Van Putten Bruce Harkins Ann Peitzman
Katie Eninger Michelle Cross Rachel Stam
Barbara Leone Debra Shrader
Jonathan Chute
Sue Walters

Special thanks to Ann Peitzman and Patty Kurlak for coordinating the drive and to the Health and Wellness team for making the drive successful and joyous!

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
John 15:13 (NRSV)

Kid Zone / Mid Zone





Kid Zone and Mid Zone Summer Camp Registration is now open!

Register and pay in full by **MAY 1** to receive a **10%** discount.

To register, you can either stop by the office to pick up a brochure or
go online (rhumc.org/2017-kid-zone-summer-camps) to fill out the forms.
For more information call 310-377-7302 or email kidzone.midzone@gmail.com. Hope to see you this summer!

Need Help registering for camp?

Join us on *April 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30* a.m. or *April 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.*

I Spy….. **Spring Break Camp** at Kid Zone K to 5th!
We still have spots available!

April 3-7 or April 10-14
Call 310-377-7302 to register now

Family Camp

Family Camp is just around the corner! We hope you can join us for **Memorial Day Weekend**, **May 26-29**, at the Lazy W Ranch in San Juan Capistrano. It is the perfect place for fun, relaxation and fellowship with family and friends in a beautiful picturesque setting. Choose to be active or sit back and enjoy the tranquil surroundings. Traditional camp activities offered include hiking, swimming, volleyball, archery, horseshoes, crafts, ping pong and campfires. Accommodations include heated cabins, bathrooms with hot showers, and delicious meals. Join us for the whole weekend or when you are available.

For more information, contact Cathy Stark at cathy@blsurflaw.com, stop by the patio after morning services on April 23, 30 or May 7, or call the church office at 310-377-6771.

Second Sunday Supper

Join us for dinner on **Sunday, April 9**, after 3rd service in Wesley Hall. The menu will include BBQ chicken from L&L Hawaiian Restaurant, pineapple fried rice, macaroni salad and tossed green salad. The requested donation for each meal is $5 per person, $15 per family.

Club Maintenance

Much was accomplished at Club Maintenance on Saturday, March 11. Lantana plants were placed in the new planters in our Wesley Hall patio/play yard and Day Lilies were added along the exit driveway. The installation of tamper-proof outlets in the Mission Room and Wesley Hall were completed for child safety. Banquet tables were repaired as well as a preschool sensory table. Lamps were replaced in three sanctuary spotlights using our Genie lift. And finally, pot holes were filled in our entrance driveway. Participants who enjoyed a pizza lunch following their hard work were Bill Bails, Bob Chamberlin, Clarence Fung, Dave Larson, Keith Levan, Chris Martin, Oren Sheldon, Jim Showalter, Neil Stolz and Gene Koester, coordinator.

Next Club Maintenance meeting is **Saturday, April 8**, starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending approximately at noon. New Members welcome! Contact our April coordinator, Bill Bails, at 310-378-7400 for further information.

Senior Pastor	Jonathan Chute	Associate Pastor	April Herron
Senior Pastor Emeritus	Martha Rowlett	Music Director	Chuck Dickerson
Preschool Director	Myra Ghabrial	Organist/Pianist	Althea Waites
Family Ministries Dir.	Rachel Stam	Music Dir., 3rd Service	Patti MacLeod
Parish Nurse	Annette Matsuda	Junior High Youth	Nicole Benson
Children/Youth Director	Kimmie Stradling	Admin. to Pastor	Curt Wuestenhagen
Kid Zone Director	Megan Pelc	Church Office Admin.	Peggy Roulette
Treasurer	Robin La Tourette	Admin. Assistant	Ana Ysabel Lopez
Bookkeeper	Nicole Lowery Zakman	Facility 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 April 24th
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