The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
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July 2017

Join us Sunday, July 2, for refreshments on the patio between morning services to celebrate the reappointments of our pastors. This is the start of Jonathan's 20th year and April's 3rd year at RHUMC.

from the pastors — *Jonathan Chute*

It's true, but it doesn't seem possible. I believe it, but I can't believe it. I am about to begin my twentieth year as one of your pastors, and I am truly grateful. I am grateful as well for the privilege of sharing in ministry with April Herron, who has brought gifts in worship, pastoral care, connecting faith and life, that encourage and strengthen our community.

When I think about where I was twenty years ago, I was the father of a four and a half year old daughter. Now, this coming October, she will be getting married. So that's different! (Of course her mother and I look just the same.) Over these past nineteen years we have seen many changes and developments. Dear friends have come and gone. New ministries have been launched, offering opportunities to deepen our faith and broaden our impact.

This year we received (again) the award for the Outstanding Mission Support congregation in the West District of our Annual Conference. But that doesn't begin to touch on the level of generosity extended by this congregation. Members of RHUMC have volunteered with Toberman Neighborhood Center at every level for years. We have provided a meal for homeless persons at St. Paul's UMC in Redondo Beach on the first Tuesday of every month (as well as helping upgrade their kitchen years ago). We support the outreach of the group Circle of Life in their meal program, serving families affected by HIV/AIDS. We contribute to the monthly hot meal prepared at Walteria UMC, and to a senior's luncheon at the Torrance/South Bay YMCA. We support food banks at Toberman, at St. Paul's (Project Needs), Harbor Interfaith Services, and 1736 House. Our youth take part in Sierra Service Project, helping underserved communities across the western U.S. The CROP Walk, Heifer Plus, Trek to the Tree – all of these are over and above anything represented in the award.

In the years we have been together we launched Kid Zone and Mid Zone, serving about 100 children and youth each week through the year, and even more in our 8 week summer camp. We help families going through times of health and other challenges. We share funeral and memorial services with people who had no previous connection with our church, offering compassion and care in the midst of their grief and loss.

We have worked to make needed improvements to our facilities as we have grown our mission. The renovation of Wesley Hall fifteen years ago, the expanded Choir Room and new parking area more recently, have provided flexibility and space for continued growth. Breaking ground for new educational facilities this fall will be an even more important development for our long-term future.

No, twenty years ago none of us could have imagined how it would go. But with you I look forward to what's still to come!

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

April Herron

Dear Friends,

This summer in worship we have been, and will continue to be, reflecting on family stories from the book of Genesis: stories about husbands and wives, barren women and babies, fathers and sons, brothers and their rivalries, travelers and their dreams, and wrestling matches with God. For our July book discussion, I invite you to read a book that similarly explores difficult topics in family and community life. The book is *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. It's written in the form of a letter from a father to his son. It challenges us to look at our world through the eyes of someone whose experience, and interpretation of that experience, may be different from our own...and/or who can help us see and understand our experience in new ways.

Michelle Alexander's New York Times book review describes the author this way: "Coates's voice stands nearly alone — a black man raised in the streets of Baltimore who narrowly escaped the violence that lurked around every corner and dodged the clutches of the prisons and jails that were built for him, and who now speaks unpopular, unconventional and sometimes even radical truths in his own voice, unfiltered." What Coates himself remembers about his childhood is, "I was a capable boy, intelligent, well-liked, but powerfully afraid." As a devoted father, Coates wants for his teenaged son the ability to live freely and fully in the world. The book attempts to outline the obstacles which need to be overcome in order for such a dream to be realized. *Between the World and Me* was published in July of 2015 and won the National Book Award for Nonfiction. Our discussion will take place on **Monday, July 24**, at 7 pm in the choir room. All readers welcome!

Other summer opportunities for learning and growing in faith include:

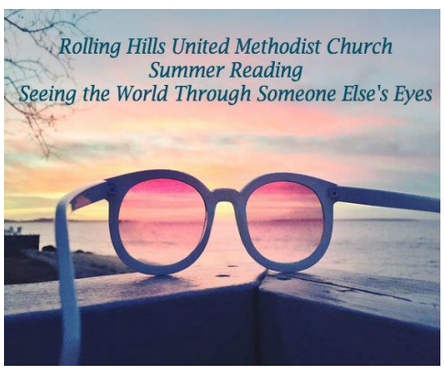
"The Gift of Light in Photography and Scripture" (with Bob Chamberlin, Pulitzer Prize winning photographer and photo editor) final session on **Thursday, July 6**, at 7 pm in the Aldersgate Room.

"Drop in Drawing" (with artist Curtis Green) on **Saturday, August 5**, at 10 am in the Aldersgate Room.

August Book Discussion of *Hillbilly Elegy* by JD Vance, **Monday, August 28**, at 7 pm in the choir room.

It's a joy to explore life stories, holy scripture, and creative pursuits with all of you. May your summer be rich and rewarding,

April



Between the World and Me by **Ta-Nehisi Coates**

A father reflects on his experience of the social construct of race in America.

Monday, July 24, at 7 pm in the Choir Room

Hillbilly Elegy by **JD Vance**

A first-in-his-family college graduate with deep roots in Appalachia honors the strengths of his heritage and mourns the pain and problems of devastated communities.

Monday, August 28, at 7 pm in the Choir Room

Come and join the conversation. April Herron moderates with attention to the role of faith for individuals, cultures, and societies. All readers welcome!

"The first thing a writer ought to write is his memoirs, when he can still remember everything."
- Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Backpack Drive Update

A big thank you to everyone who donated their spare backpacks from last month's drive! Next, we are asking that people save any new and unopened, sample-size toiletries from their travels this summer. We will be collecting them in the fall, and hosting a "filling and distribution" event with our RHUMC youth sometime in October. Stay tuned!

New Member Gathering

If you are interested in learning more about Rolling Hills UMC, plan to join us **Sunday, July 30**, at 11:30 a.m. for the next **New Member Welcome**. It's a relaxed and informal time where you'll meet others who are new to the church, hear about the life and work of the congregation, take a tour of the facility, share a light meal and learn a bit about the United Methodist Church. It's a helpful introduction for people who would like to know more than just what happens on Sunday mornings. Many of the people who attend one of these gatherings decide to join the church, but there is no expectation that anyone do so. For those who do wish to join, we will be welcoming new members into the church on Sunday, August 13, at all three services.

Please call the church office at 310-377-6771 if you would like to attend. Childcare is available with reservation.

The Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles – Season Finale

The Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles, which is conducted by our own Chuck Dickerson and that frequently performs at our church, will present its Season Ending Concert on **Saturday, July 15**, 7:00 p.m. at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. The concert will feature the West Coast premiere of "*In Truth*," a concerto for Piano and Orchestra composed by Lucas Richman in 2015, and other great orchestral music. Tickets are available from $25 to $75. Chuck invites everyone to attend!

NEW ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY IS UP AND RUNNING!

ROLLING HILLS Online Church DIRECTORY

We would love to see your picture in our church directory! If you would like instructions on how to log on or how to upload your pictures, please contact us at churchdirectory@rhumc.org or call the church office at 310-377-6771.

Nurse Notes

Our parish nurse, Annette Matsuda, will be on vacation visiting with family in the Philippines from Tuesday, July 11 through Tuesday, July 25 and will not be reachable during that time period.

Second Sunday Supper

What could be better, on a pleasant summer evening, than worshipping with our faith community and sharing a meal with friends and family? We would be delighted if you would join us on **Sunday, July 9**, after 3rd service. The menu will include chicken, rice, beans and salad from El Pollo Loco. The requested meal donation is $5 per person, $15 per family. 3rd service takes place every Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Club Maintenance

Club Maintenance will next meet on **Saturday, July 8,** at 8:30 a.m. A light lunch will be provided. We hope you can join us and help with the upkeep of our church campus. All are welcome.

2017 Graduates

College

Sarah Anderson, daughter of John & Karen Anderson, University of Tennessee, Martin, BS in Agriculture/Animal Science, plans to work a year at UT Martin in the Agriculture Department's Diagnostic Lab before beginning veterinary school; **Sean Bayley**, grandson of Kathy Nesheim, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, BS in Software Engineering and MS in Computer Science, will attend Notre Dame in South Bend, IN to study for his PhD in Computer Science; **Robert Florance**, grandson of Ron & Elaine Florance, UCLA, Master's in Business Administration and will be working in Japan at Rakuten on a 2-year work assignment; **Mark Guiton**,

grandson of Leonard & Rita Guiton, Tulane University; **Dustin McCurry**, grandson of Jim & Ann McCurry, University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix, Doctor of Medicine in Internal Medicine and the Internal Medicine Outstanding Student Award, will begin his Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh, PA.; **Kevin McGowan**, son of Jim & Susan McGowan, USC, School of Cinematic Arts, BS in Media Arts and Practice and Minor in Web Technologies; **Brian David Moore**, grandson of Fin & Winnie Martin, Azusa Pacific University, BA in Communication Studies, will attend Denver Seminary for his Masters in Divinity & Masters in Clinical Counseling; **Jack Nelson**, son of John & Michele Nelson, Occidental College, BA in Physics and is employed with Blue Origin in Seattle; **Jeff Peterson**, son of Jim & Linda Hebenstreit, USC Rossier School of Education, Master's Degree and will teach history at Rolling Hills Prep School; **Riley Thompson**, grandson of Gene & Patty Koester, Art Institute of Portland, Degree in Animation, employed with Double Pixel Studios; **Brian Wahlig**, grandson of Larry & Tammy Kittiver, Rice University, will attend medical school at the University of Texas in Dallas; **Austin Welch**, son of Wade & Susan Welch, Dartmouth College, BA in Government; **Adam Whitman**, son of David & Gina Whitman, UC San Diego, BS in Human Biology with a Minor in Psychology; **Henry Zhang**, son of Julie Zhang, Yale University.

High School

Cole Atkinson, grandson of Margaret Stark, from Vista High School to UC Santa Barbara, to study biology and/or economics; **Andrew Austin**, grandson of Joe & Kathie Austin, Bishop Montgomery High School; **Nathanial Coleman**, son of Rebecca Coleman and grandson of Tom & Betsy Coleman, from PVPHS to San Diego State; **Natalie DeLuca**, daughter of Steve and Debra DeLuca, from South High School to Cal State University Dominguez Hills; **Gracie Froom**, daughter of Todd & Catherine Froom; from PVHS to Cal State San Marcos; **Nicole Grant**, granddaughter of Dick & Pat Gerlach, from PVPHS to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; **Jenna Henry**, daughter of Jeff Henry & Judy Krehbiel, from PVPHS to Ohio State University; **Alison King**, granddaughter of Leonard & Rita Guiton, King Academy (homeschooled) to Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN; **Abby Markow**, granddaughter of Kathy Nesheim, from Flower Mound High School in Texas to their local community college; **Jordan Mickle**, granddaughter of Magdy & Myra Ghabrial, from PVHS to USC; **Georgia Nelson**, daughter of John & Michele Nelson, from PVHS to Northern Arizona University; **Connor Ryan**, son of Jennifer Ryan, to UC Davis; **Jada Smith**, daughter of Derrick Smith & Tracy Underwood-Smith, from South High School to Cal State Fullerton; **Ranger Woodland**, son of Woody & Linette Woodland, from PVPHS to University of Colorado Boulder.

Middle School

Graysen Bradley, daughter of Rick & Melissa Bradley, from PVIS to PVHS; **Weston Bragg,** son of Robert & Trudy Bragg, from Ridgecrest Intermediate to PVPHS; **Fiona Dougherty**, daughter of Dan & Nicole Dougherty, from Connections Academy to PVHS; **David King**, grandson of Leonard & Rita Guiton, King Academy (homeschooled) to Page High School in Franklin, TN; **Taylor Lemke**, daughter of Jim & Julie Lemke, from Miraleste Intermediate to PVPHS; **Rachel Meyerhoff**, daughter of Mark & Beth Meyerhoff, from Ridgecrest Intermediate to PVPHS; **Kyle Miller**, son of Garrett & Anisa Miller, from Miraleste Intermediate to PVHS; **Rowan Moore**, son of Tom & Caroline Moore, from PVIS to PVHS; **Lauren Shoemaker**, daughter of Mark & Mary Shoemaker, from Miraleste Intermediate to Hayfield High School; **Caleb Stam**, son of Adam & Rachel Stam, from Miraleste Intermediate to PVPHS; **Isabella Thompson**, granddaughter of Gene & Patty Koester, from Woodland School in Portola Valley, CA to Hillsdale High School in San Mateo, CA; **Jolie Witkowski**, daughter of Jim & Jennifer Witkowski, from Ridgecrest Intermediate to PVPHS; **Adam Zakman**, son of Steve & Nicole Lowery Zakman, from PVIS to PVPHS; **George Zhang**, son of Julie Zhang, from Miraleste Intermediate to Harvard-Westlake School.

Elementary School

Jonas Beadle, son of Ed & Christie Beadle, from The Knowing Garden to Lakewood Homeschool; **Gia Bohorquez**, daughter of Giovanni & Karen Bohorquez, from Point Vicente Elementary to Ridgecrest Intermediate; **David Cardenas**, son of Sean & Monique Cardenas, continuing at Rolling Hills Country Day; **Ivan Chuang**, son of Jeff & Caroline Chuang, continuing at Rolling Hills Country Day; **Tyler Coleman**, son of Rebecca Coleman and grandson of Tom & Betsy Coleman, from Rancho Vista Elementary to Miraleste Intermediate; **Vanessa Gutierrez**, daughter of Eric & Emily Gutierrez, to Peninsula Heritage; **Ryan Lemke**, son of Jim & Julie Lemke, from Dapplegray to Miraleste Intermediate**; Samuel & Brianna Lovall**, son and daughter of Dan & Sheri Lovall, from Walteria to Richardson; **Lydia O'Neill**, daughter of Michael & Jennifer O'Neill, from Vista Grande to Ridgecrest Intermediate; **Kelsey Pope**, daughter of Mark & Lisa Pope, from Silver Spur to PVIS; **Blake Randle**, son of Brenn & Sandi Randle, from Silver Spur to Ridgecrest Intermediate; **W. Ryan Um**, son of William Um & Christine Kim, from Montemalaga Elementary to PVIS.

Kindergarten

Cooper Borg, son of Kevin & Brooke Borg, Rancho Vista Elementary; **Naomi Gordon**, daughter of Kevin & Stacey Gordon, Walteria Elementary; **Aileen Hillstrom**, daughter of Maury & Mandy Hillstrom, Rancho Vista Elementary; **Journey Lewis**, granddaughter of Magdy & Myra Ghabrial, Rancho Vista Elementary; **Ian Martin**, son of Chris & Yasuko Martin, Dapplegray; **Julia Mayhack**, daughter of Paul & Jill Mayhack, Rolling Hills Country Day; **Kallen Pope**, daughter of Mark & Lisa Pope, Silver Spur Elementary.

Transitional Kindergarten

Nick Hoynacki, son of Jay & Audra Hoynacki, Dapplegray; **JJ Manth**, son of Larry & Julie Manth, Lunada Bay Elementary; **Marlena O'Hara & Ryan O'Hara**, daughter and son of Tim & Cindy O'Hara, Howard Wood Elementary; **Ty Schnittger**, son of Eric & Tina Schnittger, Riviera Elementary; **Nolan Smith**, son of Edward & Christina Smith, John Adams Elementary.

Preschool

Tori Leiva, daughter of Mark Leiva & Dina Sakita, from RHUMP to Seaside Elementary; **Aiden Lowe**, son of Tom & Melody Lowe, from RHUMP/Bridge to Point Vicente Elementary; **Maddyn & Reese McCauley**, daughters of Tim & Noel McCauley, from RHUMP to Silver Spur Elementary; **Charlie Willis**, son of Greg & Melissa Willis, from RHUMP to Silver Spur Elementary.

Tuesday, July 25, at 7:30 p.m.

iPalpiti in Walt Disney Concert Hall, July 2016

iPalpiti Orchestra

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

20th Annual iPalpiti Festival of International Laureates

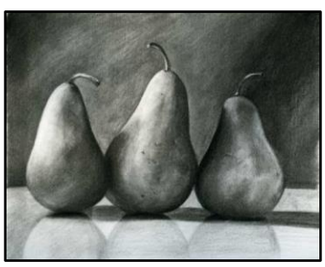
Festival Preview Concert — Free Admission

"A dazzling international chamber orchestra… Eduard Schmieder's art is all about communicating emotional energy through glorious sound."
—Los Angeles Times

The chamber 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. ***iPalpiti*** has played to great acclaim in leading concert halls around the world. Approximately 30 artists will arrive in Los Angeles from over 20 countries for the 20th ***iPalpiti Festival of International Laureates.*** Concerts take place at various venues throughout the Southland July 13–30 and culminate in an evening concert by the full orchestra in the Walt Disney Concert Hall. This concert at Rolling Hills United Methodist Church previews chamber music and orchestral selections from the Festival.

Donations Appreciated — 100% for the Artists
All Are Welcome!

Extraordinary Ordinary: A "Drop In" Drawing Event

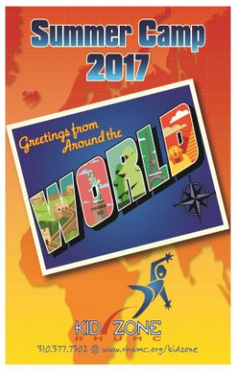


Have you ever looked at a drawing and asked, "How do they do that?" "How to draw" is more about "How to see." Many times, wonderful observations become beautiful works of art, derived from the most surprisingly ordinary of things. If exploring the fascination with the ordinary sounds appealing to you, please consider dropping in to try your hand at "drawing by seeing" with church member Curtis Green on **Saturday, August 5**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Aldersgate Room.

Complete amateurs are most welcome to what should be a fun, hands on discovery of what may be your hidden talent for drawing. Everyone gets to draw from objects that will be set up in a still life arrangement. We will be using charcoal, so be prepared to get your hands a little dirty and feel rewarded by creating your own work of art. It'll look good over the couch, above the mantle or at least on the door of the fridge!

Contact April Herron (april@rhumc.org) or Curtis Green if you have questions. Let us know if you are planning to attend by emailing churchoffice@rhumc.org.

Kid Zone and Mid Zone Summer Camp



Have you signed up yet for summer camp?
There are still spots available.
Camp runs through August 4th

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!

Youth Summer Outings!

Hurricane Harbor Trip

Monday, July 10th
8:30 am-6:00pm

Meet at the church at 8:30 am with everything you would need for a day at a water park. Cost is $35. Please *RSVP by July 1st*.

Sr. High Disneyland Trip

Monday, August 21st
from 8:00 am– 10:00 pm

All incoming 9th graders to 12th grade students are invited to attend RHUMC Disneyland Trip. Cost is $100. Please *RSVP by August 7th.*

Tour De Froyo

Find out who serves the best froyo in town!
July 12th at 2:00 pm– Handels
July 19th at 2:00 pm– Yummy Yogurt
August 9th at 2:00 pm– Creamistry
August 16th at 2:00 pm– Yogurtland (Redondo)

Vacation Bible Camp

July 31st—August 4th
9:00 am to 12:00 pm
3 year old to 5th graders

Register online at rhumc.org. Future 6th grade students are invited to be Jr. Crew Leaders! Youth and Parent volunteers needed.

CREATE A ROBOT CONTEST

- Create a robot using ANY materials you would like! (wood, cardboard, paper, tin cans, fabric, etc.)
- Build your robot as small or as large as you would
- Submit your robot to the Church Office by **July 14th at 4:00 pm.**
- Creator of the winning robot receives free admission to RHUMC's Vacation Bible Camp!

ALL ROBOTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY THE WEEK OF VBC!

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
Parish Nurse	Annette Matsuda	Music Dir., 3rd Service	Patti MacLeod
Children/Youth Director	Kimmie Stradling	Church Office Admin.	Peggy Roulette
Kid Zone Director	Megan Pelc	Admin. Assistant	Ana Ysabel Lopez
Treasurer	Robin La Tourette	Custodian	Miguel Portillo
Church Business Mgr.	Nicole Lowery Zakman		
Junior High Youth	Nicole Benson		

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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 28
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