



ROLLING HILLS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Cornerstone

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August 2017



Vacation Bible Camp was joyful
and rich in learning and friendship!
Thank you to all our counselors and volunteers who
helped make it such a success!

from the pastors

Jonathan Chute



It has been anything *but* a quiet summer in Lake Wobegon. Our congregation has been at work and on the move in almost every way we could imagine. We have sent off three mission teams of youth and adults to help build a school in Nicaragua, and work with local Native communities on homes in Chiloquin, Oregon and Tsaile, Arizona. They traveled thousands of miles, got dirty and sweaty and tired, deepened their faith and built relationships with people they would never have known otherwise. What a

great way to spend your summer!

We've hosted another successful session of Kid Zone Summer Camp, and just wrapped up an amazing week of Vacation Bible Camp. Some 215 children, and 50 or more youth and adult leaders have helped share gifts of encouragement, laughter, joy and hope in God's love. The children raised more than their \$1,000 goal for Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, which meant that on Friday at the end of the week both of your pastors were slimed. The mission of God sometimes asks the unexpected of us.

Our space will also be used in support of Camp Escapades for two weeks. The camp is held mostly at Country Day School, but special events and activities will be taking place here as well. Camp Escapades offers a summer camp experience to children with special needs or developmental delays. We are glad to be their partners in this wonderful opportunity. Later on we are hosting a Worship Conference sponsored by our Cal-Pacific Annual Conference. We expect about 100 leaders from congregations around southern California to be on our campus pretty well all day on Saturday, August 26.



We continue to make progress toward the start of construction on Phase 2 of our new educational facilities. When we have a date for groundbreaking we will let you all know. But it should be taking place this September!

We continue to share in generous worship, compassionate mission, offering care and concern for others through the seasons of life. Whether that is in the birth of a baby, a time in hospital or recovery at home, or giving thanks at the end of a life, we know that God goes with us in these important times.

It really hasn't been a quiet summer, but we are blessed and fortunate to be able to make a difference in the lives of so many people. Thank you for your encouragement, your support, your participation in the mission we offer. It is a witness to God's grace at work, throughout the year.

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

April Herron

Dear Friends,



Our summer has included some good fun. We've been reading and conversing; studying the Bible and the gift of morning, evening, and noonday light; sharing celebratory milestones; supporting a vibrant Vacation Bible Camp; going and coming on adventures involving travel, service, and learning. Thankfully, summer is not over yet! Still to come are various possibilities for connecting and growing together: Drop-In Drawing (Saturday, August 5 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Aldersgate Room), Sierra Service and Mission Project Sunday (August 20 at each of our three worship services) and a discussion of *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance (Monday, August 28 at 7 p.m. in the Choir

Room), to name just a few.

Hillbilly Elegy was written to offer a window into an American subculture with roots in the Appalachian Mountains. The author recounts his childhood and young adult years, the struggles of his family, and the gifts and challenges present in his community. Vance's perspective is generally one of amazement that he ultimately had the opportunity to attend college and graduate school, as well as puzzlement that so much social and economic distress within certain regions and demographics of our country continue to go largely unaddressed. Among other themes, he reflects on the role of religion and faith in his life thus far.

Hillbilly Elegy has been on the Hardcover Nonfiction bestseller list of the Los Angeles Times, in one of the top five positions, for nearly a year now. Vance is deeply concerned about endemic poverty and the consequences of entrenched feelings of helplessness and despair. New York Times reviewer Jennifer Senior says, "Mr. Vance doesn't have all the answers. But he's advancing the conversation." All readers are welcome to join the discussion on Monday, August 28, at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room. I look forward to seeing you there!

Whether this summer is bringing you joy, or sorrow, or a mix of both, may you continue to feel God near.

April

News from Martha Rowlett



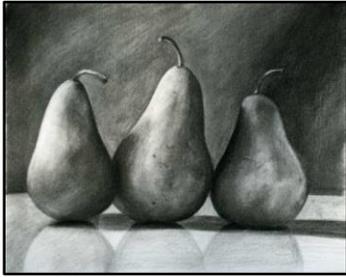
People from around the world are expected to come to Western North Carolina on August 21. They want to share with those of us who live here the awe and wonder of a total solar eclipse that will be visible here at about 2:30 p.m. for, depending on exact location, about 2 minutes and 30 seconds. The whole show lasts about 3 hours from the first "bite" the black moon takes out of the sun until full sunlight reappears. At totality,

viewers see an amazing light show, and aspects of the sun not normally visible. We have known for centuries that this will happen here at this time. A total solar eclipse is visible from earth somewhere about every 16 months, but will not pass over this spot on earth again for @330 years. I witnessed one in 1998 with stepson Rob from an eclipse cruise in the Caribbean. I was breathless with awe as the size of what I was seeing and of how small and insignificant I was in comparison. At the same time, I was stunned with wonder that I was a piece of that same creation with my own value and role to play in what God has done and continues to do. I invite you to remember on August 21 those of us who, will be waiting and watching in a straight line across the US from Oregon to South Carolina to see the world go dark early on an August afternoon. I invite you to share in our awe and wonder because what is true for us is also true for you.

Missionary Visit

Rev. Ut To and his wife **Karen Vo-To** will share news about the “House Church Explosion” in Vietnam during a light soup and salad supper on **Wednesday, August 30**. All are welcome to share a meal and visit with them, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room. Please notify Debra Shrader at teach2play@gmail.com if you’re planning to come so we’ll have enough food. The To family represents one of the four missionaries Rolling Hills United Methodist Church supports. The connections we make to the rest of the world are an important part of following Jesus.

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.

Final Summer Reading Discussion

Hillbilly Elegy by JD Vance

A first-in-the 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 p.m. 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!

3rd Service New Member Welcome

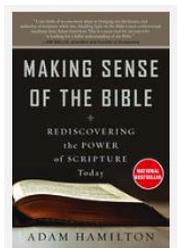
If you are attending 3rd Service and would like to learn more about the ministries of Rolling Hills United Methodist Church, please join Jonathan's table at the Second Sunday Supper on **August 13**. You will have an opportunity to visit over chicken dinner and ask any questions you might have about the church family and our faith practices. Those who feel ready to become members will have an opportunity to do so two weeks later on August 27.

Second Sunday Supper

We would be delighted if you would join us on Sunday, August 13, 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.

Bible Study Class

It is not too late to join us as we try to "make sense of the Bible" using Adam Hamilton's 2014 book. We hope to finish this book in September in time to begin our study of Moses, again using Hamilton's brand new book. That will bring us to the season of Advent with another fascinating book selection to lead us on our spiritual journey. We hope you can join us on **Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** in Aldersgate room.



RHUMC Concert Committee - *SAVE THE DATE!*

Be sure to save the date, **Friday, September 15**, at 7:30 p.m. Jessie Tisdale will perform an eclectic program of classical opera, Broadway and folk music in our sanctuary. This year she was a Recommended Artist of the Beverly Hills Auditions. We all look forward to listening to Jessie, so be sure to spread the news to all your friends!

Happy Retirement to Sylvia Freije!



We bet that when Sylvia started work at Rolling Hills United Methodist Preschool (RHUMPS), she never imagined a 29-year career here. Yet it happened and we watched her own children grow up and prosper while she also encouraged and helped watch over hundreds, if not thousands, of preschoolers go through our program. Both the preschool and church staff have love and admiration for Sylvia for her accomplishments at RHUMPS. We are also green with envy as she and husband Steve step up their love of travel. Bon Voyage, Adios, and Farewell – but we'll still see you in church!



photo courtesy of Bob Chamberlin

Our middle school youth (along with youth from other churches) take time for reflection at Sierra Service Project in Chiloquin, Oregon.

Youth Summer Outings!

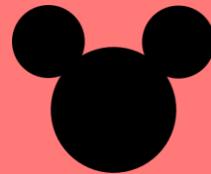
Tour De Froyo

Find out who serves the best froyo in town!

August 9th at 2:00 pm – Creamistry
August 16th at 2:00 pm –
Yogurtland (Redondo)



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.



Thank you for joining us this summer for our Kid Zone and Mid Zone Summer Camp! We hope you enjoyed your summer with us. We look forward to seeing you next summer!

Thank you for all those who voted in the Daily Breeze Readers' Choice Award for favorite summer camp. We take pride in being your child's choice for their summer camp program. We could not do it without the support of you.

Thank you,
Kid Zone and Mid Zone Staff



Kid Zone and Mid Zone After School Registration is now open!
For School Year 2017-2018

To register for this school year please stop by the office to pick up registration packets.



For more information call 310-377-7302 or email kidzone.midzone@gmail.com. Hope to see you this school year!



Club Maintenance



On July 8th a hard-working group took care of several items on our maintenance work list, including relamping in the Sanctuary with LED bulbs, changing out all A/C filters and other miscellaneous activities around the campus. The following personnel helped out in this Club Maintenance session:

Bill Bails, Steve Boilard, Jonathan Chute, Gene Koester, Dave Larson, Keith Levan, Yasuko Martin, Oren Sheldon, and Jim Showalter. Our thanks to these individuals.

The next opportunity to participate in the Club Maintenance effort will be on **Saturday, August 12**, at 8:30 a.m. Please mark this date on your calendar and share in the ongoing work to keep our facilities in good repair. And note that Jim Showalter will be the coordinator for this work day.

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., 3 rd 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 August 25

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