The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
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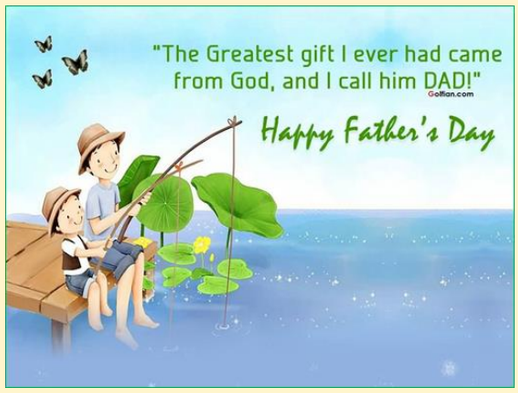


Father's Day

June 17

8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Join us for breakfast on Father's Day to recognize all the positive male figures in our lives. There will be donuts, muffins, fruit and a yogurt parfait station for the whole family.

*from the pastor*s — *Jonathan Chute*

They say "Be careful what you pray for. You just might get it!" So it is that we are about to be under way with the long-awaited replacement of our original educational buildings. Already there are signs, as three boxed trees have been delivered to help screen the view from Crenshaw. Parking in the lot next to the sanctuary will be affected as early as this Sunday.

Beginning Monday, that lot will be closed off during the week, with the handicapped spots available on weekends only. It will be like that for about a year. Getting the portables ready for inspection will take about three weeks, and once that is done we will get them licensed for use by our preschool. Once that approval is in hand we will begin Summer School in these new temporary classrooms. Preschool teachers and staff will be preparing to make the move, but there is plenty for the rest of us to do as well.

It's not surprising that cupboards and cabinets get filled up with things that don't get used every day. As we get ready for the construction we will be clearing out all kinds of stuff from almost every corner of the campus. Things that get used every day or every week are our first priority. Things that get used seasonally may have to find a new home for a while. Things that haven't been used in recent memory will go away for good.

During the year of construction, many of our rooms will have to serve multiple purposes. In addition to the portables, the preschool will be using the Choir Room, Aldersgate and the Mission Room. Their furniture and classroom supplies will share space with existing groups. Sometimes we will have to rearrange furniture for ourselves or others. Sometimes we may have to find a different space from the one we are used to using. There will be temporary fencing to provide security for our preschoolers.

We have created a link on our church web site with updates on the construction as we move forward. You can sign up for email updates as well. We are working to provide a web cam as well, so that people can look in on what's happening as we go.

I am grateful for the confidence and encouragement you have shown as we approach this once in a lifetime project. Thank you. Our congregation has been blessed by the wisdom, courage and generosity of those who went before us. What they helped to build is even stronger today. Now we have the opportunity to make that same contribution to those who will come after. In your faithfulness and generosity the words of Psalm 22 will be lived out once more – "Future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn."

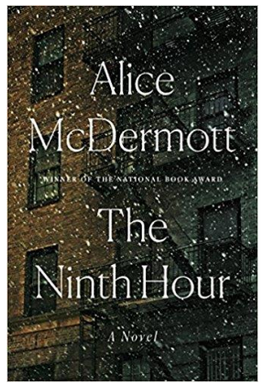
Grace and peace,

Jonathan

April Herron

Dear Friends

Christ's ministry belongs to all of us. I am reflecting on this truth not only as I consider the leadership and involvement of so many of you here on the church's campus, but also as I watch you extend kindness to your neighbors and actively work to improve the communities where you live and work. I see your desire to do good and extend grace in the world. I see how we each live out our faith according to our unique gifts and personalities.



A book that is currently helping me think about our shared ministry, as well as questions of God's call and God's will, the human desire for fairness, helpful and unhelpful responses to suffering, and the meaning of death and resurrection, is *The Ninth Hour* by Alice McDermott. It's about a group of nuns in Brooklyn, New York, in the early part of the twentieth century, and the people they come to know and serve. McDermott is a past recipient of the National Book Award. One reviewer says of *The Ninth Hour* that it is "rendered with remarkable delicacy, heart, and intelligence." I will be facilitating a discussion of this book on Monday, June 25 at 7 pm at the church. Perhaps you would like to read and join in!

Because together we want to offer a ministry that is truly encouraging of individual and community health and resilience, I am (with Jonathan's support and our wonderful staff's involvement) arranging for RHUMC to host a learning event for teachers and mentors who are working and volunteering in church or community settings such as Sunday School, Vacation Bible Camp, after school programs, parent support programs, and youth service programs. To be held on Saturday, July 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the experiential training and workshops will be beneficial to a wide array of participants. Again, I hope many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen your understandings and abilities in order to be able to fully support our mission with children, youth, and families.

Thank you for the joy of being part of the wonderful family of faith known as Rolling Hills United Methodist Church!

April

Mission News

CROP Walk

Twenty-three RHUMC members participated in this year's Peninsula-Harbor CROP Walk at the South Coast Botanic Garden on Sunday, May 20. The Rose Garden was in full bloom and the weather was cool, making it a perfect day for walking. Money raised by the walkers and sponsors is shared through Church World Services and benefits hungry people both internationally and locally. A special thank-you goes out to church member Bill Graves, who heads up the Walk committee, and to the 10 residents of SHAWL House and eight high school student volunteers who made the day run smoothly.

Toberman Shoe Drive

A big thank-you to all who contributed gently worn and new shoes to our May Shoe Drive. The collection bins in both the narthex and church office were overflowing. The drive benefited the Toberman Neighborhood Center, who will receive a cash donation for each pound collected.

Phase 2
Construction Updates

The coming year will be exciting, as we welcome the construction of new educational facilities for our children. Preparations have begun for the arrival of portable classroom trailers. Beginning June 4th and throughout the construction, there will be no parking in the lot between the sanctuary and the exit driveway, with the exception of the handicapped spaces, which will be available on weekends only.

We have posted a project overview (with plans and renderings) and a construction update page on the church's website at **rhumc.org**.

If you would like to receive regular email updates on our progress, please go to:
rhumc.org/construction-updates/
and click on the "Sign up for Email Updates" button.

Thank you!

New Member Welcome

If you are interested in learning more about Rolling Hills UMC, plan to join us **Sunday, June 10**, 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, June 24, at all three services.

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

Second Sunday Supper

We hope you can join us for dinner on **Sunday, June 10,** after 3rd service. This month we are trying a new menu which will include Hawaiian barbecue teriyaki chicken, salad and rice from L&L. The requested meal donation is $5 per person, $15 per family. 3rd service takes place every Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

We hope you can join us on **Saturday, June 16**, in the Mission Room for camaraderie and a delicious breakfast! Coffee at 7:30 a.m., Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and at 8:30 a.m. Phil Gerlach will speak about the education in our public schools. We welcome all newcomers.

Piano Offering

The church is looking for a new home for its Yamaha Spinet Piano. The piano was used primarily in the sanctuary until 1998 and currently needs some repair. If interested, please contact the church office at 310-377-6771.

Club Maintenance

Club Maintenance tackled a variety of tasks on May 12, helping to repair, maintain and beautify the RHUMC campus. Bill Bails, Bob Chamberlin, Bruce Harkins, Gene Koester, Keith Levan, Oren Sheldon, and Jim Showalter pitched in to plug a hole in an asphalt walkway, cleaned the condenser coils on the kitchen refrigerator, changed a light bulb in the sanctuary, adjusted the cable on a basketball backboard, cleaned water fountains, pruned an olive tree, repaired white tables, and cleaned sanctuary furniture. In addition, Yasuko Martin cleans the Meditation Garden fountain regularly. Afterwards most stayed to enjoy fellowship and lunch together.

Next month Club Maintenance will meet **Saturday June 16**, (please note this one-time change to the 3rd Saturday). New members welcome! Contact Jim Showalter at 310-544-8510 for further information.

Second Sundays at Two Concert

Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Pianist

INNA FALIKS

Described by *The New Yorker* as "Adventurous and passionate" Ukrainian-born pianist **Inna Faliks** has established herself among today's top-tier pianists. She recently relocated from NYC to Los Angeles after being named the new Head of Piano at the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music. Following her acclaimed debut with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, she has performed on many of the world's great stages. Critics praise her "signature blend of lithe grace and raw power*" (Lucid Culture),* "courage to take risks, expressive intensity and technical perfection" *(General Anzeiger, Bonn),* "poetry and panoramic vision" *(Washington Post),* and "riveting passion, playfulness" *(Baltimore Sun).*

Free-Will Offering

Children's Ministry

RHUMC is seeking to hire a Nursery Room Teacher for every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Duties would include: greeting parents and children as they sign in, caring for the children to the highest degree, ensuring their safety, being mindful of their developmental and special needs, story time, coloring, crafts and communicating with the Director of Children's Ministries with any issues that may arise. First Aid and CPR certification required. If interested, please contact Debra DeLuca at debra@rhumc.org.

Vacation Bible Camp
July 30th - August 3rd

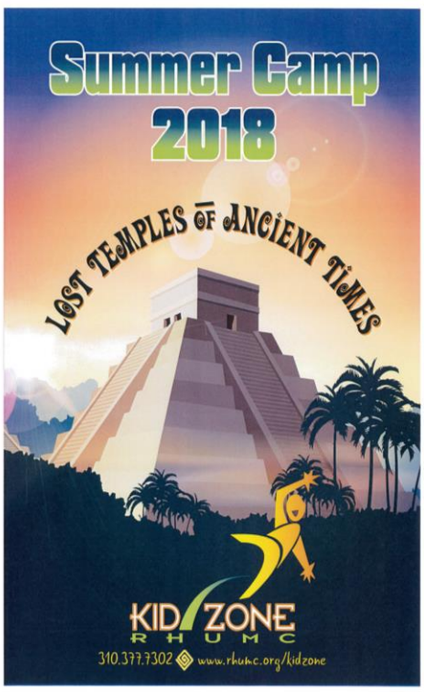
Toucan do the job better than one!

Sign up and volunteer to help with
"Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus."

We are looking for patient and loving hands
to volunteer with these amazing children.
Don't miss out on the exploration of God's love.

Contact: Debra DeLuca to volunteer!
debra@rhumc.org or (310) 377-6771

Kid Zone



Kid Zone and Mid Zone Summer Camp

To register, go online at rhumc.org or stop by the office to pick up a brochure.
For more information, call 310-377-7302 or email kidzone.midzone@gmail.com.
Hope to see you this summer!

Youth Ministry Updates

Youth Calendar: Summer 2018

Youth entering 6th grade through graduating 12th grade are welcome

Small Group Tuesdays: June 5, 12, & 19 Youth Lounge

Junior High 5:30-7:00pm : "Weird Stories of the Bible"

Senior High 7:00pm-8:30pm: Rob Bell's videos "Rediscovering Wonder," "Breathe" & "Rain"

June 30 Six Flags

We will meet at the church at 9:00am and will carpool to Six Flags. Youth are encouraged to bring a sack lunch or money to purchase food at the park. RSVP by June 16. (Ticket price will vary on number of attendees, scholarships are available)

July 9 Mindfulness Monday

4:30-7:00pm Take time to relax and re-center with a guided meditation, followed by a beginner's level yoga class and concluded with prayer time for joys and concerns. If weather permits we will be in the meditation garden at RHUMC. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat if you have one (there will be extra mats available to use as well.)

July 13 Dodgers vs. Angels

Please meet at the church by 4:30pm to carpool to the Dodger Express. Tickets are $34 per person. Youth should bring a hat, light jacket, and money for dinner.

July 19 Gable House Laser Tag

7:00-10:00pm– Unlimited Laser Tag 22501 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance, CA, 90505

We will be meeting at the Gable House and parents will pick up their youth at 10:00pm when the event ends.

July 24 Museum of Tolerance Senior High Only 10:00am-4:00pm

Youth will spend the day at the Museum of Tolerance then will gather for a late lunch and discussion over the experience. We will meet at the church at 10:00am and carpool. Please RSVP by July 20.

August 11 Aquarium of the Pacific 2:00pm-7:00pm

Youth will meet at the church and carpool to Long Beach, CA and visit the Aquarium followed by a discussion about ways to live a more eco-friendly life style.

August 14 One Red Paper Clip

12:30-3:00pm Youth will meet at the church in the youth lounge and divide into groups to see which team can trade their way to the most interesting item starting with one red paper clip.

August 19 Beach Clean Up

11:00-2:00pm Meet at the church after the 10am worship service and bring gloves, a hat, and a trash bag. We will carpool to the clean up site and enjoy a lunch of In-N-Out afterwards.

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
Kid Zone Director	Megan Pelc	Exec. Asst. to Pastor	Roksolana Vecerek
Children's Ministry Dir.	Debra DeLuca	Church Office Admin.	Peggy Roulette
Youth Ministry Dir.	Kristin Reksc	Admin. Assistant	Ana Ysabel Lopez
Treasurer	Robin La Tourette	Custodian	Miguel Portillo
Church Business Mgr.	Nicole Lowery Zakman		

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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 June 22
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