The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
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August 2019

ART CLASS

CHARCOAL AND PASTEL

THURSDAY
AUGUST 22, 2019

9:30 – 11:30 AM
CHURCH SANCTUARY

INSTRUCTOR:
CURTIS GREEN
RHUMC MEMBER & ARTIST

We will begin our time together using compressed charcoal sticks to make abstract drawings from still life and a human model. Curtis will then introduce us to the use of color pastels. Join us and draw using these great mediums. Relax, learn something new, and enjoy this engaging activity with friends.

Curtis is known here for his talent and his ability to teach, guide, and encourage us in our unique art expression. Beginners and all ability levels are welcome! All materials will be provided.

Please indicate your plans to attend by calling or emailing:
(310) 377-6771 *or* **churchoffice@rhumc.org**

from the pastors *Jonathan Chute*

What a time we are having this summer! As I write the sounds of 200 children, youth and adult volunteers are filling the sanctuary with laughter and song. Our Vacation Bible Camp has been a wild success, despite all kinds of physical and logistical challenges. I can't possibly express how wonderfully our team has worked together. Thanks beyond measure go to Debra and Natalie DeLuca, to Jan Johnson (who've been planning and preparing for months), to Chris Larson (who managed all the last minute enrollment changes), to church family and friends from near and far who brought it together so joyfully and well. It has been amazing to behold.

We are also rounding the final turn in the construction of our new educational facilities. This week and next playgrounds are being assembled, and classrooms being made ready for final inspection. We will be moving furniture into the rooms over the first three Saturdays of August, so that they can be approved for use by the Department of Social Services. Preschool begins September 5 and 6, so the time, as the Bible says, "is drawing near"!

This next week our patio surface is being demolished in preparation for re-surfacing. We will have a week or two when best access to the sanctuary will be from the Country Day parking lot and down the steps or ramp. It will still be possible to cross from the back parking lot, but comfortable shoes are definitely recommended. When the patio is finished it will be a kinder, gentler, more welcoming place for all ages.

We're planning an official dedication celebration for Sunday, September 15 – details pending! That will be just the first of a year's worth of celebrations we plan to "open" our wonderful new facilities.

But even before then, our church will be hosting the Western Jurisdiction Summit, a meeting of our bishops and other church leaders from the Rockies to the Pacific. The Summit will take place right after Labor Day, September 3-5. We expect a large number of people on the first two days, which will be open to the public. The third day will be much smaller, as the College of Bishops meets to do other business. We'll be using the sanctuary and Wesley Hall for meeting and meals, and using some of our brand new classrooms for break-out sessions by those participating. As we know well our United Methodist Church is going through a time of reflection and renewal, especially around issues of LGBTQ inclusion. I am grateful that our church can provide a place for important and hopeful work to be done.

What a time we are having this summer! I look forward to welcoming April and Bob back from Brazil, and even to getting away for a little vacation, too! May God bless us in work, in rest and as we move forward together.

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

April Herron

Dear Friends:

Being a grandma is fantastic, just like you said it would be! I cook and do laundry and spend hours holding Vinicius. Sometimes I even let others have a turn (for example the guy named Bob who washes all the dishes.)

Our cozy family dwells on the 19th floor of a tall building in the vast city of São Paolo. We think of you often and hope these weeks also bring some joy to your hearts and lives.

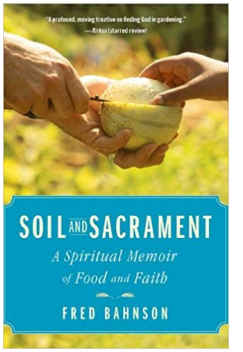
God's peace to all,

April

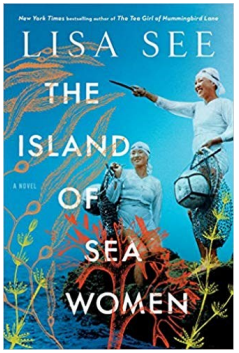
Message from Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus

My main concern today is the epidemic of rear end car collisions that result when drivers are on their telephones while driving. I have heard complaints from both the medical profession and the insurance industry this week. A massage therapist showed me a drawer chock full of files for patients who are dealing with the long term effects. I am hearing all of this because I was rear-ended by a woman driving 45-50 mph while I had slowed down to less than 20 mph behind someone who was making a right turn. I am now dealing with a torn ligament in my neck (not serious but a significant long time nuisance.) I drive a big red Honda CRV, but she says that she never saw me. A busy schedule for last week was overrun by the demands of dealing with this. I missed two events I had anticipated for weeks. My car will be in the shop for 2 weeks. The results for her are much worse. Florida now has a law against being on the phone while driving, and the insurance adjuster was hoping that would become universal. In the meantime...dear friends, let's keep our eyes on the road and look out for each other.

Upcoming Book Discussions



The memoir**,** ***Soil and Sacrament,*** by Fred Bahnson will be the topic for discussion on **Monday evening, August 26**. If you enjoy gardening, cooking with summer produce, travel narratives, and/or explorations of faith, you will find something to intrigue you in this book. Whether you want to deepen your appreciation for mycelium, monastic traditions, farming, or Holy Communion, you will discover details to treasure. In the words of a respected reviewer, "Fred Bahnson believes that faith is expressed in the work of our hands as well as our minds and hearts, and that in community we can meet the needs of a hungry world." April Herron and Kristin Reksc will guide the conversation.



We'll talk about Lisa See's book, ***The Island of Sea Women*** on **Monday, September 16,** in preparation for hosting Lisa See herself for a dialogue here at RHUMC on Monday, October 28.

Save the Date

FAMILY & BELONGING

AN EVENING WITH LISA SEE

MONDAY
OCTOBER 28, 2019
7 PM - 8:30 PM

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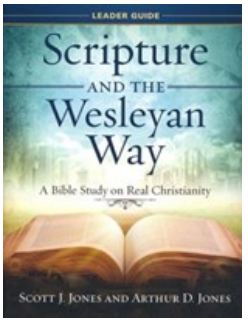
TICKETS ARE $10
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT RHUMC.ORG

In her many beloved bestsellers, starting with Snow Flower and the Secret Fan, Lisa See illuminates the strong bonds between women, families, communities, and specific regions of the world.

How do cultural, familial, and/or religious traditions support or restrict human development? How are families and traditions a strength or impediment for individual characters? What makes a family? What are the most universal themes and questions a writer can address in the world today? Lisa See will respond to these and other questions in conversation with her Los Angeles area readers. Reflections, readings, and dialogue will be followed by book signing.

Sunday Morning Bible Study by Larry Kittiver



During August we will begin a study of our Church's founder, John Wesley and his thoughts on several key questions. Wouldn't it be fascinating to attend a bible study led by John Wesley? *Scripture and the Wesleyan Way* is an eight-week study that's the next best thing. The Bible was central to John Wesley's faith and the Christian movement he founded. Scott J. Jones and his son Arthur D. Jones use Wesley's own words to address questions that many of us in the twenty-first century still struggle with today. Each chapter explores a key Scripture text and one of Wesley's sermons about the text in order to illuminate his understanding about what it means to be a real Christian. You will be inspired to respond to this call with faith and boldness. Join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Aldersgate room whenever you can.

Save the Date

February 21-23, 2020
Women's Retreat
Prince of Peace Abbey
Oceanside
Lead by April Herron

Club Maintenance by Steve Boilard

On July 13, Club Maintenance performed the following tasks: replaced air conditioner filters, replaced burned-out light in sanctuary (using Genie), painted trim in narthex, replaced exterior lights on Wesley Hall and prepared door to fire riser closet for painting. Gene Koester also took the group on a tour of the new buildings. Helping with the tasks were Steve Boilard, Gene Koester, Keith Levan, Oren Sheldon and Jim Showalter.

The next opportunity to participate in the Club Maintenance effort will be at 8:30 a.m. on **Saturday, August 10**. Please mark this date on your calendar and share in the ongoing work to keep our facilities in good repair; all are invited. And note that a lunch is served.

Best Wishes to Ana Lopez

We have been fortunate to have Ana Lopez as part of our office staff as Administrative Assistant for almost 9 years. With her excellent computer skills, eagerness to help on many projects and dependability, we will miss her as she departs her position at RHUMC and moves on to her next endeavor. Thank you Ana for all your support and we wish you well!

We're Moving!

A year after we moved our preschool into temporary classrooms we are now ready to start moving them into their permanent new quarters as Del Amo Construction wraps up their work. Our moving process will begin Saturday, August 3, by moving furniture from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. The following Saturday beginning at 8:00 a.m. we will move boxes which will have been packed by our teachers and assist them in arranging their classrooms. Lunch on August 10 will again be provided by Dale and Linda Gehr. Finally, we hope to finish our move on Saturday, August 17, again at 8:00 a.m. by emptying the two Conex storage containers and helping the teachers sort out their stuff. Our goal is to be ready for our Social Services licensing inspection on August 22 and start of school, September 5. We also hope to begin decommissioning our modular classrooms and make our upper parking lot available again by Labor Day. We can use all the able-body volunteer help we can get. If you own a hand-truck or furniture dolly they would also be appreciated. Please call the church office, 310-377-6771, with your availability.

Thank you!
Gene Koester, RHUMC Construction Manager

Second Sunday Supper

We hope you can join us for dinner on **Sunday, August 11,** after 3rd service. Dinner will include Hawaiian barbecue teriyaki chicken, salad and rice from L&L Hawaiian Barbecue. The requested donation is $5 per person, $15 per family. 3rd service takes place every Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Benefiting schools in San Pedro serviced by the

TOBERMAN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Thank you to all who have contributed to our school supply drive to benefit schools served by Toberman Neighborhood Center. We will be assembling backpacks on **Monday, August 5 on the patio from 5:00-6:00 p.m**. We also need drivers who can help deliver the backpacks to Toberman once they are assembled. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kim Hall at 310-721-7526 or at kimhallhomes@gmail.com.

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible Camp was a "ROARING" good time as our kids learned "Life Is Wild, God Is Good." Our week was joyful and rich in learning and friendship! Thank you to all who helped by praying, volunteering, participating and donating. It takes a village and you are mine –

Debra DeLuca
Director of Children's Ministries

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!

Kid Zone and Mid Zone Staff

Kid Zone and Mid Zone After School Registration is now open!

For School Year 2019-2020

To register for this school year, please stop by the office
to pick up registration packets.
Palos Verdes Schools start August 28 and Torrance Schools start August 26.
For more information call 310-377-7302 or
email kidzone.midzone@gmail.com.
Hope to see you this school year!

Youth Ministries

Volunteer Service Opportunities:

Monday, August 5 **School Supply Drive** 5:00pm-6:00pm
Help assemble backpacks with school supplies for students in the Harbor area who attend Toberman Neighborhood Center.

Saturday, August 10 **Volunteer at St. Luke's** 8:00am-12:30pm
Youth will meet at RHUMC and we will carpool to St. Luke's in Long Beach to prepare and serve lunch for those experiencing homelessness.

August Youth Events:

Monday, August 12 **Mindfulness Monday** 7:00-8:00pm Participate in a 30 minute beginner yoga class followed by a group collaboration for Ignite's fall semester. Wear comfy clothes and bring a mat if you have one. No experience necessary and we will meet in the Youth Lounge.

Sunday, August 18 **SSP Sunday** Youth (junior high and senior high) who participated at Sierra Service Project this summer will be leading worship and sharing about their experience on the mission trip. Thank you to everyone who supported the youth, through fundraising and donations, as well as volunteering.

Saturday, August 24 **Aquarium of the Pacific** 2:00pm-6:30pm
Celebrate the last days of summer with a fun field trip! Youth will meet at the church and carpool to Long Beach for a visit to the Aquarium. Tickets are $20 per youth.

Save the Date:

September 18 **Ignite Kick-off** 6:30pm-8:00pm

Please contact the Director Youth Ministries, Kristin Reksc, if you plan to attend or if you have any questions. Kristin can be reached at Kristin@rhumc.org or by cellphone at 562-234-0161

Sierra Service Project

Our Junior High Group in route to San Diego, CA

Our Senior High Group departing for in Spokane, WA.

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Change Service Requested

SAVE OUR PLANET!

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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	3rd Service Music	Paula Kuno
Children's Ministry Dir.	Debra DeLuca	Exec. Asst. to Pastor	Roksolana Vecerek
Youth Ministry Director	Kristin Reksc	Church Office Admin.	Peggy Roulette
Kid Zone Director	Megan Pelc	Custodian	Miguel Portillo
Treasurer	John Fitzgerald		
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 August 23
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