The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
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June 2021

Together Again, in Body and Spirit!

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity." Psalm 133:1

from the pastors *Jonathan Chute*

Well, we're back at it! For the past three Sundays we have welcomed about 60-70 of us for live, in-person worship. Tears of gratitude and joy have been shed. Long-time friends have greeted one another, prayed together and helped restore a sense of community and family that we have all missed. Some of us have had to sit somewhere new, when we found our seats were blocked off to provide a safe distance between us. You seem to be adjusting well!

We have learned new practices – placing our gifts in the offering plate on our way into or out of the sanctuary, or humming along with Chuck on the hymns. Some of these will change over the coming weeks as we anticipate further progress. With any luck the paper will come off the pews after June 15 and we will be free to move about the sanctuary, perhaps even reclaiming our former favorite spots!

This Sunday we will celebrate communion with a couple of options for everyone. For those who are comfortable coming forward, there will be individual serving cups on tables at the front of the sanctuary, with pre-cut pieces of bread on one side of the table, and with juice on the other. Each of us is invited to take and eat the bread from one of the cups and then the juice from the other, placing the empty cups in a basket before returning to your seats. If you prefer to be served in the pew please let one of the ushers know. April or I will be glad to do so. The other option is to continue our practice of the past year or so, picking up a bag with supplies for use at home. Those will be blessed at the 8:30 a.m. service and available immediately afterward out on the church patio.

Again, I want to thank you – our entire church family – for the kind words, warm encouragement, faithfulness and generosity that you have shared this past year. Despite losses and changes, disruptions of our lives as individuals, families, and community, your spirits have remained true and hopeful. You have shown that the grace of God has been alive and active with us through this time. As we return to familiar and beloved practices in the weeks to come, and look with open hearts to the work before us, what a gift we have been given. What a privilege to serve God's mission, together. Stay safe. Be well. And see you soon!

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

April Herron

Dear Friends,

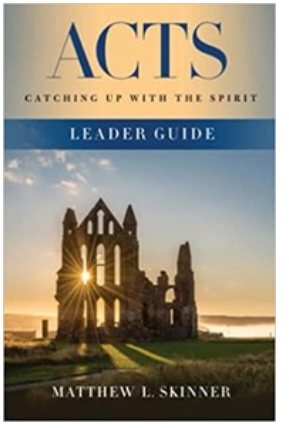
Recently I was granted the joy of riding a ferry boat with my grandson Vinny. It was early June and the requirement, even on the top (outside) deck of the vessel, was that everyone over two years old be masked. So here we are (see photo), enjoying a foggy morning on the water.

Thinking about that excursion, and about our return to in-person worship, I am mindful that we each might have a different story to tell. Some of us are emerging from our cocoons and wondering how the world might have changed in the past fifteen months. Some of us kept working full steam throughout the pandemic and could use a little rest. Some of us are still feeling the need to be careful and cautious. Some of us are hitting the road, eager to get out and get going. As the health guidelines continue to evolve, masks may recede but not entirely disappear. Distancing rules may become less of a factor, except in some situations. We cannot say exactly how the next few months are going to unfold, but we CAN be grateful for the opportunity to honor one another's unique experiences and perspectives.

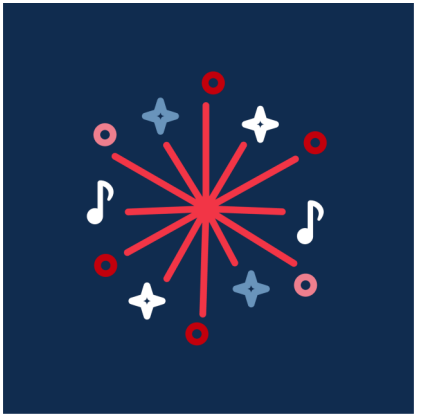
Thank you for being a community that offers care and connection for one and all, no matter where we are on the spectrum of readiness to be released from the practices that protected us when the pandemic was at its worst in our region of the world. May God's gracious Spirit guide us forward.

April

Acts: Catching Up With the Spirit Continues Through June



The book and videos are by Professor Matthew Skinner. April Herron is guiding the class. The Monday morning, 10:30 a.m. group will meet on June 7, 14, 21, and 28. The Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m. group will meet on June 9, 16, 23, and 30. Please email April@rhumc.org or contact the church office at 310 377 6771 if you decide to join the group. You will need the Zoom link to participate.



Rolling Hills United Methodist Church,
the TLC Singers and Adult Handbell Choir

present

"One Nation Under God"

Please join us in the sanctuary
for an in-person program that celebrates
our independence as a nation,
our freedom as a people,
the blessing of God.

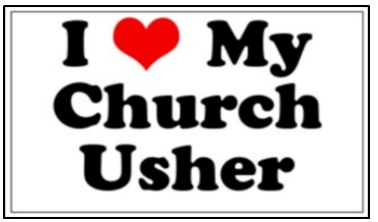
Friday, July 2, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Director: Jan Johnson Coordinator: Annette Matsuda

Ellen Perkins, TLC alto, writes….
When I hear the phrase "one nation under God," another phrase that immediately comes to mind is "e pluribus unum" which means "out of many…one." That concept is what compels me to sing. As a single alto voice, my voice is unremarkable. But when joined together with others, my single voice adds to the chorus and we create beautiful music.

As I rehearse our songs, I am sometimes overwhelmed by the poetry of the words, made more meaningful by the melodies in which they are set.

I hope you can join us as we celebrate God and our nation's independence with songs written throughout our nation's history.

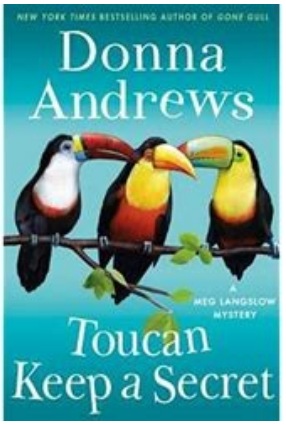


It has been wonderful to see friends as we return to worship in person, inside the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Soon we will be worshiping at 5:30 p.m. as well. However, during the past year several of our ushers had the nerve to move across the country!

We invite prospective ushers, youth, and adults, to help welcome our church family to worship each week. At present that consists mostly of greeting people & showing them where to pick up bulletins. By fall we expect to include handing out bulletins & receiving the offering as well. Our team members rotate their weeks of service, providing flexibility as helpful. Please let me or one of the ushers know, or call the church office, if you would like to help at 8:30, 10:00, or 5:30. Thank you!

Chris Larson chrislarsonrhumc@gmail.com

Summer Reading: *Toucan Keep a Secret* by Donna Andrews



It seems like some laughter and lightness, along with a big dose of community spirit, might be appreciated as we embark on a summer of resumed activity after the limitations and losses of the pandemic. Donna Andrews has written (and continues to write) a series of mysteries that all have bird themes in the title and in the narrative. Other characteristics of the books include humor, high energy, and a spotlight on the benefits of family, friendship, and faith connections.

The character who narrates the stories and does the sleuthing belongs to a church with a woman pastor and a service-oriented ministry. The church has an active altar guild, responds to almost every crisis with a potluck, and goes all out to celebrate Christmas. Yes, there is a crime or mystery to be solved, but the focus is always on how the community rises to the occasion to support and help one another. These are not literary classics, but they are fun reading.

Toucan Keep a Secret was published in 2018 and is readily available in paperback, e reader, and audio format. Our discussion will take place on **Monday, June 28**, at 7:00 p.m., facilitated by April Herron. Please email April@rhumc.org to communicate your intention to participate and be kept informed as to whether the gathering will take place in person or via Zoom.

Mission Committee News

The Missions Committee is happy to announce that we will be partnering this summer with a new organization named Hungry to Help. This non-profit organization was started by Ana Ahmad. Ana was an active youth member in Logos and with Sierra Service Project when she was younger. Her experience with Sierra Service Project ignited her passion to help those in need. Her organization provides support of the homeless communities of the South Bay by providing nutritious meals, hygiene supplies, and health screenings on a monthly basis. For more information about this organization, you can visit hungrytohelpca.org.

Our congregation can help by donating hygiene supplies (shampoo, conditioner, soap, feminine products, razors, etc.) and tarps (sized 12’ by 16’ or larger). We will be collecting supplies during June and July. You can either drop supplies off on Sundays in the Narthex during church hours or at the church office during the week. Our church youth will organize the hygiene kits after we are done with our collection. Thank you for your continued support of the Missions Committee and our efforts.

Martha Circle Is Up and Running Again!

After not meeting for over a year due to Covid, Martha Circle has met and reorganized for the upcoming year. We are all looking forward to resuming our Christian Fellowship while learning from various interesting programs. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room and would love to have any interested women in our church join us. Regular meetings will begin on September 13.

During the summer we are going to have luncheons at 12:00 p.m. instead of regular meetings just to have fun, catch up, and enjoy each other. This would be a perfect time for prospective new members to come and get to know us. Our first lunch will be a bring your own picnic in the Meditation Garden on June 14 where round tables and chairs will be set up for us. On July 12 we will go to the Red Onion and eat out on their patio. August 9 will be another bring your own picnic at a location TBA.

If you are a prospective member or a regular member, please let us know if you will be able to attend so we set up enough chairs for you. If you decide at the last minute, still come – we will make it work!

Barbara Addleman and Phyllis Goetz
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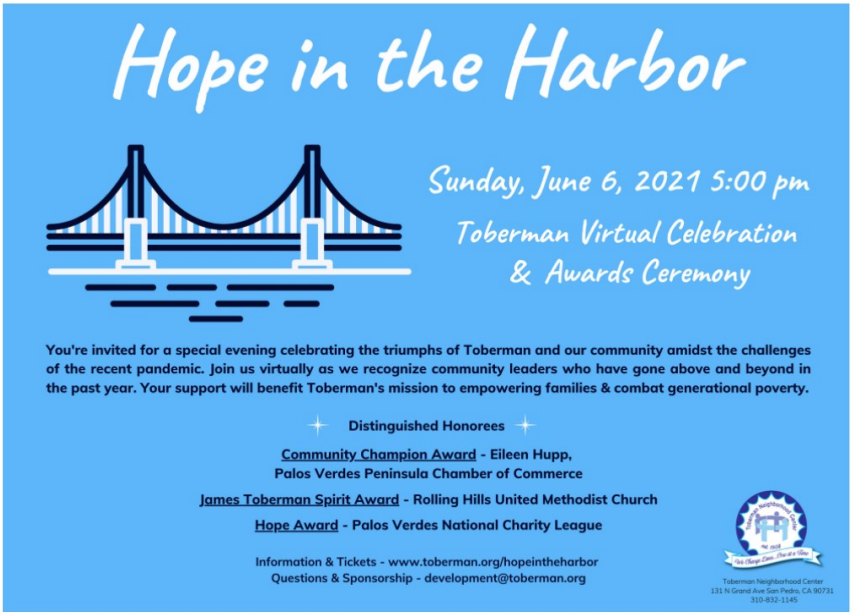
Be a part of Toberman celebrating Rolling Hills UMC



Second Sundays at Two

STREAMED OVER THE INTERNET

Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

~ presents pianist ~

STEVEN VANHAUWAERT

Hailed by the Los Angeles Times for his "impressive clarity, sense of structure, and monster technique"

Steven Vanhauwaert has garnered a wide array of accolades, including First Prize at the Los Angeles International Liszt Competition. Mr. Vanhauwaert made his solo debut at Walt Disney Concert Hall performing the world premiere of Finnish composer Magnus Lindberg's *Fratello*. A Steinway Artist, Mr. Vanhauwaert is the Artistic Director of the *Second Sundays at Two* concert series.

Check the concert announcement at www.RHUMC.org for the link to the recital

New Member Welcome - June 27

For those who have been waiting months, or perhaps more than a year, to become members of RHUMC, or have their membership recognized, June 27 will bring your first opportunity to proceed! If you are ready to be welcomed into membership during worship, please contact the church office (310-377-6771; churchoffice@rhumc.org) so that the pastors can be informed or reminded of your interest. This fall we will resume our periodic newcomer orientation gatherings; our goal at the moment is to honor the desire of those who are eager to declare their participation in our mission and ministry without further delay.

Want to Have Fun Fixing Things?

Club Maintenance has started up again and we look forward to participation from folks who would like to know more about how the church functions from a maintenance perspective. Plus, we enjoy good camaraderie over a tasty lunch. Our last session was on May 15 and we had 11 folks out working on a variety of projects.

The next opportunity to participate in the Club Maintenance effort will be on Saturday, June 12 at 8:30 a.m. Please think about coming by for whatever time you might have and join in the fun.

Kid Zone

Summer Camp
Monday, June 14th – Wednesday, August 18th

DATES	THEMES
WK #1 Monday, June 14th to June 18th	Carnival
WK#2 Monday, June 21st to June 25th	Cooking
WK#3 Monday, June 28th to July 2nd	Space/America the Beautiful
WK#4 Monday, July 5th to July 9th	Super Heroes
WK#5 Monday, July 12th to July 16th	Camping
WK#6 Monday, July 19th to July 23rd	Science
WK#7 Monday, July 26th to July 30th	Dr. Seuss
WK#8 Monday, August 2nd to August 6th	VBC-Kid Zone 12:00-6pm
WK#9Monday, August 9th to August 13th	Performing Arts
WK#10 Monday, August 16th to Wed., August 18th (8:00-1:00 p.m.)	Arts & Crafts

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
One day per week: $90.00
Two days per week: $170.00
Three days per week $240.00
Four days per week $300.00
Five days per week: $350.00

Weekly Full Day 7:30-6:00 p.m. *$400.00

*AM Early Care will be available at 7:30 a.m. – $12 a day or $40.00/week

*Extended Care will be available from 4:00-6:00 p.m. – $16 a day or $60.00/week

For more information:
Kidzone.midzone@rhumc.org
310-377-7302
Gabby Palacios
323-610-2253

Registration is open!

TK/Kindergarten - 8th Grade

We will be following recommendations from the CDC and from the Department of Social Services Community Licensing.

Youth Ministries

June Youth Events

Tuesday, June 15 @ 2:00-3:00 p.m.
De-stress and Chill in the RHUMC Meditation Garden

Wednesday, June 23 @ 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Outdoor Paint Night on the RHUMC patio

Week of Service Summer: July 12-16, 2021

Are you interested in a participating in local service projects while connecting with youth across the country? Contact Kristin for more information about RHUMC's in-person week of service partnered with SSP's Zoom summer program!

Youth Sunday School

We are now offering a hybrid class, with in-person and zoom participation options on Sundays during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.
Contact Kristin for the link to join**.**

Ignite Youth Mid-Week Ministry

Congratulations to all the youth who graduated this year! Ignite is now on summer break and will resume weekly gatherings on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

Kristin Reksc, Director of Youth Ministries
Cell phone: 562-234-0161 Email: Kristin@rhumc.org
Facebook page: facebook.com/groups/RHyouth **Instagram**: rhumcyouth_

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2021

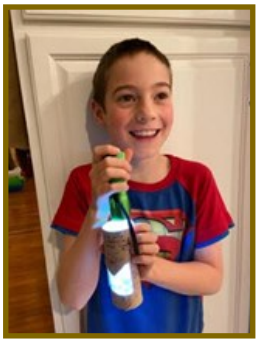
Children's Ministry

As we slowly ease back into in-person Sunday School our Children's Ministries wants to make sure your children have all the resources they need to continue learning about the Bible from home if you wish to continue this path for a while longer.

We will continue to have our Sunday School video posted on the church website each Sunday morning for you to view. Along with the video posting, we are emailing our church families (at their request) activity pages to go along with the video.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email debra@rhumc.org.

CALLING ALL 3rd, 4th and 5th GRADERS!



FUN and FELLOWSHIP is our mission for all the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders in Ms. Stevie's class. Every Sunday morning her Google Class receives an email with a short summary of the Bible story, something fun to do and a video link for our virtual class that meets at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us! Email churchoffice@rhumc.org for the link.

The preschool is planning for our first event of an inside, in-person gathering for our Graduation ceremonies on June 8th, 9th, and 10th. We are happy to be graduating two classes each night separately at 6:30 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. Congratulations to our graduating families!

Vacation Bible Camp

This summer we are GOING FOR IT!

We head into summer looking forward to in-person Vacation Bible Camp!
August 2nd through August 6th – 9:00 a.m. to noon.

With COVID cases going down and vaccinations going up,
we feel confident we can make it happen!

Space is limited and at this time we only have 9 elementary spots left available. Don't hesitate, don't wait. Book it now!

Go to the church web page at rhumc.org and get your registration form.

If you have any questions, please contact Debra DeLuca at debra@rhumc.org or the church office at (310) 377-6771 and remember SPACE IS LIMITED ☺

Hello church families!

Summer is here and that means we are starting our summer Sunday School rotations at our 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. services.

Children ages 3 years through 5th grade will leave the church with their Sunday School teachers after the children's sermon. They will go over to Wesley Hall and spend equal time in the following areas:

Mission Room – story and/or skit related to that week's Bible lesson
Kitchen – cooking and/or snack related to that week's Bible lesson
Wesley Hall – craft and/or game related to that week's Bible lesson

Please remember to go onto the church web page at rhumc.org to sign up for the church service (and Sunday School) that you and your children will be attending! We are looking forward to spending time with you ☺

Ms. Debra, Ms. Stevie & Ms. Natalie

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Change Service Requested

SAVE OUR PLANET!

Have your Cornerstone sent via email; it's easy, just call the church office at 310-377-6771. You can also view the Cornerstone on the church website at www.rhumc.org

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	Gabby Palacios	Custodian	Miguel Portillo
Treasurer	John Fitzgerald		
Church Business Mgr.	Nicole Lowery Zakman		

Church Office Phone	310-377-6771	Resident Bishop	Grant J. Hagiya
Fax Line	310-544-4123	District Superintendent	Mark Nakagawa
Web Site	www.rhumc.org		

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 21
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