The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
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September 2022

Rally Day is Sunday, September 11th

Join the Children's Ministries as we celebrate a new year of fun and learning here at Rolling Hills United Methodist Church.

Church Services are at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Presentation of Bibles to our 3rd graders
Sunday School classes at each service
Rally games after 2nd and 3rd service

The Staff Parish Relations Committee also invites everyone to join in celebrating the reappointment of our three pastors and recognizing Jonathan's 25-year milestone with our church! Refreshments will be served after each service.

Join us for fun and fellowship where all are welcome!

from the pastors *Jonathan Chute*

Beginning a 25th year is something I've never done till this summer. Now that September is here, and with it the traditional start of the school and church years, I realize that it has been a while since my family and I arrived at RHUMC.

24 years ago our daughter Hanna was about to begin first grade. Now she is in the first month of medical school. Thyra was working at UCLA in a fellowship in her field. Now she is the senior partner in her radiation oncology group at Torrance Memorial Medical Center.

You could say that I am still at the same church where I was back then. But I don't think that's completely true. I remember with gratitude those who welcomed us and made us feel that we were at home with this congregation, and in this community. Many of those persons are still with us, and active in the church family and elsewhere. Some have moved across the country. Others have gone on to be with God.

I am also grateful to have gotten to know so many more of you than were here 24 years ago. Some of you arrived from other parts of the country. Others made the changes in your lives that brought you to our congregation. And now I can't imagine not knowing each other.

As we move from summer into fall this month, it's easy for me to look forward with hope. So many good things have happened in the last near quarter century. I can't wait to see what the next years bring.

I am especially glad to begin my 25th year with partners in ministry such as April and Kristin, other staff and key leaders, and with all of you. Together, I think we all make a pretty good team!

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

April Herron

We can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid." - Hebrews 13:6

Dear Friends:

My grandson is now 3 years old. He received a scooter and helmet for his birthday. He couldn't be more thrilled. He is learning to balance, propel himself, steer, and stop. He loves the sense of speed and autonomy.

Every time Vinny goes to the park to ride his scooter, he is reminded by the accompanying adults of the importance of giving other people (no matter their age or size) a wide berth. "You have to watch where you are going and stay in control," we remind him. He has been known to tumble onto the ground when his legs get tired, but so far (thanks be to God) he has not collided with any adults, children, or trees. One day, however, while racing down a sloping path, he did express his exhilaration by shrieking, "Help me! Help me! Help me!" as he careened along struggling to keep his balance.

As we debriefed the experience I asked why he was shouting those words. "To help me steer around the curve," he explained. "Steering is good," I replied, "and you are in charge of where your scooter goes. We need to think of something else to shout that will be more reassuring to the people around you." We tried out a few possibilities and he settled on, "Hold steady!" as both a vocalization of joy and a reminder to stay on an even keel.

What are you inclined to holler (aloud or to yourself) as we roll into September and meet whatever new or continuing experiences the passage of days is bringing your way? Are you needing help? confidence? new skills? comfort? guidance? As we listened to Diane's sermon on the last Sunday of August, we were reminded by the reading from Hebrews 13 that when we are leaning on God we can let go of being afraid. As we embark on new endeavors, or try to make sense of the world and our place in it, it is good to remember that God is with us. We are always in God's care.

With you in Christ's ministry,

April

Newcomer Gathering and Opportunity for Membership

RHUMC is eager for you to feel at home! If you would like to learn more about our ministries and meet others who are getting acquainted with our community of faith, please come to a "welcome session" on **Sunday, September 18,** at 11:15 a.m. You'll get a chance to visit with one another and the pastors, take a tour, and enjoy lunch. Boxed lunches may be taken home or enjoyed on campus. Please make a reservation by calling 310 377 6771 or sending an email to churchoffice@rhumc.org. Those who then wish to become members of the church will have an opportunity to do so on Sunday, October 9, at any of the three worship services - but this is not a requirement for participation. We are glad you are here.

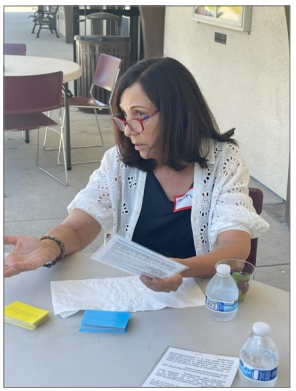
Upcoming Celebrations of Life at RHUMC

Saturday, September 10 at 2:00 p.m. - Bev & Dick Swan
Thursday, September 15 at 1:00 p.m. - Bill Mays
Sunday, September 25 at 1:00 p.m. - Margaret Stark
Saturday, October 1 at 3:00 p.m. - Keith Davidson

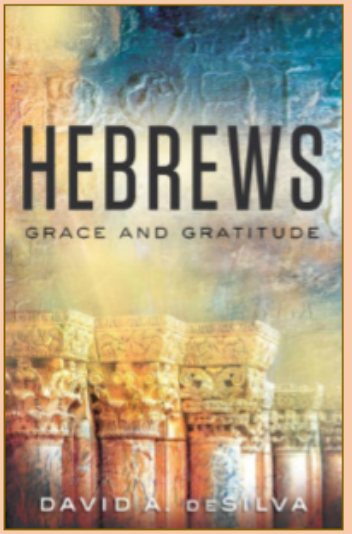
RHUMC Missions Committee Is THANKFUL and THANKED

We're grateful to all who participated and contributed to The August Interfaith Café for the South Coast Interfaith Council, here on the RHUMC campus. Here's a description from one of the participants:

"Praise God! We had a BEAUTIFUL first in-person SCIC Interfaith Café today after a long hiatus!" We were fortunate to have participants from several faith communities. There were heartfelt connections made and good laughs shared. Thank you to hosts and leaders alike. We heard laughter, saw tears, and felt the warmth and connection that happened. Let's do this again soon!



GRACE & GRATITUDE



Copies are available in the church office for $10 and can also be ordered from online book sellers.

Please communicate your plans to participate by emailing april@rhumc.org so that you can remain up-to-date regarding meeting location.

A BIBLE STUDY
of the
BOOK OF HEBREWS

TUESDAYS:
10:30 a.m. - In Person
7:00 p.m. - Via Zoom

SEPTEMBER 13:
Regarding Jesus

SEPTEMBER 20:
Following Jesus

SEPTEMBER 27:
Growing Grace

OCTOBER 4:
Renewing Covenant

break, no class on October 11

OCTOBER 18:
Valuing Salvation

OCTOBER 25:
Remaining Grateful

April Herron will lead the classes based on material from *Hebrews: Grace and Gratitude* by David deSilva.

Second Sundays at Two

Sunday, September 11 at 2:00 p.m.

~ presents ~

Los Angeles Philharmonic Principal Concertmaster Plays Duets with Prizewinning Cellist

Violinist
Martin Chalifour

Cellist
Sarah Rommel

Violinist **Martin Chalifour** will begin his 25th season as Principal Concertmaster of the Los Angeles Philharmonic this fall. Apart from his LA Phil duties, he maintains an active solo career, playing a diverse repertoire of more than 60 concertos.

Cellist **Sarah Rommel** is a top prizewinner of the 2014 *George Enescu International Cello Competition.* She is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music, and received her Master's degree from the USC Thornton School of Music.

Live-Streamed over the Internet ~ No Public Live Audience
Reprised at 8:00 p.m. ~ No Other On-Demand Streaming

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

FALL BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES

WHAT WAS IT LIKE?

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
THESE PRECIOUS DAYS
by ANN PATCHETT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
THE SENTENCE
by LOUISE EDRICH

Choose:
2:00 PM - IN PERSON
7:00 PM - VIA ZOOM

The pandemic is not over, but it is different now than it was in 2020. Some authors have written narratives reflecting on what the experience was like for them and their communities in the early months of this ever-evolving experience. We will read one memoir and one novel to help us remember and reflect on what it was like for us and for the world to experience a wildly contagious disease that translated, in some cases, to serious illness, loss of life, social isolation, and a highly stressed health care system.

April Herron will facilitate the conversations. Please email **april@rhumc.org** to communicate your intention to participate.

FREE **SUPPORT GROUP** for those caring for a loved one with

Dementia, Alzheimer's or Parkinson's

Wednesdays
September 14 & 28
10:00-11:00 a.m.
in the Aldersgate Room

Lauren Mahakian

Certified Dementia Practitioner, Speaker
Facilitator/Educator
Certified Validation Therapy
HCO#194700543

The discovery of memory loss can be daunting, yet in our experience, professional guidance and learning from others with similar experiences can be very helpful. Join PV News columnist, certified dementia practitioner, and founder/CEO of Family Connect Memory Care Lauren Mahakian at this community-based gathering of people that share support, tips, and authenticity. Our groups are designed for those caring for a loved one with dementia, Alzheimer's or cognitive decline. All groups are led by Lauren Mahakian and are free of charge. Please contact the church office to RSVP at churchoffice@rhumc.org or call at 310-377-6771.

Taco Night Resumes

We are excited to announce Taco Night will resume after 3rd service on **Sunday, September 25**. You'll have a choice of chicken, been or pork tacos served with rice, beans and chips. The requested meal donation is $5 per person, $15 per family. 3rd service takes place every Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Club Maintenance - by Dave Larson

Our next opportunity for CM work will be on Saturday, September 10, at 8:30 a.m. We are a friendly bunch and invite folks to come on out to share in the good work of tending to our church facilities. We might also have fun helping folks get ready for Rally Sunday, which happens on September 11.

Be a Host for Donut Sunday! - by Maureen Banasky

We are now enjoying Donut Sunday on the last Sunday of every month rather than only on the 5th Sundays of the year. Please consider volunteering to host just one Sunday. Details are simple and Hospitality picks up the tab for donuts and juice. Contact me at chomo2@cox.net or 310-378-464 for more information.

Blood Pressure Sundays

Blood Pressure Sundays are held twice monthly following our morning services and monthly following our evening service. September screenings after the morning services are on September 11 and 25 and after the 3rd service on September 18.

Toberman Neighborhood Center News

We have been informed that Toberman's Thrift Store is closed and is not accepting donations at this time. Please do not drop off items at church. Food items for the pantry are always welcome.

WELCOME BACK MARTHA CIRCLE

After a summer hiatus, Martha Circle will be up and running again on Monday, September 12, at 12:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. It will be such fun to see everyone again and **we welcome all women of the church who would enjoy the Christian fellowship we share.**

Please bring your brown bag lunch and we will have water available. There will be a brief business meeting to plan for our upcoming year so please bring all your great ideas and suggestions.

Following the brief meeting we are pleased that our guest speaker will be Kristin Sutrave, RHUMC's youth pastor. She will share about her work and ministry. If you were in church or viewed the August 21 service on YouTube you were able to see her and the youth in action at the Sierra Service Project at Smith River.

If you can attend, please RSVP to Marian Komori at marian.komori9@gmail.com or call Phyllis Goetz at 310-377-5405.

OCTOBER 22 CHURCH LUNCHEON

Plans are coming together for our Combined Circle Luncheon on Saturday, October 22, at 12:00 noon. We are hoping to have a great turnout with circle members as well as **all women in the church who are interested in learning about us or perhaps forming a new group that would better suit their needs.** It will be a potluck with lots of good food and camaraderie so please mark it on your calendar. In October another notice will be included in the Cornerstone with a place to RSVP. Hope to see you there!

Youth Ministries

Ignite Youth Ministry

"Medieval Times" Ignite Kick Off
Wednesday, 9/14 at 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Youth, in 6th-12th grade, are invited to join us for dinner and games to celebrate the resuming of our weekly youth gathering at RHUMC. Youth are encouraged to wear medieval themed outfits to this event.

September Ignite will meet on
Wednesdays at 6:30-8:00 p.m. with dinner provided
9/21/22 Bible Jeopardy
9/28/22 Among Us

Youth Opportunity to Serve

Help with Rally Sunday, 9/11
Youth are needed to help facilitate the rally day games with the children following the 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. worship services. Contact Debra DeLuca at debra@rhumc.org if you would like to help.

Save the Date: St. Luke's Homeless Meal

Saturday, October 8, 2022 8:00-12:00 p.m. youth will help serve a meal to those with housing or food insecurity. Please contact Kristin if you would like to help.

Youth Sunday School

We offer a youth Sunday school class on Sundays during the 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. worship services.

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

Rolling Hills United Methodist Preschool

Our RHUMPS family is looking forward to another fun-filled year with the children come September 8, 2022 through June 16, 2023.

Children's Ministry

There's a place for you here at
Rolling Hills United Methodist Church.

Join us as we learn and build a solid foundation with Jesus during Sunday School classes each week. Through our Bible stories, videos, crafts, music, and games, we will lead your children on a life-long journey of faith.

Our services are at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

PreK – Kindergarten (potty trained) with Ms. Debra in room #201
1st – 2nd grade with Ms. Natalie in room #205
3rd – 5th grade with Ms. Stevie in room #204
Our nursery is open for children 3 years of age and younger in room #110 with our wonderful caregiver Ms. Michelle.

We can't wait to see you in person! If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me at debra@rhumc.org.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Romans 15.4: For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

It's time to celebrate the tradition of presenting Bibles to our children who have completed 2nd grade and are now beginning 3rd grade as a gift from our congregation.

We would be happy to present a Bible to your child here at the church during one of our 3 worship services on Sunday, September 11th.

To ensure we include your child, please contact Debra DeLuca at the church office at (310) 377-6771 or at debra@rhumc.org.

Kid Zone After-School Program

KID ZONE AFTER-SCHOOL REGISTRATON 2022-2023

Stop by the Kid Zone office to pick up registration packets for this coming school year. For more information please call 310-377-7302 or email kidzone.midzone@gmail.com. Thank you!

wherever you go, NO MATTER THE WEATHER, ALWAYS BRING YOUR OWN sunshine

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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	Catherine Dingman
Youth Ministry Pastor	Kristin Sutrave	Church Office Admin.	Peggy Roulette
Kid Zone Director	Gabby Palacios	Lori Brunn	Admin. Asst.
Church Business Mgr.	Nicole Lowery Zakman	Custodian	Miguel Portillo
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 September 19
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