The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
26438 Crenshaw Blvd.
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274
310-377-6771

September 2024

COME TOGETHER FOR

I ♥ MY CHURCH

Sunday 09.8.24

Worship at 8:30 AM
10:00 AM & 5:30 PM

The choir is back, upcoming 3rd graders receive their Bibles, Sunday school returns upstairs to the classrooms, and everyone is invited to come celebrate our love of our church!

After 8:30 service:
Cinnamon Rolls & Socializing on Patio

After 10:00 service:
Lunch & Games For All Ages

After 3rd service:
Food & Fellowship in Wesley Hall

We continue to celebrate Jonathan's leadership as senior pastor during this time of rest and recovery from his Achilles tendon surgery. Everything is going well so far, and we expect to be seeing him back at church before the month is out.

April Herron

Dear Friends,

I ♥ my church.

I love my church because we include all ages, from infants to distinguished elders. I love how we encourage and support one another. I love our shawl ministry and our "guidance through grief" ministry and our caregiver support gatherings. I love our women's circles and our youth ministry. I love our commitment to children and families as manifested in our preschool, our after school and summer day camp programs under the KidZone umbrella, and our Sunday School and other special activities for youngsters and their parents and grandparents.

I love my church because I meet such interesting and faithful people here. I love how we encompass a wide variety of backgrounds and life experiences. I love that we value Bible study and excellent, uplifting music. I love our interest in spiritual growth and our focus on mission and service in the community. I love that so many of us enjoy reading, recommending, and discussing books. I love that we have deliberate strategies for getting to know each other better, such as the sharing of coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings, the fun of Taco Night once a month, the annual Supper Club series, and the year round Congregational Care Ministry.

I love my church because hospitality is so central to everything we do. I love the beauty and peacefulness of the campus. I love the trees and flowers and fountains. I love the meditation garden and the labyrinth. I love the fact the scouts and various other community groups and endeavors find a home here for their important events and gatherings. I love that we have a hospitality team dedicated to supporting memorial services and special accomplishments and milestones. I love sharing in baptisms. I love welcoming new friends by delivering gift loaves of bread baked by congregation members. I love that people who can't be here in person are able to join in worship online.

What do you ♥ about Rolling Hills United Methodist Church? Make a list, and then celebrate together on Sunday, September 8, by participating in one of our three worship services and, if possible, enjoying the food and fun that will follow.

♥

April

Missionaries We Support at RHUMC

Each November the RHUMC congregation comes together to financially support Methodist missionaries through Missions Fiesta Sunday collections. Over the next couple of months, we will feature these missionaries and organizations through the Cornerstone. Below are the first two:

Hannah Reasoner, Columbia

Hannah Reasoner, a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries, is helping expand access among impoverished communities through the Latin American Ecumenical Center for Inclusive Communication in Bogota, Columbia. She works with poor and marginalized people in Columbia to help them use their voices and advocate for their needs and hopes effectively.

The Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto, Japan

Reverand Genung -Yamamoto is a United Methodist pastor at Kobe Union Church in Japan. Her congregation is diverse, including members from Japan, the Philippines, Malaysia, China, Korea, Jamaica, Africa, Europe and the United States. She provides pastoral care, children's ministry, women's ministry and ministering to the unhoused. She partners with the Asian Rural Institute and other churches and local community groups to deliver these ministries.

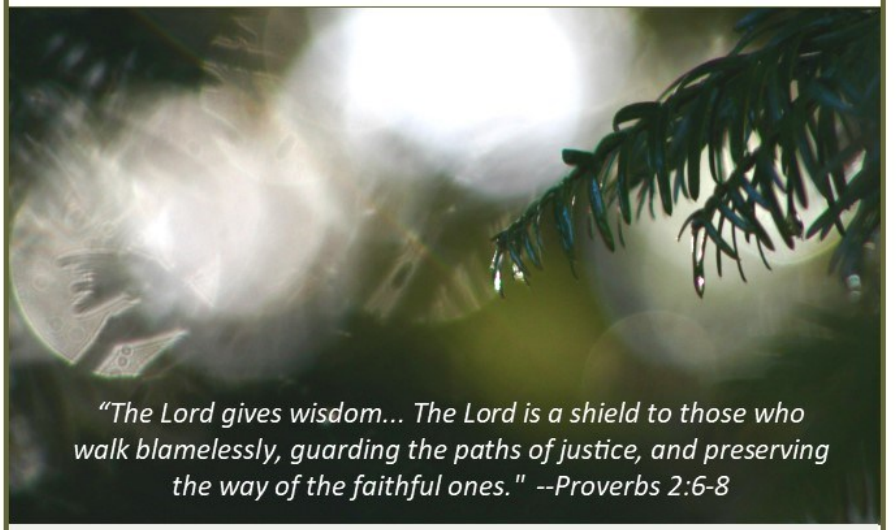
Upcoming Missions Committee Activities

Laundry Love on **Wednesday, September 25**. Donations of laundry detergent, granola bars and dryer sheets are always needed and welcome. To get involved in Laundry Love, contact Carla Smith - carla4health@gmail.com.

Missions Committee October Zoom meeting -Tuesday, October 1, 6:00 pm. For more information about the Missions Committee, contact Dan McClain - mcclaindf@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY OF PROVERBS

PATHWAYS TO WISDOM



FOUR TUESDAYS:
SEPTEMBER 10, 17, 24
and OCTOBER 1

CHOOSE:
10:30 AM - IN PERSON
7 PM - VIA ZOOM

According to the book of Proverbs, humans are capable of learning and growth. We can study and choose a healthy path or we can forsake the wisdom offered to us and wander into harmful places. This study will offer an overview of themes both personal and practical as presented by Proverbs.

April Herron will guide the class based on material from Dominick Hernández's, "Proverbs: Pathways to Wisdom." Books are available for $10 but NOT required. Please RSVP to 310 377 6771 or churchoffice@rhumc.org to communicate your intention to participate.

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

Dementia, Alzheimer's or Parkinson's

Wednesdays
September 11 & 25
10:00-11:00 a.m.
in the Aldersgate Room

Lauren Mahakian

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

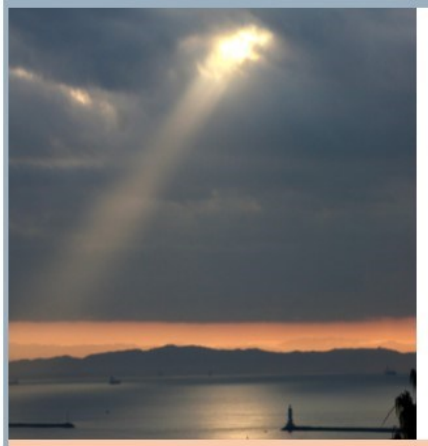
The discovery of memory loss can be daunting, yet in our experience, professional guidance and learning from others with similar experiences can be very helpful. Join PV News columnist, certified dementia practitioner, and founder/CEO of Family Connect Memory Care Lauren Mahakian at this community-based 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.

In Memoriam

Thea Bower	7/3/24
Joanne Austin	7/21/24
Dot McRell	8/15/24
Arline Korb	8/23/24
Dick Goetz	8/24/24

"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up with wings like eagles.
They shall run and not be weary.
They shall walk and not faint."
- Isaiah 40:31

NAVIGATING THROUGH LOSS



THURSDAYS

10:30 am to 12 noon

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12

Meeting for 8 sessions

Gathering at Rolling Hills

United Methodist Church

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

RHUMC is partnering with Taking Time South Bay to offer grief support to the community. The group is facilitated by a licensed professional with the help of trained and experienced volunteers. Participants benefit from education, support, opportunities for reflection, and a sense of connection with others. The group size is usually 7 to 10 people, plus the leaders. Advance registration is required.

Adults who have experienced the death of a loved one within the last couple of years are encouraged to contact Claire Towle, LCSW, at 310-686-6714 or ctowle@takingtime.org to learn more about how the group can be helpful. You may also contact the church office at 310-377-6771 or send an inquiry to april@rhumc.org. Your donation of $100 supports the availability of the program.

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A Look Ahead . . .

All Women's Church Luncheon

Summer is gone but our long-awaited All Women's Church Luncheon is just around the corner on **Saturday, October 5** at 11:30 in Wesley Hall. It will be a salad potluck so you know there will be plenty of delicious food and lots of fun for all. Kristin Sutrave will lead us with Grace and an inspirational message. Many of the established women's groups in the church will give a brief presentation of what they do with an invitation to join them if it seems like something you would enjoy. There will also be an opportunity to meet with others who might want to start a new group that would better suit their needs. In general, we hope the luncheon will:

- provide a time of fellowship for the women of our church to get to know each other better
- allow all women of our church to learn about the various groups and see if they would be interested in joining one
- facilitate the gathering of women together that might want to form a new group that would better fit their needs

So please put the date on your calendar! There will be no obligation to join any group (although we hope you do)! We promise great food, great fellowship, and a great time! See you there!

Barbara Addleman, Shirley Fehrman, Edith Utterberg & Marian Komori
Please RSVP Monday by 9/30/24 to Marian Komori and let her know what you plan to bring.
marian.komori9@gmail.com 310-541-8243 or 310-897-9985

RHUMC Thanksgiving Dinner

Our Thanksgiving Dinner is back and we hope you can join us on **Saturday, November 23**, at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are $45 per person and includes dinner and entertainment. Tickets go on sale starting November 3 after each worship service.

It takes many hands to prep for the event. If you would like to volunteer with cooking or decorating Wesley Hall, contact Doug Kemps at dhkemps@gmail.com or the church office at churchoffice@rhumc.org. It will be a night filled with good food, camaraderie and entertainment you will not want to miss!

Women's Retreat

January 24-26, 2025

Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside

Look for more information and how to sign up in the October 2024 Cornerstone.

FALL BOOK DISCUSSIONS

REMARKABLE JOURNEYS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
ORBITAL
by SAMANTHA HARVEY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28
SNOW HUNTERS
by PAUL YOON

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25
THE TRAVELING CAT CHRONICLES
by HIRO ARIKAWA

CHOOSE:
2 PM - CHOIR ROOM
7 PM - VIA ZOOM

All readers are welcome as we go places we could hardly have imagined. Discussions are facilitated by April Herron. Please communicate your intention to join the conversation by emailing april@rhumc.org.

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Volunteer Opportunity - Sunday Morning Usher

Our Sunday morning usher team would be grateful for volunteers to assist at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Ushers are assigned just one Sunday per month. This is a great way to meet others and offer a welcome to our worshipers. For more information, contact Mike McCoy at Mjmccoy8@aol.com or 310-375-5960 or contact the church office.

Club Maintenance

The next opportunity to participate in the Club Maintenance effort will be on **Saturday, September 14**, at 8:30 am. Dave Larson will be the coordinator for Club Maintenance activity in September. Please mark this date on your calendar and share in the ongoing work to keep our facilities in good repair.

Blood Pressure Sundays

Blood pressure screenings are offered on the last Sunday of every month after each service. The morning screenings will be held in the church office conference room and after 3rd service in the Aldersgate room.

Taco Night

Join us for Taco Night after 3rd service on **Sunday, September 29**. You'll have a choice of chicken 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.

Special Honors for Althea Waites

Althea Waites has been awarded a Music Teachers National Association 2025 Advocacy Award for Impact on the Music Teaching Profession! Her co-recipient is Wilfred Delphin. This award honors individuals who have significantly impacted the music teaching profession while advanced the values of diversity, equity, inclusion and access. Their lives and careers reflect their passionate commitment to artistic and musical excellence as well as their vital advocacy of all of the values inherent in the award.

CONGRATULATIONS ALTHEA!

Attention All Church Women - Martha Circle News

Fall is just around the corner and we want to invite all our members and all interested women to our first official meeting of the year. It will be at 12:00 noon on **Monday, September 9** in the Aldersgate Room. We are looking forward to having everyone present as we will be finalizing our plans for the upcoming year and want to be sure to have everyone's input.

Please bring a brown bag lunch and while we eat, we can catch up on what everyone has been doing this summer. After that we will firm up our plans for the coming year. Bring all your great ideas so we can put together an exciting and interesting calendar. We will also play a fun "Getting to Know You Better" game.

In addition, please put the All Women's Luncheon on your calendar for October 5 at 11:30. It was a great success last year and will take the place of our usual October meeting.

It will be fun to have our group back together and I know we are all looking forward to seeing each other. We welcome all interested church women so please come and find out what we are all about. Looking forward to seeing all of you on September 9!

Barbara Addleman - baddleman@cox.net – 310-541-6472

Sister Circle News - by Jean Kinney

In August, Jane Harris hosted an epic gathering of Sister Circle in her home and garden. From Leslie Stone's delightful aperitif, to the Shrader's amazing pizza, a beautiful array of appetizers and desserts were joyfully received by all of the 26 very lucky attendees.

As we have welcomed a record number of new members this year, this was the first Garden Party for several. Being one of our very favorite Sister Circle events, it was a chance for many long-time Circle members to spend a relaxed and beautiful evening with new and old friends. It was very special to have April Herron join us as Daniel Shrader made his second, and very welcomed appearance. We were also very pleased to welcome a former member of RHUMC, Dianne Loomis, who joined us for the evening from South Carolina. Hopefully, by next August, our number will have grown to include many others from our congregation interested in becoming a part of a very vibrant group.

In our July meeting, Carlos Reyna, a representative of the Toberman Community Center spoke to us about the many services provided by that organization. This included how they help supplement the food needs of many in the area they serve. In response, Sister Circle added a "mini food drive" to the August Garden Party event filling Patty Koester's car trunk with many of the requested staples to be delivered to the Toberman Food Pantry.

It will truly be hard to duplicate this year's very special Sister Circle Event. We all recognize how blessed we are at RHUMC to be together and share friendship and fellowship in such a meaningful way. It was true joy, from the beautiful opening prayer sent by Merrietta Fong and read by our hostess, to Jackie Showalter's prayer in response to our joys and concerns. As has long been our custom, we ended the meeting by holding hands to form our symbolic circle and repeating our Lord's Prayer.

In September, Sister Circle will be meeting back in Aldersgate on **Thursday, September 12**, at 12:30 p.m. We are always delighted to have others join us. Then, we are anticipating a very special program, assisted by Kristin Sutrave, our youth pastor. Kristin will be telling us about our own labyrinth - what it is, how it was conceived and eventually built by the youth group of our church. Under the guidance of Gene Koester, they created a lasting and very positive addition to the RHUMC Campus during the Covid era, a very difficult time for us all.

Since then, we have lost Gene, but a bench has been placed in the area of the labyrinth as a memorial to him and one of the many, many contributions he made to our Church and Congregation.

In Memory of Gene Koester

Greetings from the preschool, we are wrapping up our Summer Camp fun and looking forward to starting the school year come September 5th.

The summer is coming to an end, the days are already getting shorter as we gear up for an exciting year ahead. We welcome both new families and returning families and we'll be preparing the yards and classrooms to sparkle when we open those doors after Labor Day!

KID ZONE NEWS

Kid Zone is an after-school program for grades TK-8th grade that offers a safe and healthy place for children to grow and play, allowing us to be part of your village and assist with any of the following:

- Pick-Up from most Palos Verdes and Torrance schools, public and private
- Assistance with homework
- Provide a snack
- Social and emotional growth
- Safe, comfortable environment to make friends and build confidence
- Organized games and sports
- Art, crafts and cooking

For more information, contact Gabby Palacios at Kidzone.midzone@rhumc.org 310-377-7302 or 323-610-2253

IMPORTANT DATES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND
KID ZONE CLOSED - LABOR DAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
KIDZONE AFTER HOURS
5PM - 9PM *FREE TO MEMBERS
NON MEMBERS $75
PIZZA & PAJAMAS
PAJAMA PARTY

October 3rd PV STUDENT FREE DAY
Kid Zone 9am - 6pm Free to members

October 11th & 14th Torrance
STUDENT FREE DAY
Kid Zone 9am - 6pm Free to members

Youth Ministries

Ignite youth Ministry

"Ignite: The Music" Kick Off
Wednesday, 9/4 @ 6:30-8:00pm
Youth, in 6th-12th grade, are invited to join us for dinner and karaoke as we resume our weekly youth gathering at RHUMC. Youth are encouraged to wear their favorite band t-shirt or karaoke outfit to this event.

Ignite meets on Wednesdays at 6:30-8:00pm (Dinner is served)
9/11 Bible Trivia
9/18 Cake Decorating
9/25 JeSUS: Bible themed Among Us

Youth Opportunities to Serve

Help with Rally: Sunday, 9/8 Youth are needed to help facilitate "I love my church" Sunday Bingo and games following the 10:00am worship service. Contact Debra DeLuca at debra@rhumc.org if you would like to help.
St. Luke's Homeless Meal: Saturday, 9/14 8:30-12:00pm Youth will help serve a meal to those with housing or food insecurity. Following the service project youth are invited to go out for lunch and fellowship. Please contact Kristin if you would like to participate.

Youth Sunday School

We offer a youth Sunday school class on Sundays during the 10:00am and 5:30pm worship services. The last Sunday of the month youth are encouraged to attend Taco Night and sit at the youth table!

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

Children's Ministry

Summer is over, children have returned to school, and we are excited to welcome everyone back on campus here at Rolling Hills United Methodist Church.

Sunday school is a time for our children to learn with their friends about God and His Word through stories, skits, music, crafts and games. The children are grouped by age/grade level determined by their age as of September 1st and we hope your child will join us!

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
Younger children are warmly welcomed in our nursery in room #110 with Ms. Michelle and Ms. Clara.

Services are at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. Nursery care is provided at our first two services.

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 three worship services on **Sunday, September 8th**.

To ensure we include your child, please contact Debra DeLuca at the church office at 310-377-6771 or at debra@rhumc.org by Tuesday, September 3rd.

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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
Youth Ministry Pastor	Kristin Sutrave	Senior Pastor Emeritus	Martha Rowlett
Music Director	Chuck Dickerson	Organist/Pianist	Althea Waites
3rd Service Music	Paula Kuno	Children's Ministry Dir.	Debra DeLuca
Preschool Director	Myra Ghabrial	Kid Zone Director	Gabby Palacios
Church Office Admin.	Peggy Roulette	Executive Assistant	Catherine Dingman
Treasurer	Wade Welch	& Finance Manager	
		Custodian	Miguel Portillo

Church Office Phone	310-377-6771	Resident Bishop	Dottie Escobedo-Frank
Fax Line	310-544-4123	District Superintendent	Rev. Dr. Siosaia Tu'itahi
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 27
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