The Cornerstone

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
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Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274
310-377-6771

May 2025

Join us **Sunday, May 11,**
as we celebrate all the
influential women in our life.

Muffins, juice, and coffee on the patio
after the 8:30 am and 10:00 am service.

Muffins in the Aldersgate after the 5:30 pm service.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for a wonderful Holy Week and Easter this past month. Together we moved from the joy and expectation of Palm Sunday to the passion and drama of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and then to the celebration of new life and hope in Christ's resurrection from the dead. So many persons worked to make our Holy Week services a success, setting up the sanctuary, rehearsing in the choir room, ringing handbells, climbing ladders, placing flowers, hiding Easter Eggs, doing crafts, riding our Genie lift, providing nourishment, and (mostly!) encouraging each other. Thank you.

Since our return from India I've had a number of people ask when I was going to do a presentation on our trip, as well as my family's history there. I still haven't had a chance to look at all of our photos(!), but I have decided to put something together for Tuesday, May 20, at lunchtime. We will meet either in Aldersgate or the Choir Room depending on interest. I would like to share some of what we learned about the religious and political history of India even before we went, a bit about my grandparents' and great-grandparents' work there, as well as about our two weeks in the country.

I read somewhere that India is so vast and diverse that anything you might say about it is true. After a two-week guided tour I wouldn't pretend to know more than a tiny sliver of this amazing and overwhelming place. But I hope I have learned enough to realize how little I actually know. So that's a start!

If you would like to attend please let the church office know, so that we can plan accordingly. Bring a brown-bag lunch. We'll provide the drinks. And thank you for showing such interest in our adventure. I'll hope to see some of you there!

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

April Herron

Dear Friends:

This year's observances of Passover and Easter revealed again that many people are drawn to life and hope. I was encouraged to hear about the energetic planning and preparation of Seder meals by friends who annually rehearse the Biblical stories of liberation, just as I was delighted by the great gathering of eggs, the abundant display of flowers, and the joyful singing of beloved musical compositions that characterized our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. The fact that these two holidays coincided this year (as they often do) awakened in me a feeling of spiritual kinship that seemed even more precious than usual.

The hope of Easter is that "we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:5). The hope of Passover is for freedom from oppression to be enacted in the present and future as it was in the past. A wide variety of situations bring forth the human longing for such renewal and relief. Being in the hospital with debilitating and mysterious symptoms; being under severe pressure at work, or being desperate to find paid employment; being overwhelmed by the needs of a family member for specialized and time-consuming care; feeling under assault from hostile forces; being shocked and disoriented by rapid changes in how governments, businesses, and public institutions are functioning - all these circumstances, and others like them, can make us yearn for hopeful developments. When we discover that others share our longings for health and wholeness, grace and peace, it can be encouraging.

Worship and shared meals in which scriptures are read, stories are recited, and meanings are considered, can help to awaken and strengthen human hope. In these contexts questions may be entertained, friendships may be deepened, flagging spirits may be bolstered. "Togetherness" is not the solution to every difficulty, but being with others at significant moments is a valuable habit. I am grateful for the wonderful sense of community we experience at RHUMC!

Together with you in faith, hope, and love,

April

Missions Committee

Hungry to Help Drive for Homeless Throughout May

Throughout May the Missions Committee and Youth Ministry will be collecting hygiene items and food for our partner Hungry to Help. Hungry to Help serves homeless and low-income people in San Pedro, providing health care screening and meals on a regular basis.

To support these volunteers, who are mostly medical students, serve the community, we can provide some of the physical needs for their clients through our May drive. Our Youth Ministry and Missions Committee members will gather the hygiene items into individual kits and deliver them to Hungry to Help.

Items needed:

Hygiene – washcloths, towels, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, wipes, socks/underwear, razors, and feminine hygiene products.

Food – supplies for their food pantry such as canned tuna, canned chicken, canned vegetables, beans, chili, etc.

Items will be collected in the Narthex every Sunday in May. Financial donations are also welcome. You can write a check to RHUMC, with Hungry to Help in the memo line.

We have a tradition of generosity with this annual drive, and we look forward to your participation. If you have any questions, contact Debra Shrader at teach2play@gmail.com.

laundry love.

Laundry Love continues to collect laundry detergent and dryer sheets for use with homeless clients each month. You can leave them in the Laundry Love cart in the Narthex before or after each Sunday service. If you have any questions about Laundry Love, contact Carla Smith at carla4health@gmail.com.

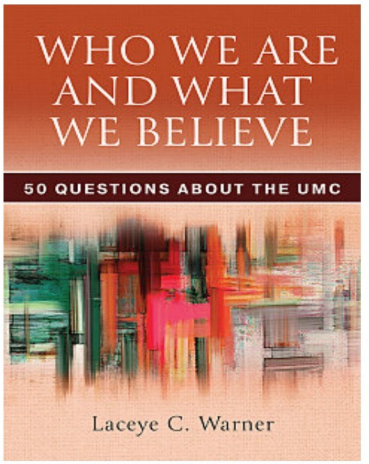
In Memoriam

Debi Fournier	3/4/25
Richard Odgers	3/21/25
Ann Ellerman	4/3/25
Mary Ann McCurry	4/22/25

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end; They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness."

- Lamentations 3

BIBLE STUDY



A Quick Study About Being United Methodist

Fifty questions are posed and answered in this small book. Each answer fits more or less onto one page. Thus, the book provides a good review for those who are longtime members and a good introduction to those who are new to the United Methodist Church. Class sessions will last one hour. The book is available for $10 in the church office. Please email churchoffice@rhumc.org to indicate your plans to participate. The class is facilitated by April Herron.

ON MONDAYS

MAY 5: WHO WE ARE

MAY 12: WHAT WE BELIEVE

MAY 19: WHAT WE DO

CHOOSE:

10:30 am in person
in the Aldersgate Room
or
7:00 pm on Zoom

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Martha Circle

Join Martha Circle on **Monday, May 12th** for a ROAD TRIP TO THE ARCTIC CIRCLE!

Latitude 66°33”

The Arctic Circle is both a physical and symbolic milestone - marking entry where the sun doesn’t set in summer and barely rises in winter. Along the Dalton Highway in Alaska the road stretches through endless forests, winding rivers, and vast tundra that seem untouched by time. At night, the stars emerge in clusters, and the ethereal dance of the Northern Lights floods the sky with shifting curtains of green, pink, and violet - a spectacle that leaves you breathless.

Bring a brown paper lunch at 12:00 noon for social time before our 12:30 pm video program presentation by Nina Nash.

Questions – Contact Barbara Addleman at baddleman@cox.net, 310-541-6472 (Land line) or 310-940-5002 (cell).

Student Piano Recital

You are invited to attend a Piano Recital on **Saturday, May 3**, at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary. Students of Beth Howell, ages 6 to 16, will be playing classical and popular music for the enjoyment of all attending. Please join us! For more information, contact Beth at bethadamshowell@gmail.com.

Sister Circle - All Are Welcome

Thank you everyone who joined us in April for our program on signs of dementia in ourselves and others. It was very informative and pretty thought provoking. Few of us have not been affected by one form of dementia or another so the information and resources shared in this presentation were very beneficial.

In May, Carla Smith has arranged for another guest speaker for Sister Circle. On **Thursday, May 8**, Keith Kamholz, the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for the Via Rivera area will present a program on “Emergency Preparedness.” Sister Circle meets in the Aldersgate room on the second Thursday of each month at 12:30 pm. As always, we invite and welcome anyone interested in our programs or in becoming a regular member of our group. For more information, contact Jean Kinney at jean.e.kinney@earthlink.net or 310/961-0723.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Sierra Service Project Fundraiser

$35.00 PER ARRANGEMENT

PRE-ORDER

The youth are pre-selling Mother's Day flowers **April 27 and May 4** on the church patio.

SUBMIT FORM & PAYMENT

- Give to youth volunteers on the church patio
- Place in the offering plate
- Bring to the church office

Credit card payments can be made on the church website, please designate as "Mother's Day Flowers."

Name: _____

Number of Arrangements: _____

Amount Paid: _____

Form of Payment:

- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Check # _____
- ☐ Credit Card through website

Please pick up the arrangements on Mother's Day, May 11, following the 8:30am, 10:00am, and 5:30pm worship services.

Thank you for your support.

RHUMC Music Committee presents Abigail Whitman

***Save the Date*: Friday, June 13, at 7:30 pm**

A night of my favorite repertoire from opera, musical theater, and song.

Potluck Gathering for Widows by Jan Johnson

An informal gathering and potluck for widows is being hosted by Jan Johnson. It will be on **Friday, May 16**, 5:00 pm, at Jan's house - 24 Santa Catalina Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes.

Please bring a photo of your spouse and be prepared to share a special memory. Please RSVP to Jan with your potluck dish at janaleejoh@aol.com or call/text 310 989-1559.

After Work Women's Dinner Group by Marilyn Schafer

RHUMC's women's dinner group meets at 6:oo pm monthly, 3rd Thursday of the month, at a different restaurant each month and we would love for you to join us. We aren't old, we aren't young, dare I define us as middle-aged? Typically, our kids are independent, but some don't have kids at all. We are simply gathering for fellowship. If you are interested, email Marilyn at Marilyn.schafer@gmail.com for more information.

Blood Pressure Sunday - *Change of Date*

Blood pressure screenings will next be offered on **Sunday, June 1**, 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 - *Change of Date*

Our next gathering for Taco Night will be after 3rd service on **Sunday, June 1**, and we hope you can join us**.** You'll have a choice of chicken, beef, pork or potato 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 pm.

In honor of Mother's Day,
we'd love for you to join us for a
Family
Movie Night
Friday, May 9th
at 7:00pm
in Wesley Hall
at RHUMC
popcorn, water, and juice will be provided
Please RSVP to Debra DeLuca at debra@rhumc.org

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

Dementia, Alzheimer's or Parkinson's

Wednesday
May 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.

RHUMC Hearing Aid News

Our church has new live stream technology to assist members who wear hearing aids. You'll need to have your hearing aid app set up on your cell phone and your hearing aids paired to the church sound system. We're grateful for Ian Gerszewski, audiologist from South Bay Hearing, who has assisted parishioners with this process.

We've heard from several of those who have had their hearing aids paired with the new sanctuary hearing assistance system that they've never heard the service better than they do today. Richard Terasaki, Gretchen Lewis and Kelly Graves are among those who've expressed appreciation for the improvement. Richard had not been able to enjoy worshiping in person for the past several years because of his hearing loss. On Sunday he came to thank Dr. Ian Gerzewski, the audiologist who has been helping us make this wonderful advance. He felt that the service was coming right to him, loud and clear, and was overjoyed.

If you missed your assigned hearing aid group meeting during March and April, please plan to attend the **make-up session on Sunday, May 18, at 11:00 am**. Ian will pair your hearing aids and show you how to use the new system.

Second Sundays at Two

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

~ presents ~

Acclaimed Canadian Pianists
from the USC Thornton School of Music

Duo Pianists
BERNADENE BLAHA & KEVIN FITZ-GERALD

Canadian pianists **Bernadene Blaha** and **Kevin Fitz-Gerald** are internationally recognized as gifted recitalists, orchestra soloists, and chamber musicians, appearing in leading concert series on world-renowned stages. Collaboration in the four-hand and two-piano repertoire arose from an invitation to tour classical music for the Royal Viking Cruise line shortly after marriage in 1987. Both now serve on the faculty of the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music.

If this is your first time attending a *Second Sundays at Two* concert, please email **ClassicalCrossroads@ClassicalCrossroads.org** to request a reservation for yourself and your guests. The concert will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person. Watch at concert time at **https://vimeo.com/event/4030680**.

Club Maintenance - by Dave Larson

The next opportunity to participate in the Club Maintenance event is scheduled for **Saturday, May 10**, at 8:30 am. Thanks to all who helped out on Saturday, April 19 with erection of the Easter Cross and a variety of other tasks. Please mark the next date on your calendar and share in the ongoing work to keep our facilities in good repair. Remember that a tasty lunch will be provided. Email Dave at daveelarson@gmail.com of your plans to attend so you may receive updates on the task list and the schedule.

Children's Ministry

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Come be a volunteer at our Vacation Bible Camp
August 4th – August 8th, 2025

VBC, takes place in churches around the world each year and it impacts lives.
But…it can't happen without volunteers like you and me.

Contact Debra at debra@rhumc.org
or (310) 377-6771 so she can meet with you to find out
your talents and how they can be used at Vacation Bible Camp
to bring joy to the children we serve!

Vacation Bible Camp

It may feel like summer is months away, but we all know that it will be here before we know it!

That's why it's never too early to…**Save the date!**
August 4th – August 8th, 2025

April 7th – Priority registration opens for RHUMC, Kid Zone and RHUMPS families.

April 14th – Full registration opens for all campers.

debra@rhumc.org

Thanks to all who donated candy, toys and eggs that made our **Easter Egg Hunt** a success!
With your generosity our youth volunteers were able to hide 1,465 eggs for over 70 children to find!

Rolling Hills United Methodist Preschool Fundraiser

Wednesday, May 14 - Available from 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

California Pizza Kitchen
Rolling Hills
25306 Crenshaw Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90505
310-539-5410

20% of the proceeds will be donated to RHUMPS.

Indicate RHUMPS when ordering so credit will be given.

Online Orders:
cpk.com

Youth Ministries

Ignite Mid-Week Youth Ministry

Wednesdays at 6:30-8:00 pm
Join us for dinner, fellowship, & faith exploration.

May 7 - The Art of Origami
May 14 - Pajama Night
May 21 - Graduation Celebration (This is the last Ignite of the school year. Ignite will resume in the fall.)

Graduation Celebration

Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 pm is our end of the year gathering. We will be celebrating students who are being promoted into 6th grade and 9th grade, and those who are graduating high school. The whole family is invited to attend! Families are invited to bring a dessert to share.

If you would like to be included in the slideshow, please send Kristin a photo and the name of the school you will be attending. Please RSVP, dinner will be served.

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 18 we will be celebrating this year's confirmation class. Join us at the 10:00 am and 5:30 pm worship services as six of our youth officially join Rolling Hills UMC.

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

Kid Zone Camp

SUMMER CAMP: JUNE 9 to AUGUST 8

Available for children in grades TK - 8th grade
Contact Gabby Palacios for more information at
Kidzone.midzone@rhumc.org
310-377-7302 or 323-610-2253

Children's Ministries

We would love to have your children join us for Sunday School.
Our services are at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Children will remain with their family in the sanctuary through the children's message. After the children's message, they will be dismissed with our Sunday School teachers and head upstairs for learning and fun.

Your children will learn about Jesus through stories, skits, videos, crafts, and music. Building a solid foundation with Jesus on a life-long journey of faith.

PreK – Kindergarten (potty trained) in room #201 with Ms. Debra
1st - 2nd grade in room #205 with Ms. Natalie
3rd - 5th grade in room #204 with Ms. Stevie
Our nursery is open for infants and toddlers up to 3 years of age in room #110 with Ms. Michelle and Ms. Clara at our 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services

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

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SAVE OUR PLANET!

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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 May 23
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