
THE CORNERSTONE

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church

26438 Crenshaw Blvd.

Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

October 28, 2009

Prima Divas!

Friday, November 6th at 7:30 p.m.



CHERYL GRAUE piano

GAIL MELLERT violin

SARAH RAMSEY-DUKE vocals

JAN BUNKER piano/vocals

The **Prima Divas**, an all female Broadway/Classical quartet based in the South Bay, are selling out the box office with an energetic and tightly-woven live show, full of humor, expert musicianship, and show-stopping song choices, blending Broadway, Classical, and Cabaret with gorgeous piano and glittering violin. *Donation: \$20 / \$10 children 12 and under*

from the pastor

The month of November is thanksgiving from beginning to end. We begin with giving thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us, the communion of the saints. In the early years of the Christian movement the term “saints” referred to all other members of the church family. Later on it came to mean people who had lived out their faith in especially generous or courageous ways, including those who had been martyred for the cause of Christ.

In recent years that earlier idea has been reclaimed somewhat throughout the Church. When we give thanks for “All Saints,” we mean everyone who has encouraged us and others by the example of their lives. We remember a grandparent, a Sunday School teacher, a youth group leader, a pastor, a member of the choir, an usher, and we know that our faith is richer and deeper as a result of their generosity and compassion with us. This year, as we do every year, we will give thanks for them, knowing that they are watching over and encouraging us still.

In November we give thanks for the sacrifice and hope of those who have served our nation in the armed forces. Whether in time of war or peace, we know that they chose to put their lives on the line in the service of our nation. We are especially mindful of church members who are serving abroad even now. Doug White, who joined our congregation in September, is currently with the Air Force in Afghanistan. Emily Gately is serving there with the U.S. Marines. And Roger Hollenbeck is currently with the Marines in East Timor, with a U.S. Navy task force on their way to the Middle East. We give thanks for the many members of the church family who have served over the years and are grateful for their dedication.



Of course the celebration of Thanksgiving Day itself is an occasion of great joy. With our annual Thanksgiving Dinner coming up on Saturday evening, November 21, we can stretch out our observance even longer than just the one weekend! We invite you to share in a feast which gives us at least a taste of the banquet God is preparing for us in the heavenly kingdom. And the program for the night will be a feast for the ear as well, with an award winning gospel choir filling the sanctuary with their voices.

November begins with thanksgiving, and ends with thanksgiving. As we come near to the end of the year, we know that we have much to be thankful for. We give thanks for this church family... for the people we know and love... for the people we serve... for worship and praise... for the chance to make a difference... for those who have touched and blessed our lives... for those we have yet to know... With you, this November, I give thanks for the grace of God that stirs in our hearts, and leads us in joy and hope.

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

Children's Ministries

Holiday Sunday School Events!

The Fall/Winter Holiday season is upon us. Here are the following special events that are planned for Sunday School in November:



November 1st- In the first of several Sundays leading up to Heifer Sunday, children will help make papier-mache piñatas.

November 8th- Children are invited to bring stuffed animals (new or very gently loved) to Sunday School to fill an "Ark". We will then donate the stuffed animals to Toberman Settlement House.

November 15th- This is Heifer Sunday and the children are invited to participate in the "Animal Parade". Bring your kids to the Aldersgate Room (to the right of the Narthex) before the service. We will have an activity for the kids to do until it is time to go to the Sanctuary for the parade. At that time, the children will be given an animal mask to wear and parade to the front of the Sanctuary during the Mission Chair's announcement to the congregation. After the service, the children will have the opportunity to break open the piñatas they made earlier.

November 29th- It is Trek to the Tree! The kids will also be making special Thanksgiving crafts.

Christmas Eve Service Preparation!

Yes, I know the costumes are not even put away from Trick or Treating, but it is already time to start some preparations for Christmas!

In anticipation of the Children's Christmas Eve service, we will begin practicing for the chime performance each Sunday at 10:45 am in Wesley Hall. If your child is in Sunday School at that time, they will automatically be included in the practice time. If you prefer to attend either the 8:30 am or 5:30 pm service instead, just bring your child(ren) to Wesley at 10:45 am for practice only. Practice will last approximately 30 minutes.

Even if your child may not be here for the Christmas Eve service, they are welcome to attend chime practice simply for the joy of the experience.

Lisa Lehman,
Director of Children's Ministries

Teens and Preteens

Do you have some wonderful books at home that you would be willing to donate to Toberman kids who are in 5th grade through high school? I have been looking for books at library used book sales to fill their requests, but many are hard to find. Some of the requests are: Magyk by Sage, Harry Potter (the later volumes), Twilight and New Moon, A Series of Unfortunate Events (# 8 and up), Diary of a Wimpy Kid (especially “Dog Days”), Small Steps by Sachar, The Diary of Anne Frank. If you have these books or other wonderful books and are willing to pass on the joy, please contact me!

Jackie Showalter
310-544-8510 or jjshow@dslextreme.com



Basketball Update

If you would like to be sent reminders/updates regarding our schedule via email, please forward your email address to John Kwan at john@rhumc.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our basketball schedule for November is:

Mon., Nov. 2 , 6-8 pm	Thurs., Nov. 5 6-8 pm	Sat., Nov. 7, 2-4 pm
Mon., Nov. 9, 6-8 pm	Thurs., Nov. 12, 6-8 pm	Sat., Nov. 14, 2-4 pm
Mon., Nov. 16, 6-8 pm	Thurs., Nov. 19, 6-8 pm	Sat., CANCELLED*
Mon., Nov. 23, 6-8 pm	Thurs., THANKSGIVING	Sat., Nov 28, 2-4 pm
Mon., Nov. 30, 6-8 pm		

*Rescheduled for Sunday, November 22, 1-3 p.m.

November Food Drive for St. Paul Pantry and Friends without Barriers

by Jo Hunt



As many of you know, RHUMC delivers dinner once a month and a hot meal every other month to the St. Paul's Pantry, which is frequented by families affected by HIV. The program is known as “Friends without Barriers.” It is led by Alma Martinez, whose own family has had its share of experiences with the HIV virus.

Over the last two years funding for the program has shrunk significantly leaving the pantry shelves seriously under-stocked. To show our support for the program, we would like to ask RHUMC families to make food contributions based on the grocery list we will be putting in the November Sunday Bulletins as well as in this article. With the economy in its current condition, more and more families are showing up to the food bank for groceries and a hot meal.

Please help us out by buying food noted on the grocery list and drop it off at the church office. We will be making several deliveries throughout the month.

Thank you so much for your generosity. God bless you.

Canned Fruit

Fruit cocktail, pear halves, pineapples, applesauce, peaches, juices.

General Products

Baby wipes, bath soap, bleach, beans, (dry), beef stew, cereal, chili with beans, cleanser, coffee (instant decaf and regular), ground regular and decaf coffee, cooking oil, sweet corn, corned beef hash, crackers, dental floss, men and women's deodorant, dish soap, dried apricots, green beans, jams/preserves, ketchup, Kleenex, laundry soap, macaroni & cheese, mayonnaise, mustard, pancake mix, pancake syrup, peanut butter (creamy & crunch), peas, pork & beans, raisins, beef ravioli, razors, rice, shampoo, shaving cream, sodas, soups, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, sugar, sweetener, tea bags, toilet tissue, tomatoes, toothbrushes, tooth paste, tuna, water, mixed vegetables, oatmeal, pinto beans.

Family Ministries will be holding the ever popular Parents Days Out on December 5 and 6, from noon to 5 PM. This annual event gives parents the opportunity for five hours of time during the busy holiday season to shop, rest, mail cards or just enjoy a break while your children are well cared for here at the church, all for just \$10 per family. Parents may sign up for the day of their choice, and depending on space available, may also be allowed to sign up for a second day as well. In order to register for this event, you need to be on the email list for Parents Night Out. If you are not yet on this list, email your request to familyministries@rhumc.org or call Diane at 310-377-6771 x 105.

And Don't Forget the Thanksgiving Dinner!

Doug Kemps and crew will start selling tickets on the patio this Sunday, November 1 for the annual Thanksgiving dinner. Complete details were featured in last month's Cornerstone, but the short version is:

- Delicious dinner, dessert, entertainment – all for \$25 per adult and \$10 for children 10 and under.
- After dinner performance by the Jubilant Voices of Holman UMC, winners of the 2003 Gospelfest at Shrine Auditorium.
- Child care available upon request in advance.

Please call the church office, 310-377-6771, for information/reservations.



Veteran's Day

Kid Zone and Mid Zone will be open all day Wednesday, November 11 (7:30 – 6). All kids are welcome to join us on this day. There will be a rock climbing wall, and lots of Veteran's Day activities. To register, please call the Kid Zone office, 310-377-7302.

Christmas Around the World Camp

Wondering how you are going to get all your last minute Christmas shopping done? The answer is easy...just sign up for Kid Zone or Mid Zone Camps. We will be open December 21, 22 & 23 (7:30 – 6). To register for camp call the office at 310-377-7302

RHUMC to offer Free MEMORY SCREENINGS

National Event Stresses the Importance of Proper Detection and Treatment

Free confidential memory screenings will be available on November 17 as part of National Memory Screening Day, an annual initiative of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) designed to improve overall health maintenance and promote proper detection of memory problems. AFA encourages adults, including those with memory concerns, a family history of Alzheimer's disease or a desire to establish a baseline score, to take advantage of the screenings and to pick up educational materials about memory concerns, successful aging and caregiving.

The face-to-face screening takes only about five to ten minutes and consists of a series of questions and tasks. It is administered by a qualified healthcare professional, such as a physician, nurse, psychologist or social worker. The results do not represent a diagnosis, and AFA advises those individuals who score poorly or who have normal scores but are still concerned to follow up with their physician or another qualified healthcare professional.

Now in its seventh year, AFA's National Memory Screening Day coincides with National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, which takes place during November. Sites across the country will be participating in the event. On Tuesday November 17, RHUMC will hold memory screenings; from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Sign-ups for appointments will be done on the patio between services. Also you may contact Marian Komori at 310 377-6771, ext 116 or by e-mail, marian@rhumc.org

Eric J. Hall, AFA's president and CEO, said National Memory Screening Day is an important vehicle "to open up a dialogue about memory concerns. Too many people keep quiet about their memory problems due to stigma, denial, an unwillingness to start a discussion or other factors. The better approach is to step forward, speak up, address the issue. Being proactive can lead to answers--and help," Hall said.

A subsequent medical exam may reveal that the person has a reversible condition such as a vitamin deficiency or thyroid problem, or an irreversible disorder like Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia. Warning signs of dementia include forgetting people's names and events, asking repetitive questions, loss of verbal or written skills and confusion over daily routines.

For more information about National Memory Screening Day, visit www.nationalmemoryscreening.org or call 866-AFA-8484.

Second Sundays @ 2 to Feature Althea Waites November 8 Free Concert

Pianist **Althea Waites** has been acclaimed as a brilliant soloist, chamber musician, and collaborative artist. In addition to performing on many of the world's prestigious concert stages, she has also appeared in recital at major festivals such as Aspen, Tanglewood, the Yale Summer Festival, and the Idyllwild Arts Festival. In 2008, Althea was the featured artist performing Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue in the Walt Disney Concert Hall with the Southeast Symphony on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration Concert. She is a graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana and the Yale University School of Music. In addition to maintaining her concert schedule, Althea is currently on the keyboard faculty at California State University, Long Beach and is in demand for residencies and masterclasses at colleges and arts institutions throughout the country. And we are fortunate enough to hear her every Sunday!



Violinist **Chan Ho Yun** currently serves on the faculty of the California State University, Long Beach and The Colburn School of Performing Arts. He has been awarded the DSCM, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, MM, Southern Methodist University, and DMA, University of Southern California. His violin studies have been with Harry Curby, Alice Schoenfeld, Eduard Schmieder, and Abram Shtern.

PROGRAM

W.A. Mozart: Violin Sonata in B-flat Major, K454
Richard Strauss: Violin Sonata in E-flat Major, Opus

Mooooooooo, Quack, Baaaaa, What's That You Say?

Heifer Plus Sunday is Right Around the Corner!

On Sunday Nov. 15, RHUMC's Wesley Hall will once again be transformed into an outdoor market decorated with pictures of ducks, goats, chickens, bunnies and other livestock in celebration of Heifer Plus Sunday. Heifer Plus Sunday is the day we all gather together to think about underprivileged people in third world countries and our missionaries spreading God's word in the field. We also think about those who don't have a home, but can be helped by a program like Habitat for Humanity.

Heifer Plus Sunday is all about people in need. Heifer International offers hungry families around the world a way to feed themselves and become self-reliant through the contribution of funds, which actually help to purchase livestock and in-field training. Gifts are passed from recipient to recipient until entire communities are transformed. In 2008, Heifer had 869 active projects in 53 countries/provinces and 27 U.S. States.

In addition to supporting Heifer, you may also choose to support our four missionary families in the field who work to spread God's love throughout the world. Our missionary families include Christian journalist, Paul Jeffreys; Chris Klimecko from the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky; Eunice Arias and Luis Aramayo, who are serving in Venezuela; and Yelena Chudinova, who is a Methodist minister in Siberia. As you might imagine, money is scarce in the mission field.

Finally, you can also choose to support the very worthwhile efforts of Habitat for Humanity, which annually builds and provides low-cost housing for those in need right here in the United States, even locally! Many of you are very familiar with this cause, as you have personally helped build Habitat homes in the Greater Los Angeles area.

It's up to you who to support. They are all such worthwhile causes. Supporting any of these groups is also a good way to purchase a Christmas gift for those hard to buy for relatives who just might like it if you gave their gift to someone in "real" need.

Please join us Sunday, Nov. 15 for a boatload of fun and special activities designed to raise funds for Heifer International, our RHUMC missionaries and Habitat for Humanity. Look for more announcements and strange occurrences at Sunday services as we prepare for this great event!

Directory Updates

2009 Church Directories are available in the Narthex and church office. Please take a moment to add the following information to your copy. If you have changes to your entry, please update Amy at Amy@rhumc.org.

Change of Address

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Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274
310-544-1571

New Members

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Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275
310-684-5640



Club Maintenance



An energetic Club Maintenance group cleaned the roofs and rain gutters of all Pre-School buildings, painted additional door frames in the Sanctuary, sprayed for ants and power washed stained portions of the patio. The hard working participants included Jim Watkins, Jim Showalter, Oren Sheldon, Dave Larson and Bill Bails. The next Club Maintenance work party will start at 8:30 am on Saturday, November 14. Please join in and help us to get our facilities ready for all the Christmas activities.

Give a Greater Gift . . .

The UMW Presents Annual SERRV Mission Sale

Choose a beautiful hand-made or hand-grown gift for a loved one and give the gift of opportunity to the artisans and farmers who produce them as well. UMW presents our annual SERRV Mission Sale. For over 60 years the non-profit SERRV has worked to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide. Peruse their lovely Fall/Holiday catalog and place your order soon! There are several ways you can participate:

1. Visit our UMW SERRV table between services one Sunday in October and look through a catalog to place your order.
2. Borrow a catalog from the Church office and make your order.
3. Pick up a UMW order form and look through the online version of the Fall/Winter SERRV catalog at www.serrv.org , BUT PLEASE DO NOT ORDER ONLINE AS UMW WOULD NOT GET CREDIT FOR THE SALE – JUST ORDER FROM CHURCH SOURCES.

Please turn in your completed order forms to the church office and checks for total order payable to RHUMW (not RHUMC) in order to guarantee free shipping and handling and to ensure your order arrives before the holidays. If you have any questions about your order, contact Mary Larson at 310-257-1710 or Susan Deo at 310-373-9826. (We will offer one last opportunity for placing orders on November 8th during the UMW Mission Market. Free shipping and handling and deliver by the holidays will not be guaranteed at that time.

Senior Pastor	Jonathan Chute	Music Director	Chuck Dickerson
Assoc. Pastor	John Kwan	Organist/Pianist	Althea Waites
Assoc. Pastor, Family Ministries	Diane Rehfield	3 rd Service Ensemble	Patti MacLeod
Children's Ministries	Lisa Lehman	Admin. Secretaries	Maureen Banasky
Kid/Mid Zone Director	Lisa Williams	Admin. Asst. to Pastor	Michele Nelson
Jr. High Youth	Phil Gerlach	Asst. Secretary	Amy Haizlip
Sr. High Youth	Myra Ghabrial	Treasurer	Carol Berthelet
Preschool Director	Marian Komori	Bookkeeper	Robin La Tourette
Parish Nurse	Miguel Portillo	Facility Manager	Nicole Zakman
Custodian		Technical Director	Gene Koester
Church Office Phone	377-6771	Resident Bishop	Roger Maddaford
Fax Line	544-4123	District Superintendent	Mary Ann Swenson
Web Site	www.rhumc.org		Kathey Wilborn

SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS

8:30 & 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Thursday 9 – 4:30

Friday 9 – 3

Next Cornerstone deadline is Monday November 16

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