



inSPIRE

ROLLING HILLS NEWS

A Community of Grace and Love

Rev. Ted Said . . .

"Finding Joy"

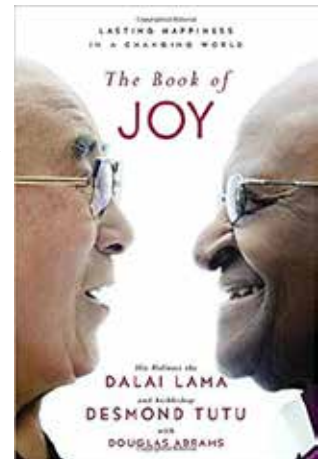
"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy . . ." I Peter 1:8

Summer travels have begun; visits to see out-of-town family, trips to lake with friends or maybe vacations across the sea. Wherever your travels may take you this summer, I'm certain you're seeking something . . . JOY! The joy of seeing family you haven't seen in a long time, the joy of making memories with your children or grandchildren, or the joy of exploring a new destination in our beautiful city, country or even the world.

In this *inSpire* you'll discover Rolling Hills is popping up all over the map this summer. Our middle school youth will head south to Leasburg, Missouri for a fabulous float trip, our senior high youth will head north east to serve in Detroit, Michigan and some of our adults will head back north to Pine Ridge, South Dakota to lend a hand to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. I assure you there will be a lot of joy expressed and found in our summer travels.

Back home we'll take a different kind of journey - in our summer sermon series: ***Finding JOY***. Like many of you, I have been reading about the increased stress, anxiety and depression affecting this country's youth and adults. Our mental health workers are recording record numbers of patients who are struggling right now. Our congregation is not immune. Therefore, I want us to explore the meaning of joy. One of my key text for the summer will be, ***The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*** by Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu and Douglas Abrams.

I truly believe we can find joy and happiness in our complex and changing world. Together we can be full of joy, while helping others to find joy even in our suffering world. The smiles you'll find in the pages of the *inSpire* is a good place to start!



Ted and Juliet having a joyful time with Mickey at Disney World.

Soli Deo Gloria,

The Rev. Dr. Ted Pierce

Finding
JOY
A NEW SERIES

- June 17: Joy of our Fathers
- June 24: What is Joy?
- July 1: Joy in the USA
- July 8: The Obstacles to Joy
- July 15: Pillars of Joy
- July 22: A Joyful Commencement Speech
by Charles Bruffy
- July 29: Youth Sunday: The Joy of Serving Others
- Aug. 5: Joy in a Changing World



PER CAPITA

Members - you will receive a version of the below letter in your mailbox in the coming week.

Dear Member,

Your Session voted to place the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Per-Capita in our 2018 budget. Therefore, we are asking each member of the congregation to reimburse the church for their portion. By contributing to per capita, you will free up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in our community and world.

Our apportionment per member is \$43.29 making the total payment for Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church \$37,965.33. This represents 4% of our 2018 budget.

What is Per Capita?

Per Capita is “the tie that binds” – annual giving that unites the entire church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the Office of the General Assembly, the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and benefits every congregation and every mid council ministry. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit’s leading for the future.

Who Pays Per Capita and How Much?

Congregations (through their sessions) pay an annual amount of money per church member — per capita apportionment — to their respective presbyteries. The per capita amount requested from a congregation is a combined total of requests from that congregation’s presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located, and the General Assembly — based on their respective budgets for the coming year(s).

The General Assembly per capita rate is set every two years at the biennial General Assembly meeting. The rate is based on the membership of PC(USA) churches two years earlier, which are the most recent figures available when GA budgets are approved. The current Per Capita apportionment per member is \$43.29. This is broken down as follows:

- Heartland Presbytery’s per capita rate is \$32.76 per member
- Synod of Mid-America’s per capita rate is \$2.80 per member
- General Assembly’s per capita rate is \$7.73 per member

What Happens if a Presbytery Cannot or Will Not Pay its Per Capita to the General Assembly?

The PC(USA)’s Constitution does not mandate the payment of per capita by congregations. At the same time, the Constitution provides no provision on the part of congregations (sessions) to withhold per capita as a form of protest. If a presbytery has a congregation within its bounds that is withholding per capita because of insufficient funds or protest, the presbytery is still obligated to pay per capita, as funds are available. Your Session voted to pay per capita in our April meeting.

Please prayerfully consider reimbursing the church for your apportionment and each church member in your household. There are several ways to make your payment (some of them new!):

1. **Mail the enclosed envelope** with your check of \$43.29 X church members in your family (*you do not need to pay for unconfirmed children*).
2. **Drop the enclosed envelope in the offering plate** on Sunday morning.
3. **Drop a check by the church office** – please make sure you write per capita in the memo line of your check.
4. **Pay online!** Visit rollinghillsskc.org/online-giving
While there, take a moment to create a username/password to access to your giving, an online directory and more!
5. **Pay using the QR code!** *Open up the camera on your phone (iPhone users only) and aim it on the QR code like you’re going to take a picture of it. A link should pop up, click the link and follow it to the online giving page. Follow the instructions from there! Android users may need to download a QR code reader app on their phone.*



Thank you for supporting Rolling Hills Church and for paying your portion of per capita. We are stronger together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to All Our Recent New (and some returning!) Members



Jerry & Beth McCollum



Rosemary Anderson



James and Donna (Tucker) Allen



Pam McClain

Silver Singles

Silver Singles will meet at Red Lobster at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 21. For questions, contact Donna Leyda, 913-649-7994.

Thank You Choirs!

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Chancel, Bell and Youth/Children's Choirs for your incredible contributions to our worship services.

Daughters of Abraham

Daughters of Abraham is a group of women of three faiths—Judaism, Islam, and Christianity—who meet regularly to explore our commonalities and to understand our spiritual and cultural traditions. We hope to develop friendships and to share ideas and values promoting goodwill among our communities. Sometimes we choose a book to discuss, sometimes we join together for a community event or outreach project.

In the past we have attended the Jewish Seder at Temple Israel (who meets at Rolling Hills) and helped sponsor the Iftar, breaking of the Ramadan fast, at Rolling Hills.

Monthly we meet at Panera to socialize and share our ideas over a cup of soup and a sandwich. We hope you'll join us. Contact the church office for more information or Rosemary Anderson at rosiebwa@aol.com.

Book Club Event with Vivien Jennings

Join us for our annual book club event with Vivien Jennings of Rainy Day Books on **Tuesday, July 10 at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room.**

Reservations will be taken on Sunday, July 1 and Sunday, July 8 before and after services.



Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour will continue during the summer months and your help is needed! Please consider signing up to bring treats during June, July and August. Treats can be dropped off in the Fireside Room (please label: "for coffee hour") Any type of contribution is gratefully accepted: home baked or purchased, but please remember no nuts! The sign up sheet will be on the table every Sunday and can be found on the table outside the office during the week. Thank you for your support!

Coming Soon: **NEW Ways to Connect!**

Online Giving/Directory

Donate to special offerings, keep track of your pledges, access to member contact information and more!

Rolling Hills Church Mobile App

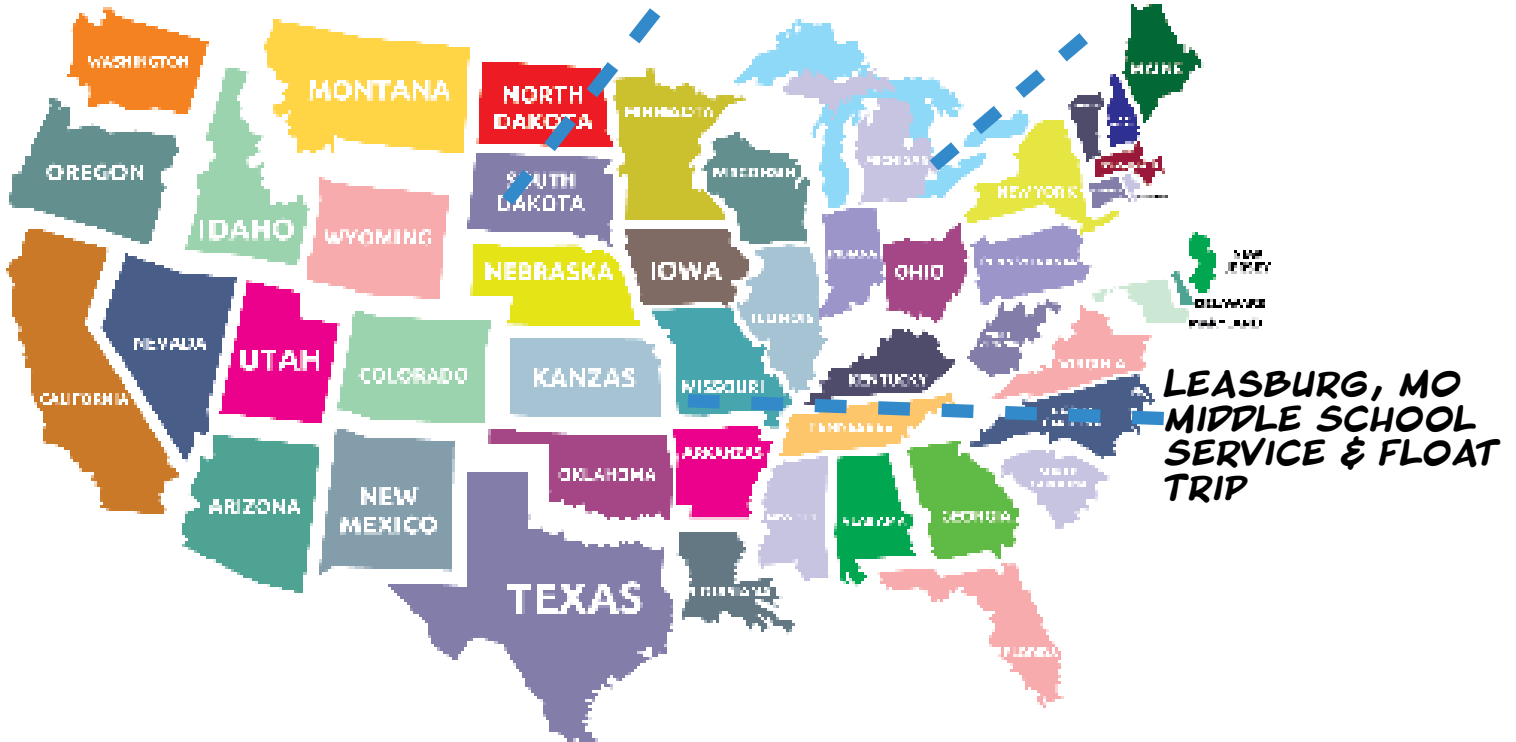
Access Rolling Hills news and information directly from your phone with our new app! Check the calendar, send prayer requests, listen to sermons and much more!



OH! THE PLACES YOU WILL GO

**PINE RIDGE, SD
ADULT SERVICE TRIP**

**DETROIT, MI
HIGH SCHOOL
SERVICE TRIP**



Middle School Service & Float Trip, Leasburg, MO - June 25 - 27

After spending time working at the Village Food Pantry, our Middle Schoolers will then continue on to Ozark Outdoors! There they will float down the Meramec river, play games, have small group devotional time, grilling and a night swim.



Senior High Service Trip, Detroit, MI - July 21 - 28

This year our Senior High Youth will travel to Detroit, Michigan to work with Motown Mission and focus on economic disaster recovery work projects.



Pine Ridge Adult Service Trip - August 25 - 31

We are thrilled to head back to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation! Rolling Hills will build bunk beds, repair homes, assist the elderly and disabled, all while immersing ourselves in Lakota culture. And don't forget - we are still collecting gently-used kids shoes to deliver to the Pine Ridge Reservation. Please drop your donations in the collection box across from the Fireside Room. Thank you!



Ramp Build

Join Rolling Hills volunteers on Saturday, June 23 as we team up with HopeBUILDER's to build a desperately needed wheelchair ramp. No experience needed! Sign up in the office/narthex.

For questions, contact Rick Roth at 913-915-2257

Rolling Hill lends time and talent to help our Veterans

May was a busy month for 13 Rolling Hills volunteers as they collectively donated 170 hours of their time to help Kansas City veterans in need of home repairs. Special thank you to Doug Friedel for organizing these four days in May!



School Supply Drive for KVC

Our annual school supplies and backpack drive for KVC begins July 8! KVC is committed to its mission of enriching and enhancing the lives of families and children by providing medical and behavioral health care, social services and education. Their services include foster care, adoption, behavioral health and psychiatric health for children and school based family services.

A list of supplies is available on the back of your *inSpire*, outside the church office and will also be included in weekly emails and bulletins. Donations will be accepted outside the Church office until July 24.



Cornerstones of Care - YES Program Update

Chad Harvey – Yes Program Manager

The YES program has been very active since the beginning of November. I began meeting with all local school districts in Jackson County and Cass County to build a relationship with the schools in hopes of getting referrals to the program and to spread the word about YES. We currently have 20 active members in the YES program, ranging in age from 15 to 24 years old. A new referral process has been developed for online entry and are continuing to meet with different agencies with the goal of supporting further growth. Since November, we have helped several students get back on track to attend college, helped a young man pay for tuition fees for firefighter training and EMT certification, and helped a young lady, who is a cancer survivor, with medication issues not funded by Medicaid. We now have a set plan in place for our program as well for the different age levels in our program. The program goals are listed below:

1. Create and Maintain Social and Emotional Confidence (age 14-15)
2. Build Academic Confidence, Goals and Monitoring Systems (age 14-16)
3. Establish Financial Confidence Including Budgeting and Savings (age 16-18)
4. Identify Career and Employment Confidence and Goals (age 16-21)
5. Develop Skills In Securing Employment (age 18+)

History of Rolling Hills Church Support for the YES Program:

Rolling Hills provided the initial seed funding for the program back in 2011 with proceeds from the Christmas offerings in 2011 and 2012. At Christmas time we continue to provide funding to support holiday gifts for the Youth. Several individuals in the Church are involved in the support of the Program in various functions including Advisory Board membership.



CHILDREN & FAMILY

VCS

We closed out the month of May with Vacation Church School. We had 87 rafters at Rolling River Rampage. They made crafts, sang songs, tried science experiments and played games! Thank you so much to all the junior leaders and adult leaders who made that week so much fun for the kids!



DAY CAMP

We loaded up two school buses with 41 campers, 25 JR leaders and 15 adult helpers out to Day Camp 2018 at Wildwood in LaCygne, KS. We played games, made new friends, canoed, fished, hiked, bleach dyed t-shirts, and cooked s'mores, pudgy pies and walking tacos. Our older friends did archery and took part in a challenge course. We came home each night with new stories from our adventures! Thank you for all your support in making Day Camp 2018 an event to remember!



WELCOME KAT & LAUREN!

Rolling Hills embodies relational youth ministry. Last month we welcomed two familiar long-time youth volunteers to our staff; Katherine (Kat) Friedel and Lauren Sedorcek as Co-Directors of High School and Middle School Ministries. We are excited to move forward with a model that should benefit our youth and families tremendously.

Kat is a current seminary student at Saint Paul School of Theology seeking ordination in the PCUSA.

Lauren is a recent graduate of Kansas State University. She has been on staff as an intern the past few years.

"We are absolutely thrilled to join the staff at Rolling Hills! We feel so blessed and excited to work with youth! Rolling Hills has had such a huge impact on our lives. It's truly a dream come true for us!"

- Kat and Lauren



May 17, 2018

Dear Rolling Hills Family,

It is with a heavy heart that I am resigning my position as the Director of Youth Ministries. I have been trying to juggle too many things; full-time work, needs of my family, and working with a variety of organizations within the 'larger church.' It has been through much prayer and conversations with God that helped lead me to this decision. I know that God has so much in store for all of you, and I wish you great joy!

- Mich Phillips

GRACE GROWS HERE CELEBRATION PICNIC



Thank you to everyone who made our Grace Grows Here fundraiser a success! We collected \$8,500 from our generous congregation!

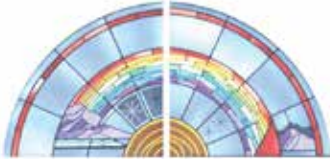
Day Camp was a huge success, and our high schoolers are so excited for their trip to Detroit. Thank you again for supporting our youth and the future of Rolling Hills.





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OUR MISSION IS TO BE

A Community of Grace

OUR VISION IS TO

Love God with all your heart, soul,
mind & strength and love your
neighbor as yourself.

OUR VALUES ARE

Generosity
Relationships
Acceptance
Compassion
Empowerment



NEW Sturdy backpacks in solid colors
Calculators
Boxes of tissues
Black, blue or red pens
Markers
Wide-rule notebook paper and spiral
notebooks
College-rule notebook paper and spiral
notebooks
Index cards

Colored Pencils
Highlighters in various colors
Crayons-24 count
Number 2 pencils
Glue sticks
Pocket folders in various colors
Graph paper
Gift cards to Walmart for school uniforms

Thank you for bringing in only NEW supplies.

Cash may also be donated. Checks can be made out to Rolling Hills.