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ROLLING HILLS NEWS

A Community of Grace and Love

Rev. Ted Said . . .

"What Do Passionate People Do Differently?"

The pilot comes over the radio and says, *"I have good news, ladies and gentlemen. We've got a very strong tailwind and are making excellent time. The bad news is that our navigation equipment has gone down, so we have no idea where we are."*

Following our passion keeps us on course and gives us our navigation system. Our faithful passion guides our faith and practice in life. It reminds us who we are and gives us purpose on earth. The apostle Paul had a passion, some would argue an obsessed passion. In his letter to the Philippians we experience his passion and love for a church and people. There are seven traits that Paul has that I see in his letter to these people he loved:

1. **He did not waste time.** Every minute mattered to Paul because he thought Christ was going to return before he died.
2. **He was extremely optimistic.** He believed Jesus had already won the victory and he was running around telling everyone.
3. **He was willing to risk everything.** His passion led him into unbelievable situations.
4. **He had one speed – zooooom!** He was all in at full speed ahead.
5. **He told everyone about his passion.** I mean everyone!
6. **It did not take much to work Paul up** – you can see in his letters he was highly excitable.
7. **He was ALL about his work** — maybe even a little overboard.

In August we will take a look at Paul's letter to the Philippians and explore our passion for life:

August 12: A Passion for People, Philippians 1: 3-11

August 19: A Passion for Grace and Sacrifice, Philippians 2

August 26: A Passion for Pressing on Toward the Goal, Philippians 3

September 2 : A Passion for Service, Philippians 4

Soli Deo Gloria,

The Rev. Dr. Ted Pierce



I'm passionate about service. The photo above is of Lauren and me on a service trip in Guatemala.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Congregational Care Ministry (CCM)

When you look at the Sunday worship bulletin do you look at the list of people who need prayer?

Do you find that friends and family often seek you out for emotional support?

Have you often thought it might be lonely to be in a care facility and think of those folks who used to sit in our pew on Sunday morning? Would you be willing to make visits if you had the support of staff?

Would you consider making brief visits to those in the hospital; at the request of your pastors?



If any of these questions have you thinking “maybe” or “YES,” then Rolling Hills Congregational Care Ministry could be for YOU. This ministry works alongside pastors and staff to provide care for our church family. Congregational care is designed to connect the church with people, especially home bound and those in the hospital (or at home for after-care). At Rolling Hills we are committed to healing and wholeness, sometimes it's as simple as showing up and reaching out with words of comfort or a listening ear. Congregational Care Ministry is intentionally bringing together the Deacons shepherding, Stephen Ministry, card making and funeral receptions as a holistic approach to reaching across the aisles to our church family. Our current CCM's are: Liz Belanger, Kathi Knop, and Kay Fletcher.

Come to our training of seven workshops to explore this opportunity and see if this ministry is your passion. Workshops will be every Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., starting September 13 through October 25. If you have any questions please contact Rev. Laurie Anderson at laurie@rollinghillsskc.org.

OUTREACH

2018 Christmas Offering Recipient



The 2018 Christmas Offering Recipient will be Grandview Park Presbyterian Church. The Grandview Park Kitchen, La Cocina de la Paz (The Kitchen of Peace) has not been renovated in more than 70 years and yet has become a center of the community for the church and neighborhood, serving approximately 50,000 meals over the past eight years. Look for more information in the coming months.

GRACE

Rolling Hills donated \$500 to the Arabic Presbyterian Ministry to assist with their conference.

Thanks to Rolling Hills generosity we were able to continue our partnership with the Hope Center by providing support for their summer picnic.

The Covenant Wellness Center, recipient of our 2017 Christmas offering, reports that they have been able to acquire and install an incline lift to allow access to the lower level and remain appreciative of Rolling Hills support.

395 backpacks were filled with school supplies for the children served by KVC! This number is up by 30 from last year! We are thrilled! Thank you so much for your generosity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



AN EVENING WITH
Donna Tucker
Thursday, August 23
7 PM
ROLLING HILLS CHURCH

Silver Singles

Silver Singles will meet on Thursday, August 16 at 5 p.m. at Jack Stack (95th and Metcalf). For questions, contact Donna Leyda, 913-649-7994.

Thank You!

More than 30 people have offered to help with receptions and ushering through our Funeral Hospitality service, which is part of the Board of Deacons. We truly appreciate your willingness and response.

Thanks to all of you from our lead Deacons: Linda Friedel, Stephanie Kauffman, Kathi Knop, Diane Smith, Julie Young and Sharon Young.

A BIG thank you to the Thursday Night Book Club for hosting the Book Gathering with Vivien Jennings of Rainy Day Books for the last 10 years! We had a record attendance this year! This event relies on many people, including our patient and helpful office staff. Thanks to all!

NEW Adult Education Class: Book of Confessions

Led by Julie Young

What has the Church, through the years, claimed to believe about God and God's claim upon our lives?

What does the Presbyterian Church USA believe about God and God's claim upon our lives?

What do YOU believe about God and God's claim upon your life?

Join us on Sunday, September 16 at 10:15 a.m.



Welcome New Members



Mike Coughlin and Jan Klepac



Beth Marsden and daughter Mary

NEW Kaleidoscope Series Begins Sept. 26



KALEIDOSCOPE

World Religions

Dinner + Dialogue

**Wednesdays
5:30 -7 PM**

Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10 &
Oct. 17

RSVP to the Church Office

913.642.9100

The growing religious diversity in the United States makes it important that we better understand our neighbors and community. Building strong interfaith relationships is a core commitment of Presbyterians. Beginning to understand religious diversity helps to build connections and embrace people of other traditions.

Join us for dinner and dialogue on four consecutive Wednesdays beginning Sept. 26. We will have guest speakers leading us with lectures and discussions about Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and Native American beliefs. We start each evening with a fantastic meal prepared by our RH team. RSVP to 913-642-9100.



FIND YOUR PASSION AT RHC!

August is the perfect time to get reengaged. We encourage you to find what you are passionate about and connect at Rolling Hills. We have a vibrant community just waiting for your talents!

Do you love music?

Chancel Choir

Rehearses Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the downstairs Choir room. First rehearsal is Aug. 29; first Sunday in Worship is Sept. 9. *Contact Charles at cbsings@aol.com or Patrice at patrice@rollinghillsskc.org.*

Bell Choir

Rehearses Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. in the downstairs Bell Choir room. First rehearsal is Sept. 12. *Contact Charles at cbsings@aol.com or Patrice at patrice@rollinghillsskc.org.*

Youth Choir (6th - 12th grades)

Rehearses Sundays from 9:30 to 10 a.m. in the Chapel. First rehearsal is Sept. 9. *Contact alysstoeper@gmail.com.*

Celebration Choir (Kindergarden - 5th grades)

Rehearses Sundays from 9:30 to 10 a.m. in the Children's Choir room. First rehearsal is Sept. 9. *Contact BLoud40gmail.com or kcbarbie04@gmail.com.*

Friends of Music & the Arts

This group plans four wonderful (and free) concerts each year in the Rolling Hills Sanctuary followed by a beautiful reception full of food and fellowship. *To help with planning contact Jerry Radek at jrbiker@sbcglobal.net. To help with the reception, contact Pam Roland at pamroland1@gmail.com.*

Card Making Ministry

Meets every other month on the last week. No experience necessary! This group makes cards for our congregation, YES kids and more! Next crafting session will be the week of Sept. 24. *Contact Susie King at seekingtoo@msn.com.*

Book Clubs

Love to read? Join our book clubs! First Tuesday Morning Book Club is the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. *Contact Susie King, seekingtoo@msn.com. Thursday Evening Book Club meets the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Contact Barb Born, bornopks@gmail.com. Shepherd Center Book Club meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. Contact Anne Baker, abaker62003@yahoo.com.*

Yarners and Knitters

If you enjoy knitting and/or crocheting, join this group on the third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. They make scarves for foster children, prayer shawls, lap blankets and more. *Contact Anne Baker, abaker62003@yahoo.com.*

Writing in the Spirit

Put your thoughts on paper with this group, who meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at noon. Bring your lunch! *Contact Carole Carter at ricarole@sbcglobal.net.*

Looking for a Creative Outlet?

Wish to serve at the church?

Sunday Morning Ushers & Greeters

Get to know your church family and provide a very important service to Rolling Hills. *For 9 a.m. ushering contact Bill Longley at longleybill3@gmail.com and 10:15 a.m. ushering contact Mark Chipman at chipmanmark@gmail.com.*

Funeral Reception Committee

Assist with funeral receptions on as-needed basis. This is ministry is a wonderful example of our hospitality at Rolling Hills. *Contact Julie Young, juliakyoung@msn.com.*

Interested in Fellowship?

Daughters of Abraham

Daughters of Abraham is a group of women of three faiths—Judaism, Islam, and Christianity—who meet monthly to explore our commonalities and to understand our spiritual and cultural traditions. *Contact Rosemary Anderson at rosiebwa@aol.com.*

Silver Singles

This group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. In the summer they meet for dinner at 5 p.m. and in the winter they meet at 11 a.m. for lunch. *Contact Donna Leyda at leydadb@gmail.com.*

Coffee Hour Ministry Team

The Rolling Hills Coffee Hour Ministry welcomes everyone for coffee, food and fellowship each Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Assist this group by signing up to provide food to share on Sunday mornings, or become an occasional co-host during coffee hour. *Contact Pam Roland, pamroland1@gmail.com.*

Young Adult Fellowship

Are you a young adult at Rolling Hills? Join us for fun, bi-monthly fellowship events. *Contact Kat Friedel, kat@rollinghillsskc.org or Lauren Sedorek, lauren@rollinghillsskc.org.*

Garden Angels

We would love your help keeping our Friendship Garden blooming. Our Garden Angels meet every Friday morning at 9 a.m. March - October. *Contact Nancy Meditz at dalemeditz@att.net.*

Dirt Devils/Green Team

Help keep our Back 40 land in tip-top shape by joining our Dirt Devils! *Contact Mic Morris, micmorris@sbcglobal.net.* Our Green Team assists the church with recycling and reminds us to be kind to our planet. *Contact Kathy Hermes, kathleen.hermes@icloud.com.*

HopeBUILDERS/Christmas in October

Rolling Hills teams up with HopeBUILDERS to build ramps throughout the year and organizes a team for Christmas in October each year. Interested in helping? *Contact Rick Roth for HopeBUILDERS, rickroth@kc.rr.com or Doug Friedel for Christmas in October, crafterman5201@gmail.com.*

Want to better know our kids?

There are several opportunities to serve our children & youth. *To help with youth contact Kat Friedel, kat@rollinghillsskc.org or Lauren Sedorek, lauren@rollinghillsskc.org; to help with children, contact Amy Hopkins, amy@rollinghillsskc.org.*

Cooking Meals for Youth During Sunday Night Fellowship - Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

Drivers for Sunday Night Youth Fellowship Activities - Sundays from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Assist in the Nursery on Sunday Mornings

Like getting your hands dirty?

Pine Ridge, South Dakota - Aug. 25-31

Contact Drew Masters, drewmasters@me.com

Israel - Nov. 5-11 (2 spots still available!)

Contact Margaret Nichols, margaret@largaytravel.com

Curious about our service trips?

Yucatan - Fall 2019

Contact Rev. Laurie Anderson, laurie@rollinghillsskc.org



Step Up Sunday - August 12

Kona Ice will be here on August 12 to celebrate the start of the new school year. This is when we will “step” everyone up to their new grade level. Our Nursery, in room 104, is for babies to 2 year olds. Preschool friends meet in room 105. Our elementary crew will meet following *A Time for Children* during 10:15 a.m. worship service downstairs. Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade will meet in room 7 and 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be in the Children’s Center.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who shared their talents with our children this summer in Church School. We learned about woodworking, card making, cooking, baking, decorating cupcakes, photography and played games.

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| Gary Beauchamp | April Jenkins |
| Kirsten Chesher | Susie King |
| Dorothy Ebner | Nancy and Dale Meditz |
| Gabe Hopkins | Michele Walter |

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10



LEARNING NEW TALENTS!



Decorating cupcakes with April Jenkins



Baking with Dorothy Ebner



Getting a green thumb with our Garden Angels

New Fall Schedule

Begins August 19 @ 10:15 AM

Middle School in Jr High Room
High School in Sr High Room
Confirmation in Confirmation Room (First room to the left down stairs)

AUGUST 26 PARENT MEETING

Join us after the 10:15 a.m. service in Room C&D. This meeting will include an overview of the year and parent sign ups. See you there!



Back to the Table - Sunday, September 9

Join us for our annual Back to the Table event. In celebration of the Youth's work with Motown Mission in Detroit, we will have a Motown theme for our event. Youth will be helping to set up and tear down after the event. It's going to be a great time!

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIP FUN!

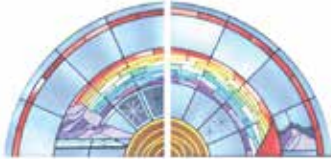
Last month, nine of Rolling Hills' middle schoolers served the Village Food Pantry and then went on to Leasburg, Mo for a few fun-filled days! They enjoyed lots of card games, small group devotional time, delicious meals, and of course, floated down the Meramec River. Everyone had an absolute blast, even though they got rained on during a portion of their float! A special thanks goes out to P.J. Born & Kevin Martin for sharing their time and talents with us!





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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

ROLLING HILLS CHURCH PRESENTS

BACK TO THE TABLE

INSPIRED BY OUR YOUTH'S SERVICE
TRIP TO THE HEART OF MOTOWN



FEATURING:
MOTOWN MUSIC • FOOD
GAMES • CRAFTS • AND MORE!

SEPT. 9. 11 AM

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This is a great opportunity to
**INVITE YOUR
NEIGHBORS**
and to share our
Community of Grace!