

Rolling Hills News

January 2010

Dear Mr. Grinch,

We were delighted to have such a notable celebrity visit our Sunday service. We quickly spotted your Welcome Card filled out with green crayon, and I am happy to respond to your expressed curiosity regarding what you observed on your first visit to Rolling Hills.

It is no surprise that you were made to feel welcome and, no, the greeting you received doesn't just happen during the Christmas season. If you were to return, which we hope will be the case, you will find that every week there are friendly Rolling Hills members in the parking lot and at the doors, assisting and welcoming not only our guests, but also the members of our congregation.

In response to your inquiry about the money that was given, let me assure you that what you witnessed was not, as you indicated, a fluke. While it is never our intent to frighten visitors, what you found alarming as you observed Ushers and children collect money for Northwest Children's Outreach (NCO) was a demonstration of sheer generosity. The tears you spotted in peoples' eyes were not the result, as you suggest, of grief in parting with money, but rather the joy that is experienced when one selflessly gives to others.

Dear Mr. Grinch, you may want to sit down before reading on....

The offering received totaled \$85,317.76. This amount far exceeded what was needed to assist children of our community through NCO. It may surprise you to know that we will use the additional funds not for ourselves, but rather to help build a church in Uganda, which will further the peace process between two formerly warring tribes.

In addition to giving money, 32 skilled laborers offered their time to help build out the space for NCO, 1394 gift-filled shoe boxes were sent to needy children around the world, and 105 families were blessed through Rolling Hills Christmas Blessing.

Finally, in response to the heart palpitations that you experienced while with us, it is my belief that your heart was not damaged, but was most likely growing. You see, Mr. Grinch, when one is exposed to the type of kindness and generosity that you witnessed at Rolling Hills, one's capacity to love and feel compassion simply increases.

Thank you for your interest in the people of Rolling Hills. They are big-hearted folks who follow the teaching of Jesus to love and do good. We hope you'll come back and visit us again. Our doors and hearts are always open to you.

Warmest Regards,

Faith Carter



Join us on Sun., Jan. 10
to commission & celebrate
Bill Towne, our new Senior Pastor!

Regular Services: 9 & 11 AM
Lunch Celebration begins at 11 AM!

All-Church Opportunities!

BACK 2 BASICS

Hey church! Due to the reorganization of Rolling Hills, we need a small army of workers to serve behind the scenes. So we're establishing a ministry called **Back 2 Basics**.

You can serve as a team member or as a team coordinator. Please prayerfully consider how you and your family can help meet a practical need of our church body.

Sign-up at rollinghills.org/back-2-basics

TreeHouse Needs You!

Become a Leader, Classroom Administrator, Buddy, Buddy Coordinator, or DEQ Toy Cleaner. Join the TreeHouse Team TODAY! Contact treehouse@rollinghills.org

Women's Ministries needs you!

Help care for our little ones birth - 5 years old during Bible Study on Tuesdays • 8:30 - 11:15 AM and Hearts at Home on Wednesdays once a month on Wednesdays • 9 - 11:30 AM (once/month).

Contact Tina Nichols · tmnichols2@juno.net

Men's Conference Help needed

January 29-30 • New Hope Community Church

Registration, food prep, prayer team, follow-up team, and general event help! Contact info@rollinghills.org

We're Looking for a "Soul Food Servant"!

Coordinate our Soul Food Ministry. Recruit meal makers, create meal schedules as needs arise, track progress and follow-through of meal assignments.

Contact info@rollinghills.org

Would you like to be a "Welcome Bag Lady"?

Maintain supply of materials: bags, pens, notepads, printed items, mints, coffee coupons, raffia, etc. Put together bags with materials approx. once/month and stock for Greeters. Contact info@rollinghills.org

YOU could be the "Snack Man"!

Purchase snacks, and provide set-up and clean-up for various meetings. Approx. once/week.

Contact info@rollinghills.org

Borland Rd. Traffic Control help needed.

Help with traffic control approx. one Sunday/month for one hour. Contact Paul Osborn · 503-638-5900

Help us REACH the people of Morelia, Mexico!

Join this RHCC team on March 20-27, 2010 as

we teach English and develop relationships with children, teens and their families. For info, contact Chris or Carolyn Lu · 503-722-2031 · carolynslu@comcast.net

Saving Pre-born Babies

Something Everyone Can Do

January 24-31 is Sanctity of Human Life week.

Watch for PRC Baby Bottle campaign announcements to pick up a bottle; take it home; collect your spare change, bills, or checks; and pray for the Sanctity of Life to be affirmed in our community through the Pregnancy Resource Centers ministry. Learn more at portlandprc.org

Kid's Corner (High School · Jr. High · TreeHouse)

Jr. High Ministries

Jr. High Service resumes Sun., Jan. 10 · 11 AM · Back Rm

FUSION resumes January 10. This is a Meal Night.

High School Ministries

HSM Service resumes Sun., Jan. 10 · 11 AM · FC

AXESS resumes January 6 · 7 PM · Back Room

HS Winter Camp • February 19-21 • Suttle Lake

Cost - \$125. Sign up at rollinghills.org!

TreeHouse Ministries

January 31—Home Court Advantage class for 3 & 4-year-olds (Sprouts & Pre-K) and their parents.

Join Pastor Gary for "Together is Better" during your child's regular service.

This month in TreeHouse, your child will learn about...

Preschool—continuing the theme of God's Greatest Promises by discovering that Jesus is Always With Us!

Grades K-5—Discipline: growing stronger in Christ by the consistent things we do now. As a family, follow along and reinforce the disciplines of reading the Bible, memorizing Scripture, prayer, and worship.

Ministry Opportunities!

Community Groups (CG)

Making the Big church Small.

Joining a CG is a very significant step in becoming an active part of the Rolling Hills family.

Contact info@rollinghills.org

Wholeness Ministries

Celebrate Recovery

Men's & Women's Step studies now forming.

Grow through this 25-lesson spiritual plan of action group. Women's Sexual Abuse Support Group date TBA.

More info visit rollinghillscr.org

Family-to-Family Education Program

Sundays starting Jan. 10 • 1:30-4:30 PM • Rm 137

A free 12-week course from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) for family caregivers of individuals with severe mental illnesses. For info or to register, contact Laura Borders · 503-632-2000 · lborders@bctonline.com

Men's Ministries

Register for the NW Men's Conference!

Fri., Jan. 29 • 7-9 PM & Sat., Jan. 30 • 8 AM-12:30 PM

New Hope Community Church

Men at the Cross—Building a Cross-Centered Life with Joe White, Donald Miller, Mike Silva and Bill Perkins. You'll be challenged and equipped to make a difference as a disciple of Christ. Cost: \$35 (\$20 for ages 14-24). For more info or to sign up, visit nwmensconference.com or come by the Men's Ministries station!

Open Men's Group! Visit rollinghills.org/mens-groups or visit the Men's Ministries station to find a Men's Group.

Singles Ministries

Join us this Sunday!

IGNITE (mid 20s-30s) • Sundays, 11 AM • 3rd Flr Sm Rm

Special speakers every week and a robust activities calendar. Questions? Contact info@rollinghills.org

40s & BETTER • Sundays, 10:45 AM • 3rd Flr Lrg Rm

Meeting for over 15 years, this group has outstanding programs and worship. In addition, various service projects and social activities promote Christian fellowship. Questions? Contact info@rollinghills.org

Family Ministries

Is your Marriage Good or Great?

January 17 • 9 & 11 AM • Courtyard Room

Join us as our Marriage Encouragers provide practical tools to help your marriage continue to honor God. Please RSVP to info@rollinghills.org

How to Talk "THE TALK" - Talking to kids about sex and pornography

Sunday, January 24 • 11 AM • Courtyard Room

Designed for parents of kids 7 through teen-age, this free class uses a safe & light-hearted approach to address the issues involved in handling this often difficult subject. Contact Travis · travis.waits@rollinghills.org

Reach Ministries

Missionary Open House Sun., Jan. 17 • 12.45 PM

David & Christine Harms, RHCC global partners, are soon heading to their mission field in Haiti with Mission Aviation Fellowship. David & Christine's focus is using aviation to support the work of many organizations and the indigenous church by transporting supplies, missionaries, medical and dental teams, and aid workers. Learn more about their ministry and give them some encouragement.

Women's Ministries

Women's Retreat • March 5-7 • Cannon Beach

Mark your calendars! Our own Becky Herbst will be our speaker. Come relax, renew, refresh, and learn. Brochures available Dec. 27. Registration: Jan. 24 - Feb. 14.

Hearts At Home

Wednesday, January 13 • 9:30 - 11:15 AM

For all women who are expecting, adopting, or with children through early elementary age.

Topic: "Lord of the Reigns—Defining Spiritual Leadership."

Speaker: Paulette Jones. For more info, pick up a brochure at the Women's Ministries station.

Pre-register your children birth - Kindergarten

- Online at rollinghills.org, Jan. 6 - 10
- At the Women's Ministries station, Jan. 10
- Cost \$5 - pay at event

Contact Heidi Tillotson · joet@teleport.com

Women of Worth (WOW)

Thursday, January 21 • 12 - 2 PM

WOW is a monthly luncheon for women 50, 60, 70 or better! Join us for a delicious meal and listen to our featured speaker, Diane Berk.

Topic: "Building Strong Family Relationships."

Special Feature: Healthy Living with Debbie Jones

- \$10 Ticket cost on January 10 & 17
- \$13 Ticket cost after January 17

Contact Bettejo Lowe · bjlowe@aol.com

Seasons Bible Study

Spring Term starts February 2, 2010. Featuring Beth

Moore's "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit." Registration: January 17, 24, 31. Pick up Spring Term brochure for details.

visit rollinghills.org

Watch & Listen to Sunday Sermons online at rollinghills.org/audio-video

Calendar of Events!

To learn more, visit rollinghills.org or email info@rollinghills.org

December

Thurs., December 31 High School Ministries New Year's Eve Event - "PHOWLVIÉ"

January

Sun., January 10 Celebration and Commissioning of Senior Pastor Bill Townel

Sun., January 17 Open House - David & Christine Harms

Fri., January 22 The Romeros - The Royal Family of Guitar Concert

January 24 - 31 Sanctity of Human Life week - Baby Bottle Campaign

Thurs., January 28 Bridgeport Elementary Family Night

January 29 - 30 Men at the Cross Regional Men's Conference

Sun., January 31 Home Court Advantage Parent/Child class for Sprouts/Pre-K

February

February 2 - April 27 Women's Seasons AM/PM Bible Study - Spring Term begins!

February 19 - 20 Puppet Conference

February 19 - 21 HSM Winter Camp at Suttle Lake

Sun., February 21 Elementary/Adult Baptism Orientation Class

Sun., February 21 Life Development 101 pt 1 (Membership Class)

Mon., February 22 Life Development 101 pt 2 (Membership Class)

March

March 5 - 7 Women's Retreat - Cannon Beach

Sun., March 7 All-Church Baptism

April

Sun., April 18 Preschool GOOD NEWS Weekend

Sun., April 18 Life Development 101 pt 1 (Membership Class)

Mon., April 19 Life Development 101 pt 2 (Membership Class)

Thurs., April 22 Bridgeport Elementary Family Night

Sun., April 25 Camp Tilikum online registration OPENS

May

Sun., May 16 Home Court Advantage Parent/Child class for Toddlers

Sun., May 16 Elementary/Adult Baptism Orientation Class

Sun., May 23 All-Church Baptism

Rolling Hills Community Church

Service Times Sunday 9 & 11 AM | Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5 PM

Atrium Café Hours Monday - Friday 8 - 10:30 AM · Sunday 8 AM - 1 PM

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