A study, published in the journal Science (2008), suggests that what matters most is not how much money we have but, rather, what we do with it. Spending money on others, it shows, can boost our own happiness.

The researchers first asked a group of college students how happy they were. They then gave the participants money — either $5 or $20. Half were told to spend the money on themselves. The others were told to spend it on others, such as giving a gift to a friend or making a charitable donation. That evening, the researchers again asked the students to gauge their happiness.

It turns out that the participants who spent money on others reported a much greater happiness boost than the ones who spent money on themselves. And, surprisingly, the amount of money the students were given didn’t seem to matter at all. It was how they chose to spend it that determined their happiness levels.

It's giving that truly makes us happy. A significant reason for the success of Rolling Hills Church is the contribution, not only of your money, but also the giving of your time and talents. Lasting connections are made through working on group projects and outcomes are always better when diverse talents are used to accomplish goals.

It's only February, and we already have a plethora of activities and events happening around us. This is the time to get plugged in. On page 3 in your inSpire, you'll read about three very exciting events we have planned over the next few months. If you're interested in helping with those, contact Rev. Laurie Anderson. On page 4, you'll notice our Friends of Music & the Arts have planned another wonderful concert. Speaking of Music & the Arts - we are growing that program and could use more talent. On page 5, you'll notice two of our staff members are using their talents to grow and expand their roles within Rolling Hills Church and Preschool. Our ushers and greeters will also take on more responsibilities. The list goes on and on . . .

Please consider what time and talent you have to offer the church. If you don't know of an area that needs your gifts, call the church office to get started, 913.642.9100. Let's get to work!

Soli Deo Gloria,

The Rev. Dr. Ted Pierce
Wednesday, February 14
Brief service at 12 p.m.
with lunch to follow!

We will also have morning drive-thru ashes available beginning at 9 a.m. in the Rolling Hills parking lot.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP

OUTREACH

Offering News
Thank you again for your generous support of the Covenant Community Health and Wellness Christmas Offering. The final number is $29,000!

Easter will be here before we know it, and our offering will go to the Veterans Community Project. This is the organization that assists homeless veterans by building tiny homes in our area. More information will be in the March inSpire!

Outreach Funds
The Outreach Committee allocated funds to the following:
Operation Breakthrough and Kansas City Indian Center - $300 each for their food pantries
Boys Grow - $1,000 to develop a new kitchen on their onsite facility
YES Christmas party - $500

We received this note from the YES Program's Executive Director Chad:

“It was great. The kids were all smiles. We gave each kid a $50 Walmart gift card. They also received gifts from Alex Smith and his wife. We played games and had some great conversations. I talked with Kenneth at length about getting back to school. He needs a job, so I told him if I help find him he had to get back into school and finish. We shook hands and he agreed to the deal. He is excited to get back to school and finish. It was such a fun night to see the kids be happy and taken care of. They are working on thank you cards to the church and to Alex and his family. It (the gift cards) will be put to good use getting those kids something they need or want.”
**BIG SONIA**  
Feb. 11  
4:30 PM

Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church is hosting a screening of Big Sonia with special guest, Sonia Warshawski!

About the movie:
Holocaust survivor, 91 year-old Sonia Warshawski owned a local tailor shop for more than thirty years. A poignant story of generational trauma and healing, BIG SONIA also offers a laugh-out-loud funny portrait of the power of love to triumph over bigotry, and the power of truth-telling to heal us all.

Following the screening there will be a Q&A and photos with Sonia. Executive Directors from the Midwest Holocaust Center for Education and Jewish Community Relations Bureau will also be present. The screening is free. **Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. First come first serve!**

**FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE MIDWEST HOLOCAUST CENTER FOR EDUCATION.**

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**BASSEL & THE SUPERNATURALS**  
March 8

Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church brings you a concert like no other! The event begins at 6:30 p.m.

Bassel & The Supernaturals combines neo-soul and funk with captivating lyrics about love, loss, and a war in Syria that has affected Bassel Almadani’s family along with 10,000,000 others.

This free concert is in partnership with Amnesty International, KC 4 Refugees and Syria Relief & Development.

Food and refreshments will be offered following the concert and catered by refugee women.  
**FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL GO DIRECTLY TO KC 4 REFUGEES.**

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**NEITHER WOLF NOR DOG**  
April 7

Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church is hosting a dinner and screening of the movie, Neither Wolf Nor Dog. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. with a screening at 6:30 p.m.

About the movie:
Adapted from the acclaimed novel Neither Wolf Nor Dog by Kent Nerburn, the story follows a white author who gets sucked into the heart of contemporary Native American life in the sparse lands of the Dakotas by a 95 year old Lakota elder and his side-kick.

This free screening is in partnership with the Kansas City Indian Center and the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.  
**FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE KANSAS CITY INDIAN CENTER.**
Friends of Music & the Arts Presents: Doug Talley Quartet

Friday, Feb. 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Formed in 1995, the Doug Talley Quartet performs Kansas City-influenced straight ahead jazz at concerts, festivals and clubs locally and regionally.

We are excited to bring them to Rolling Hills! We hope you can join us for this free concert. This will be a free-will offering event. Invite your friends!

Silver Singles

Silver Singles will meet at Jose Peppers (103rd and Metcalf) at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15. For questions, contact Donna Leyda, 913-649-7994.

Gospel Y3K

The topic of Mic Morris' class is videos of Bishop Spong and his description of the new Christianity of the 21st Century. We hope you can join Mic for this wonderful Sunday morning class. They meet at 9 a.m. in Room D.

Cereal Sunday

Let's make 2018 the best year yet for cereal donations! We collect boxes of healthy cereal on the first Sunday of the month. All donations go to the Village Food Pantry.

Special Thanks

Thank you to all, including our preschool families, who donated warm coats (more than 12 large trash bags full). With this frigid weather it's great to know we helped provide warm winter coats for a lot of children and adults.

Also big shoutout to the 18 RHC members who helped clients shop at the Christmas Bureau.

And a huge thank you to the circles for providing and delivering lunch to the Johnson County Christmas Bureau staff.

Wednesday Kaleidoscope Dinners

Join your church family on the 3rd and 4th Wednesday evenings for dinner and dialogue. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m.; dialogue at 6 p.m. Cost is $5 per person or $15 for families. RSVP to the Church Office.

The Sermon Series on Mark is the inspiration for these gatherings.

Feb. 21: Mark 5:1-20 Mental Health: Dr. Katie Grier speaking on Schizophrenia

Feb. 28: Mark 6:14-26 Grieving Evil

March 21: Mark 11: 1-11 The Holy City (Jewish and Muslim dialogue)

March 28: Mark 16: 1-8 We finish the story – speaker Sunayana Dumala (widow of Srinivas Kuchibhotla killed at Austin's bar)
Restructuring our Preschool and MDO Programs

As you know, our Preschool/MDO program has been in existence for 53 years. We are very proud of its mission of creating a safe environment for children to grow and develop physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.

Over the past year, Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church leadership has spent many hours discussing the future of our Church and the direction we are heading. Our Budget & Finance and Personnel Committees have determined that our current budget constraints demand that we evaluate our organizational structure. Based on this evaluation, we have determined that we can more effectively and efficiently serve our children and families by restructuring our preschool and Children and Family Ministry programs.

As we embark on this restructuring and approach enrollment for our 2018-2019 school year, we will be combining our Preschool and MDO programs together under Children and Family Ministry. These programs will now be led by our Director of Children and Family Ministry, Amy Hopkins.

Amy has been Rolling Hills’ Director of Children and Family Ministry for nearly six years. Prior to that, she taught 5th grade in the DeSoto School District. She has a Master’s Degree in Teaching and Leadership from the University of Kansas. Rolling Hills is in Amy’s DNA. She grew up here, married here and both of her children attended preschool at Rolling Hills.

Also, as part of the restructuring, Julie Schutzler, a longtime Rolling Hills’ member and preschool teacher, will be assisting Amy with the Children and Family Ministry programs and will take on the new role of Director of Early Childhood Development. Julie has a Bachelor’s Degree from Kansas State University and Master’s Degree of Education in Elementary Education from Baker University. Julie will continue to teach her Preschool & Pre-K classes through the end of this school year.

We feel very confident in Amy and Julie's abilities in these new roles, and look forward to great things to come in our MDO/Preschool programs!

Thank You Arlys!

We want to thank former Preschool Director Arlys Tarwater for her 37 years of service and dedication to our program.
Cupcake Wars! 4th & 5th Grade Fellowship

4th and 5th grade fellowship will meet on Sunday, February 11 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for Cupcake Wars! Who will win best decorated cupcake? RSVP to Amy@rollinghillskc.org.

Harvesters - Feb. 17

We have a fantastic opportunity for families (kids 8 and older) to volunteer for Harvesters on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. We had a great time doing this last year and hope you will join us! Harvesters needs a head count, so please RSVP by February 14. Please bring some canned items to donate and dress warmly!

Looking Ahead

Easter Eggstravaganza: Sunday, March 25
Day Camp: June 4-7
Vacation Church School: July 9-12

Day Camp 2018

With all of this cold weather it’s hard to think about roaring campfires, canoeing, archery and diving into swimming pools…but these activities are just small glimpse of the many being planned for Day Camp 2018. If you have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade, you are invited to join us the week of June 4-7!

We could not do this without fabulous volunteers! If you are a middle or high school student please sign up as a Jr. Leader. If you are a parent, we encourage you to spend a day or two with us. Registration materials are located in the church office and will also be mailed out. Please contact Amy Hopkins with any questions at 642-9100 or amy@rollinghillskc.org. Hope to see you all there!

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February

Feb. 4: Service Trip Meeting
Meeting begins at 11 a.m. Deposits due!

Feb. 11: Special “Big Sonia” Movie Event
Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Movie begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by RH Youth Group Valentine Cake Wars. Come decorate small cakes to share with the local police and fire departments!

Feb. 17: Harvesters Volunteer Opportunity
1-3 p.m. RSVP by Feb. 14.

Feb. 24: Chili Making Party/Set-Up and Romans & Christians NIGHT!
Join us from 7 to 11 p.m. (we will be offering rides home to students that evening)

Feb. 25: Chili/Trivia/Silent Auction Fundraiser
Help us raise funds for the Senior High Service Trip. Fundraiser runs from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Scavenger Night Fun!
Close to 30 youth and adults scoured Oak Park Mall for clues during the RHPC Bring a Friend Photo Scavenger Hunt! Teams were given 15 clues that asked folks to locate certain signs, products and places throughout the mall. We welcomed 10 extra friends brought by RHPC youth. There was gelato, candy and prizes to end our evening together! Thank you to the drivers/chaperones that made this night successful!
Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday
February 14
12 PM service

Palm Sunday
March 25
9 & 10:15 AM services

Maundy Thursday
March 29
Dinner & service

Good Friday
March 30
Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday
April 1
(April Fool’s Day)