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HAPPY Thanksgiving

Celebrating
God's Blessings

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.**

**Give thanks to him,
bless his name. – PSALM 100:4**

JOIN US IN PERSON OR CATCH THE 10AM LIVESTREAM ON [YOUTUBE](#).

Check out recent service streams and more at www.fccnh.org.



At an elders' meeting last November, we were invited to share what we were looking forward to as Thanksgiving was approaching. I recall saying that I was most excited about all of the little things that happen around the holiday. I love all of the things that organically turn into traditions.

For example, my mom makes the best yeast rolls. They are made with my grandmother's recipe. She makes them early in the morning on Thanksgiving. Therefore, the rest of the day, she monitors every door in or near the kitchen. If someone slams a door, they fall. In case you are wondering, yes, fallen yeast rolls taste differently! I miss her saying "Be careful!" and "Don't forget!" when anyone opens a door. Then, of course, someone forgets as they are hurrying through the house and the year's rolls fall. Oh, traditions!

I also love the undesignated tradition of someone, after three hours of laying around after eating the Thanksgiving meal, saying "let's go for a hike." Half of the people want to go to sleep while the other half are eager to do something after carbo-loading through the Thanksgiving meal! Oh, traditions!

I wonder what small, seemingly insignificant things warm your heart this time of year. I hope that you can be mindful of them. We can too easily go through "auto-play" during the holidays, which can cause us to miss out on the beauty of these sacred seasons.

Together,

Pastor Seth

Senior Pastor

**THANKSGIVING
OFFICE CLOSURE**

The church office
will be closed on
November 23rd
and November 24th
for the
Thanksgiving Holiday.

**10AM • SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 26**

"Don't Call it a Comeback"

TEXT: 2 Kings 22:1-10; 23:1-3

Have you ever had a comeback so good that it didn't feel like a comeback? You always imagined the outcome being great but to actually achieve it feels unreal. As we look at 2 Kings 22:1-10; 23:1-3, Pastor Tau will take us through the ways in which a rededication of faith AND repairing the church can improve all of our lives. FCCNH isn't just coming back, it is actively transforming for the betterment of the community.

Pastor Taulau Tupua

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

OF YOUTH AND MISSION

Unable to join us in person?
Watch the livestream at
YOUTUBE or on **FACEBOOK**

GIVING THANKS *in the* PARK



This past Sunday, November 19th, was the day our Human Needs Committee served the annual Thanksgiving in the Park dinner to the community in local North Hollywood Park. As you can see the turnout was great—both of the servers and the served! Thank you to all who donated, cooked, or came out to celebrate Thanksgiving with our homeless friends and wider community.

photo by Pastor Jonathan



My Thanks to everyone who helped cook, haul supplies and food, and serve at North Hollywood Park on Sunday, November 19th. It was truly a joyous occasion and you all made this one of our most successful Thanksgiving Lunches ever! We handed out over 200 to go boxes. All 16 turkeys and 15 hams were consumed, along with all the accompaniments. The guys said it was the best Thanksgiving Dinner they ever had, and a wonderful time was had by all. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Deborah Luster,
Head of The Human Needs Ministry

A LOOK AT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Acolyte Emarie Vallero with Pastor Jonathan • Emarie Vallero ready to enter th sanctuary • The Tree Lot tent raising • Deborah Luster is honored with an award for her 15 YEARS of leadership of the Human Needs Ministry by Lonnie Sill (a lead volunteer for Human Needs), Chris Trammell, and Pastor Jonathan • Deborah Luster being presented with the award by Lonnie Sill • Deborah Luster holds her award for Human Needs Ministry Leadership. Congratulations and Thank you, Deborah!

– photos by Byron Armantrout



OPERATION
Santa Claus
2023

It's that time of year again when we roll up our sleeves for Operation Santa Claus, FCCNH's annual giveaway to underprivileged kids. Just like last year we will not be giving away toys in the Social Hall. Instead, we will give gift cards to the kids in every car that drives into our parking lot on the morning of **Saturday, December 16, starting at 7:30 a.m.** To that end, we're accepting donations of Target or Walmart cards in the amount of \$15 or \$20. If you'd like to donate cards (or a check made out to FCCNH with "Operation Santa Claus" written on the memo line), we would be most grateful. If you have any questions, please contact **Ken Wilson, 818-903-0850** or email him at kwmedia@earthlink.net.

First Christian Church of North Hollywood

PRESENTS

IMAGO DEI

an inspirational
multimedia video

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 3
5:30pm

in the Social Hall

written and performed
only once in 1985,

IMAGO DEI is a
contemporary Christian
mass for the Christmas
season. IMAGO DEI:

Latin for "the image of God"

SPONSORED BY: Roz Noziska, Ted Mantz, and Richard

Follett as a Christmas gift to the members and friends of FCCNH. Refreshments to follow. In the tradition of Ken Burns and with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the 46-minute IMAGO DEI now has 373 glorious visuals giving it a new breath of life. Join us to be imbued with this Holy Wonder!

www.ImagoDei1985.com



MEN'S GROUP MEETING

meets online weekly at

7PM WEDNESDAYS

Interested in joining?

For Zoom info Email: menoncorner@gmail.com

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

I will praise the name of God with song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving. — PSALM 69:30B





Once again you can order poinsettias to help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas! The cost of a plant is \$20, and they will be supplied by our awesome florist Katie Hartman at *Floral Crush Studio*.

If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia as a remembrance, please do so by **SUNDAY, December 10**. We will print acknowledgements and dedications in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Sunday bulletins.

YourName(s): _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

Poinsettia Dedication(s):

(Please check one of the following and write the specifics of your dedication(s) below)

In ... Honor of Celebration of Memory of

No. of plants @ \$20 _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

If you would like to take your poinsettia home, they will be available following the Christmas Eve service. Plants remaining after Christmas will be taken to shut-ins of our church family. Anyone who would like to help with taking plants to shut-ins please contact the Elders.

Meet & Greet



- 11/26 The Sigala Family
- 12/3 OPEN
- 12/10 CWF Jewelry/Bake Sale
- 12/17 OPEN
- 12/24 OPEN
- 12/31 OPEN

ALL OF JANUARY IS OPEN

HOST A MEET & GREET

Interested in volunteering to host a Meet & Greet after one of the upcoming Sunday morning services? It isn't complicated and doesn't need to be anything fancy. If your family or club or group would consider hosting one of the open dates contact Alberto at asigala480@gmail.com or 310-569-9908 to add your name to the list or answer your questions.

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TUESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

10am • via Zoom

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

If you're interested joining the Tuesday morning study with Ed Esau, please contact the church office at 818.763.8218 to be added to the weekly email with topic and Zoom connect info.



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
SEMI-ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

CFW Bake Sale & Jewelry Boutique
Sunday, December 10 • in the Social Hall
following the 10 AM service

The ladies of CWF are gathering our most delicious recipes and beautiful jewelry to make your day. Bring your love of sweets and your Christmas shopping list to support our missions.

SAVE *the* DATE

CHANCEL CHOIR CONCERT

Dona Nobis Pacem: A Concert
for Christmas Peace

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

in the SANCTUARY

FREEWILL DONATIONS WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED AT BOTH CONCERTS





FLOWER DEDICATIONS

To order flowers to decorate the chancel on an upcoming Sunday, please fill out the following form and place in the offering box or drop at the church office with your check for \$40.

Today's Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

Available dates:

11/26	12/10	12/17	12/24	12/31	1/7
1/14	1/21	1/28	2/4	2/11	2/18

Floral Dedication:

(Please check one of the following and write the specifics of your dedication in the space provided below)

- In Honor of ...
- In Celebration of ...
- In Memory of ...

Check enclosed for arrangement (\$40)
 Arrangements are supplied by Floral Crush Studio.
 Checks should be made payable to FCCNH.



Help Us
Reach Our Goal!

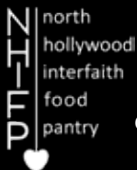


CNS is starting a See's Candy Fundraiser! Please visit the link below to order some treats! You can also share this link with family and friends, and social media! They can order chocolates and treats and have it sent directly to them anywhere in the United States. The sale ends December 1st! Use the code or go to:

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/firstcco_christian_nursery_school66/Ama_Sig3337/

A NIGHT OF MERRIMENT FRIDAY . DECEMBER 15

Please mark your calendars now and join us for "A Night of Merriment." Donna Loyd and David Rigsby are organizing a night of food, fellowship and Christmas caroling on Friday evening, December 15th. We'll meet at the church for a light soup and chili dinner. But...we need YOU! We're organizing "teams" of drivers and carolers to visit some of our FCCNH church family or friends who no longer get out too much. If you know of someone who could use a visit and a Christmas carol or two, please see Donna or David. We need names of carol recipients as much as we need drivers and carolers. Santa's elves make ALL voices sound like choirs of angels on a night like this. Your presence is needed more than your Carnegie Hall-ready pipes! We hope you can join us! Call the church office if you'd like to drive, sing or both at 818.763.8218, or if you'd like to suggest some names to call upon this year! Merry Christmas!



NEW NHIFP WISHLIST

Click here or go to the link below to check out the Pantry's new Amazon Wishlist -- an easy way to donate to NHIFP and be sure the donation is exactly what's needed.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3M150OOZO59FV?ref=wl_share



We've Lost A Friend

Jane Zarish passed away at 96 ½ years old on November 9th, 2023. Jane was an active member of Louise Goben's Bible study and both of her grandchildren attended CNS. The Celebration of Life service will be on Thursday, December 21st at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.



As we find ourselves in the season of various sicknesses, we would like to invite you to worship with us online if you have a fever, a runny nose, or show any other symptoms. These small acts can help us to better love our neighbors.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Morning Worship – 10:00 am

Live Nativity – 5:00 pm

Family Worship – 5:30 pm

Candlelight Service – 11:00 pm
w/Chancel Choir



W2W
WOMEN to WOMEN
7:30pm FRIDAYS
NEWCOMERS WELCOME
email for Zoom info
W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Sunday Worship 10am	137
Youth Sunday AM	12
Sunday School	32

Sunday Worship Donations	\$3,276.75
Sunday School Donations	\$8.00

SUNDAY GENERAL OFFERING \$3,284.75

Newsletter Postage Fund	\$25.00
Operation Santa Claus	\$220.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 11/13/22 - 11/19/23

General Offering	\$4,078.00
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WEEKLY CUMULATIVE GIVING \$7,352.75



WAYS YOU CAN TO DONATE

Paypal@fccnh.org

Venmo@fccnh.org

[Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com) • Zelle to offering@fccnh.org

On our website

www.fccnh.org or

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