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HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2024

...and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

- ISAIAH 62:2 -

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



In Luke 2:10 (the story involving the shepherds), we hear about how the good news was going to cause joy for all people.

Upon reading the story this year, I was struck by the notion of good news for all people. All. Not some. All.

Countless conflicts come to mind at this moment for me. What would it look like for all to have good news that causes joy in Israel-Palestine? What would it look like for all to have good news that causes joy for people in Ukraine and Russia? What would it look like for all to have good news that causes joy for everyone in the United States as we approach an important series of elections next year?

For many, moving out of the winners/losers mindset is difficult to fathom. However, I see an invitation to share good news for all people that will cause all to be joyous. Yes, it is difficult to fathom, but what if that is what we are supposed to experience in the birth of Christ?

I hope that you will see this as an invitation to be part of a world where the good news is truly good for **all!**

Together,

Pastor John

Senior Pastor

Celebration of Life



Mary Ann Steuterman
7/15/29-11/26/23

Sunday, December 31, 2023 • 1:30 PM
Reception following in Social Hall
Please send donation to
<https://nhifp.org/> in lieu of flowers.

Meet & Greet



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.



10AM SUN • DECEMBER 31

Are You In or Into?

TEXT: MARK 1:9-20

Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Hall, Senior Pastor

On the last day of the year, Pastor Jonathan will lead us in looking at a bit of grammar that can have a cataclysmic effect on our relationships. One may think that is an inconsequential issue with the story, but it mattered to Mark and his community who wrestled with being present with and for one another. Pastor Jonathan's sermon is entitled "Are You In or Into?" The text is Mark 1:9-20.

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The CHURCH OFFICE will be CLOSED

from noon **Friday, December 29th**
until 9am **Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024**

IN CELEBRATION OF THE *New Year*



Mark those calendars, families - Our FCCNH Summer Camps for 2024 are back to give your kids fun and educational activities right here on campus

JUNE 10 - JUNE 14

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

JUNE 17 - JUNE 21

MUSICAL THEATRE

JUNE 24 - JUNE 28

MARTIAL ARTS

JULY 1 - JULY 5

COOKING

JULY 8 - JULY 12

ART

JULY 15 - JULY 19

PHOTOGRAPHY

Don't forget Loch Leven Camps too! Located at the beautiful Loch Leven facility in the San Bernardino mountains.

JUNE 23 - JUNE 28

CYF CAMP (GRADES 9-12)

JULY 7 - JULY 12

CHI RO (GRADES 6-8)

JULY 21 - JULY 24

WEE CAMP

(AGES 3 - KINDERGARTEN, WITH A PARENT)

JULY 21 - JULY 24

MINI CAMP (GRADES 1-3)

JULY 21 - JULY 26

JUNIOR CAMP (GRADES 4-5)

Email camps@fccnh.org to be notified when registration opens, or for any questions!

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TURNS 100 YEARS OLD ON JULY 27, 2024



Our church is nearly 100 years old! With God's blessings we're making plans for a year full of events and special memories to propel us into celebration.

We're excited to unearth FCCNH's archives in boxes and boxes filled with memories and traditions and moments we've shared together as a community. Now it's time to take these memories and shape them into celebratory ideas for a 100th Anniversary Master Plan that will include festivities as well as beloved events to honor our centennial year. Since we are a family, we would like your ideas too, so we've devised a method to include our church family in the planning process!

On Sundays, December 31st and January 7th, we'll place two anniversary suggestion boxes for your ideas to be included: one box will be located in the Narthex, the other in the Social Hall at Meet & Greet. Please offer your creative suggestions for events and church services that you'd

like to see. Online, you may send them to glenda@fccnh.org.

Think about church events that made an impact on you and your family over the years. What FCCNH gatherings did you enjoy and what kind of celebrations would you like to see included again as we celebrate moving into the next 100 years? As we map out these ideas, we will continue to send updates on the 100th anniversary plans in the FCCNH newsletter in the months ahead. Lastly, YOU are the most creative and loving community, so for now keep your eyes out for the 100th year anniversary boxes. We look forward to reading what you have to say!

Thank you in advance for participating. 2024 will be a magical year at FCCNH and we have much to look forward to and be thankful for.

With Love and Blessings,
Your 100th year Anniversary Team

APPLY TO BE A 2024 PEACE INTERN APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 31!

Each year Disciples Peace Fellow selects three young adults (21-years-old or older) to serve as Peace Interns. This is a 12-week, paid internship (\$3,000 summer stipend) that will allow you to serve as an advocate for peace and justice in many different ways and in several different formats. The 2024 DPF Peace Internship will be a hybrid model again this summer. That means that Peace Interns will serve at in-person Disciples of Christ Church Camps AND they will have remote work weeks where they work on specific projects with Disciples Justice Ministries groups (like AllianceQ, Reconciliation Ministries, Green Chalice, and more) or inter-faith/ecumenical peace partners (like the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the InterReligious Task Force on Central America, and Blessed Tomorrow). If you are interested, please go to <https://www.disciplespeace.org/apply> or talk to Pastor Jonathan or Ben Bohren.



INGATHERING SUNDAY IS JANUARY 21



The North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry serves roughly 5,000 people each month and this month we are especially in need of complete canned meals (ravioli, chili, etc.). Our next Ingathering Sunday is **January 21st**. Please bring your donations to the Narthex or the Church office.

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://tinyurl.com/yn54xrf3>

Tai Chi

breathing techniques
simple stretching exercises
meditation to reduce stress

Guided Tai Chi Classes

Tuesdays at 9:30am
Thursdays at 3:30pm
in the Youth Hut

Classes guided by Byron Armantrout
Freewill donation of \$10 per session



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:

12/31	1/7	1/14	1/21	1/28	2/4
2/11	2/18	2/25	3/3	3/10	3/17

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

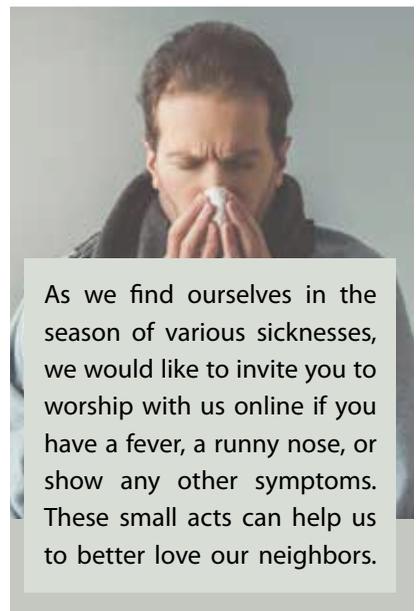
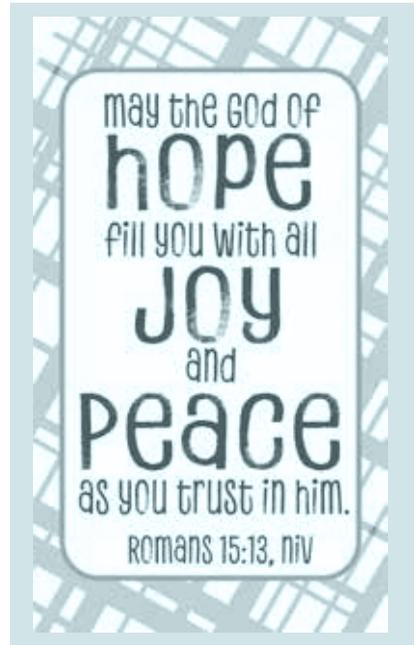


AT LEFT: Pastor Jonathan and Pastor Tau processing out at the end of the 5:30 service Christmas Eve.

ABOVE: The Resta family lighting the Advent candles.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Overhead view of the Candlelight service showing the whole congregation with their lit candles.

photos by BYRON ARMANTROUT





JANUARY Birthdays

- | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Austin Alexander | 12 Joseph Kawan | 23 Emily Inaba |
| Dillen Furry | Dillon Mount | Kini Voorhies |
| 2 David Friedrich | Dino Schofield | 24 Byron Armantrout |
| Eva Sloan | Jeanine Speiser | Elizabeth Bax |
| 3 Kaylee Hirsch | Charlie Tiede | Catherine Kelleher |
| Ryan Hirsch | 13 Robert Arnold | Phil Restivo |
| Evan Klein | Kurt Johnson | 25 Maggie Gattis |
| Joan Merrill | 14 David McKinzie | Amanda Johnson |
| 4 Catherine (C.G.) Mirich | Phil Restivo III | Tyana Parr |
| Veda Semarne-Heatherton | Joey Vallero | Addis Rohwedder |
| Mikayla Snodgrass | 15 Connie Cross | Ana Zubkoff |
| 5 Victoria Barry | AdrianGonzalez-MacNeil | 26 Barbara Mack |
| Oliver Krane | Lisa Ridenhour | Richard Peardon |
| Magnolia Lajoie | Sean Santiago | 27 Lee Arter, Jr. |
| Lydia Yang | 16 Larry Day | Daisy Bishop |
| 6 Gabrielle Braden | Luke Hallada | Samantha Bock |
| Jocelyn Kenney | Klasja Resta | 29 Caitlin Currin |
| Jessica Pichardo | 17 Samantha Meade | Eowyn Keene |
| 7 Jennifer Caloca | Cosmo Moore | 31 Lukas Chavez |
| Henry Richardson | Megan Snodgrass | Rod Conti |
| Sue Williams | 18 David Colwell | Vassi Hawkins |
| 8 Nicolette Hill | Cynthia Helmerich | Leo Powell |
| Matthew King | Daniel Rossi | |
| Davis Ridenhour | 19 Britton Askerneese | |
| 9 Doug Fitzsimmons | Anthony Dallara | |
| Christopher Goben | Drew Powell | |
| Duran James | 20 Emily Fuller | |
| Diana Jenkins | Jose Murillo | 2 Rollie & Sue Bigbee |
| 10 Anastashia | Jensen Ray | 3 Kent & Alexandra Young |
| 11 Julie Houlihan | Carter Williamson | 4 Galen & Louise Goben |
| | 21 Camden Richardson | 6 William & Melanie Maseredjian |
| | Jarrett Stotts | 20 David & Deborah Wheeler |
| | 22 Katie Treibach | 21 Nathan & Megan Burkart |
| | Nancy Valdez | 30 Bob & Janet McComb |



JANUARY Anniversaries

Celebrating One Hundred Years:

OUR CHURCH PARKING LOT



Our church parking lot may seem an odd subject choice in talking about FCCNH history. As our largest outdoor space, however, it has played an integral part in many events that have brought us together as a church family. Most recently, that includes our Christmas tree lot.

Over time, the parking lot has been a touch football field, a basketball court, a car wash, an outdoor movie theater, a viewing point for July 4th fireworks, a racetrack for the CNS Trike-a-Thon, and a Halloween destination for our annual Trunk or Treat. We have salivated over Chili Cook-offs and an occasional barbecue, brought out our inner kids at Country Faires, and shopped at Christmas boutiques. We regularly demonstrate in mechanical form the parable of the loaves (our cars), and fishes (a seemingly limited number of parking spaces) as drivers manage to shoehorn cars along a wall or under a tree without completely blocking traffic.

When we moved to the corner of Moorpark and Colfax in 1950, construction of single-family homes was proliferating in a neighborhood of otherwise vacant lots. There were no sidewalks around the church, and the alley next to the Sanctuary was not paved. A minor rainstorm could ruin a good pair of shoes.

1955 was an important year in the life of the church – and of the parking lot – for three reasons: First, with a pressing need for both more parking and more church school space, FCCNH bought the land directly across the alley from the Sanctuary. The \$27,500 purchase price included a three-bedroom house fronting Colfax. The intention was to use part of the house for church school rooms and the remainder as living quarters for the church custodian.

Second, and to the particular gratitude of the ladies in the church, the otherwise mud-prone alley was finally paved.

Third, starting in the spring and working together at least two days a week, the men on the church's Building Committee contributed time and labor to construct what we now know as the Youth Hut. Except for small details, the building was fully usable by the end of the year. It was dedicated in early February 1956 as "The Memorial Youth Building" because many of the necessary funds came from memorials.

The church's youth have generously shared their dedicated space with other groups ever since, including tree lot volunteers, Elders, and the church's summer camp attendees.

– The 100th Anniversary Team

MLK Jr. Celebration



SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024
4:00 - 6:00 PM PT

DISCIPLES MINISTRY CENTER
IN FULLERTON, CA

IN PERSON AND
STREAMING LIVE



with special guest Justin J. Pearson,
District 86 State Representative
Tennessee General Assembly

"FORWARD TOGETHER, NOT ONE STEP BACK"




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.



MEN'S GROUP MEETING

The Men on the Corner men's group will be on hiatus until Wednesday, January 3rd.

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

For today in the City of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Messiah, the Lord - LUKE 2:11



W2W • WOMEN to WOMEN
WILL BE ON HIATUS UNTIL JAN 5
email for Zoom info W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

Longest Night Service	16
Christmas Eve 10:00 AM	183
Christmas Eve 5:30 PM	291
Christmas Eve 11:00 PM	115
Sunday School	24

Longest Night Service	\$22.00
Christmas Eve 10:00 AM	\$4,483.00
Christmas Eve 5:30 PM	\$1,514.00
Christmas Eve 11:00 PM	\$610.00
Sunday School Donations	\$12.00

WEEK GENERAL OFFERING **\$6,641.00**

Bock Fund	\$250.00
Operation Santa Claus	\$100.00
Christmas Special Offering	\$350.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 12/18/23 - 12/24/23

CC GENERAL OFFERING **\$2,110.00**

Christmas Special Offering	\$200.00
Food Pantry	\$250.00

CUMULATIVE GIVING **\$8,751.00**

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