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March 27, 2024



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Many of you were helpful to the efforts in our community to care for the family and friends of Bill Hayes during his memorial service. Did you know that Bill continues to give to our church?

During Bill's memorial service, there were over 1,000 people watching it live. As of this writing, there have been over 107,000 viewers on YouTube alone (not counting Facebook). Our YouTube channel has almost tripled its number of subscribers since the service (from just under 300 to 878 as of this writing).

We have been living out the greatest story (the Gospel) ever told as a congregation for almost 100 years. During these interesting times, it is exciting to

see people participate in the life of our congregation online and in person. When the biblical writers wrote about carrying the Gospel to the ends of the earth, they thought about sharing the greatest story with everyone, everywhere. I continue to give thanks for all of the ways that we seek to reach the ends of the earth with the Gospel.

A wonderful way of reaching the ends of the earth is inviting a friend to our church. Easter will be meaningful, especially for the participants of our Pastors' Class. Please invite your friends! You can easily share our Palm Sunday service with them to help prepare them for a wonderful experience! I hope to see you at 6, 9, 11, and/or at your convenience anytime online as we celebrate the empty tomb.

Together,

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Senior Pastor

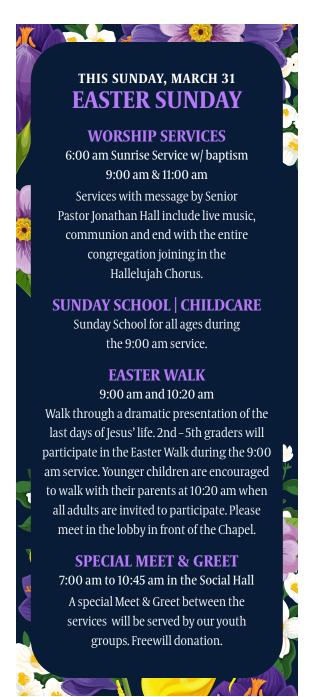
# **DIACONATE NEEDED**

Former / current deacons are needed for the 6:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am for the Easter Services. Please contact Kevin Bailey (Kevin@lakesidegolfclub.com) to let him know when you are available.

# WE WANT YOUR OPINION

Pastors Jonathan and Tau will preach multiple sermon series during the summer. They would love to hear your feedback on some of the topics they are considering. Please go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/FCCNHSeries">https://tinyurl.com/FCCNHSeries</a> to vote on what you find the most interesting.





# WHERE TO FIND FCCNH MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from our most recent board meeting (March 12) and our congregational meeting (March 17) can be found in the narthex, copier room, and via the following links - <a href="https://tinyurl.com/FCCNHMinutes3-24">https://tinyurl.com/FCCNHMinutes3-24</a> & <a href="https://tinyurl.com/FCCNHAnnual2024">https://tinyurl.com/FCCNHAnnual2024</a>.



## **WE'VE LOST A FRIEND**

Sue Malotte passed away on March 21 in her home; Sue was 100 years young. Her celebration of life is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 11, at 1:00 PM. We will publish more details as they become available.

# GOOD FRIDAY labyrinth walk MARCH 29 · 12pm - 7pm

The labyrinth is a walking meditation, a path of prayer and an archetypal blueprint where psyche meets Spirit. It has only one path that leads from the outer edge in a circuitous way to the center. There are no tricks to it and no dead ends. Unlike a maze where you lose your way, the labyrinth is a spiritual tool that can help you find your way. On Good Friday our labyrinth will be set up in the Social Hall for all who wish to take this meditative walk from 12pm to 7pm.





# GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29 • 7:00 pm

A solemn, interactive service of quiet meditation.



# **Easter Breakfast**

# Crafted and Served by Our Youth



# MENU &





## Hatch N.M. Egg Scramble

Aged North American Cheddar and Monterey Jack cheeses, Grilled Hatch New Mexico Chili Peppers, Smoked Roma Tomatoes,

Sweet Mayan Onions and fresh eggs.

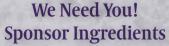
#### **Buttermilk Pancakes**

Hot off the griddle Buttermilk Pancakes with Blueberry compote, Bananas Foster with Walnuts, or Strawberry and Cream toppings.



### Served from 7am to 10:45am

Suggested Donation of \$10-\$15 to sponsor our Youths' Activities Appreciated but not Required



Easter Breakfast has traditionally been a nice fundraiser for our youth! This money has helped them do many trips and activities. One amazing way to help the breakfast be an even bigger success is to sponsor ingredients. We have a wholesale card so we will go buy the items, but if we could get donations of money to cover those items then the breakfast will be pure profit! If you sponsor \$30 in ingredients you get 2 complimentary breakfasts! \$15 gets you 1! Plus we will throw in the warm glow of helping our youth for free! (No tickets to bother with, we will keep a list!)

#### Opportunities:

- Eggs 8 2 @ \$20 each 🕥
- Blueberries 3 @ \$15 each
- ☐ Sausage 8 @ \$20 each
- Turkey Sausage 2 @ \$10
- Milk 4 @ \$10 each 💮
- Tortillas 2 @ \$10
- ☐ Spices | Veggies | Chilis 6 3 @ \$10ea
- Syrup 3 @ \$10 each
- Strawberries 4 @ \$10 \$40
- **■**-Flour & Sugar 2 @ 20 \$40
- Nuts 2 @ \$10
- ☐ Bananas 4 @ \$20
- ☐ Orange Juice 4 @ \$20
- Butter 3 @ \$20 © Cheese 3 @ \$20
- Salsa 2 @ \$10
- ☐ Whipping Cream 2 @ \$20

TALK TO THE OFFICE OR MATT HUNT TO CLAIM YOUR SPONSORSHIP! SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

# PALM SUNDAY FLORAL PROCESSION









#### CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Romero Hunt and Carson Miller waving palm branches for the floral procession; Youth and children lining up to place their flowers in the cross; the cross fully decorated with flowers from the children.

photos by Byron Armantrout





Easter Week marks a busy time in our church. Our Elders' Lenten booklets began at Ash Wednesday and will continue to Easter. The Palm Sunday Children's Processional points us toward the somber observances of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and then to the triumph of Easter morning.

Maundy Thursday recalls the night Jesus and His disciples shared the Last Supper. Over time, we have observed it in ways including everything from "meager meals" of bread and something to drink, to this year's potluck dinner of homemade soups. Each time, the emphasis has centered on sharing, and includes taking Communion together.

Good Friday is the most somber day of Easter week. In the 1950s, CWF ladies held "sacrificial luncheons" that day. The 1954 Year Book describes them as "a highlight of our program, where we all experience the true meaning of Christian missions." Prayer Vigils, hosted by the Elders, began as 24-hour observances. This year, the vigil will be from noon to 3 p.m. in the Chapel. The hours are shorter, but the prayer and reflection will be no less dedicated. For several years, we've had a labyrinth in the Social Hall. Currently, Good Friday concludes with a solemn, interactive service observing the moments leading up to Jesus' death.

Events have evolved, but our journey has always led to Easter morning. Around 1990, a 6 a.m. sunrise service was created to highlight baptism's importance as a rebirth. It begins in silence, as did that first Easter morning. In observance of Good Friday, the Communion table has been cleared of the elements; the paraments are gone. Originally, choir members silently returned the elements and paraments to "dress" the Chancel. Now, the Elders do it. At one time, it was the Deaconesses' job to assist those being baptized. Some years ago, however, Deacons and Deaconesses became the Diaconate. Now, men and women work together equally.

Easter breakfast is a longtime tradition. The CYF (high school) group began it in 1954, raising \$100 for "a special project." They continued at least through the 1950s. It is unclear whether the tradition has continued unbroken since, but the breakfasts still raise funds for youth mission trips and camps. Writing in a 2017 newsletter, Pastor Bob pointed to Easter breakfast as a time when worshipers who have moved and drive distances for Easter services reconnect with their church family. The meal remains a feast for the body, but it is a feast for the heart as well.

Our Easter Walk began around 1999, to help children understand the Easter story. Visitors hear from various participants, including the centurion, Pontius Pilate, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the Mother of Jesus. They are present at the Last Supper, hearing others tell the Easter story from their own perspectives. The Walk is a unique teaching tool and a longstanding tradition.

In many ways, music is at the heart of Easter Sunday. Additional instruments augment our piano and organ. Both the choir and congregation sing with gusto, many of them warming up for one of our more treasured traditions: coming forward to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus." It is an experience open to anyone. Those who participate often return again the following year.



# CHURCH KITCHEN NEEDS BOWLS AND SPOONS

If anyone has any earthenware bowls and/or stainless steel spoons and/or soup spoons that you are not using, the church kitchen would welcome your donations! We'd like to augment our supply as we are a little short on these items. Please call the office (818-763-8218) if you can help. Thank you!



# TUESDAY MORNINGS 10am • via Zoom

If you're interested in 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.





- 2 Apryl Deshler Donald Petrie Leigh Reason Ava Spinks-Johnson Mollie Webber
- 3 Andrew Gold
- 4 Jeffrey Goben
- 6 Marigold Butler Paul McVeigh
- 7 Bob McComb Diana Meade Alisa Melendez
- 8 Sarah Arnold Sarah Cookson Jake Fuller
- 9 Jan Franklin
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- 12 Nicki Berlant Logan Snider Ryan Tellez
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- 13 Susan Lacey Nichole Weaver
- 14 Jacob Beam
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  Mitchell McVeigh
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- 8 Gary & Jan Peterson
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- 14 Matt & Miranda Pitts
- 14 Ken & Linda Walmsley
- 18 Duran James & Ted Mantz
- 19 Ken & Barbara Campbell
- 20 Emanuel Lupei & Adina Ostoia
- 22 Brad & Katherine Arnold
- 24 Doug & Lauri Fitzsimmons
- 29 Frank & Beverly De Lucia



Thank you to those who have provided the beautiful lilies that decorate our sanctuary this Easter morning.

Their dedications are as follows:

Byron Armantrout — In Celebration of Pastor Jonathan, Annie, Malachi & Zion Hall; Pastor Tau & LooLoo Tupua; Peggy Bock; Brother Jimmy, Yesenia, Pablo & Grace Espinoza; Mark & Brenda Scott.

Kevin, Jenny & Landon Bailey — In Memory of Jenny's beautiful mother, Susan Monts.

David Blair — In Memory of Daniel Darwish, with love from David Blair.

— In Memory of two amazing men, Pastor Bob and Bill Hayes. Thanks for the memories.

**Peggy Bock** — In loving memory of my beloved Bob and all our other FCCNH Angels who are in Heaven with him.

- With love and appreciation for my family: Jon, Suzy and Samantha; Brad, Deb and Ben; Jennifer and Ethan; Natalie, Richard, Taeya and Ella; and Sophia.
- In Honor of Pastor Jonathan, Pastor Tau, and all the other wonderful, supportive staff members.
- With love and pride for my "Mentee" Miles Pitts on his Easter Baptism.
- In honor of my Godchildren: Georgi Conti, Landon Bailey and my "adopted Nieces and Nephews": Brie, Andrew, Caroline and Atticus Braden; Julia, Alex, Elias, Kate and Lily Taylor; Dash, Vassi and Vivian Hawkins; Clay and Rene Hawkins; and Eghosa Isa.

**Mike & Richard Carlson** — In Memory of Lillian Carlson, William Carlson, our beloved parents and members.

- **Deb & Chris Carson** In Celebration of Chase's Baptism! We're grateful for this beautiful occasion. Thanks to her mentor, Donna Loyd, Pastor Jonathan & Pastor Tau and to all the wonderful guides and friends in this year's Pastors' Class.
- **Chancel Choir** In Memory of our dear friend and fellow choir singer, Bill Hayes. With much love from The Chancel Choir.
  - In memory of our dear friend and fellow choir singer, John Kreitler. With much love from The Chancel Choir.
- Judy Clark In Memory of my dear Sister, Gloria Jean and my Friend, Diana.
- **Sheryl & Christopher Conte** In Honor of the members of the FCCNH Prayer Group.
- **Amanda & Rod Conti** In Honor of our beautiful daughters, Georgi and Goldie. God is good!
- Martha Craig In Memory of Mom & Dad (Mae & Bob Craig).
- Irion DeRouen In Memory of my Parents, Nevers and Lee DeRouen and beloved Uncle Billy Simar.
- **Deborah Dietrich and Melody Markle** In Memory of Marilyn Tileston (Auntie Marilyn)—we miss you & love you always.
  - In Memory of Stephen Markle—you are forever in our hearts, rooted deeply & brightly blooming with love.
- **Sheryl Fitzpatrick** In Memory of Eunice Combs, my beloved Mother.
- **Richard Follett** In Memory of Robert and Waneta Follett, my parents who showed Christ to me by their examples.
- The Hall Family In Memory of Pastor Bob's ministry at our church and honoring the three years since his passing on April 2, 2021.

**Doug & Gail Hayek** — In Celebration of Peggy Bock, who gets younger each year. We love you.

Mary Heiss — In Memory of Pastor Bob and all those we have lost.

 In Honor of Pastor Jonathan (and the Hall Family) and Pastor Tau for a truly bright future for our church and beyond.

Julie Houlihan — In Memory of Justice Tom Glaze.

- In Memory of Amy Suzanne Glaze.
- In Memory of Peter Paul Houlihan.

Mary Lynn Jackson — In Memory of Grandma Mary Cowgill.

**Larry & Virginia Keene** — In Memory of Barbara J. Long—Virginia's Sister who recently passed away.

- In Celebration of our two new Great-Grandchildren: Walker Keene and Maggie Merlan.
- In Honor of David Rigsby—for his many years of dedicated leadership of our Chancel Choir and our entire wonderful music program.
- In Celebration of the entire music department of our church: John Dickson and the many supportive instrumentalists, Ty Parr and the Children and Youth Choirs, the Chancel Choir singers who spend so many hours rehearsing to provide such a rich worship experience for all of us on Sunday mornings.
- In Honor of Pastor Jonathan, Pastor Tau, and all the other wonderful, supportive staff members.
- In Honor of Bob and Peggy Bock for his many years of service to our church and for her continuing service and dedication as well.

Marshele Labovitz — In Memory of Bernice Benovitz.

Nelle Niles — In Celebration of our Pastor Jonathan. We love you!

- In Loving Memory of Bob Bock, who we will always miss.
- In Gratefulness for my five children and eight grandchildren. Love them so much! And always missing Wendell, husband, father and grandfather. Love you.

**Jose Pretlow and Linda Finnell** — In Memory of our parents who we love and miss—Neil, Barbara, Dick & Dorothy.

**Loretta Rodriguez** — In Celebration of Emarie & Joey Vallero.

**Lisa, Chris & Davis Ridenhour** — In Celebration of the FCCNH congregation for warmly welcoming us as members.

**Toni Rossi** — In Celebration of my precious son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Miray Rossi, my adoring boyfriend, Leon, my beautiful Pew Moms, Phyllis and Dee and my precious friend, Peggy. I love you all!

— In Loving Memory of my parents, Anthony and Sybil, my husband Phillip and my forever hero, Pastor Bob—you're always in my heart.

The Santiago Family — In Honor of Beloved Grandparents.

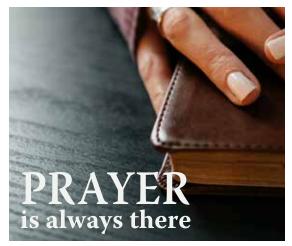
**Gustavo Santin** — In Memory of my sister Lupe M. Hausfeld; someone who is greatly missed, not forgotten; who influenced me and who I was blessed to have in my life.

**Frank Speight** — In Memory of Beth Torres.

— In Memory of Rev. Dr. Henry and Minnie Speight.

Linda & Mel Wolf — To the Wolf Family: Happy Easter!—Linda & Mel Wolf





As always, there are many ways to reach us with your prayer needs.

On Sundays, there are cards in the morning bulletins. You can write your prayers on the back and put them in the offering plates as they are passed. You may also slide your prayer cards through the slot in the Prayer Cabinet near the drinking fountain outside the Chapel doors.

During the week, your prayers can reach us in several ways:

Via email on the church website:
 www.fccnh.org/worship/prayer-requests

• Via phone call to the church office: 818-763-8218

If you are at the church, prayer cards are available at the Prayer Cabinet outside the Chapel. Fill one out and put it in the cabinet slot, or drop it off in the church office.

Prayers received during the week in one of these ways will be emailed out to Prayer Group members. Unless urgent, prayers received on Saturday or Sunday will be compiled for the list given to members on Monday mornings.

The sole purpose of the Prayer Group has always been to pray for those in need. Prayers are lifted aloud in the Chapel on Monday mornings, and then become part of the daily prayer discipline of our members. As always, all prayers that come to us are kept strictly confidential and are not shared elsewhere.



More information to be announced later. Contact Ne'e at <a href="mailto:menoncorner@gmail.com">menoncorner@gmail.com</a>.



#### BY WAY OF REPORT

## WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

Sunday Worship 10am197Youth Sunday AM16Sunday School54

Sunday Worship Donations \$4,156.00 Sunday School \$20.00

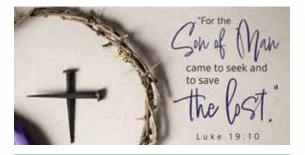
Disciples Mission Fund (Easter) \$323.00 Youth Breakfast Fund \$25.00

SUNDAY GENERAL OFFERING \$4,176.00

# CREDIT CARD OFFERING 3/18/24 - 3/24/24 CC GENERAL OFFERING \$455.00

Youth Breakfast Fund \$120.00 Music Programs Fund \$20.00

CUMULATIVE GIVING \$4,631.00



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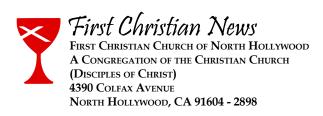
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