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'See, I am making  
all things new.'  
Also he said,  
'Write this,  
for these words are  
trustworthy and true.'

– REVELATION 21:5

**JOIN US IN PERSON OR CATCH THE 10AM LIVESTREAM ON [YOUTUBE](#).**  
Check out recent service streams and more at [www.fccnh.org](http://www.fccnh.org).



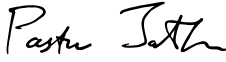
The new year is a great time to be more intentional about growing in your faith at our church! I would like to invite you to grow in a few different ways.

First, there are many ways to learn more about our faith. I am offering a Heritage Class where we will look at our congregation and denomination. We have extra copies of the book for the class, if you are interested. The classes start on January 15 after worship. Additionally, we will offer a Pastor's Class beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22. The other classes will be after worship on Sundays. This is an opportunity for youth to be baptized on Easter Sunday!

Second, there are countless ways to serve such as through our Feeding in the Park program, Sunday School teaching, prayer group, deacons, youth group, and much more!

Third, there are ways to grow via fellowship. There are many options such as Men on the Corner, Christian Women's Fellowship, Women to Women, and much more!

For more information about all of the ways to grow, please contact me or our office.

Together,  
  
 Senior Pastor

## ■ ■ ■ SAVE the DATE ■ ■ ■

### Associate Pastor Search Committee Meeting

The Search Committee for the Associate Pastor for Youth and Mission will be meeting with youth and families on **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** in the Youth Hut. This will be a dedicated time for youth and families to share their hopes and dreams for our next youth pastor! If anyone has questions, please contact Pastor Jonathan at [Jonathan@fccnh.org](mailto:Jonathan@fccnh.org)!

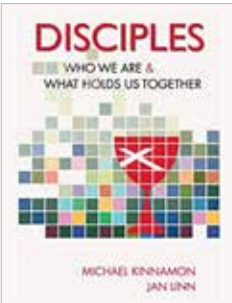


## *Avoiding Disaster*

**MATTHEW 2: 1-23**

Matthew gives us a beautiful story of the magi seeking the Christ child followed by the heartbreaking story of Herod's paranoia. We will be looking at Matthew 2:1-23 as we consider what it means to be separated from our truest self - God's highest dream for us. Pastor Jonathan's message is entitled "Avoiding Disaster."

## TWO UPCOMING WAYS TO GROW!



Pastor Jonathan will be leading two upcoming classes to help deepen your faith. They will be offered after worship on Sundays for approximately 90 minutes. Lunch will be provided.

### WHO ARE THE DISCIPLES?

DATES: 1/15, 1/22, (skipping 1/29), 2/5, 2/12, & 2/19 in the Annex

This 5-week class is great for anyone who wants to know more about our larger church. It is also great for adults who are interested in joining our church, being baptized, or just wanting to learn more about us. What do we believe? How do we act in community together? What are our guiding values? We will use a book for this class - *Disciples: Who We Are And What Holds Us Together*. If you are interested, please let Pastor Jonathan know via email ([jonathan@fccnh.org](mailto:jonathan@fccnh.org)) or by calling our office (818-763-8218). There are extra copies of the *Disciples: Who We Are and What Holds Us Together* are available in the office. There is a suggested donation of \$20. The Heritage Class starts on January 15.

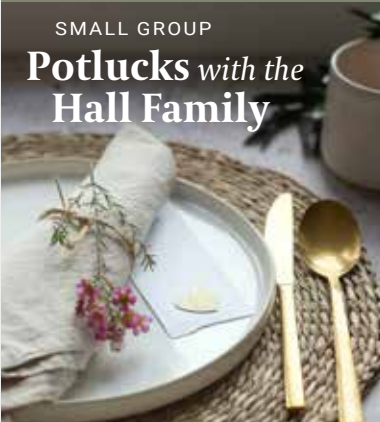
### PASTOR'S CLASS

DATES: 5:30 on 3/22 (Ash Wednesday); all other classes at 11:30am on 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, & 4/2 in the Annex

This 7-week class is great for youth who are ready to be baptized. In this class, we will learn about all of the different ways that we can play with scripture, lead a philanthropic project, partner with a mentor, learn about our local church and denomination, think about how your story can best relate with God's unfolding and enfolding story, and much more! If you are interested, please let Pastor Jonathan know via email ([jonathan@fccnh.org](mailto:jonathan@fccnh.org)) or by calling our office (818-763-8218) by February 1.

SMALL GROUP

### Potlucks with the Hall Family



Pastor Jonathan and his family have been enjoying a series of potluck dinners with members of the congregation. There is no better way to get to know people than over a nice meal with great conversations. This will be a wonderful way to really get to know the Hall family—and for them to get to know us! Kids are welcome to participate. We're looking for groups of about 12 people (plus Pastor Jonathan, Annie, Malachi and Zion). Don't worry—if you feel your home isn't big enough, the Social Hall or Annex are available! If you are interested in hosting one of these special dinners (you can put together your own group), just call the church office at (818)763-8218 and Glenda will give you a selection of dates in 2023. Hope to see you soon!

Contact the Church Office at 818.763.8218 for more info

# GRANT-FUNDED WRITING WORKSHOP

## for Mothers and Mother Figures to Explore & Write Their Pandemic Stories

Are you a mother, grandmother, aunt, or mother figure? Have you mothered others through the Covid-19 pandemic? Published writer and UCLA writing teacher Robin Finn invites you to share your stories in a writing workshop entitled: What Just Happened? Mothering Through the Pandemic & Beyond. This 12-week workshop is open to all writers and nonwriters alike. Each week, we will explore different themes related to 'mothering' through the Covid crisis, use inspiring prompts, and write and share our stories. We will create a nurturing community for everyone! All stories and all mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures are welcome. The last week will be a live public reading where everyone is invited to share their work and celebrate their efforts with family and friends.

**DATE/TIME:** 11 Tuesdays, January 10<sup>th</sup> through March 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:30 -3 pm

**FINAL READING:** Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 4 pm (All are welcome!)

**LOCATION:** Adat Ari El, 2020 Burbank Blvd, Valley Village, CA 91607

**COST:** \$50 (full scholarships are available )

**REGISTER:** [https://www.adatariel.org/form/mtp\\_registration\\_form](https://www.adatariel.org/form/mtp_registration_form)

**MORE INFORMATION:** [robin@robinfinn.com](mailto:robin@robinfinn.com)

**SPOTS ARE LIMITED & THE WORKSHOP WILL FILL UP! SIGN UP TODAY!**



## STEWARDSHIP

Our Stewardship Committee is working on our Plan for Mission and Ministry (aka annual budget). We had a very positive response from the congregation! However, the Council has asked that anyone who may have had their Intention to Give for 2023 slip through the cracks to please let us know how you can support our ministries in this new year.

We know that economic uncertainty is affect-

ing many of us and if you don't feel comfortable making a pledge at this time, we respect your decision. But if you can make a pledge to our church's work for 2023, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you feel so moved, please go to our website - <https://www.fccnh.org/Intentions-to-Give>, call the church office (818-763-8218), or email [gabriella@fccnh.org](mailto:gabriella@fccnh.org) to inform us of your pledge.

Thank you!



## 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:

1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29	2/5	2/12
2/19	2/26	3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26

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 ...

\_\_\_\_\_

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



### HUMAN NEEDS

## WARM CLOTHING BLANKET DRIVE

New and gently-used blankets and warm clothing are very much needed and appreciated this time of year.

Your donated blankets will be handed out at **Lunch in the Park** event by the Human Needs Committee **this Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Please take a look at the list below and consider donating one or more of these much-needed items:

- jackets
- sleeping bags
- jeans
- blankets
- socks
- sweatshirts
- gloves
- sweatpants
- tents
- rain ponchos

Items can be dropped off at the church office during normal business hours.

**Thank you!**





For more information or to reserve your place, email Jason Peterson at [membership@fccnh.org](mailto:membership@fccnh.org) and Jason will send you the Zoom login for the games.

## Tai Chi

breathing techniques  
simple stretching exercises  
meditation to reduce stress

### Guided Tai Chi Classes

Tuesday mornings at 9:30am  
Thursday afternoons at 3:30pm  
*in the Youth Hut*

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



## MEN'S GROUP MEETING

meets online weekly at

**7PM WEDNESDAYS**

Interested in joining?

For Zoom info Email: [menoncorner@gmail.com](mailto:menoncorner@gmail.com)



### SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. – JEREMIAH 29:11



## W2W

**WOMEN to WOMEN**

ZOOM MEETING • 7:30pm FRIDAYS

**NEWCOMERS WELCOME**

email for Zoom info [W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com](mailto:W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com)

BY WAY OF REPORT

**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023**\_\_\_\_\_

Sunday 10am	79
Sunday School	8
Youth Group Sunday AM	3

Sunday 10am	\$2,528.00
Sunday School	\$.84
e-Scrip	\$172.96

**CREDIT CARD OFFERING 12/26/22 - 1/1/23**\_\_\_\_\_

General Offering	\$5,033.00
Food Pantry	\$600.00
Designated Campaign 22!	\$222.00

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