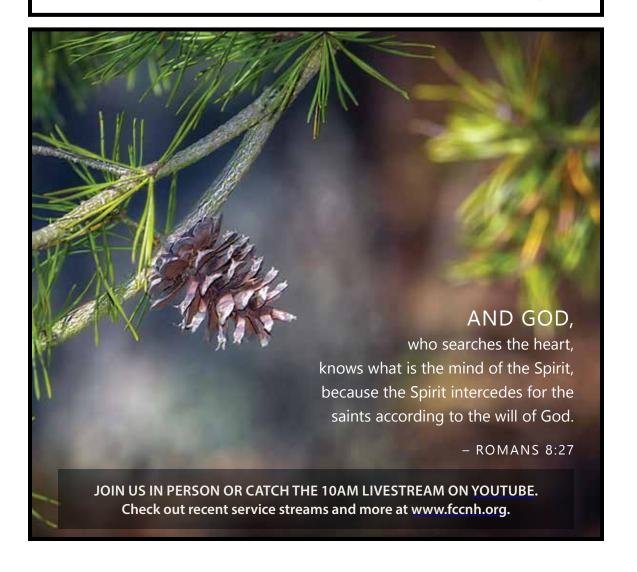


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As a child, I do not recall celebrating All Saints' Day (November 1) or All Saints' Sunday (the first Sunday in November each year). In my spiritual immaturity, I thought that it was odd to have a "day to be sad." I used to make comments to my mom who would have notes on the home calendar in regards to who died on a particular day decades ago. Now, however, I love the tradition of slowing down to remember. The word "remember" means to put back together. I want to put back together those sacred memories of loved ones.

Our church tends to remember All Saints' Day more in the realm of All Souls Day since we are remembering more than simply saints or martyrs in some traditions. Regardless, it is a very intimate and inward-looking time for communities to name their grief and process it, and to commemorate the lives of friends and loved ones in a ritual way.

All Saints' Sunday is a way to reaffirm the things we think are important about our life together and to speak to the living about the witness of the dead. All Saints' Sunday turns into an occasion for reflection on the past but also for dreaming about all the possible futures, sorting among them to decide which ones feel most true.

On this All Saints' Sunday, we will also be having our "Greater Things" luncheon. I hope that you will join your fellow disciples after worship to hear about our plans for the upcoming year! There will be wonderful food (thanks to Matt Hunt) and desserts (thanks to our CWF group)! This Sunday will be a day to hold multiple emotions - sadness, remembering, excitement, and much more. I hope that you will be in worship and at our luncheon to be part of the experience!

Together,

Pash Jath Senior Pastor







## Overcoming Seemingly Insurmountable Odds

All Saints' Sunday is a special time each year to stop and give thanks to all of the individuals who have shaped our lives. On Sunday, we will lift up those who have died this past year and those who we still remember often. Our scripture is 1 Kings 18:[17-29] 20-30a [30b-39], which is the story of Elijah standing strong against overwhelming odds to share the faith. We hope to see you on Sunday as Pastor Jonathan shares his message entitled "Overcoming Seemingly Insurmountable Odds" and we remember those who shared the faith with us and the world.

Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Hall

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

## First Christian Church of North Hollywood

PRESENTS

## IMAGO DEI



an inspirational multimedia video

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 3
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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.

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#### THANKSGIVING IN THE PARK NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our Human Needs Team is asking for donations for our Thanksgiving in the Park ministry. We still need lots of food and cash donations to buy food. For more information, please see the complete list of needs on page 7 of this publication or see Deb Luster or others on our Human Needs Team.



## youthink

#### TAU TAPUA, ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF YOUTH AND MISSION









FROM TOP LEFT ARE: Chris & Lisa Ridenhour, Linda Holmer, Molly Wilson-Holmer, and Jennifer Le'au • Amelia and Ellen Dobbins prepare to hand out treats (and maybe some tricks) from the pump-tasically decorated car • Anya Johnson, Alice Pitts, Miranda and Matt Pitts wait patiently for the Great Pumpkin near their ultra-cute Charlie Brown decorated trunk • Three eyes, a spotted face, and toothy smile top off Pastor Tau's creative and fun car decoration! Thank you all for the smiles and decorations!

## **SAVE the DATES**

#### **ALL YOUTH SLEEPOVER**

Friday, December 15th - December 16th

#### **OPERATION SANTA CLAUS**

December 16th 9am - 10am @ FCCNH

#### **CHRISTMAS TREE LOT SALES**

December 16th 10am - 5pm @ FCCNH

#### **DIAL-A-CAROL (DETAILS TBA)**

Fundraiser offering a friendly call from a group of youth to sing a Christmas carol of your choice.

#### **MARY & JOSEPH FOR LIVE NATIVITY**

Sunday, December 24th 4:30pm - 5:30pm 2 volunteers needed to dress up as Mary & Joseph.



## Six Month Leadership Training for High School Youth

- · Learn to lead in your local Church
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- Build relationships with mentors
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www.YouthLeadershipSymposium.com









### school supplies donations

Instead of doing the Operation Christmas Child boxes this year, we are going to be filling backpacks with school and art supplies and they will be donated to Home Again LA for children in the greater Los Angeles area that are in need of them. A box will be located in the narthex for donations of the items below, or financial donations with which to purchase supplies can be made to the church office with "School Supplies" in the memo. Deadline for donations is November 7th.

### supplies needed

□ Notebooks (wide □ 3-Ring Binders & college-ruled) □ Loose Leaf Paper □ Pens □ Crayons

☐ Pencils ☐ Markers ☐ Pencil Pouches ☐ Rulers

☐ Pencil Sharpeners ☐ Chips
☐ Erasers ☐ Granola Bars
☐ Glue/Glue sticks ☐ Fruit Cups

□ Folders □ Applesauce

Please contact Jennifer <u>jleau@fccnh.org</u> with any questions or for more info.

Thank you! Jennifer Le'au









Our ministry partner, the Week of Compassion, is looking for a full-time Managing Director of Domestic Operations.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jonathan (<u>Jonathan@fccnh.org</u>).

Seeking Managing Director of Domestic Operations



HUMAN NEEDS

## WARM CLOTHING & BLANKETS

The need for warm clothing and blankets is increasing as the weather cools at night. The Human Needs Committee regularly distributes your donations at our *Lunch in the Park* events to those in need. Please take a look at the list below and consider donating one or more of these much-needed items:

p jackets
p sleeping bags

🛮 jeans 🔻 blankets

a socks a sweatshirts/pants

gloves rain ponchos a tents and we're still collecting

hygiene products

Donations can be dropped off at the church office during normal business hours. *Thank you!* 





Do Jesus' work this holiday season for those less fortunate! The local homeless population has doubled in the past few years and they are really suffering. The Human Needs Committee is looking for help feeding the homeless of North Hollywood on November 19<sup>th</sup> – the Sunday before Thanksgiving. We plan to feed at least 130 people. We request that if you donate a turkey or ham that it be COOKED.

Drop off the following prepared foods on: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th • 10:30am-1:00pm or \*SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th • 8:30am-11:00am

#### \*PLEASE HEAT SUNDAY MORNING DROP-OFFS BEFORE BRINGING TO THE CHURCH.

Lots of COOKED AND CARVED Turkeys and Hams; Side Dishes: cornbread stuffing, rice stuffing, vegetables, mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes, yams, rolls, butter, mac & cheese, soup, pies (store bought ok), whipped cream, sodas & bottled water — or cash to purchase needed items

Please call us and let us know what you are donating – this will help us to plan any shopping we may need to do in order to fill the gap in supplies.

Call Deborah Luster at 323.854.6707 or email <u>diluster@yahoo.com</u> so we can add your item to our list, or with any questions.

# CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP EWELRY BOUTIQUE SUNDAY • DECEMBER 10

The Ladies of the Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) are excited to announce the return of our Jewelry Boutique! But we need your help.

If you, or any of your friends, are downsizing, please consider donating jewelry you no longer want or wear to our Boutique. If you have small gift bags/boxes, those would be greatly appreciated too.

You can drop off items in the Narthex at Sunday Services or the Church Office on weekdays from 9am to 3pm. You can also contact Mary Heiss (tauruscook@aol.com) or Linda Wolf (lindawolf1516@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

So, save the date of December 10 for our amazing Christmas Bake Sale and newly revived Jewelry Boutique in the Social Hall during Meet and Greet. See you there!!

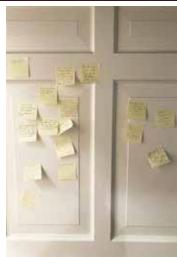




## A LOOK BACK AT REFORMATION SUNDAY. OCTOBER 29







#### **TOP ROW FROM LEFT:**

• This past Sunday's bulletin had a special attachment to the front -- a sticky note for attendees to share their ideas about 2024. The next two photos are just a few of the suggestions.

#### **BOTTOM FROM RIGHT:**

- Emarie Vallero prepares to enter the sanctuary as Acolyte.
- Pastor Tau Tupua and Emari Vallero in the narthex prior to the service.

*photos by* Byron Armantrout





## HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL • TRUNK OR TREAT 2023 photos by Jennifer Le'au, Director of Children's Ministries







#### THIS ROW:

LEFT: Iggy Nakamura enjoyed the ice cream

MIDDLE: The cutest old couple Rebecca Owen and Katherine Miller.

**RIGHT**: The best homemade costumes were made by Annie, Pastor Jonathan, Malachi and Zion Hall.



Friends Anaya Johnson and Alice Pitts.



Baker Andy Holmer with his little cupcake Lucy



Princesses Sydelle and Shiloh Bonilla



Katie and Mermaid Olive Hartman.



Pastor Tau hands out candy from his fun, googly-eyed car.



The scariest trunk was provided by Brett, Jane and Sage Elliott. Miles Pitts was the T-Rex.

## Celebrating One Hundred Years: THE ADVENT THEATRE

The Advent Theatre began in 1981 when several members of the original New York cast of the landmark 1971 play *Godspell*, found themselves in Los Angeles attending FCCNH. In true thespian fashion, the idea came to do a 10-year reunion show at the church. Many members of our church combined their talents, skills, technical, artistic, design, and business experiences together to form The Advent Theatre.

The *Godspell* show was scheduled for 6 weeks, but was such a success in the church and community it ran for six months! Our Pastor Bob Bock reportedly only missed six performances.

From that success, the Advent Theatre grew into one of the most successful small theatres in the area with the direction and support of the founding members, Gilmer & Stephen Reinhardt, Jeanne Lange & David Haskell and with the encouragement of notables like Gordon Davidson, founding artistic director of the Mark Taper theatre. Over the years there have been many productions including musicals, classics, comedies, family shows, single character, and original plays. In 1988 nearly 100 people took part in a new adaptation of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol starring Bill Hayes. Among the many shows presented were Blithe Spirit, The Fantasticks, Cinderella, The Good Doctor and Ten Little Indians.

All of the shows were produced and presented by volunteers in our church family. Many of those folks are still active in our congregation like Glenda Morgan Brown, Molly Wilson, Dino Schofield, Bill & Susan Hayes, Ken & Barbara Campbell, Karl Klein, Jacqui Dixon, Robin Stallings, Deborah Dietrich, Beth Owen, Denise Ovaldson, and Terri Hall...to name a few.

All of the proceeds were distributed between outside charities and various needs of our church.

The Advent Theatre Mission Statement is to provide high-quality theatre that inspires others to seek out and strengthen their own journey with God.

- The 100th Anniversary Team

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### **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/3M15OOOZO59FV?ref =wl\_share

# The Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament IS RETURNING THIS YEAR

We are bringing back the annual Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament, which has been on hiatus since the beginning of the pandemic. As in the past, it will be a scramble format and we're holding it the Monday prior to Thanksgiving, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am in Sylmar. We invite golfers of all abilities—men, women, youth (with some experience of the game)—to participate. Fees have generally been around \$35-\$45 per player in the past.

Please contact Fred Sloan at 818.985.3278 or FRED TED98@yahoo.com to indicate your interest so he can make the reservation.



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#### **Guided Tai Chi Classes**

Tuesday mornings at 9:30am Thursday afternoons at 4:00pm in the Youth Hut

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

## Meet & Greet volunteer hosts



11/5 Greater Things Luncheon

11/12 Men's Group

"Coffee on the Corner"

11/19 OPEN

11/26 OPEN

12/10 CWF Bake Sale

12/17 OPEN

12/24 OPEN

12/31 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 <u>asigala480@gmail.com</u> or 310-569-9908 to add your name to the list or answer your questions. Thank you!

### **TUESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY**

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.











- Sean Adair
   Thomas Dalesandro
   Jacqui Dixon
   Bill Edwards
   Richard Melendez
- 2 Michael Carlson George Crosby Ryan Eiklor Ava Martineau
- 3 Sage Elliott Ernesto Valdez
- 4 Adam De Lucia
- 5 Amayah AnleDeborah DalesandroVirginia KeeneSonia Soliman
- 6 Dorothy Brooks Ella Helmerich Katherine Taylor Arnold Mel Wolf
- 7 Jack Brown
- 8 DeOnzell Green
  Justin Jackson
  Joshua Owen
- 10 Kendis ChaseCindy KallerKatie O'BrienLoretta Rodriguez

- 11 Piper Goldschmidt Ellie Holmer T.J. Smith
- 12 Chase McKinzie Adarsh Pradeep Annette Romano
- 13 Marla Fain Olivia Reed
- 14 Sydney BaxJack HarrisPatsy Meyer KreitlerSarah PorcaroErin Zavala
- 15 Debbie Chyba
- 16 Dorma Hughes Emanuel Lupei
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- 22 Chloe Drastal Stella McFadden Ian Morgan
- 23 Shaza Hanafy
  Devon Karasseferian
  Maura Ross
- 24 Angela Hayes
  Paula Janos
  Cassidy Snider
  Connor Spagnolo

- 25 Lynda Swavely Margaret Taylor Wedaa
- 26 Deborah Currin
- 27 Liz Ellwein Ivanna Garza Jasmine Kelleher Gavin Rhoads
- 28 Lamont Cooper Jayla Jackson James Pazzo Chris Ridenhour
- 29 Bill Murray
- 30 Jack Farnham Rowan Glenn



- 2 Justin & Jamie Jeter Charlie Mount & Arden Lewis-Mount
- 5 David & Sheri Izzard
- 7 Cosmo & Heidi Moore
- 10 Michael & Bernadette Batts
- 13 Michael Carlson & Margaret Gonzales
- 16 Ken & Ann Wilson
- 20 Taulau & LooLoo Tapua
- 22 Robert Staron & Maree Cheatham
- 26 Manny & Pamela Chavez James & Diane O'Brien
- 26 Alfredo Gomez & Loydi Rivas Gomez

\$2,296.00

#### BY WAY OF REPORT

#### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

Sunday Worship 10am	136
Youth Sunday AM	16
Youth Sunday PM	2
Youth Wednesday	12
Sunday School	29
Sunday Worship Donations	\$2,283.00
Sunday School Donations	\$13.00

Operation Santa Claus \$100.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 10/23/22-10/29/23

**TOTAL GENERAL OFFERING** 

General Offering \$1,410.00



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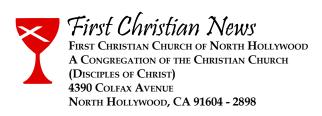
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