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Hope

...does not disappoint us,
because God's love has
been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that
has been given to us.

– ROMANS 5:5

DECEMBER 3, 2023
1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JOIN US IN PERSON OR CATCH THE 10AM LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE OR FACEBOOK.

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



Advent is here!

The word “advent” means the beginning of an event, the invention of something, or the arrival of a person. As we begin this season, what if we played with all three meanings?

What if Advent was the beginning of something for you? What if you were more intentional with your time? Everything costs something. Social media isn't free. It costs your focus. Other things may seem free, but they cost your time. As we begin this season, what if it meant the beginning of you doing something for yourself such as reading a daily meditation, taking a walk, and/or calling a friend?

What if Advent was the invention of something? What if you could spend the next few weeks leaning into your creativity? Some say that there is nothing new under the sun. I don't believe that statement. There is always something new that our world needs you to create, do, and share! So, start that blog, vlog, podcast, etc.

What if Advent was the arrival of a person? The easy answer would be Jesus! Yes, of course! Let's go

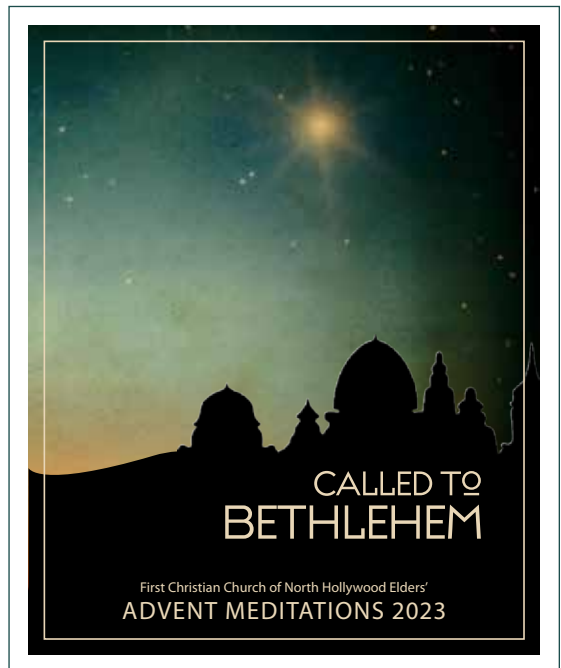
further. What if it was your arrival of being fully present in your relationships, families, places of work, community, and much more? What if you were 100% present instead of being 70% present when you come home from work? Our complete presence may be the best present that we can offer to others!

During this season of Advent - as we anticipate the coming of Christ into our lives - I hope that you will find creative and meaningful ways to lean into this sacred season!

Together,

Pastor Jeth
Senior Pastor

2023 ELDER ADVENT MEDITATION BOOKLETS
will be available for pick up following the
10:00am service this Sunday, December 3rd.



Help Us
Reach Our Goal!



CNS is having 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. Use the code or go to:

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

Final Chance To Order - Fundraiser Ends Tomorrow December 1st

First Christian Church of North Hollywood
PRESENTS

IMAGO DEI

an inspirational
multimedia video

**THIS 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

10AM • DECEMBER 3
1st SUNDAY of ADVENT

"We Make the Road by Walking"

TEXT: Isaiah 40:1-11

As the author of Isaiah penned chapter 40, he likely had the image of the great highways of the empire in the back of his mind. These were roads that symbolized domination, destruction, and exclusion. Isaiah envisions a highway not of concrete and heavy construction equipment; instead, he sees a highway through the desert, which embodies hope, peace, joy, and love. The only item needed for this Advent construction project is a willingness to make the road by walking. We hope to see you on Sunday as Pastor Jonathan shares his message entitled "We Make the Road by Walking."

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Hall
— SENIOR PASTOR —

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

A LOOK AT THIS PAST SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 26



◀ Acolyte Carter Williamson

Carter Williamson, ▶
pictured with Pastor Tau
Tupua.

On Sunday Pastor Tau
delivered his sermon
entitled, "Don't Call It A
Comback" at the 10am
service.

Want more info about
FCCNH Youth Groups?
Contact Pastor Tau

Tau@fccnh.org



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/3M1500OZO59FV?ref_=wl_share



W2W WOMEN *to* WOMEN

ZOOM MEETING • 7:30pm FRI

NEWCOMERS WELCOME

email for Zoom info W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com

Tai Chi

breathing techniques
simple stretching exercises
meditation to reduce stress

Guided Tai Chi Classes

Tuesdays at 9:30am
Thursdays at 4:00pm
in the Youth Hut

CLASSES GUIDED BY BYRON ARMANTROUT
FREEWILL DONATION OF \$10 PER SESSION



CWF
CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
SEMI-ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
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.



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.

Meet & Greet



- 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.

join us
Sunday,
December 10
 at **10:00am**



for the
 ANNUAL CHILDREN'S
Christmas Pageant

Be still
 and know that I am God

PSALM 46:10



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 DECEMBER

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



Celebrating One Hundred Years:

BUILDING ON FAITH



The buildings on Hartsook Street served the church family well from 1925 until early 1941, when roof leaks and termites arrived. After considering repairs, the congregation instead accepted an offer from the Nazarene church to buy the buildings. Unfortunately, the retired Rev. Roberts held trust deeds to the property, so the parishioners received none of the proceeds. Searching instead for a new site, they found a lot just east of Tujung, near the corner of Moorpark and Bakman.

It was not the first and would not be the last time FCCNH took a leap of faith. With over 100 people on its rolls, but perhaps half that number in active membership, building a new church in wartime was especially challenging. A loan from the Southern California Missionary Society augmented congregational contributions.

Even so, 1942 wartime needs could block building permission. Manpower was often scarce. Materials were difficult to find or subject to restrictions, so the church bought surplus Quonset huts and other small military buildings and moved them onto the property. The June 1942 board minutes discuss starting construction on a building even before having a priority number. The unsigned minutes also end with, "Receiving notice that a radio silence and blackout was on, the meeting was hastily adjourned."

From the beginning, young people have been considered one of our church's greatest assets. For that reason, the Sunday School building was the first one on the new lot. The most helpful gift was the "sweat equity" of skilled carpenters, electricians, painters and other workers in the congregation. Despite severe financial strains, the sanctuary known affectionately as the "Little White Chapel" was completed in time for Palm Sunday 1943, albeit absent proper pews or carpeting.

The same building blocks of faith, determination, and willingness to work that led to chartering FCCNH in the first place and were nurtured on Hartsook and in the Little White Chapel became the foundation of the big red brick church standing today on the corner of Moorpark and Colfax.

– The 100th Anniversary Team



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:

12/10	12/17	12/24	12/31	1/7	1/14
1/21	1/28	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25

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.



We've Lost A Friend

Mary Ann Steuterman passed away this past Sunday, November 26th. Mary Ann was a long-time and very active member of our congregation and Christian Women's Fellowship for many years. Services have not been scheduled at the time of print but will most likely be in January.



SAVE *the* DATE



CHANCEL CHOIR CONCERT
Dona Nobis Pacem:
A Concert for Christmas Peace
 SAT, DEC 9 · 2PM & 7PM
in the SANCTUARY

FREEWILL DONATIONS WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED AT BOTH CONCERTS



- 1 Nicole Mork
- 2 Christian Sepulveda
Don Stewart
- 3 John Dickson
Pia Friedrich
- 4 Julia DeRouen Taylor
Ne'e Le'au
David Melendez
- 5 Alex Taylor
- 6 Angelica Annino
Markie Labovitz
Hendrick Lupei
- 7 William Foster
Drake Vickers
- 8 Caroline Culpepper
Indigo Farris
- 9 Christi Anderson
Christian Escoto
Madison Lynch
Matt Pitts
- 10 Laura McKinzie
Judy Mickley
Rosalie Will
- 11 Richard Briggs III
Dominic Dallara
Gary Peterson

- 12 Brock Harris
Gage Kirkland
Sonia Nunez
Ivo Resta
Molly Wilson
- 13 Sidney Bonilla
Sam Cookson
Joaquin Ibarra
- 14 Benjamin Bock
Matt Hunt
Elmer Maldonado
- 15 Justin Day
Rae Eiklor
Janette Jara
Hana Rakicevic
- 16 Timothy Treibach
- 17 Jennalynn Andrews
Brian Marquez
- 18 Johnny Canales
Chase Carson
Joshua Elson
Melanie Maseredjian
- 19 Dave McKinney
- 20 Jenny Harris
Savannah Lynch
- 22 Remington Gillum
Gene McCutcheon
- 23 Victor Valdez
- 24 Taylor Brown
James Coelho
Judy Day
- 24 Gregory Melendez
Julian Richardson
Nola Sarkisian-Miller

- 25 Hillary Iffrig
- 26 Miranda Butler
Rob Koffski
Nicholas Mesta
- 27 Alberto Sigala, Jr.
- 28 Rollie Bigbee
Molly Briggs
Jodie Mann
- 29 José Pretlow
Vlado Resta
- 30 Danielle Ober
Anna Sigala
Lulu Sobel
- 31 Gary Baxley
Dolores Hitchcock
Karen McInnis
Haven Vickers



- 2 Greg & Trudie Kirkland
- 3 Harrison & Loan Anle
- 6 Dan Darwish & David Blair
- 11 Morgan & Lillian Stoddard
- 21 Randall Carver &
Shelley Herman Carver
- 29 Don & Beverly Sarton





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.

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Sunday Worship 10am	134
Youth Sunday AM	13
Sunday School	49
Sunday Worship Donations	\$1,692.00
Sunday School Donations	\$27.00

SUNDAY GENERAL OFFERING \$1,719.00

Newsletter Postage Fund	\$50.00
Human Needs	\$100.00
Operation Santa Claus	\$200.00
Thanksgiving HELM Fund	\$286.00

CREDITCARD OFFERING 11/20/22 - 11/26/23

Due to an outage of online pay services the credit card offering numbers were not available at time of print. Those figures will be included in next week's report.

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE TO FCCNH

Paypal@fccnh.org

Venmo@fccnh.org

[Tithe.ly](https://www.fccnh.org) · Zelle to offering@fccnh.org

On our website

www.fccnh.org or

scan the code at right



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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.



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Robert M. Bock	Mary Ann Steuterman
Billie Kline	Lillian Carlson
Heather Kenney	Margaret Defibaugh
Cathy Melendez	Fern Donald
Chuck Mont	Jean Johnson
Wanda Kanoy	Helen Scarna
Kay Smith	Betty Van Zanten
Shirley McClure	Deborah Wheeler
Virginia Stebbins	Cindy Kaller



SAVE THE DATES

JUNE 10–AUGUST 2
FOR FCCNH SUMMER CAMPS

Specific Camps, dates and details
will be announced here as soon as those
decisions have been finalized.