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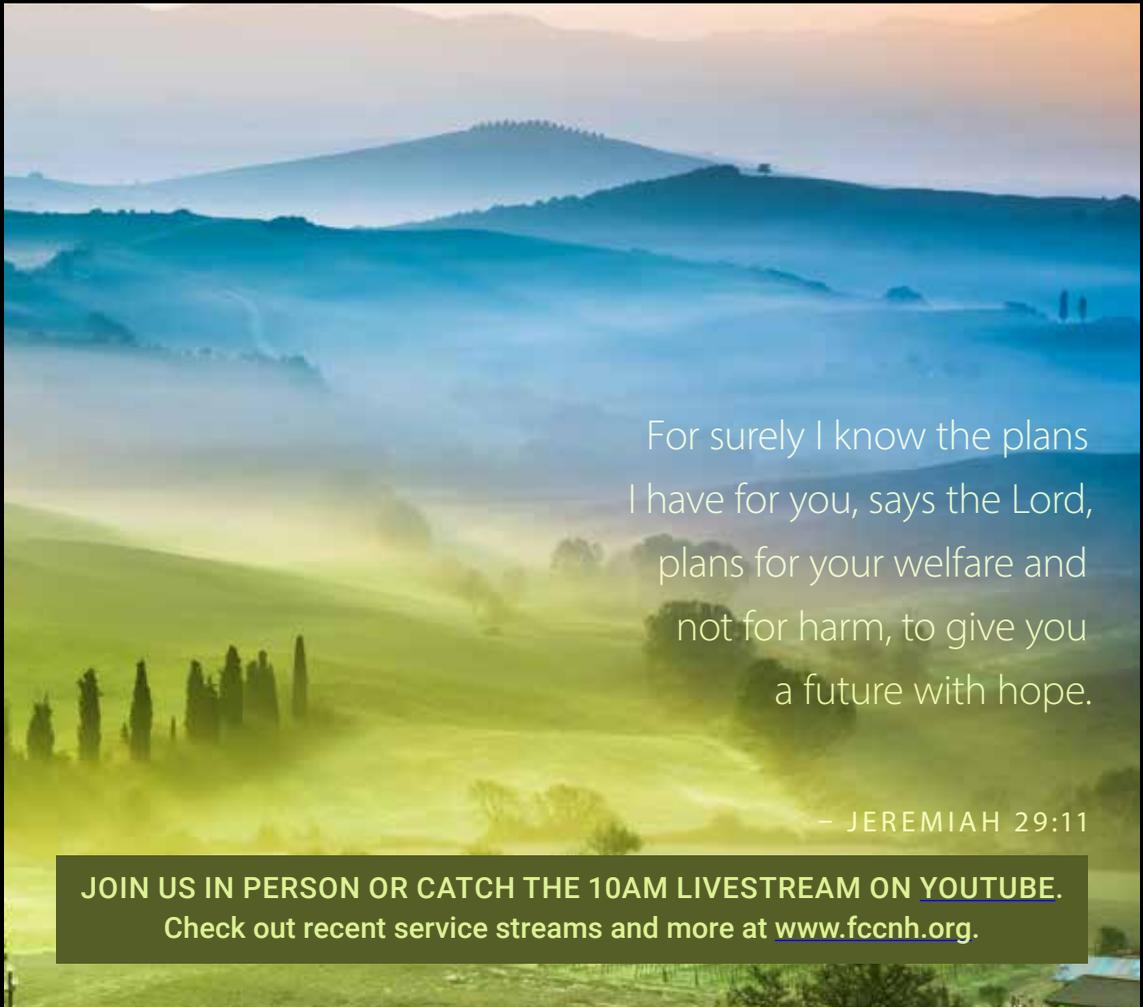
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For surely I know the plans
I have for you, says the Lord,
plans for your welfare and
not for harm, to give you
a future with hope.

— JEREMIAH 29:11

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As I write these words, I am still in awe of the events from the week of Christmas - Longest Night Service, Christmas caroling, Youth Group Reunion, Live Nativity, Christmas Eve services, and Christmas Day service. Now, there is a sacred pause, silence, and rest. I see the sanctuary with remnants of the services. As I look outside of my office window, I can see hay left over from the Live Nativity.

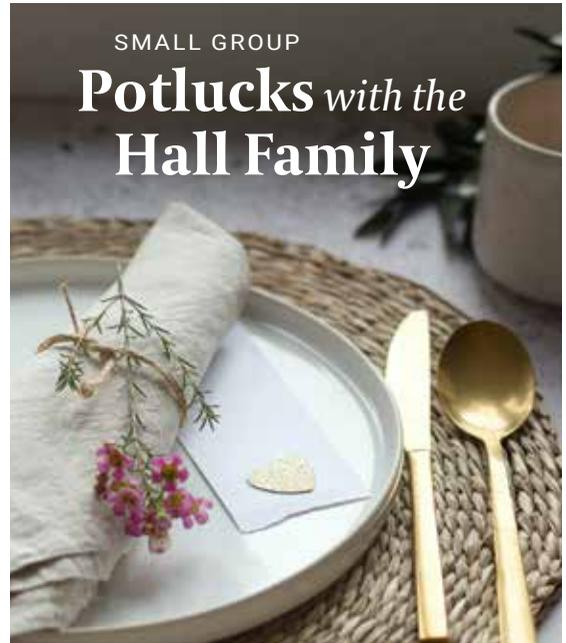
It makes me think about how Mary and Joseph must have felt many years ago. For them, there was no sacred pause, silence, and rest. They were likely filled with ponderings such as what is next, what does this mean, what will the neighbors think, and much more. Most likely, they knew that it meant that something new was beginning and that there are more questions than answers.

I have learned to appreciate these moments (most of the time). As you sit in the calm, I hope that you will learn to appreciate the time to catch your breath, appreciate all that has happened, and discern where you may be able to help spread the light in 2023!

Together,

Pastor Jonathan

Senior Pastor



Contact the Church Office
at 818.763.8218 for more info

Pastor Jonathan and his family continue having 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 the new year. Hope to see you soon!



More Than Just A Bunch of Names

TEXT: Matthew 1:1-17

Many of us will gloss over the genealogies in the Bible. It seems as if there are more important lists in our lives - groceries, to-dos, etc. Yet, to early Christians, this list of names would have been sending them a message. Pastor Jonathan will help us see what the message might be for us in his sermon entitled *More Than Just a Bunch of Names*. Our text this week is Matthew 1:1-17.

■ ■ ■ ■ 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 15th 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!



Scholarships!

Are you looking for scholarships for college, vocational, or trade school?

If so, the deadline for applications for MLK Scholarships has been extended through the end of the year. For more information, please go to <http://www.disciplespswr.org/grants-scholarships>.

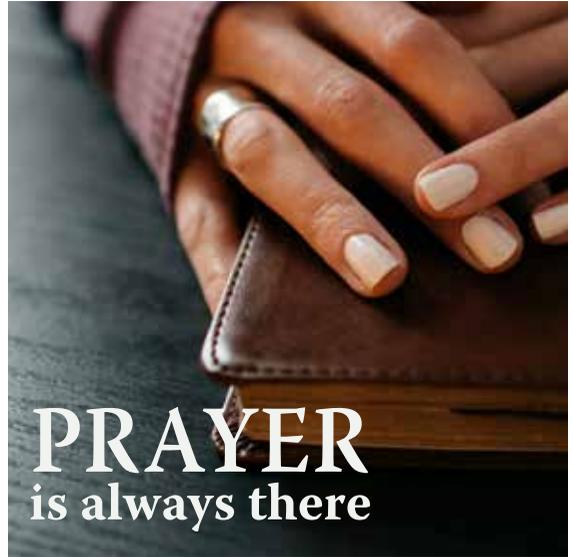
As always, there are many ways to reach us with your prayer needs.

On Sundays, there are cards in the morning bulletins. You can write your prayers on the back and put them in any of 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.

Your prayers can reach us in a few different ways:

- Via email on the church website:
www.fccnh.org/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. 🌿

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 the coming 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 the coming year, 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 to inform us of your pledge. Thank you!

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 10th through March 21st, 12:30 -3 pm

FINAL READING: Sunday, March 26th 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

MORE INFORMATION: robin@robinfinn.com

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

No experience required.

Every other month rotations
can be arranged.

Curriculum, snacks and all
supplies are provided.

For more information or to volunteer
contact Jennifer at coliainc@mac.com.

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.

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COUNTER-CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Thank you Congregational President Sally Hallada for hosting our first annual Holiday Youth Group Alumni event. The festivities were well attended and full of fellowship and spirit. • Carter and Isabella cast as Mary and Joseph for the 5:00PM nativity Christmas Eve • Congratulations to Alexander Hirsch on his recent graduation from Harevey Mudd College • Melody making friends with a llama at our Christmas Eve petting zoo.



————— FCCNH YOUTH PROGRAM HOURS —————

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:30AM-11:00AM
Middle School & High School

SUNDAY EVENINGS

5:30PM-7:30PM
High School

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

3:00PM-5:00PM
Middle School



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 ...

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

Sunday, December 11th

Extended to January 8th.

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

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

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

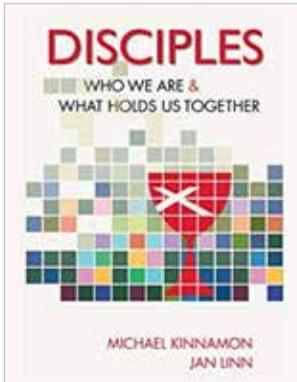
Thank you!

SHOPPING TIP

A member of the congregation purchased the blankets (pictured at right) at Costco recently for \$10 each. They are specifically outdoor blankets and they fold up into a carry- ing case.



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) or by calling our office (818-763-8218)

by January 1. Please specify if you would like the church to purchase the book for you or if you would prefer to order it via Kindle.

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) or by calling our office (818-763-8218) by February 1.

HOST A SUNDAY MEET & GREET

INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, STUDY GROUPS, FRIENDS

Our Sunday morning Meet & Greets are a great way to become more involved with the church and other members—and it isn't complicated. If you, your group or family are interested in hosting a Meet & Greet after one of our Sunday morning services, please contact Alberto Sigala for more information at asigala480@gmail.com or 310-569-9908.

UPDATE FROM SEARCH COMMITTEE for Our Associate Pastor for Youth and Mission //

Church family-

We are grateful to those of you who completed the survey to help our discernment process. We are extending the deadline for your feedback to February 1. You can participate in the survey by going to <https://forms.gle/sm5NB7H6uBaFj2Zc6> or we have printed copies in the narthex.

We look forward to serving our church as we call our next pastor!

Thank you for your prayers - The Associate Pastor for Youth and Mission Search Committee (pictured clockwise from top left) are:

Gaye Coffman, Mike Dobbin, Rae Eiklor, Lucy Zavala, Andrea Surova and Diane Hirsch!




FAITH FORWARD

WINTER CAMP 겨울 캠프
CAMPAMENTO DE INVIERNO
JANUARY 13-16, 2023

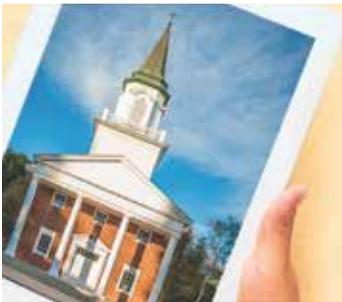
CYF GRADES 9-12 학년
CHI RHO GRADES 6-8 학년
LOCH LEVEN
CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

REGISTER TODAY!

Winter Camp is coming up for youth in middle school and high school from January 13-16. For more information, please talk to our office, Luis Oliart, or Pastor Jonathan. You can complete the registration form at: https://www.repack.com/reg/templates/build/?g_id=100910648



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



MEN'S GROUP MEETING

Coffee on the Corner Men's Group meets online weekly at

7PM WEDNESDAYS

Interested in joining?

For Zoom info Email: menoncorner@gmail.com



SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. – LUKE 2:11

NEW FCCNH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS 9AM MONDAY

For most accurate and professional output for our church information it is important to maintain deadlines for our publications. PLEASE SUBMIT ALL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES VIA EMAIL NO LATER THAN 9AM PT MONDAY TO: terrib@fccnh.org or terriburton@gmail.com.

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022__

Longest Night	11
Christmas Eve Family	250
Christmas Eve Candlelight	100
Christmas Day	35
Friday Youth Event	10

Christmas Eve Family	\$2,698.00
Christmas Eve Candlelight	\$2,131.00
Christmas Day	\$3,393.00
Disciples Mission Fund	\$300.00
Operation Santa Claus	\$100.00
Campaign 22!	\$508.00
Youth Missions	\$500.00
Special Donation	\$11,652.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 12/19/22 - 12/25/22__

General Offering	\$1,352.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Designated Campaign 22!	\$330.00



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