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The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'
And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take
the water of life as a gift.

– REVELATION 22:17

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During the last rain storm, we had numerous leaks in the steeple. We are so grateful to our Security Rep, Luis, for bailing out the steeple area on his free time to prevent the water from causing permanent damage. We sought out many companies to try to remedy the issues. If you call a roofer, in my experience, you will have their attention until you say “steeple.” They don’t want anything to do with it. It does not help for me to mention that our steeple used to be the tallest structure in the San Fernando Valley.

Our custodian, Elmer, and Property Chair, Scott, have tried to remedy the issues with some contractors who were brave enough to accept the job! As of this writing, there are still some leaks, but much less than last time. Additionally, there are contractors in our steeple as it is raining on Tuesday morning.

Steeple guide our eyes upward. Centuries ago, it was thought that they symbolized a connection to God and if the church was higher then it was easier to reach God. For me, a church steeple points to heaven. When I write “points to heaven,” I don’t believe that we live in a three-tiered universe and heaven is “up there.” The church and its actions in

the world should always point to the Kin-dom of Heaven (*basileia tou theou*) that Jesus refers to throughout the gospels.

All that we do as a church points to God’s dream (*basileia tou theou*) for the world. As Jesus shared in His mission statement from Luke 4 - proclaiming good news to our neighbors experiencing poverty, freedom for those who are imprisoned in any way, recovery of sight for those who cannot see, freedom for those who are oppressed, and the year of the God’s favor—we are to do likewist.

Our steeple points to the “not yet.” It points to our work to be done in the ways of Jesus. It may have a few leaks, but it works to remind us why we are here - *basileia tou theou*. In the meantime, we will work to ensure that it also keeps water out of our sanctuary!

Together,

Pastor Jethu

Senior Pastor



SAVE-THE-DATE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MARCH 17

The annual Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for March 17, immediately following the 10:00am worship service.



10AM
SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 25

Overcoming the Voices of Negativity

TEXT: MARK 10:46-52

Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Hall, Senior Pastor

Someone sits on the sidelines. They are told that they don't deserve to be in the game. They are told to quit talking. Then, Jesus heard them yelling and their story changed. On Sunday, Pastor Jonathan will share his sermon entitled "Overcoming the Voices of Negativity" which is based on Mark 10:46-52.

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LUNCHEON THIS SUNDAY

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend a luncheon at 11:30am on February 25th hosted by the Stewardship Committee. Lunch will include turkey pot pie, delicious sides, and cake! All are welcome but **we ask that you RSVP with [Glenda \(818.763.8218 or via email Glenda@fcnh.org\)](mailto:Glenda@fcnh.org)** to make sure we have plenty of food.

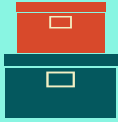


HUMAN NEEDS WARM CLOTHING & BLANKETS

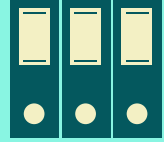
The need for warm clothing and blankets is increasing as winter weather is here. The Human Needs Committee regularly distributes your donations at our *Lunch in the Park* events to those in need. Please take a look at the list below and consider donating one or more of these much-needed items:

- jackets
- jeans
- socks
- gloves
- tents
- sleeping bags
- blankets
- sweatshirts/pants
- rain ponchos
- and we're still collecting **hygiene products**

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



CAN YOU HELP US FILL IN THE GAPS?



The History Search ladies of the 100th Anniversary Committee are working to fill some gaps in our historical records. If you or someone in your family have past Committee or Council notebooks, Congregational Board minutes, or other papers, and would like to make room in your own file cabinets or boxes, we would be happy to take custody of them. If possible, please bring them to the church office marked "History Search" or email Janet Bruce (grayladies@aol.com) or Barbara Wiles (barbwiles@verizon.net) and we will arrange to pick them up. Many thanks!!!

JUDY DAY'S 2024 LENTEN PANELS



Each year artist and long-time member, Judy Day, hand cuts beautiful panels to decorate the church sanctuary for Lent and Advent that illustrate our theme for that season. This year the theme for Lent is "The Rest of the Story" and Judy has, once again, perfectly captured the spirit of the season. Thank you, Judy!

photos by Byron Armantrout

things are happening on our campus
GROUNDS AND ASHES



ABOVE LEFT: Pastors Jonathan and Tau administer ashes (and offer coffee) in the parking lot on Ash Wednesday, February 14. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Deborah Dietrich drove through for the imposition of the ashes.

photos by Deborah Dietrich

Tai  Chi

breathing techniques • simple stretching exercises • meditation to reduce stress

Guided Tai Chi Classes

Tuesdays at 9:30am • Thursday at 3:30pm in the Youth Hut

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



Celebrating One Hundred Years:
 Week of
Compassion
 Giving and Receiving

In the early 1940s, World War II generated humanitarian crises around the world. In 1943, our Disciples of Christ denomination began Week of Compassion to raise \$250,000 in support of badly needed relief efforts. Ever since, FCCNH has gathered over-and-above Week of Compassion offerings each year. Our contributions have reached communities at home and abroad that are struggling to recover from the consequences of war, displacement, and natural disasters. In giving, children and adults alike in our church family have learned many times over that “we are all a part of something larger than any one of us.”

We learned what it means to be on the receiving end of that lesson very personally on January 17, 1994, when our own familiar surroundings shook violently in the Northridge earthquake. Our Sanctuary and other parts of the church were seriously damaged. The next day, the Director of Week of Compassion, Johnny Wray, came to personally assure us that the same generosity we had shared with others would now be given to us.

Many homes and businesses – and other churches – in the neighborhood around FCCNH also suffered serious damage. Several families in our congregation were displaced from their homes. The spacious (and newer) Sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church less than a mile north on Colfax was so severely damaged that it had to be torn down. Recovery for all of us took a very long time.

Our church family has an ongoing history of giving generously to others. It is a lesson made all the more meaningful because we have learned what it feels like to receive as well.

– The 100th Anniversary Team

 A promotional banner for the Men's Group Meeting. On the left is a logo for 'COFFEE CORNER MEN'S GROUP MEETING' featuring a coffee cup. The background shows a hand holding a tablet displaying a church building.

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 FEBRUARY
*...you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
 and with all your mind, and with all your strength. — MARK 12:30*



Six Month Leadership Training for High School Youth

- Learn to lead in your local Church •
- Develop skills for leading in the world •
- Build relationships with mentors •
- Connect with young leaders across the country •



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:

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| 2/25 | 3/3 | 3/17 | 3/24 | 3/31 |
| 4/7 | 4/14 | 4/21 | 4/28 | 5/5 |

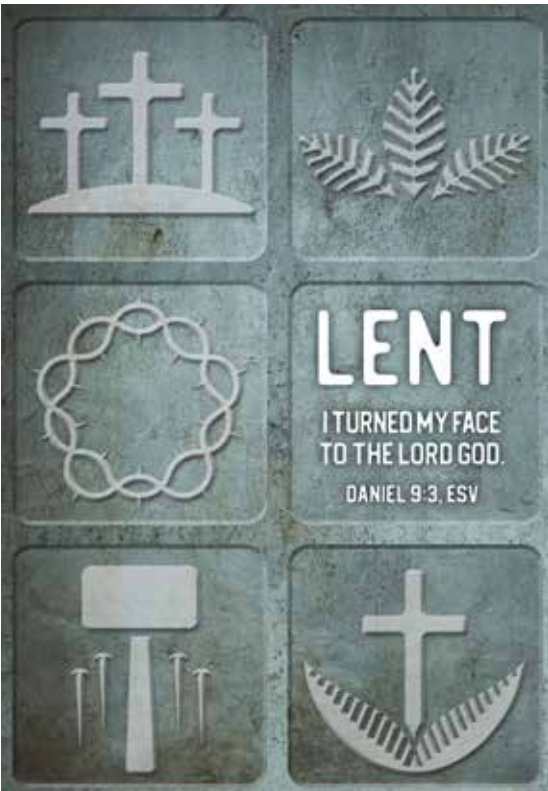
Floral Dedication:

(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.





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.



TUESDAY MORNINGS
10am • via Zoom

If you're interested in joining the Tuesday morning Bible 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.



Mark those calendars, families - Our FCCNH Summer Camps for 2024 are back to give your kids fun and educational activities right here on campus

JUNE 10 - JUNE 14
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

JUNE 17 - JUNE 21
MUSICAL THEATRE

JUNE 24 - JUNE 28
MARTIAL ARTS

JULY 1 - JULY 5
COOKING

JULY 8 - JULY 12
ART

JULY 15 - JULY 19
PHOTOGRAPHY

Don't forget Loch Leven Camps too! Located at the beautiful Loch Leven facility in the San Bernardino mountains.

JUNE 23 - JUNE 28

CYF CAMP (GRADES 9-12)

JULY 7 - JULY 12
CHI RO (GRADES 6-8)

JULY 21 - JULY 24
WEE CAMP (AGES 3 - K, WITH A PARENT)

JULY 21 - JULY 24
MINI CAMP (GRADES 1-3)

JULY 21 - JULY 26
JUNIOR CAMP (GRADES 4-5)

Email camps@fccnh.org to be notified when registration opens, or for any questions!

INVITATION TO BAPTISM

On Easter Sunday (March 31st), we will have our baptism filled and warmed for the Pastor's Class participants. I would like to give an additional invitation to anyone who is interested in being baptized! I am happy to talk with you about the significance and meaning of baptism to prepare you for this important step on your faith journey.

– Pastor Jonathan



MEET & GREET VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR

MARCH 3
APRIL 7 • APRIL 14

INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, STUDY GROUPS, FRIENDS

Our Sunday morning Meet & Greets are a great way to become more involved with the church and other members—it isn't complicated and the church will reimburse your expenses up to \$150. 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 info at asigala480@gmail.com or 310-569-9908.



TIME TO ORDER
Easter Lilies
DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, MARCH 17th
Thank you for your cooperation.

In celebration of Easter, we will once again place lilies on the chancel for Easter Sunday, March 31st. The cost of the lilies is **\$15** each. If you would care to give a lily, either as a gift or as a memorial, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate with your check marked "Lilies" or send the completed form with payment to the church office. **The last day for orders is Sunday, March 17th**. We will print all dedications received by that date in the Easter Sunday bulletins. Lily plants provided by *Floral Crush Studio*.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Your Name(s) _____

Email _____

Phone # _____

GIVEN IN

Memory of Honor of Celebration of

Total number of plants _____

Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

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:

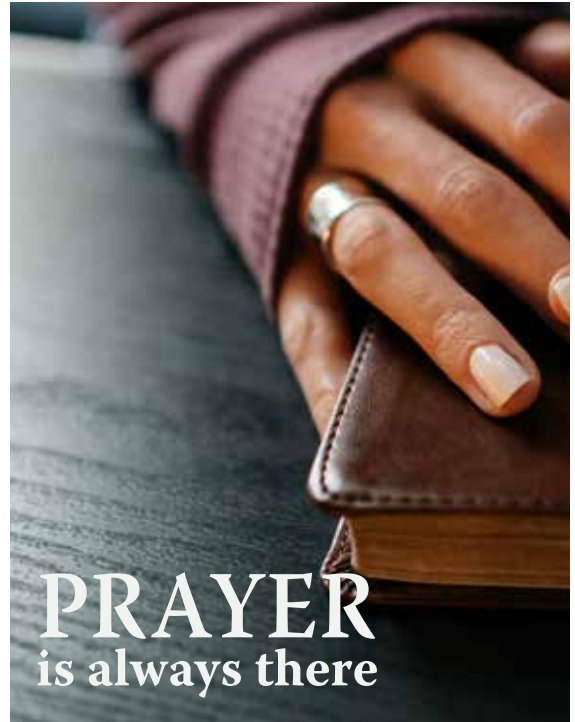
www.fccnh.org/worship/prayer-requests

- 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. 🌿



W2W

WOMEN *to* WOMEN

ZOOM MEETING

7:30pm FRIDAYS

NEWCOMERS WELCOME

email for Zoom info W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

| | |
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| Sunday Worship 10am | 150 |
| Sunday Morning Youth | 4 |
| Ash Wednesday | 50 |
| Sunday School | 36 |
| Sunday Worship Donations | \$4,768.00 |
| Sunday School | \$8.00 |
| Week of Compassion | \$215.00 |
| SUNDAY GENERAL OFFERING | \$4,776.00 |

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 2/12/24 - 2/18/24

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| CC GENERAL OFFERING | \$3,820.00 |
| Lent | \$50.00 |
| Week of Compassion | \$50.00 |

CUMULATIVE GIVING **\$8,596.00**

CHURCH STAFF

- Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Hall
SENIOR PASTOR
- Alfredo Gomez
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- Taulau Tupua
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- Merle E. Fish, Jr.
MINISTER EMERITUS



SAVE the DATE
FCCNH TURNS 100!

During the weekend of Sunday, September 8, we will celebrate our church's 100th anniversary. We are still working on the details of that weekend, but we hope that you will keep your calendar clear for this sacred time! - Pastor Jonathan

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE TO FCCNH

Paypal@fccnh.org
Venmo@fccnh.org

Zelle to
offering@fccnh.org

On our website
www.fccnh.org or
scan the code at right





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| Heather Kenney | Margaret Defibaugh |
| Cathy Melendez | Fern Donald |
| Chuck Mont | Jean Johnson |
| Wanda Kanoy | Helen Scarna |
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