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**Keep straight the path of your feet,  
and all your ways will be sure.**

PROVERBS 4:26

JOIN US IN PERSON OR CATCH THE 10AM LIVESTREAM ON [YOUTUBE](#).

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The journey of Lent starts today! Lent is a wonderful time to start a new spiritual practice, dedicate part of your day to doing something, give something up that is taking away purpose or meaning, and much more!

For us as Disciples, the journey is paramount compared to any sort of destination. In other words, the process of doing something new (i.e. starting your day with one of our Elders' meditations), dedicating part of your day (i.e. serving others), or taking away something (i.e. candy) matters more than the final result.

During Lent, I have read devotionals and found that, contrary to my wildest dreams, I did have 15 minutes in my day to dedicate to being with God in such a way. This realization has made a profound impact on my life!

I have also made it a particular focal point of previous Lenten experiences to serve my neighbors. Because of that experience, I have removed "barriers" in my eyes that prevented me from always trying to find ways to serve my neighbor. I found ways at the grocery store, while I was driving, and at the gym. This sort of dedication helped me change how I view others in meaningful ways.

Finally, I have taken away certain things during previous Lents. I gave up caffeine one year, which awakened (pun intended!) me to the reality that I did not need it as much as I thought. I always reached for a caffeinated drink during certain parts of the day. Instead, I now have less caffeine and find other ways to get a burst of energy.

I write all of this to say that the journey of realizing that I do have time, I can serve, and I can find healthier ways to be alert has had a meaningful impact on my life. I hope that you will choose a way to practice something new that deepens your spirituality this Lent! Enjoy the journey!

Together,

*Pastor Jeth*  
Senior Pastor

**GATHER**  
*with us*



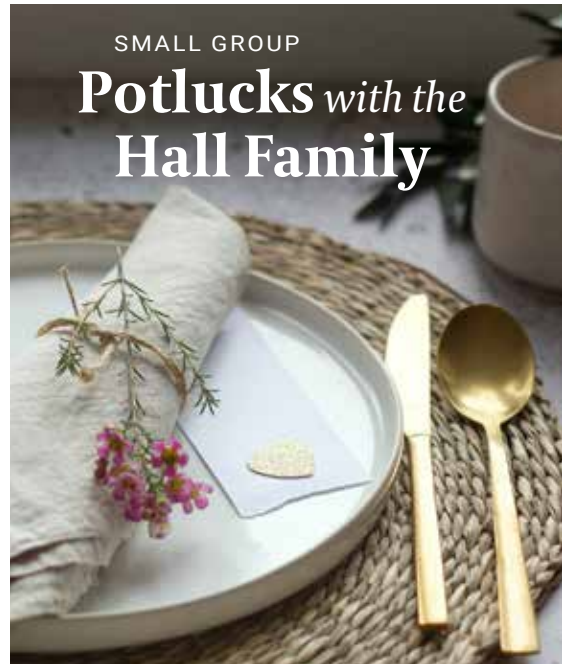
## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

### **“Forgiveness As Breathing”**

**TEXT: MATTHEW 18:15-35**

In the 16th century, a man in Switzerland refused to repeat the Lord’s Prayer. He pretended that he did not know it. He did not want to forgive the merchant who cheated him. Many of us will read this portion of Matthew with a person or persons in mind who have cheated, hurt, or abused us. Many of us struggle with forgiveness in terms of what it means, what it looks like, and how it can happen. The Greek is unclear about the number of times that we should forgive someone. Yet, if we are counting the number of times, is that truly fruitful? Pastor Jonathan invites us to consider the meaning of Matthew 18:15-35 with his sermon entitled “Forgiveness As Breathing.”

**Unable to join us in person?**  
**Watch the service on [YouTube](#)**



**SMALL GROUP**  
**Potlucks *with the***  
**Hall Family**

**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 available dates. Hope to see you soon!

# youthink

**THIS PAGE:**

Lucy and Garrett attended our region's Rekindle Leadership program at our DOC regional office. We're creating strong leaders. Special thanks to Ian Pollard for serving as a counselor and driving our kids to the event. Ian has been an ongoing supporter of our FCCNH Youth Program and activities.

## FCCNH YOUTH PROGRAM HOURS

**SUNDAY MORNINGS**

9:30AM-11:00AM

Middle School &amp; High School

**SUNDAY EVENINGS**

5:30PM-7:30PM

High School

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS**

3:00PM-5:00PM

Middle School





**LEFT:**

Romero and Rebecca read and discussed our Sunday's scripture in our youth circle. During our hi lo check in, Rebecca started a club at school that helps students transitioning into English speaking classes. The club purpose is to help kids through the process so that the kids succeed in their new classes. She's leading by example.

**RIGHT:**

Carter and Anton served as Youth Acolyte and Diaconate. Taking pride in being part of our worship team.





## In Loving Memory

Long-time member and former church secretary *Shirley Huegin* passed away on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service will be held at 11:00am on Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary. A reception in the Social Hall will follow the service.



## GRIEF CIRCLE

Tuesdays • Feb. 21 – March 28  
7 - 9pm *in the Youth Hut*

Although we grieve differently, it's comforting to be with others who understand. In this safe circle we'll share our lost loved ones, all the twists and turns grief brings us as well as things to consider to ease the pain. Moderated by Sally Hallada and Deborah Dietrich.

Please RSVP to [sallyhallada@gmail.com](mailto:sallyhallada@gmail.com) or call 818-421-7848. Whether your loss is recent or years passed, and/or you're not a member of FCCNH - *All are Welcome!*



## 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 FEBRUARY

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

– 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13



## W2W WOMEN *to* WOMEN

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, FEBRUARY 19, 2023** \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday 10am	118
Sunday School	22
Youth Group Sunday AM	7
Youth Group Sunday PM	3
Wednesday Youth	9

Sunday 10am	\$5,872.38
Sunday School	\$4.00

**TOTAL GENERAL OFFERING \$5,876.38**

Week of Compassion (earthquake) \$1,095.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 2/13/22 - 2/19/23 \_\_\_\_\_

General Offering	\$3,135.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Week of Compassion (earthquake)	\$100.00

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Because your  
steadfast love  
is better than  
life, my lips  
will praise  
you. PSALM 63:3

