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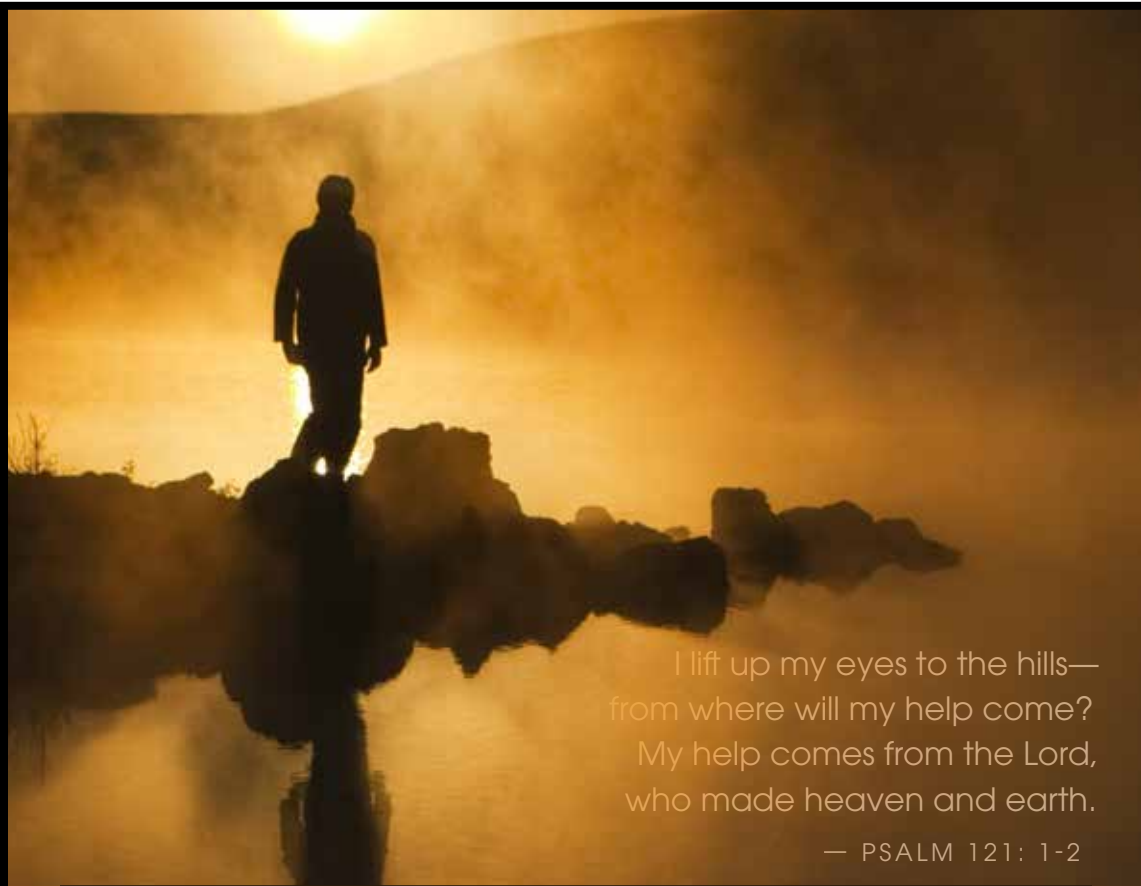
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I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

— PSALM 121: 1-2

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

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



Letter to the Family

Recently, a friend of mine bought land and built a new house up in the mountains of Colorado. I am always impressed by people who can envision something when they view a plot of land. I was able to visit his land, which is only accessible by four-wheel drive, before moving to California. He shared stories of how he is - literally - building the house from scratch and by hand!

Thankfully, when planning the Pastor's Class, which started last Sunday, I was not constructing the class from scratch! I have led many similar classes in previous churches where I have served. I have made changes to it over the years. Then, I was called to serve at our church where the Pastor's Class is absolutely legendary. I did not have to construct the class from scratch. I was building it on a strong foundation from Pastor Bob and Peggy who led the class for many years.

I spent this last Sunday afternoon beaming in God's Spirit. Once we finished cleaning up after Pastor's Class, I took a moment to take it all in. Leading

the Pastor's Class did not look like the side of a mountain in Colorado without a house. Thank God! Leading the Pastor's Class looked like adding another layer to the Temple in Jerusalem because of the strong foundation that has been built at our church.

Where in your life do you feel as if you are building from scratch? Where in your life can you find a strong foundation upon which to build your future? As Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us, there is a time and a season for everything...a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted...a time to break down and a time to build up...

I am grateful for the opportunity to plant and build up! My hope and prayer is that you are able to discern the "season" that you are in and faithfully live in God's Spirit!

Together,

Pastor Jeth
Senior Pastor

FCCNH SUMMER CAMPS ARE BACK

SAVE *the* DATES • JUNE 19 - AUGUST 4

Art, Photography, Cooking, VBS, Martial Arts & Musical Theatre

More info to come. Be sure to check your newsletters & inbox for updates!

youthink

The Youth Group will attend the full service this Sunday, March 5th so that they can support the kids from Reverend Jonathan's Pastor's Class that are participating in our service.
 – Luis Oliart



SUNDAY, MARCH 5 • 10am "Are You Envious Because I Am Generous?" - God MATTHEW 19:30 - 20:1-16

Of all of the parables of Jesus, the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16) may be one of the most difficult to follow. It seems to paint God as not being fair/just. It has troubled people for centuries. This parable is bracketed by the phrase: "The last will be first and the first will be last" in Matthew 19:30 – 20:16. What can a story about a landowner paying laborers who work different hours the same amount tell us? We will dig into this parable and the invitation of Jesus to see with God's eyes.

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



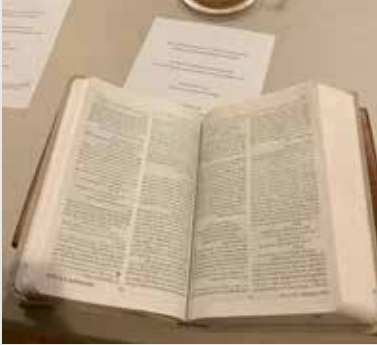
Taken at one of the recent *Dinners with the Hall Family* that have been taking place with our new senior pastor and the congregation over the past few months.



Romero Hunt gets ready to start Sunday morning service as Youth Acolyte with Pastor Jonathan.



ASH WEDNESDAY @FIRST CHRISTIAN





OPPOSITE PAGE – CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT:

Bible set up in the Social Hall for Ash Wednesday • Communion Table • Pastor Jonathan imposing ashes in the Social Hall • Drivers receive ashes in the parking lot on Ash Wednesday • Attendees of the Ash Wednesday service in the Social Hall queued for the imposition of ashes • Malachi, Zion and Annie Hall at the Ash Wednesday Simple Supper

THIS PAGE:

(TOP) Pastor Jonathan imposes ashes in the Social Hall

(BOTTOM) Byron Armantrout and Pastor Jonathan at the Ash Wednesday Drive-Thru.



ARE YOU GAME?

VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT
TUESDAYS - 6:30 PM

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.



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:

3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26	4/2	4/9
4/16	4/23	4/30	5/7	5/14	5/21

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.



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 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!**




W2W

WOMEN *to* WOMEN

7:30pm FRIDAYS

NEWCOMERS WELCOME

email for Zoom info

W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com



ONGOING NEEDS — FOR — SEASONAL CLOTHING

The Human Needs Committee can always use new or gently used clothing to distribute to the homeless in the community at our *Lunch in the Park* events. Please take a look at the list below and consider donating one or more of these much-needed items:

- ▣ jackets
- ▣ sleeping bags
- ▣ jeans
- ▣ t-shirts
- ▣ socks
- ▣ sweatshirts
- ▣ gloves
- ▣ sweatpants
- ▣ tents
- ▣ rain ponchos

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



PLEASE SAVE YOUR EGG CARTONS!!

The Food Pantry has begun offering fresh eggs to our clients. I am sure that you are very aware of the rising cost of eggs, and the Pantry continues to look for ways to keep our costs down. I would like to ask a favor of you...

Please save your empty egg cartons and donate them to the Food Pantry. We would much prefer spending our donations on the actual eggs, not on cardboard cartons. Bring the cartons with you on Sunday mornings and leave them in the donation basket near the front door of the sanctuary.

Thank you,
Rev. Dr. Louise Sloan Goben
President, NHIFP Board



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 MARCH

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. – JOHN 13:34



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

12 Rico & Molly Briggs

14 Terry & Beth Kanoy

16 Joseph & Alice Kawan

21 Marquitos & Marnie Gatmaitan

22 Justin & Catherine Floyd

23 Joshua & Olivia Krane



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Mayleen Campo

Kellen Slater

Brooke Tindel

2 Kingston Askerneese

Suzy Bock

Debbie Geraci

Jeffrey Hallada

Pamela Rushworth

Madison Snodgrass

3 Laurie Leannah

Jim Matthews

4 Kathleen Dantagnan

Alice Doré

Dave Friedrich

Dolores Morgan

Kelly Swavely

6 Layci Speakman

7 Jessica Etheridge

Xander Keene

8 Kellen Farnham

Jennifer Turner

9 Ethan Farber

10 Elena Anderson

Bill DeMartines

Alton Gwin

David Kanoy

11 Dixie Friedrich

Westley Hilton

Frank Speight

West Young

12 Noah Baltazar

Kristen Goldschmidt

Tim Link

13 Patricia Gillum

14 Richard Melendez

15 Katie Franklin

Susan Randi

16 Kira Cooper

Charles Petrie

Emily Webber

18 Phyllis Stevenson

20 Sophia McIntosh

Gustavo Santin

Beverly Sarton

21 June Hazy

Everly Johns

Ezra Spevak

22 Robert Alpert

Mary Barton

Jason Ellwein

Roger Gonzalez-Hibner

23 Jake Brooks

Emily Hamm

Max Ober

24 Jaden Crosby

Banner Gwin

Cassie Mello

Janet Nawoj

25 Eunice Cox

Ted Mantz

27 Gary Gattis

Christine Karasseferian

Cassidy Walters

28 Kay Hicks

Miles Oliart

29 Chris Wilkinson

30 Kai Wilson

31 Frank Albro

Peggy Bock

Candace Currin

Peter Lupus III

Stacey McIntosh

Lucy Zavala



Communion Meditation

by Richard Follett, Elder
on Sunday, February 26, 2023

You never know what you're going to get when you invite a retired English professor to share communion with you. In Disciples of Christ tradition, we invite lay people to call people to come forward in this communion because we believe this table is the table of Jesus, the table of Christ, and we proclaim that it is for *all* people, *all* are welcome here.

I hope you're reading the 2023 Elders' Lenten Meditations [available in booklet or online formats] entitled *Forward Together in Faith*. Today's reading by Jon Butler talks about "Forward" and says, "Forward is inclusion." Today is also the last Sunday in the United States of Black History month, and we include everybody at this table. And as an English teacher, one of my favorite poems—and several of you read it in junior high or high school—is Langston Hughes' "I, Too, Sing America." In that particular poem, he talks about the American experience, but I'm going to change the word—English teachers can do this—I'm going to change the word *America* and make it *the church*. So I'll read the short poem to you. Several of you know it.

I, too, sing ~~America~~ the church.

I am the darker brother.

They send me to eat in the kitchen

When company comes,

But I laugh,

And eat well,

And grow strong.

Tomorrow,

I'll be at the table

When company comes.

Nobody'll dare

Say to me,

"Eat in the kitchen,"

Then.

Besides,

They'll see how beautiful I am

And be ashamed—

I, too, am ~~America~~ the church.

We, too, are the church, the body of Christ following the examples Jesus set during his earthly ministry. He fed *everyone* openly and equally at His table. We continue to do that here every week. Won't you join us?



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. 🌿

**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.

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023 _____

Sunday 10am	120
Sunday School	
Youth Group Sunday AM	6
Youth Group Sunday PM	1

Sunday 10am	\$4,155.53
Sunday School	\$5.00

TOTAL GENERAL OFFERING \$4,160.53

Week of Compassion (earthquake) \$285.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 2/20/22 - 2/26/23 _____

General Offering	\$735.00
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