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CELEBRATING OUR

Mothers

SUNDAY · MAY 14

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

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As we move into one of the letters of Paul in the Narrative Lectionary, I love the opportunity to “overhear the gospel” as Paul shares his passion for the gospel and reminds those early Christians of what it meant to be called by God.

In some ways, it is like the letter that you are reading now. I have carried the tradition from Pastor Bob of calling these words “Letter to the Family.” In many ways, Paul was writing a letter to the Christian Family many years ago. Obviously, I don’t think that people will be reading these words 2,000 years from now! However, there is a great deal that we can learn from such letters.

At the memorial service for Richard Price, we heard how he kept the letters from his daughter during an important chapter of her life. I have heard similar stories at memorial services. Sometimes, words are worth cherishing and rereading at a later date. This, in many ways, is a bit like scripture (add that they were divinely inspired too, of course!).

As we read Romans and other letters of Paul, I hope that you will be reminded that these words are intimate connections between an author and reader(s). They showcase their mutual joy and shared struggles in life. Each time, Paul reminds them that

they can “run in such a way as to get the prize” (1 Corinthians 9:24).

I am deeply honored and cherish the race that we are running together as a family. We are called by God to serve our community in beautiful and meaningful ways. My hope and prayer this week is that you can send encouraging words to someone, as Paul did and I hope to do with these letters.

Together,

Pastor Jonathan
Senior Pastor



You Are Enough! • TEXT: Romans 5:1-11
Reverend Dr. Jonathan Hall

On Sunday, May 14, Mother’s Day, Pastor Jonathan will lead us in reflecting upon Romans 5:1-11. Paul shares the vision that God loves and justifies us even when we have not done anything to merit God’s love. In other words, you are enough! Pastor Jonathan will share how the love of mothers and those who mother us showcase the love of God in beautiful and profound ways. His message is entitled “You Are Enough!”

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

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE CHURCH



photos by Byron Armantrout



TOP LEFT - A labyrinth was set up in the Social Hall for all to walk this past Saturday, May 6th for World Labyrinth Day. TOP|BOTTOM RIGHT - A beautiful Celebration of Life of Richard Owen Price took place on Sunday, May 7th BOTTOM LEFT - Youth Acolyte, Emarie Vallero, preparing for the 10am service this past Sunday.

2023 SUMMER CAMPS

MUSICAL THEATRE • 06/19/23 – 06/23/23

Do you like to sing and dance or to act? Then this is the camp for you! Join us as we sing, dance, and act our hearts out on stage! This camp combines the joy of music, the excitement of dance, and the imagination of acting into a special musical theatre experience for young performers. Cast members will get an opportunity to share their own unique talents through rehearsing and performing a totally original musical theatre production. We will have a performance Friday night June 23. **This camp is open to students entering 3rd grade through 12th, and runs from 9a-3pm. Director Jennifer Le'au 818-321-3708 or coliainc@mac.com. Grades 3 -12. *Early Bird: \$220 Regular: \$245.**

VBS • 06/26/23 – 06/30/23

At Hero Hotline, kids are invited to learn from the heroes of the Bible! Our team of heroes will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook -the Bible- to discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of supporting Bible Heroes in stories from the Old and New Testaments, who work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us. As kids (called Heroes) experience these stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, they'll learn that Heroes are called to Follow Jesus, Help Others, Work Together, Listen to God, and Show Grace! And, best of all, they'll be invited to answer this call at VBS, at church, at home, and in every area of their lives. **VBS is open to kids 3+ /potty trained to 6th grade, and runs from 9a-12noon, with aftercare available from 12-3pm. *Early Bird: \$120 Regular: \$145 Aftercare: additional \$99.**

DANCE-FIT CAMP • 07/03/23 – 07/07/23

Come join us as we learn to stretch, slide, move and groove the week of July 3-7 (no camp on July 4th). Campers will learn new moves in jazz, hip hop, lyrical and more, all while having fun expressing their unique individuality and creativity! **Dance-Fit Camp is open to Grades 2-7 from 9:30am-12:30pm. Aftercare is available from 12:30-3pm. *Early Bird: \$120 Regular: \$145. Aftercare is an additional \$80.**

COOKING CAMP I • 07/10/23 – 07/14/23

A week-long camp for younger kids that teaches how to select and prepare America's favorite comfort foods from scratch. Kiddos will learn basic cooking skills, kitchen safety, and so much more! Each day we will focus on different entrees from baking to savory foods! **Cooking Camp I is open to Grades 2-5, and runs July 10-14th from 9:30am-12:00pm. *Early Bird: \$175 Regular: \$195.**

COOKING CAMP II • 07/10/23 – 07/14/23

A week-long camp for older kids that teaches how to select and prepare street foods from around the world, from scratch! Our goal is to challenge the children to use the skills they have developed during the week and

to gain the culinary confidence they need to work independently of you at home. On Friday, the kids will be cooking one sweet and one savory dish by themselves! (We do not want the children to get overly anxious about this experience, so instructors will be there to offer guidance, as needed.) **Cooking Camp II is open to grades 6 and up, and runs from 12:30-3pm. *Early Bird: \$175 Regular: \$195.**

PHOTOGRAPHY CAMP • 07/17/23 – 07/21/23

Photography Camp is a half-day adventure between 9am-12:30pm. Additionally, campers can enroll in Advanced Photography from 12:30-3pm. All campers have the opportunity to learn the basics of digital photography through daily demonstrations and hands-on sessions in camera operation, composition, lighting, and seeing with an artistic eye photographing the church campus indoors and out. Also, there will be a stop-motion workshop for those with phones. Campers should plan on bringing their own camera if they have access to one so they can learn its functionality. If not, we have cameras to share. SD memory cards are provided. Snacks are provided (Plan on packing a lunch IF you are in the advanced camp portion that stays later). Camp concludes with a gallery showing on Friday at 12:00pm. Aftercare is not available for this camp. **Open to Grades 3–12. *Early Bird: \$165/half day \$245/full day. Reg: \$195/half day \$275/full day.**

MARTIAL ARTS CAMP • 07/24/23 – 07/28/23

Martial Arts Camp includes athletic development, Taekwondo-based techniques & activities, self defense, board breaks, life skills and more. Not only will it be loads of fun, martial arts increases Self-Esteem and Confidence: When a child masters a new skill or move, it will boost their confidence and give them a sense of achievement. Aftercare is available from 12:30-3pm. **Open to kids ages 6 and up and runs July 24-28th from 9a-12:30pm. *Early Bird: \$175 Reg: \$195 Aftercare Additional \$99.**

ART CAMP • 07/31/23 – 08/04/23

Sign your kids up for a creative endeavor this summer. Each day for a week, your son or daughter will have classes in painting, drawing, sculpture and photography. At the end of the week, an art show will display the kids' masterpieces. We are looking forward to having fun this summer. **Open to artists in grades 2-12 from 9am - 3pm. *Early Bird: \$245 Reg: \$275.**

*** EARLY REGISTRATION TUITION UP TO 2 WEEKS FROM START OF EACH CAMP.**



More info and secure registration may be accessed with the QR code or by emailing Camp Director, Kristina Frost camps@fccnh.org.

← **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN • SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE** →

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ABOVE LEFT: Relieving some steam after church with simple game activities with friends.

AT RIGHT TOP AND BOTTOM: Emarie served as our Acolyte. She will be returning as our Acolyte for our Youth Sunday Service, June 4th.

OPPOSITE PAGE TOP: Youth Sunday is June 4th. All the middle school and high school kids are welcome. We are celebrating our graduating seniors who will be leading the service with Pastor Jonathan, Elder, and Diaconate mentoring. We will have a youth band from our congregation. I have written some music for the occasion. Please join us. –Luis Oliart

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:

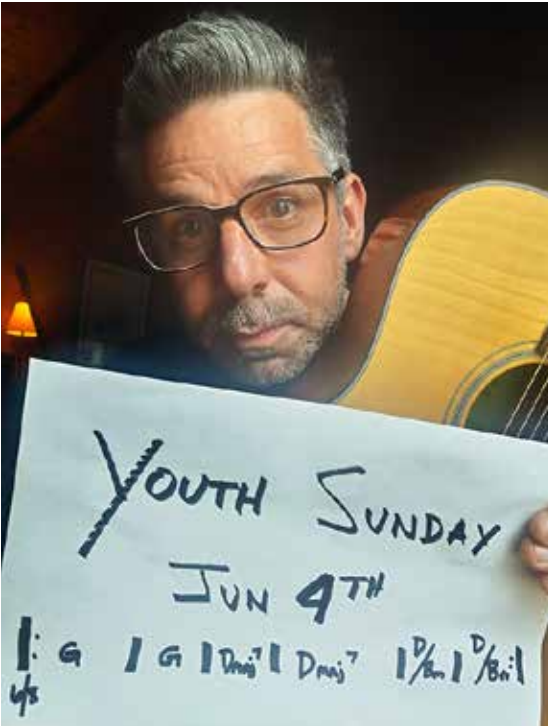
5/14	5/21	5/28	6/4	6/11	6/25
7/2	7/9	7/30	8/6	8/13	8/20

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.



Tai Chi

breathing techniques
simple stretching exercises
meditation to reduce stress

Guided Tai Chi Classes

Tuesday at 9:30am
& Thursday at 3:30pm

Classes guided by Byron Armantrout.
Freewill donation of \$10 per session.



BE A VBS HERO ASSISTANT

VBS is looking for volunteer assistants for our **Hero Hotline** VBS Camp this summer. The camp runs from Monday, June 26th to Friday, June 30th. Camp hours are from 9am to 12pm and will include campers 3-years-old to 6th grade.

No cape (or prior camp experience) required.

For more information contact Jen at jleau@fccnh.org.



IN THE WORLD
YOU WILL HAVE
TRIBULATION, BUT
BE OF GOOD CHEER,
I have overcome the world

JOHN 16:33

W2W
WOMEN to WOMEN
7:30pm FRIDAYS
email for Zoom info
W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com



North Hollywood
Interfaith Food Pantry

40th Anniversary Gala

Fueled by Food, Fed by Compassion

Please Join the Festivities
Celebrating the 40th Anniversary
of North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry

A Benefit Fundraiser will be held at
First Christian Church of North Hollywood
4390 Colfax Avenue - Studio City

Sunday June 4, 2023 – 3PM-5PM
Hors d'Oeuvres, Wine, a Silent Auction and
a Tour of the New Food Distribution Center

\$40 per person ~ Dressy Casual Attire

CLICK HERE TO RSVP BY MAY 19

or go to:

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/wtE/>

Fueled by Food, Fed by Compassion

Mailing Address:

North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry
4390 Colfax Ave, Studio City, CA 91604

Distribution Address:

11634 Moorpark St. Studio City, CA 91602



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 MAY

As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; in Jerusalem you will be comforted. – ISAIAH 66:13

How Disciples Read the Bible As Literature & Theology

A QUICK OVERVIEW FOR READING THE BIBLE WITH HEART AND MIND

led by **Dr. Richard Follett**
Mondays 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
in the **Annex** and via **Zoom**

15 MAY 2023

Selected "Yucky Stuff" in the Bible

22 MAY 2023

Issues for Disciples in knowing the Bible and in knowing God



PSWR YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS AT LOCH LEVEN

Summer
CAMP
LOCH LEVEN 2023

JUNE 18-20 | MINI CAMP
(Entering grades 1 - 3)

JUNE 18-23 | CHI RHO CAMP
(Entering grades 6 - 8)

JULY 2-4 | WEE CAMP
(Ages 3 - Kinder. Child attends with parent/guardian)

JULY 2-7 | JUNIOR CAMP
(Entering grades 4 - 5)

JULY 16-21 | CYF CAMP
(Entering grades 9 - 12, and recent graduates)

REGISTER TODAY!

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE ABOUT LOCH LEVEN SUMMER CAMPS](#)

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 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, MAY 7, 2023 _____

Sunday Worship 10am	122
Sunday School	27
Wednesday Youth	8
Youth Group Sunday AM	10
Youth Group Sunday PM	2

Sunday Worship 10am	\$7,548.00
Sunday School	\$6.10

TOTAL GENERAL OFFERING **\$7,554.10**

World Labyrinth Day Offerings	\$53.00
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CREDIT CARD OFFERING 5/1/22 - 5/7/23 _____

General Offering	\$2,572.00
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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AVAILABLE ONLINE
or in the CHURCH OFFICE**

The FCCNH board meeting minutes are available to everyone. If you would like to see them stop by the office, CLICK HERE or go to:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HhCJiueMjF_ANo8hkj0D4Gc6gUKZwOHe/view?usp=share_link

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