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I will instruct you and teach  
you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with  
my eye upon you.

— PSALM 119:124

JOIN US IN PERSON OR CATCH THE 10AM LIVESTREAM ON [YOUTUBE](#).  
Check out recent service streams and more at [www.fccnh.org](http://www.fccnh.org).



"Way Maker!" Wow, on Sunday, May 28, our Children's and Chancel Choirs shared an amazing song during worship. If you missed it, please go to our YouTube or Facebook channels. Alternatively, plenty of people recorded the moment on their phones so they can share it with you. As I write these words, I am listening to it on repeat!

The Children's Choir started the song. They pulled my soul up to the point to where I had to come down to the pews to experience the moment. Did you have a similar experience?

God is the Way Maker. When it does not look as if there is a way, God makes the way in the desert! Further, Jesus is the way, the truth, and the light (John 14:6). To borrow from the song, "This is who You are!" The song continued, "way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness, my God that is what You are!"

"This is who we are too!" We seek to act as God's hand and feet in this world to make a way for people during the peaks and valleys of life with a focus on children and youth. This is who we are!

I hope that you, too, felt the pull of your soul during that moment. It was difficult to be still! We are a community who are led by a variety of individuals, including our children (when we do it right).

We are a community whose identity is worth cel-

brating and lifting up. My hope and prayer is that we can better celebrate who we are as a community based on the Way and ways of Jesus! Did you know that our church is coming up on its 99th birthday this July? We are currently forming a team to help us celebrate our 100th anniversary! Please keep this team in your prayers as we begin our work.

"...this is who we are!"

Together,

*Pastor Jonathan*

Senior Pastor



This past Sunday's Acolyte, Romero Hunt, and Pastor Jonathan Hall before the beginning of the 10am worship service.

# Offertory Meditation

by **RODNEY GOULD, ELDER**  
on 28 MAY 2023

I don't have children. I will never have children and on airplanes I am not even sure I like children. But one of the main reasons I give to this church is the children.

I love it when I see little ones running down the aisle for children's moment or listen to our children's choir or hear about the youth group's mission trips.

You see, I will never get what you might call a direct benefit out of the work our church does for children and youth. But I take great pleasure in seeing kids in this church. In my mind, I imagine a time when they won't want to be in church, maybe the teenage rebellious years or the scheduling of athletic events on Sunday mornings will keep them away.

But then I imagine a time a few years later, maybe as parents or otherwise, when they will think back to a time and place where they were unconditionally loved and nurtured in a way that happens in this church. And maybe those memories of this time and of this place will help them get through a rough patch in their lives. And that, my friends, is wholly satisfying.

So nope, our work for children won't affect me directly, but oh, do I take delight in what it is doing for them and what it might do for them at a time and place and in a way that I will never know.

## YOUTH SUNDAY JUNE 4 • 10AM

This Sunday is our annual Youth Sunday service. Members of the Youth Groups will lead worship with two brief homilies, special music, prayer, eldership, and meditations.

Don't miss this special worship service!

**Lucy Zavala  
&  
Melody Markle**  
PREACHING

Unable to join us in person?  
Watch the livestream at [YOUTUBE](#)

## 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](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HhCJiueMJf_ANo8hkj0D4Gc6gUKZwOHe/view?usp=share_link)

**YOU'RE**  
*always*  
**INVITED**

... but this Sunday's Meet & Greet is special—it will be hosted by the Board, and it will be a thank-you to Luis Oliart for being our Interim Youth Director! There will be a Powerpoint slide show in the Social Hall featuring the youth and their activities—and there'll be CAKE! Be sure to join us for this celebration!

**GATHER**  
*with us*  
**GATHER**



**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](#)



**FCCNH SOFTBALL GAME SUNDAY:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FIELD</u>	<u>PLAYING TEAM</u>
6/4	2:15pm	4	Wes Press Players

**Olive Recreational Center • 1111 W. Olive Ave • (BETWEEN VICTORY & SPARKS)**



## Want to Wake Up to this View? Yes you can, when you bring a group to stay!

Let's face it, life is like a box of chocolates – you never know what you're gonna get! Except when it comes to spending time at Loch Leven Camp & Retreat Center.

### YOU'LL GET:

- Stunning views
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- Quiet areas for reflection
- Soothing sounds of the creek
- Delicious home cooked meal service or prepare your own meals in Campbell Lodge
- Over 50 years experience hosting groups!

### Sounds sweet, doesn't it?

So, gather a group and [reserve](#) your stay.

Don't forget to use this [free downloadable 3-day retreat agenda](#) to help plan your activities.

**Reservations: 800-678-5102**



In everything  
give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB



North Hollywood  
Interfaith Food Pantry

*40th Anniversary Gala*

Fueled by Food, Fed by Compassion

Please Join the Festivities  
Celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> 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

**THIS SUNDAY June 4, 2023 – 3PM-5PM**  
Hors d'Oeuvres, Wine, a Silent Auction and  
Tour the New Food Distribution Center  
\$40 per person ~ Dressy Casual Attire

For reservations 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

# youthink



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Fulfilling community service hours for school • Dressed to impress • Practicing for Youth Sunday • Welcoming a new guy named Connor to the Youth Program  
OPPOSITE PAGE TOP LEFT: Romero serving as Acolyte



# FCCNH YOUTH SAVE *the* DATE

Please save the dates of  
July 24–27 for a youth mission  
trip. Incoming Associate Pastor  
for Youth and Mission,  
Tau, will send out a list  
of things to pack and  
the program in the  
the next few weeks!



## FCCNH YOUTH PROGRAM HOURS

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

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

### SUNDAY EVENINGS

5:30PM-7:30PM  
High School

### WEDNESDAYS

3:00PM-5:00PM  
Middle School



## 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 JUNE

And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty. – 2 CORINTHIANS 6:18





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](http://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. 🌿



## HUMAN NEEDS COMMITTEE SUMMER CLOTHES NEEDED

Please consider donating one or more of the following; gently used items okay unless otherwise indicated:

- white/gray socks
- new hygiene bags
- t-shirts/light shirts
- tennis shoes
- tank tops
- pants
- shorts
- sandals

Please contact [jaymmouse@aol.com](mailto:jaymmouse@aol.com) with questions or clothes can be dropped off in the church office between 9:00 and 3:00 Monday through Friday.

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Camp hours are from 9am to 12pm and will include campers 3-years-old to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**No cape (or experience) required. For more information contact Jen at [jleau@fccnh.org](mailto:jleau@fccnh.org).**



# 2023 SUMMER CAMPS

## MUSICAL THEATRE • 06/19/23 – 06/23/23

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](mailto:coliainc@mac.com). Grades 3 -12. \*Early Bird: \$220 Regular: \$245.

## VBS • 06/26/23 – 06/30/23

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

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

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

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

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

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

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, at <https://www.fccnh.org/FCCNH-Summer-Camps>, or by emailing Camp Director, Kristina Frost [camps@fccnh.org](mailto:camps@fccnh.org).

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



# 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:

6/4	6/11	6/25	7/2	7/9	7/30
8/6	8/13	8/20	8/27	9/3	9/10

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 ...

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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**  
**Tuesdays at 9:30am**  
**and Thursdays at 4:00pm**  
*in the Youth Hut*

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



**W2W**  
**WOMEN to WOMEN**  
**7:30pm FRIDAYS**  
**via ZOOM**

**NEWCOMERS WELCOME**  
 email for Zoom info  
[W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com](mailto:W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com)

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Worship 10am	125
Sunday School	29
Wednesday Youth	8
Sunday Youth AM	14
Youth Group Sunday PM	1

Sunday Worship 10am	\$3,426.00
Sunday School	\$35.00

**TOTAL GENERAL OFFERING \$3,461.00**

Pentecost	\$400.00
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**CREDIT CARD OFFERING 5/22/22 - 5/28/23 \_**

General Offering	\$4,125.00
Week of Compassion	\$10.00

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[www.fccnh.org](http://www.fccnh.org)

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code at right





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