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*If possible,  
so far as it  
depends on you,  
live peaceably  
with all.*

— ROMANS 12: 18-19

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I passed the Statue of Liberty on our last trip. It was a surprise for fellow travelers. I knew it was there. We weren't cruising New York Harbor. We were in a bus, approaching Colmar, France. At the entrance to the city stands a replica of "Liberty Enlightening the World." It is 40 feet tall as opposed to 151 feet. Size aside, it offers an equal gift of welcome.

Colmar is the birthplace of sculptor Frédéric Bartholdi. His family home is now the Bartholdi Museum. In the museum, in addition to other works by Bartholdi, are models and replicas used to create lady liberty. The replica at the north of the city was placed there on the one-hundredth anniversary of Bartholdi's death.

Most know that the Statue of Liberty was a gift of friendship from the people of France to the people of the United States. It was presented on the occasion of the centenary of American independence in 1876. Few know the tireless fundraising efforts spearheaded by Bartholdi and later engineer Gustave Eiffel. It doesn't just embody international friendship and peace between France and the United States. Its financing by international subscription is a

prophetic expression of welcome. Millions of immigrants to the United State have been cheered by her open hospitality.

Even fewer connect the significance of our national icon with a biblical mandate. "You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger..." (Exodus 23:9). "Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God" (Leviticus 19:24). Scripture, like the Statue of Liberty, calls us to protect the stranger, the refugee, the immigrant. We are biblically and historically obligated to take care of those around us.

On the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty are these words. "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." It is the value of our country and the challenge of God's Word. As we celebrate this week, pray that we might embody the vision of the radical hospitality offered by both.

SUNDAY, JULY 3<sup>rd</sup> • 10:00am: "Liberty and Civility" • Pastor Randy Spleth, preaching  
Unable to join us in person this Sunday? Tune in to the livestream on YouTube at:

[www.youtube.com/c/FIRSTCHRISTIANCHURCHOFNORTHHOLLYWOOD](https://www.youtube.com/c/FIRSTCHRISTIANCHURCHOFNORTHHOLLYWOOD)



## 18<sup>th</sup> REPORT FROM THE pulpit committee

History was made last Sunday night at FCCNH. The Pulpit Committee was able to present our selectee for Senior Pastor to the Board of Trustees and received their unanimous vote of approval. So we've completed #8 of our 10-step process for you, our congregational family (see chart on the following page).

Sally Hallada, Board President, and I are now planning the presentation to you in our Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**, following the morning worship service and a luncheon in the Social Hall. There you will receive full information on the selectee in great detail.

Some of you are wondering why we can't release the name to you now, before the meeting in almost two weeks. Well, there are three major reasons:

1. The selectee already is a Senior Pastor elsewhere and that congregation has not been notified of their possible change. We must not harm our selectee's ministry there with a premature release. Our sisters and brothers in DOC deserve our respect, too.
2. The Disciples of Christ best practices ask for full confidentiality until the congregational vote. From our *PSWR Search & Call Manual* regarding the presentation to the congregation: "The process is still confidential. Remember the candidate has yet to return to his/her situation and inform his/her church of his/her acceptance

of another call. Respect the candidate's confidentiality. Hopefully, the candidate can quickly inform his/her church so that the [new] church can celebrate the pastor's coming" (page 60 of 167 pages).

3. Having been assigned the search and call role by you, we will be laying out our findings in detail on why we feel we have found a great fit for our church. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, you will hear these major points:

- Education
- Spiritual Discernment and Leadership Gifts
- Areas of Ministerial Practice
- Ministerial and Vocational Service
- Reference checks
- Individual statements from each Pulpit Committee member on why we've voted for this selectee
- Family information
- Either a Zoom call with the selectee or a video (still being worked out as of this writing)

We thank you for honoring our confidential work which included an intensive three-day, in-person visit on site with the selectee here at FCCNH last Tuesday through Thursday.

Finally, through this entire process begun on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, we have worked totally by consensus in well over 50 meetings and hundreds

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of pages of materials from the 167-page *PSWR Search & Call Manual*, the numerous 26-28 page candidate profiles, the reference checks (four per candidate), the compensation planning (aided by Stewardship Chair Rodney Gould), and so forth. We trust you'll be pleased. Come to the congregational meeting and, we humbly ask, verify our selection for you.

Yours in Christ's service,  
Richard Follett  
Chair, Pulpit Committee



## FCC NORTH HOLLYWOOD Pulpit Committee Progress

- 1  FCCNH members and friends commit ourselves to prayerful guidance under the Holy Spirit for the Search Process.
- 2  Board selects a slate of members of the Pulpit Committee with approval by the Congregation.
- 3  Pulpit Committee meets with the Regional Minister to discuss the search process.
- 4  Pulpit Committee surveys the congregation and completes a congregational Profile.
- 5  Pulpit Committee does independent research and receives profiles of potential candidates.
- 6  Pulpit Committee creates a list of candidates to interview.
- 7  Pulpit Committee interviews candidates.
- 8  Pulpit Committee recommends one candidate to the church Board.
- 9  Congregation votes on the recommended candidate.
- 10  FCCNH joins with Regional Minister to welcome our new Senior Pastor.

## 2022 FCCNH SUMMER CAMPS

Some spaces are still available for the following camps:

### Art Camp • Grades 2 - 12

7/11/22 – 7/15/22 • 9am-3pm • Regular \$275

Art Camp! 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.

### Cooking Camp II • Grades 3 - 7

7.18.22 – 7.22.22 • 9:30am-12:30pm • Regular \$195

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!

### Photography Camp • Grades 3 - 12

7.25.22 – 7.29.22 • 9am - 12:30pm • \*Earlybird \$165 • Regular \$195

Photography Camp is a half-day adventure between 9am-12:30pm. Additionally campers can enroll in Advanced Photography from 12:30-3:00pm (see below). 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. **Advanced Photography 12:30 - 3:00pm • \$85**

**\*To qualify for the Earlybird rate, payment is due three weeks before the camp start**

**More info and secure registration may be accessed with the QR code at right or by emailing Camp Director, Kristina Frost, at [camps@fccnh.org](mailto:camps@fccnh.org).**





JULY  
*birthdays*

- |   |  |    |   |    |  |
|---|--|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | Susan Lummis<br>Lincoln Mesta<br>Leslie Polhemus<br>William Stambaugh  | 10 | Rick Lewis<br>Martin Smith<br>Myra Smith  | 21 | Jeff Henderson<br>John Kelleher<br>Priscilla Yang                                |
| 2 | Jefferson Beeker<br>Barbara Bulen<br>Everest French<br>Mary Manocchia<br>Christine Nolan                                 | 11 | Susan Hayes<br>Lillian Stoddard   | 22 | Dean McFadden<br>Anelise Pardo<br>Karen Richardson                               |
| 3 | Elias Taylor<br>Allison Torres   | 12 | Remy Gamache  | 23 | Charlotte Doré<br>Claire Doré<br>Lydia Pretlow                                   |
| 4 | Kimberly Delgadillo  | 13 | Jack Fogg<br>Peter Janos<br>Michael Lever<br>Sarah Lord<br>Mikayla Melendez<br>Nyla James Walker    | 24 | Dan Miller<br>Sarah Ramirez  |
| 5 | Elaine Harris<br>Bryceson Montgomery<br>Collin Morgan  | 14 | Chris Carson<br>Scott Crosby<br>Jake Leannah<br>Cambrya Melendez<br>Dan Savage                      | 25 | Todd Burgess<br>Tylie Jones  |
| 6 | Rose Tuttle  | 15 | Alison Hawkins-Keogh<br>David Rigsby<br>Mason Snodgrass<br>William Snodgrass<br>Mary Ann Steuterman | 26 | John Currin<br>Sue Malotte<br>Evan Melendez<br>Linda Walmsley                    |
| 7 | Natalie Charouhas<br>Charles Floyd<br>Madison Grimmett<br>Joe Hendrix<br>John Houlihan<br>Penelope Maseredjian           | 16 | Dan Bernard<br>Elizabeth Coelho<br>William Coelho<br>Christian Corzo<br>Darlene Zaun                | 28 | Romero Hunt<br>Melody Markle<br>Tristan Wheeler                                  |
| 8 | Dustin Brown<br>Alec Zbornak   | 17 | Lucas Melendez  | 29 | Stephen Furry<br>June Jacobs<br>Kevin Kenney<br>Carol Perkinson                  |
| 9 | Karen LaCroix<br>Carolyn Lorenzo<br>Kaycee Marquez<br>Lilah Romanose<br>Devon Werble<br>Chloe Wheeler<br>Tatiana Zubkoff | 18 | Stephen Thomas  | 30 | GloZell Green<br>Lindsay Werble  |
|   |  | 19 | Glenda Morgan Brown<br>Norman Fiddmont  | 31 | Stellan Arnold<br>Paloma Dunlap<br>Chris Ellis<br>Olive Hartman<br>Richard Lewis |
|   |  | 20 | Nia Askerneese<br>Alyssa Sigala   |    |  |
|   |  | 21 | Landon Bailey<br>Liam Cahill  |    |  |

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**LOCH LEVEN  
SUMMER CAMP 2022**

July 10-15 | JUNIOR CAMP  
(Entering grades 4-5)

July 12-15 | MINI CAMP  
(Entering 1-3)

July 24-29 | CYF 1  
(Entering grades 9-10)

July 24-29 | CYF 2  
(Entering grades 11 & 12 and recent graduates)

**REGISTER AT [WWW.DOCPSWR.ORG/CAMP](http://WWW.DOCPSWR.ORG/CAMP)**



**JULY**  
*anniversaries*

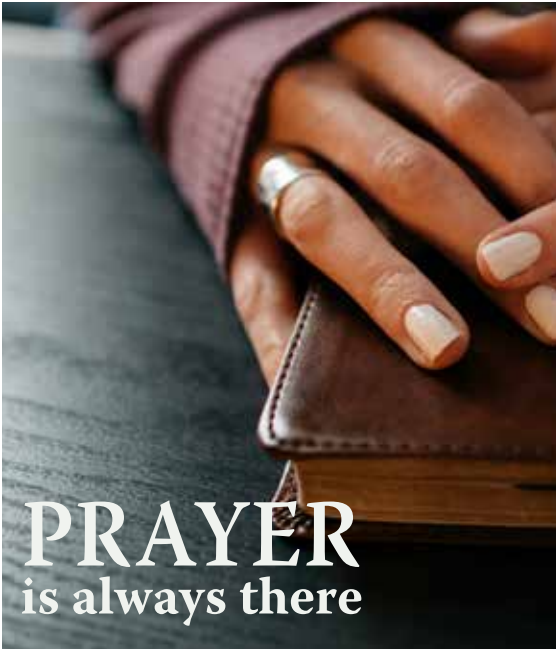
- 1 Ann & Richard Jones  
John & Catherine Kelleher
- 4 Christopher & Sheryl Conte
- 11 David & Pia Friedrich  
Ben & Shandi Higgins
- 13 Anita & James Stoker
- 15 Dave & Dixie Friedrich
- 18 John Kreitler &  
Patsy Meyer Kreitler
- 21 Steve & Susan Lacey  
William & Megan Snodgrass
- 28 Roger Gonzalez-Hibner &  
Elif Gonzalez-Hibner  
Dusty & Rand Holdren



**Christian Nursery School**  
**FALL registration now OPEN!**  
for Ages 2 - 5 • Full or Half Day

for more information email  
**[Amanda@fccnh.org](mailto:Amanda@fccnh.org)**

Teaching is a work of heart



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.

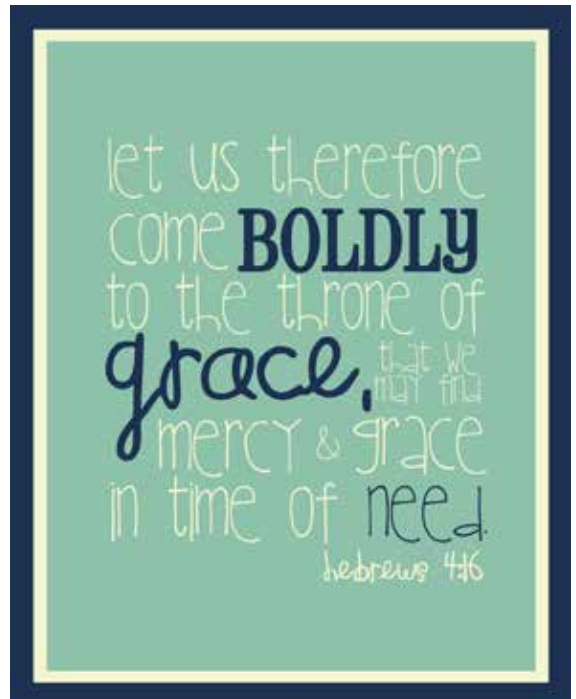
The sole purpose of the Prayer Group has always been to pray for those in need. Prayers are lifted aloud in the Chapel on Monday mornings, and then become part of the daily prayer discipline of our members. As always, all prayers that come to us are kept strictly confidential and are not shared elsewhere. 🌿

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 any of the offering plates set out near the doors from the Sanctuary. 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 to one of our Prayer Group leaders:  
 Eunice Cox ([ec4prayer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ec4prayer@sbcglobal.net)),  
 Irion DeRouen ([dashmom@aol.com](mailto:dashmom@aol.com)),  
 Barbara Wiles ([barbwiles@verizon.net](mailto:barbwiles@verizon.net)),  
 or Janet Bruce ([grayladies@aol.com](mailto:grayladies@aol.com))
- Via phone call to the church office:  
 818-763-8218





# Tai Chi

breathing techniques  
simple stretching exercises  
meditation to reduce stress

## Guided Tai Chi Classes

**Tues. 1:00 pm & Thurs. 4:00 pm**  
**in the Youth Hut**

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



# 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:

7/3	7/10	7/17	7/24	7/31	8/7
8/14	8/21	8/28	9/4	9/11	9/18

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.



# W2W WOMEN *to* WOMEN

**7:30pm FRIDAYS**  
**via ZOOM**

**NEWCOMERS WELCOME**

email for Zoom info

[W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com](mailto:W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com)

WOULD YOU  
CONSIDER  
HOSTING A  
SUNDAY  
MEET  
&  
GREET?



INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, STUDY GROUPS, FRIENDS... IF ANY WOULD CONSIDER HOSTING A MEET & GREET FOLLOWING ONE OF OUR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES, PLEASE CONTACT ALBERTO SIGALA AT [ASIGALA480@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ASIGALA480@GMAIL.COM) OR 310-569-9908.



**MEN'S GROUP MEETING  
NEWCOMERS WELCOME**

Coffee on the Corner Men's Group  
meets online weekly at

**7PM WEDNESDAYS**

Interested in joining?

For Zoom info Email: [menoncorner@gmail.com](mailto:menoncorner@gmail.com)



**MEN ON THE CORNER SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**  
*Casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. – 1 Peter 5:7*

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022\_\_\_\_\_

10:00am Worship	91
Sunday School	18
Youth Morning	6
Youth Evening	5
10:00 AM Worship Offering	\$3,806.00
CREDIT CARD OFFERING 6/20/22-6/26/22_____	
General Offering	\$1,190.00

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