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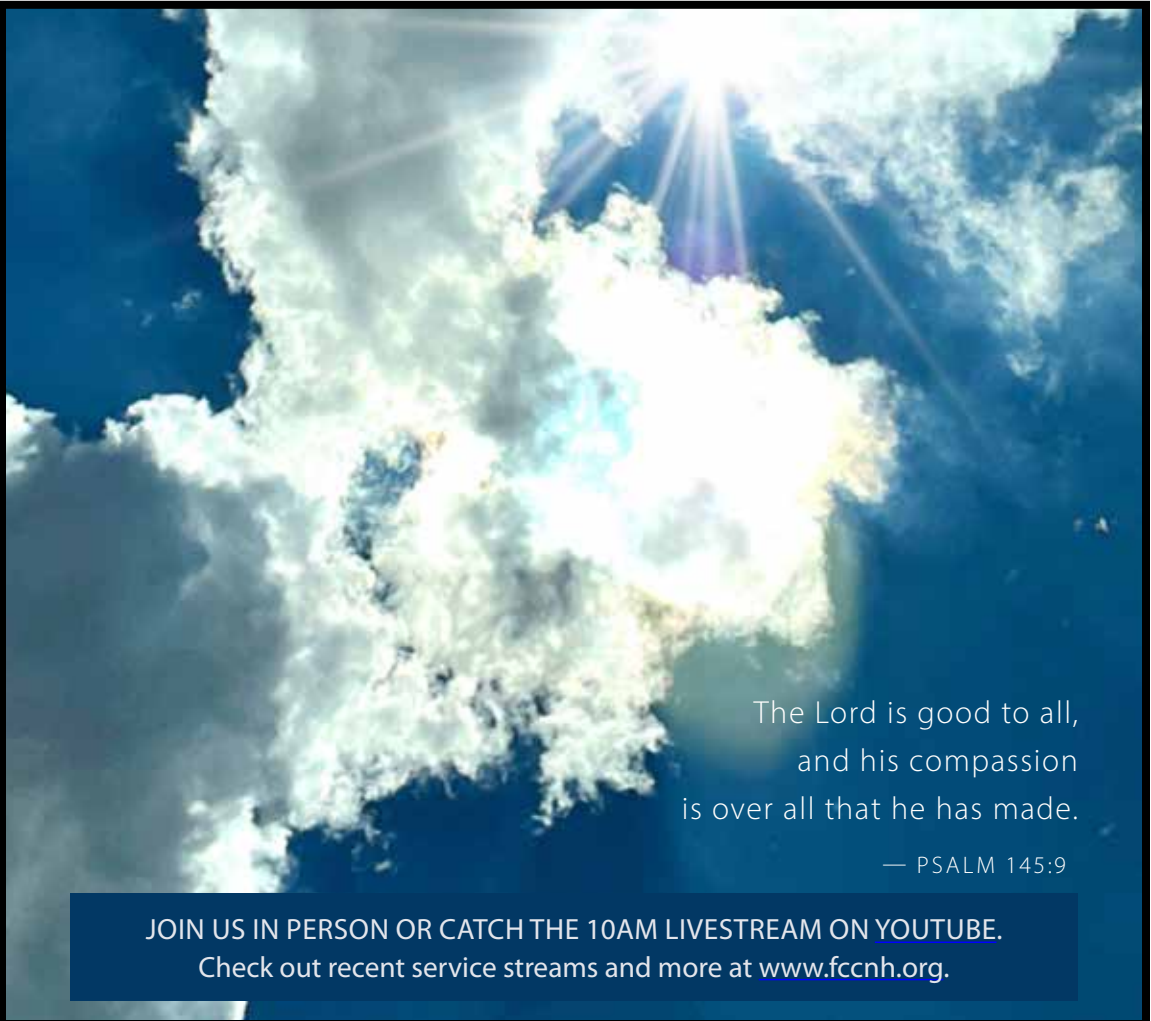
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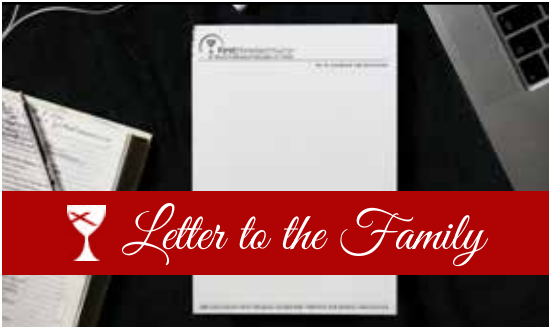


The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion
is over all that he has made.

— PSALM 145:9

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



Recently, our congregation applied for the Employee Retention Tax Credits (ERTC). These tax credits are available to businesses and non-profits that had a significant decline in gross receipts or were closed/limited operations during the pandemic. Thanks to the dedicated work of our staff and volunteers, we were able to receive these funds. In other words, the church is being rewarded for keeping staff employed during the worst of the pandemic.

Anytime one of us comes into an unexpected windfall, there are options for how to proceed. As our church leaders considered our options, we thought that it would be meaningful to give a portion of these funds to our staff as gifts. Therefore, during recent annual reviews, staff members were each given a gift from the ERTC funds to thank them for their efforts. The majority of these funds are still available to support our ministry and address capital, repair needs, etc. God has blessed us with a wonderful staff who share their God-given gifts with us! During the worst of the pandemic, we had to make the difficult decision of cutting hours for staff. We are working to reinstate those hours. We have not been able to give raises and keep up with the rate of inflation over the years, so this was an opportunity to pass on this blessing.

Of course, one could make the argument that we should have kept the funds for the church in case of a rainy day or because of how the writers' and actors'

strikes are affecting our church. The income line item for movie shoots and basecamps is extremely under budget for this year due to these strikes. However, we should be gracious in response to God's graciousness. This is ultimately what all of our offerings, bequests, and special gifts are to the church - a response to God.

In a similar vein, for my sons' birthdays, we usually do a fundraiser through a website. The website gets 10% for their service, a charity of the boys' choice gets 50%, and the boys get 40%. The boys are thrilled to see actual cash in their hands as we take them to the store to pick out a gift. I love to see them do the math (fingers are usually involved to help count) to see how much they will have left over if they do not spend it all. However, by far, the best part is going through the charity options with our boys. One year, for example, Malachi chose a charity that focuses on girls who have been abused. Zion chose an organization that helped protect some of his favorite animals.

My boys are able to respond to the graciousness of others by sharing it with others. It is similar to the line in a familiar hymn - "...you want to pass it on." Malachi and Zion could be upset to not get 60% of the funds, but they aren't. They are thrilled at being able to choose what they want with the 40% and love to see how the 50% of funds went to help make the world better aligned with God's dream for the world.

One of the most important aspects of discipleship is how we respond to the goodness of God. Do we hoard? Do we pass it on? Our church leaders decided to pass it on, even in the midst of a cacophony of unknowns. This response echoes those that we see throughout scripture! Ultimately, to quote another hymn, this is about "leaning on the promises of God!"

On August 9, I will be hosting a thank you luncheon for our staff. It is good and right to pause and say "thank you" to our amazing staff. I would appreciate it

if you would join me in thanking them by writing your name (and some words of appreciation) on a poster board that will be placed in the Social Hall during the next two Sundays - July 30 and August 6.

God has blessed us. God has blessed us with an amazing staff that allows us to do some amazing ministry. Thank you for your graciousness in supporting our ministry and leaning on the promises of God!

Together,

Pastor Jonathan
Senior Pastor

important update about THE TREE LOT

If you missed the sermon this past Sunday, you missed Pastor Jonathan's big ask. Without more co-chairs, he said, this year will be the last for the tree lot.

We were greatly blessed following the service with several people putting their names down and committing to join us in a leadership role at Trees 4 Kids! This group is claiming Trees 4 Kids as their own and they are going to ensure that this important ministry continues. We thank you so much for saying "Here I am!"

It's not too late for you to put your name down, too. Please contact the church office or email dorothybrooks@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of this important work. We will be having a meeting in August (date TBD) to discuss tree lot needs and schedules and to answer any questions you might have for us.

With love and thanks,
Loretta, Joe, Craig and Dorothy



"Do You Love Me?"

The scripture tells us of a time in which Jesus appeared to the Disciples after His resurrection. At first, they didn't recognize Him, but when they did... they instinctively followed. Jesus sat down, ate with them, and asked a simple question, "Do you love me?"

This Sunday is not part of a series. It will correspond directly to the Youth Mission Trip and the ways in which God spoke, Jesus resurrected, and the Holy Spirit moved within us. Pastor Tau will share how Jesus is asking us all that question and instructing us to feed His sheep and tend the flock. In other words, care for our neighbors. His message is entitled "Do You Love Me?" It is based upon John 21:10-19 and Matthew 22: 37-40.

**Associate Pastor Taulau Tupua
PREACHING**

**Unable to join us in person?
Watch the livestream at YOUTUBE**

youthink



Two of our three campers at Loch Leven for CYF Camp. Milana & Garrett look like they've made it one piece and were ready for a week of camp. We can't wait to hear how it went when they return.

Taulau Tupua,
Associate Pastor of Youth & Mission



photo by Dorothy Brooks

YOUTH GROUP FULL MEETING SCHEDULE (*RESUMES MID-AUGUST)

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

***SUNDAY PM**
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

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. —2 CORINTHIANS 3:17



2023 SUMMER CAMP

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. \$275.**

MORE INFO AND SECURE REGISTRATION MAY BE ACCESSED WITH THE QR CODE, AT LEFT, BY GOING TO [HTTPS://WWW.FCCNH.ORG/FCCNH-SUMMER-CAMPS](https://www.fccnh.org/fccnh-summer-camps), OR BY EMAILING CAMP DIRECTOR, KRISTINA FROST CAMPS@FCCNH.ORG.



FINAL CHANCE TO REGISTER



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 with questions or clothes can be dropped off in the church office between 9:00 and 3:00 Monday through Friday.



W2W

WOMEN *to* WOMEN

ZOOM MEETING • 7:30pm FRI

NEWCOMERS WELCOME

email for Zoom info W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com

Meet & Greet VOLUNTEER HOSTS



- 7/30 Sigala Family
- 8/6 OPEN
- 8/13 OPEN
- 8/20 OPEN
- 8/27 OPEN
- 9/3 Lisa & Christopher Ridenhour
- 9/10 Jennifer Le'au | Sunday School Families
- 9/17 OPEN
- 9/24 CNS Sunday
- 10/1 OPEN

HOST A MEET & GREET

Interested in volunteering to host a Meet & Greet after one of the upcoming Sunday morning services? It isn't complicated and doesn't need to be anything fancy.

If your family or club or group would consider hosting one of the open dates contact Alberto at asigala480@gmail.com or 310-569-9908 to add your name to the list or answer your questions. Thank you!

PANTRY IS IN NEED OF

hearty soups canned fruit · cereal

If you are able to assist with donations they may be dropped off during distribution hours on Mondays and Fridays,
7:30 am to 11:00 am at:

**11634 Moorpark Street,
Studio City, CA 91602**



Pastor Tau Tupua with this past Sunday's acolyte, Axel Sobel.

photo by Byron Armantrout



A GRAND CELEBRATION!

Sue Malotte's 100th birthday party was a beautiful celebration this past Sunday — Happy Birthday Sue!

photos by
Byron Armantrout



JOIN US FOR THE NEW NEW SERMON SERIES

AUGUST 8 - AUGUST 27

“Wrestling With the
Most Uncomfortable Words of Jesus”



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|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Steve Bulen | 8 Rodney Gould | 19 Michael Bax |
| Neill Goben | Aislyn Speakman | Frank de Lucia |
| Jonathan Hall | Emmaline Tuttle | Christine Gaul |
| Matthew Hallada | 9 Wyland Perrin | Diane Hirsch |
| Alyssa Werner | Robin Stallings | Susan Meade |
| 2 Ida Carlshagen | 10 Rebecca Owen | 20 Jeanie Moore |
| Lael Robinson | 11 Marlo Schofield | 21 Haley Dade |
| 3 Annie Hall | 12 Megan Burkart | 22 Amanda Sigala |
| Andy Holmer | Teri Wagner-Fontes | Kyle Speight |
| Richard Johnson | Lora Wichmann | 23 Charlette Anderson |
| Katie Levy | Henry Williams | 25 Rachael Luster |
| Zack Levy | 13 Jeremy Gillett | 26 Tyler Savage |
| 4 Macauley Bulen | Christian Youngblood | Kevin Simon |
| Nelle Niles | 14 Jon Bock | 27 Clementine Butler |
| Alexa Rhoads | Sylvia Jefferies | Eagen Will |
| O'Zell Simon | 15 Chloe Matthews | 28 Kevin Andrews |
| Crystal Torres | Shawn Sandels | Adaline Butler |
| 5 Lauri Fitzsimmons | 16 Lawton Grant | 28 Ava Stranahan |
| 6 Talia Martineau | 17 Idil Bray | 29 Isabella Batts |
| 7 Mary Cooper | Hazel Carpenter | Joshua Krane |
| Gracie Johnson | Sutton Frost | Scott Lewis |
| William Maseredjian | Sutton Santiago | Ricki Maslar |
| Claire MitchIII | 18 Loan Anle | Cathy Melendez |
| Alan Nawoj | Marisa (Annino) Rosen | 30 Aiden Batts |
| Parker Snider | Jenny Bailey | Jillian Kusch |
| | Edward Esau | Kenneth Kusch |
| | Cooper Frost | 31 Geriann McIntosh |
| | Zion Hall | Valerie Pryor |
| | Mattias Lupei | Barbara Wiles |
| | Leonardo Noziska-Zaun | |
| | Emily Petrie | |
| | Sara Rushing | |
| | Kelli Simmons | |





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 lift-

ed 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. 🌿

AUGUST
anniversaries

- 1 David Colwell & Glenda Morgan Brown
- 2 Rick and Heather Kline
- 3 Andrew & Gabrielle Braden
- 4 Rodney & Idan Gould
- 5 Kevin & Stephanie Kenney
- 7 Scott Bridges & Melodee Holsinger-Bridges
- 8 Bill & Lynda DeMartines
- 9 Fred & Eva Sloan
- 10 Kelly & Lynda Swavely
- 11 Larry & Judy Day
- 16 Ryan & Christine Gaul
- 19 Dash & Vassi Hawkins
- 22 Craig & Jenny Harris
- 25 William & Dawn Halberstadt
- 27 Steve & Barbara Bulen
- 29 Richard & Cathy Melendez
- 30 John & Deborah Currin



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:

7/30	8/6	8/13	8/20	8/27	9/3
9/10	9/17	9/24	10/1	10/8	10/15

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.



For more information or to reserve your place, email Angel Burgess at membership@fccnh.org and Jason will send you the Zoom login for the games.

Tai Chi

breathing techniques
 simple stretching exercises
 meditation to reduce stress

Guided Tai Chi Classes

**Tuesday mornings
 at 9:30am**

**Thursday afternoons
 at 4:00pm**

in the Youth Hut

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

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023 _____

Sunday Worship 10am	137
Youth Sunday AM	14
Sunday School	22
Sunday Worship 10am	\$5,855.89
Sunday School	\$6.00

TOTAL GENERAL OFFERING \$5,861.89

Human Needs	\$200.00
In Honor of Sue Malotte's BDay	\$200.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 7/17/22 - 7/23/23 _

General Offering	\$1,703.00
Christmas Tree Lot	\$20.00

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