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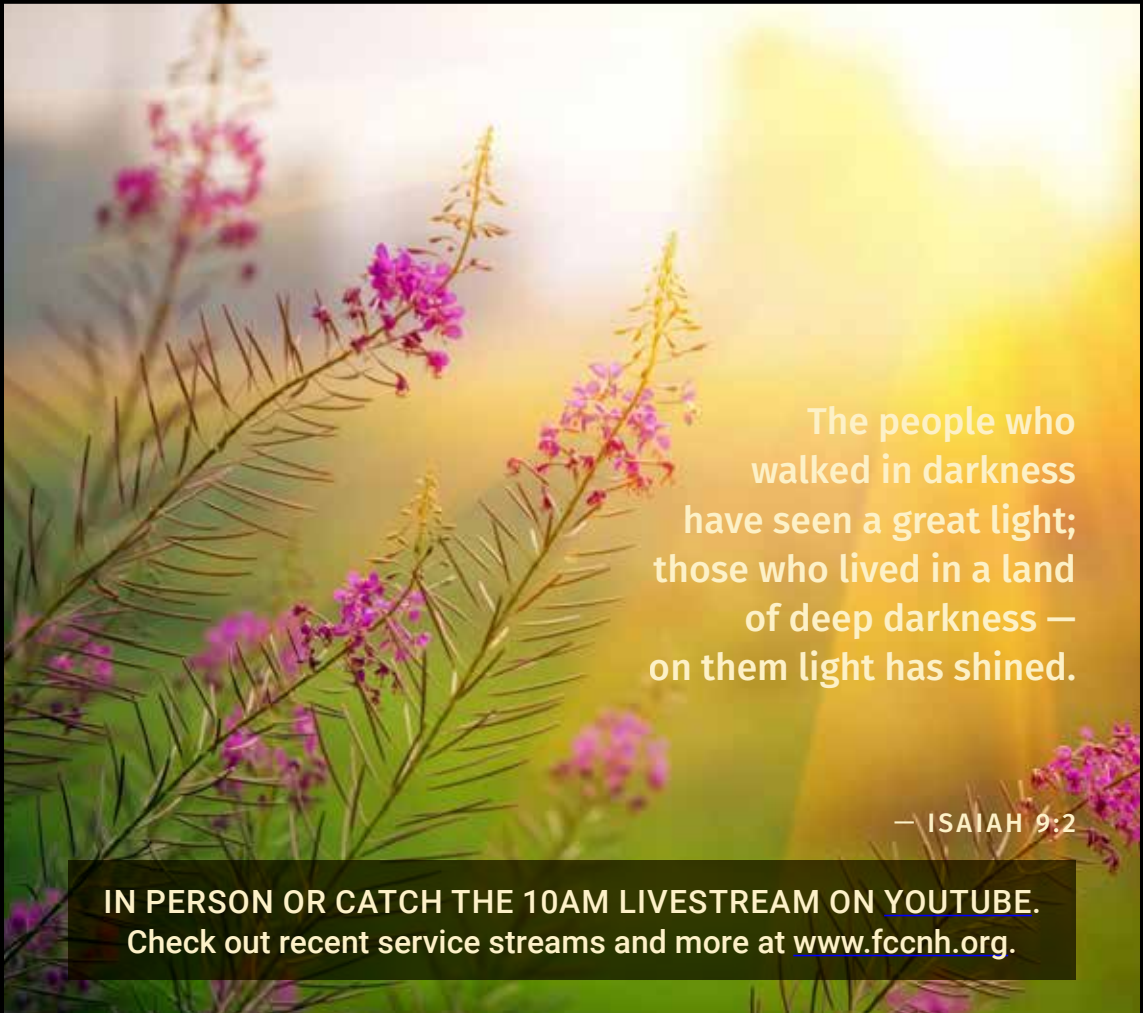
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The people who
walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land
of deep darkness —
on them light has shined.

— ISAIAH 9:2

IN PERSON OR CATCH THE 10AM LIVESTREAM ON [YOUTUBE](https://www.youtube.com).
Check out recent service streams and more at www.fcnh.org.



The excuse came by text. I didn't see it. She left a voice mail. I didn't hear it. Finally, just to be sure I got the excuse, she texted someone already at church. He showed me. It read, "I can't get the garage door open, so I won't be at church."

It was a first. I think I've heard every excuse about not attending worship, but never, "I can't get the garage door open." Most excuses offered are distractions. "We will be on vacation next week." "We have tickets to.... (fill in the blank)." "The kids have a game." Other times, the excuse is a challenge. "I was sick last week." "I had to work." "We are staying away during the pandemic." "I'm not ready to come back after our loss."

Someone has pointed out that many who do not attend have theological excuses. I've heard them; they are easier to answer.

"Church is full of hypocrites." Yes, and there is always room for one more.

"I'm against organized religion." Perfect! We are highly disorganized.

"I don't believe in God." That's okay, God still believes in you.

"Church people are so judgmental." Then you will fit right in.

"I'm not being fed." We're not here to feed you; we equip you to feed.

And of course, the all-time excuse that you've heard and maybe even say:

"Churches just want your money." Yes, it is called an offering and it is why you can attend.

There are many more excuses. You probably have one, two, maybe more. To those who offer excuses, I always ask this: What is your excuse for attending worship? What do you give as your excuse when saying, "I am sorry. I must go to worship. I can't miss." What is the reason?

It's worth considering and has been for thousands of years. This week in worship, the prophet Elijah asks the question this way. "How long will you go limping with two different opinions?" (1 Kings 18:21b). It's a timeless question and is always present when we offer an excuse.

I pray each of us can learn to move past our excuses for not attending. My wife Ann did. She got the garage door to open last Sunday. She made it, albeit a few minutes late. She was in worship.

I hope you will be too.

Blessings, Randy



10:00AM WORSHIP
Sunday, July 31st

*“Elijah: Fireworks
at Carmel”*

Pastor Randy Spleth
PREACHING

Unable to join
us in person?

Tune in to the
livestream on
[YouTube](#).



**THE NHIFP
NEEDS ARE
GROWING**

**THE FOOD PANTRY
NEEDS YOUR HELP**

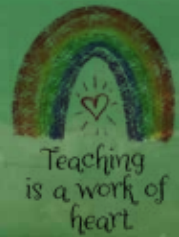
The North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry is in need of people to help pack food bags! Due to the increased price of groceries, there has been a dramatic increase in food bag distribution at the Pantry. As a result, we need helping hands to pack more bags! We are asking people for an hour or two of their time to pack bags at Temple Beth Hillel. Please visit our website, www.NHIFP.org, and go to the tab “Sign Up Genius” to help out!

There is also a need for **16oz jars of peanut butter**, **cans of soup** (not condensed) and large boxes of **individually packaged chips**, **granola** and **breakfast bars**.

Christian Nursery School
FALL registration now OPEN!

for Ages 2 - 5 • Full or Half Day

for more information email
Amanda@fccnh.org



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:

Sunday Morning High-Low check in for the week • Navigating the challenges for college prep and departure • Sunday Morning planning for an Eagle Scout project.



MEN'S GROUP MEETING

NEWCOMERS WELCOME

meets online weekly at
7PM WEDNESDAYS

Interested in joining?
For Zoom info Email:
menoncorner@gmail.com

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. – ISAIAH 40:11



W2W

WOMEN to WOMEN

7:30pm FRIDAYS via ZOOM

NEWCOMERS WELCOME

email for Zoom info

W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com



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:

7/31	8/7	8/14	8/21	8/28	9/18
9/25	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30

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.



- 1 Steve Bulen
Neill Goben
Matthew Hallada
Alyssa Werner
- 2 Ida Carlshagen
Lael Robinson
- 3 Andy Holmer
Richard Johnson
Claire Markel
Katie Levy
Zack Levy
- 4 Macauley Bulen
O'Zell Green
Nelle Niles
Alexa Rhoads
Crystal Torres
- 5 Lauri Fitzsimmons
- 6 Talia Martineau
- 7 Mary Cooper
Gracie Johnson
William Maseredjian
Claire Mitchelll
Alan Nawoj
Parker Snider
- 8 Rodney Gould
Aislyn Speakman
Emmaline Tuttle
- 9 Wyland Perrin
Robin Stallings
- 10 Casey Butz
Rebecca Owen
- 11 Marlo Schofield
- 12 Megan Burkart
Teri Wagner-Fontes
Lora Wichmann
Henry Williams
- 13 Jeremy Gillett
Christian Youngblood
- 14 Jon Bock
Sylvia Jefferies
William Markel
Raymond Torres
- 15 Chloe Matthews
Shawn Sandels
- 16 Lawton Grant
- 17 Hazel Carpenter
Sutton Frost
- 18 Loan Anle
Marisa (Annino) Rosen
Jenny Bailey
Edward Esau
Cooper Frost
Mattias Lupei
Emily Petrie
Sara Rushing
Kelli Simmons
- 19 Michael Bax
Frank de Lucia
Christine Gaul
Diane Hirsch
Susan Meade
- 20 Jeanie Moore
- 21 Haley Dade
- 22 Amanda Sigala
- 23 Charlette Anderson
- 25 Rachael Luster
- 26 Tyler Savage
Kevin Simon
- 27 Clementine Butler
Eagen Will
- 28 Kevin Andrews
Adaline Butler ...

- 28 Ava Stranahan
- 29 Isabella Batts
Scott Lewis
Ricki Maslar
Cathy Melendez
- 30 Aiden Batts
Jillian Kusch
Kenneth Kusch
- 31 Geriann McIntosh
Valerie Pryor
Barbara Wiles



- 1 David Colwell &
Glenda Morgan Brown
- 2 Rick and Heather Kline
- 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
- 17 Andrew & Gabrielle Braden
- 19 Dash & Vassi Hawkins
- 22 Kathleen & Barry Dantagnan
Craig & Jenny Harris
- 25 William & Dawn Halberstadt
- 27 Steve & Barbara Bulen
- 29 Richard & Cathy Melendez
- 30 John & Deborah Currin

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022_____

10:00am Worship	115
Sunday School	10
Youth Morning	1
Youth Evening	4
10:00 AM Worship Offering	\$3,710.71
CREDIT CARD OFFERING 7/18/22 - 7/24/22 __	
General Offering	\$1,270.00

Tai Chi

breathing techniques
simple stretching exercises
meditation to reduce stress

Guided Tai Chi Classes
Tues. 9:30 am &
Thurs. 4:00 pm
in the Youth Hut

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

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