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JOHN 16:33

These things I have spoken to you,
that in Me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation;
but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

IN PERSON OR CATCH THE 10AM LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE.
Check out recent service streams and more at www.fcnh.org.



Much of our life is about holding on and letting go. We learn to walk by holding on to furniture or grasping a finger. As balance comes, we start letting go. We hold on tightly to the myth of Santa Claus only to let go when becoming mature is more important. We hold on to parents then let go as we move into adulthood. We hold tightly to the myths of eternal youth, reluctantly letting go to middle age. We hold on to loved ones and then, let them go at the end of life. The list is endless. Life is filled with holding on and letting go.

As I was writing this article, I was interrupted. Someone stopped by to say goodbye. She is leaving on an extended trip and will not be around over the next three weeks. She said, "I don't let go very well. I didn't when we lost Pastor Bob. Now, you. I'm not good at this. I don't let go very well." None of us do, which is odd. So much of life is about holding on and letting go, we should be experts at it.

The key is to do both, to hold on as we let go. During any transition, holding tightly to faith, friends and family allows for letting go. Whether it is a death or a birth, a move or a new job, a transition with children or with health, whatever the circumstances of life, whenever we are required to let go, hold on. Hold on to faith, to family, to community.

Over the next three weeks, as our time with you ends, it is my plan to hold on. I will hold on tightly

to my faith and my dear partner in life and ministry, Ann. But I intend to hold on to you as new friends and a wonderful church. I will do all of this even as I let go and let God reshape you with your new pastor. If you can do the same, we will let go together.

My visitor said, "As we let you go, thank you for all that you have done for us. Our faith and family are stronger. We will always hold on to that." "Of course," I said. "I feel the same way because this is what life is about. Holding on while letting go."

Blessings, Randy



A Loss in Our Church Family

We're saddened to announce that friend and long-time member Tom Rogillio passed away late this past Thursday, August 4th. There is expected to be a Celebration of Life service via Zoom in the coming month. Details of the service will be published here as they are made available.



SUNDAY • AUGUST 14 • 10AM Blessing *of the* Backpacks

As the youth of our community are about to begin a new school year, it's our tradition to help them prepare with a special children's moment and blessing of the backpacks they will be carrying with them. Kids, don't forget to bring your backpack to worship this Sunday, August 14th!

10:00AM WORSHIP
Sunday, August 14th

“ELIJAH: Preparing the Way”

Pastor Randy Spleth
PREACHING

Unable to join us in person? Tune in to the livestream on

[YouTube.](#)



Tai Chi

breathing techniques
simple stretching exercises
meditation to reduce stress

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

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



THE NHIFP NEEDS ARE GROWING

THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS SOME 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**.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Our FCCNH Choirs will be resuming rehearsals after a much-needed summer break.

Chancel Choir (ages 16 and up)

begins rehearsals **Thursday, August 25th**, 7:15 PM in the choir loft. Come one, come all! We can work with anyone, regardless of talent or background!

Youth Choir (6th grade and up)

resumes on **Sunday, September 11th** in the Youth Hut at 11:15 AM-12 PM.

Children's Choir (5 yrs-5th grade)

resumes on **Sunday, September 11th** in the Annex from 9:00-9:50 AM.

God gave you a voice, so come on out and use it to bless our FCCNH church family! There's a place for you! Please contact David Rigsby (brewstty@gmail.com) or Ty Parr (zongwriter@yahoo.com) for more information.



MEN'S GROUP MEETING

NEWCOMERS WELCOME
meets online weekly at
7PM WEDNESDAYS

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

SCRIPTURE *for the* MONTH *of* AUGUST

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

– ROMANS 12:12 –



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:

8/14	8/21	8/28	9/18	9/25	10/2
10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30	11/6	11/13

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.

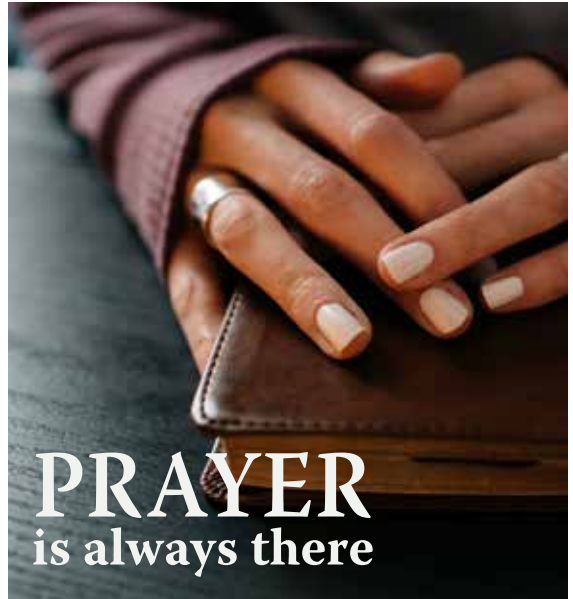
As always, there are many ways to reach us with your prayer needs.

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.

Your prayers can reach us in a few different ways:

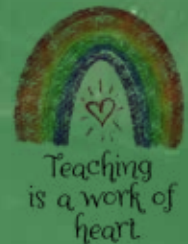
- Via email on the church website:
www.fccnh.org/worship/prayer-requests
- Via phone call to the church office:
818-763-8218
- If you are at the church, prayer cards are available at the Prayer Cabinet outside the Chapel. Fill one out and put it in the cabinet slot, or drop it off in the church office.

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. 🌿

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



for more information email Amanda@fccnh.org

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022_____

10:00am Worship	103
Sunday School	14
Youth Morning	7
Youth Evening	5
10:00 AM Worship Offering	\$3,673.00
Sunday School Offering	\$3.00
Week of Compassion	\$500.00
CREDIT CARD OFFERING 8/1/22 - 8/7/22 _____	
General Offering	\$2,785.00

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