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AND IF I HAVE  
prophetic powers, and  
understand all mysteries  
and all knowledge,  
and if I have all faith, so as  
to remove mountains, but  
**DO NOT HAVE LOVE,**  
I am nothing.

– 1 CORINTHIANS 13:2

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).



I hope that each of you was able to get through the recent tropical storm without a hitch. Thanks to climate change, it seems that we are getting “once in a generation” storms and/or all of our usual annual rainfall in a day type of storms each year. I, jokingly, like to ask people to stop praying for rain during these types of storms. Yes, we need the moisture, but is it possible to spread it out a bit more?

Unfortunately, storms can affect us in a variety of ways and they cannot be spread out. For example, some of us know what it is like to have those types of days, weeks, or seasons of life when we experience multiple tragedies. When I experience them, I can often be found wondering “Can we spread this out a bit more?”

Each of us can experience those moments, regardless of our preparation. The important part is having a community within which you can vent, share your frustrations/worries, wrestle with important questions, and much more.

Some of you have apologized when you have vented to me about a recent “storm.” I always reply with “No apology needed! I am glad that you were able to share!”

To be clear, I believe that a personal relationship with Jesus is paramount. However, when it is done best, one’s faith happens in a community where they

can vent, share their feelings, and wrestle with the difficulties that tend to pile upon one another.

I am grateful to be part of our community! Penn State grads David McMillan and David Chavis define community by these four concepts - membership, influence, integration and fulfillment of needs, and shared emotional connection. Membership means more than coming forward on a Sunday morning during worship. It means to feel that part of us is invested in the community where we belong and feel welcomed. Influence is the sense that we have some say in the community and that our perspectives are appreciated and respected. The integration and fulfillment of needs signifies that each person has ways of being fulfilled through serving their needs, recreation, and social interaction. Finally, shared emotional connection is a shared history of sense of community and quality of interactions within the community.

As you reflect on these four concepts, is there an area where you think that you need focus? For example, do you need to become more invested in our community? If so, could you be part of our Human Needs Team or choir? If you are needing more emotional connection, could you join our Women2Women, Christian Women’s Fellowship (CWF), or Men on the Corner groups?

I hope that you will take this opportunity to better connect to our community at FCCNH. If you would like to learn more, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I would be glad to share the plethora of ways within which you can live out your faith at our church!

Together,

*Pastor Jeth*  
Senior Pastor



**AUG 27**  
**10:00 AM**

## THE MOST DIFFICULT WORDS OF JESUS: **HIS WORDS** *with* **A SAMARITAN WOMAN**

This Sunday is the end of our series entitled “The Most Difficult Words of Jesus.” We will be looking at Jesus’s experience with a Samaritan woman at a well. During the conversation, Jesus said some words that might have some “sting” to them. The woman was from a group of people who actively avoided Jesus’s community and had ongoing disgust with each other. We will define “ongoing disgust” as centuries and centuries of hatred and sabotage.

We will dig into the story to see what might be happening in this exchange. Pastor Jonathan’s message is entitled “The Most Difficult Words of Jesus: His Words with A Samaritan Woman.” It will be based on John 4:1-42.

**Rev. Dr. Jonathan Hall**  
— PREACHING —

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



**WE'VE SAVED YOU A SEAT**

## *Chancel Choir*

Looking for a place to serve our church family and have fun at the same time? Now is the perfect time to join the FCCNH Chancel Choir! Rehearsals resume on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:15 pm! See any choir singer or David Rigsby with any questions. David can be reached at [brewstty@gmail.com](mailto:brewstty@gmail.com) or 562-708-6169 (talk/text). You won’t regret joining our choir family!!



## **Children’s & Youth Choirs** **WE’RE BACK**

[& WE’RE SINGING ON CELEBRATION SUNDAY]

**Rehearsals begin on SEPT 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

**CHILDREN’S CHOIR • 9am** *in the Annex*

**YOUTH CHOIR • 9:50am** *in the Annex*

# THIS PAST SUNDAY AT FCCNH

*photos by Byron Armantrout*



Lei on the chancel in memory of the victims of the Maui wildfires



Acolyte Milana Resta



## 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.

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

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



## FCCNH YOUTH PROGRAM HOURS

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:30AM-11:00AM

Middle & High School

### SUNDAY EVENINGS

5:00PM-7:00PM

High School

### WED. AFTERNOONS

3:30PM-5:30PM

Middle School



photo by Pastor Tau Tupua

Youth group members gathered in the chapel before the Sunday service.



## 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 AUGUST

*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to Him.* — MATTHEW 17:5





# 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:

8/27	9/10	9/17	9/24	10/1	10/8
10/15	10/22	10/29	11/5	11/12	11/19

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.

# Meet & Greet VOLUNTEER HOSTS



- 8/27 Sigala Family
- 9/3 Lisa & Christopher Ridenhour
- 9/10 The Board
- 9/17 OPEN
- 9/24 CNS Sunday
- 10/1 OPEN
- 10/8 OPEN
- 10/15 OPEN
- 10/22 Barbara Wiles, Janet Bruce,  
Cindy Kaller
- 10/29 Kyla Speakman

**ALL OF NOVEMBER & DECEMBER  
ARE CURRENTLY 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](mailto:asigala480@gmail.com) or 310-569-9908 to add your name to the list or answer your questions. Thank you!

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023 \_\_

Sunday Worship 10am	71
Youth Sunday AM	11
Youth Wednesday	8
Sunday School	12

Sunday Worship Donations	\$2,847.00
Sunday School Donations	\$2.00

**TOTAL GENERAL OFFERING \$2,849.00**

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 8/7/22 - 8/13/23 \_\_

General Offering	\$1,295.00
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CREDIT CARD OFFERING 8/14/22 - 8/20/23 \_\_

General Offering	\$2,808.95
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or scan the code at right





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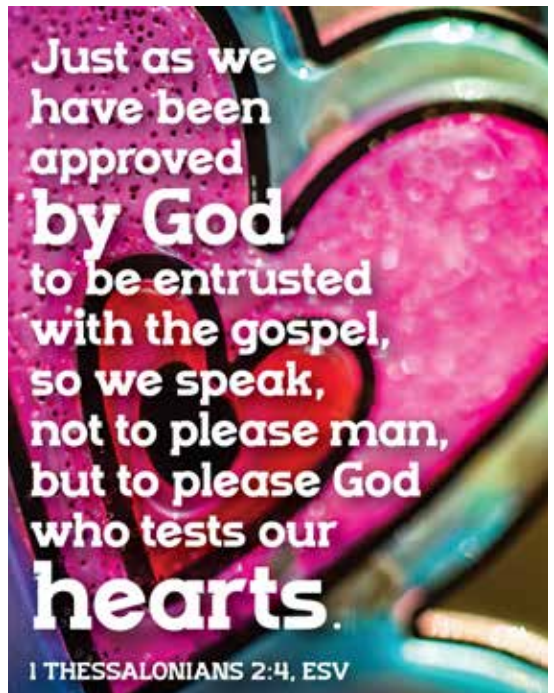
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Just as we  
have been  
approved  
**by God**  
to be entrusted  
with the gospel,  
so we speak,  
not to please man,  
but to please God  
who tests our  
**hearts.**

1 THESSALONIANS 2:4, ESV