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... you who seek God,
let your hearts revive.

PSALM 69:32

“Come Back to Jesus and the Church”

ONLINE REVIVAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 — WWW.FCCNH.ORG

LETTER TO THE FAMILY



This coming Sunday, October 18th, our on-line service of worship will be something totally different – and wonderful. A few of you may remember old-fashioned revivals, or as they were often called, “tent meetings.” Billy Graham started his amazing evangelistic ministry in such a revival format. During my childhood, when I spent my summers with my grandparents in a small country farm town, tent meetings were very popular. All of the churches in town would help sponsor a week-long evangelistic event with lots of marvelous music, singing and passionate preaching.

In the last few years we have held our own version of a Revival during the Spirit Song service on two different occasions. At those services we’ve had guest musicians, a service featuring the versatility of our Spirit Song band and Praise singers and we’ve served wonderful food. People have packed the social hall to enjoy these services of worship together.

This Sunday we are going to have our third Revival service – and the first online. We’re anxious to share this service with our church family and friends throughout the Nation. As always, the service will be highlighted with marvelous music. H. B. Barnum’s Life Choir will be singing two anthems, the Spirit Song band and Praise Singers will be back, and our good friend Rev. Marilyn Fiddmont will be bringing our homily. Our worship/tech team has been working on this service for several weeks because the editing, with the choir and other musicians, takes a great deal of time.

Rev. Fiddmont has been a regular pulpit guest at

FCCNH for many years. She always inspires us with her enthusiasm and wisdom. She and her husband, the Rev. Norman Fiddmont, hold dual membership with FCCNH and the Christian Church in Spring, Texas, where they live. It is always a pleasure to have Marilyn and Norman worship with us.

We are thrilled that people from throughout the Nation are joining us regularly. The wonderful thing about online worship is that people can worship with us whenever it is convenient. Even though about half of our worshippers still join us at 10:00 AM Sunday morning, the services are posted Saturday night and can be viewed at any time thereafter. New friends can go to our website and view any of the services we’ve done over the past seven months.

Our nationwide congregation regularly write regarding the high quality of the music, the professionalism of the various segments of the service and the flawless work of our production and editing team. It has been so well received that the consensus is that even after we return to the sanctuary, we will continue our online presence with this service.

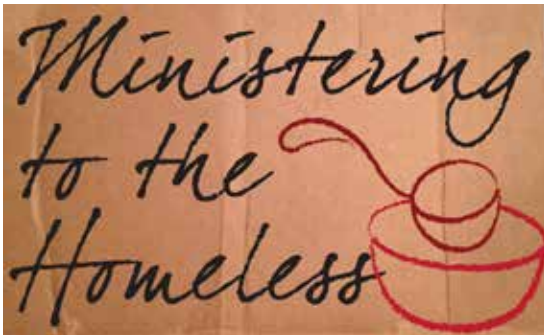
We are all very excited about sharing our first online Revival with you. It will provide a very creative ‘style’ of worship that I’m sure will demonstrate the versatility of our worship leaders. Please tell your family and friends about our online service and invite them to join you for worship this coming Sunday.

This coming Friday and Saturday is the Regional Assembly for the Pacific Southwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Normally we would have a thousand or more Disciples gathered for worship, workshops, meals, fellowship and conducting the business of the Regional Church. This is the first Assembly for our new Regional Pastor, Rev. Richie San-

chez, and everyone wants a large turnout to officially welcome him to the Region. An on-line Assembly will not be the same as in-person but in the midst of this pandemic it is the best that we can do. Several from FCCNH will be sharing this online event. If you would like to join us, please call the church office and ask for log-in information.

I look forward to “seeing” you this coming Sunday as we worship together. In the meantime, be safe, be careful and be well.

Pergé
Pastor Bob



The Human Needs Committee can always put new or gently used but items to use by passing them along to the needy in our community. Please take a look at the list below and consider donating one or more of the items we will need as the weather cools:

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| ▣ jackets | ▣ sleeping bags |
| ▣ socks | ▣ t-shirts |
| ▣ jeans | ▣ baseball caps |
| ▣ blankets | ▣ tennis shoes |
| ▣ tents | ▣ (men's/women's) |

Donations can be dropped off at the church office during normal business hours. Please contact Shelley with any questions at 818.298.8209.



REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

For those of you who know someone serving in the armed forces, as well as people serving in other capacities, we want to lift them up in prayer... please let us know when they come home!

Chris Diaz • Joshua Bigbee • Steven Zaun

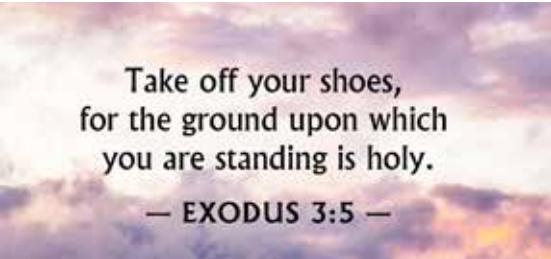
We also want to continue to pray for peace, for wisdom for the world's leaders, and for the people of all war-torn areas of our world.



BABY GRAND PIANO FOR SALE

At the end of last year, FCCNH was gifted with a beautiful baby grand piano. Unfortunately, space is so limited on our campus that it's impossible for us to showcase and use it in the way it deserves. We decided to offer it first to our church members before making it available to the general public. Here are the specs: 1980 Kawai Baby Grand Piano, GE1, Satin Ebony finish. Very good condition. \$5,500 obo. If interested contact the church office at 818.763.8218.

“Just A Thought ...” by Rev. Louise Sloan Goben



Take off your shoes,
for the ground upon which
you are standing is holy.

— EXODUS 3:5 —

It seems that summer is not quite ready to leave. I know that in Southern California the seasons do not change as they do in other parts of the country. I have said for a long time that there are distinct seasons in California, yet they do not necessarily look like Vermont. Still, if one is paying close attention to the subtleties, you can notice the shifts.

When I was in seminary, I interned as Campus Chaplain at the University of La Verne. Part of my internship was to teach a class to the first-year students that assisted these young people in adjusting to campus life. For many of them, it was the first time they had lived outside of the homes they were raised in. The temptation was to either isolate or to indulge in parties to the detriment of their school work. My task was to help problem solve or share with the group any adjustment issues.

The last week of the fall semester, one of the students entered the classroom wearing his board shorts, a Hawaiian shirt and flip-flops. It was pretty standard attire for college students, except that this was the middle of December. The weather was very pleasant and no one thought anything about our clothing. When the young man sat down, he said to the group, “Does it ever feel like people have lied to you all your life?”

“Lied about what?” we asked.

“Jingle Bells. White Christmas. Chestnuts roasting

on an open fire! It is December and I am sitting here in shorts. Where is the snow? Where is the one-horse open sleigh? Those of you from Southern California, does it ever feel like you have been lied to all your life?”

The young man was from Alaska. It was his first California Christmas season. He brought to us an interesting perspective. It had never occurred to me to feel cheated or that I had been lied to because it didn't snow at Christmas. Actually, the leaves (such as they are) typically begin to turn color in December. It seems more traditionally “autumn-like” than in September or October. Case in point... it is the middle of October and it is 100+ degrees outside.

The questioning from my young student made me think about how often we make assumptions about situations or circumstances without considering other perspectives. I am guilty of this. And I know that I sometimes make assumptions about people as well, based on appearances or persuasions.

As many of you know, I teach a course on World Religions at Pierce College. Last year our class participated in a field trip to a local Hindu Temple in Reseda. We were met by the pandit (priest) and a few lay people, and they explained all that we saw around us; they shared prayers and traditions from their religious background. When the class reconvened the next week, students said how appreciative they were to have connected with the Temple. It took the mystery out of who “those people” are and what they do when they gather. The students felt connected to their Hindu neighbors in a way they had not before.

The weather may be hot this week, and it does not feel as though we will ever finish with summer. Some may even long for cold nights and changing leaves. But

“Just A Thought ...”continued

this is California and things are simply not the same as in other parts of the Northern Hemisphere. On the other hand, if we lived in Australia we would be preparing for the beginning of summer, not winter. It is always important that we hear one another, share with each other and be prepared to learn different perspectives about life and experiences from others. We don't all think the same and our experiences are varied. Yet, we are all created "...in the image of God."

We affirm that "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it." (Psalm 24:1) We are varied and beautiful in our distinctiveness and even in our idiosyncrasies. We may be poles apart, but we share our humanity and our need to be cared for and valued. And we share the earth we live upon, and we also share the need to be stewards of it. For the whole of creation is holy and good in the eyes of God.

Pastor Louise



THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:

- small toothpaste • tooth brushes • small deodorants
- chapsticks • boxed cereal (October is cereal month)
- canned fruit • peanut butter

and WE ESPECIALLY NEED HELP
TRANSPORTING BAGS
(for food transport)

Thank you!



**630PM TUESDAYS
ON ZOOM**

**EMAIL JASON PETERSON AT
MEMBERSHIP@FCNH.ORG
TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN**

KIDS GAME NIGHT on ZOOM!
SUN, OCT 18th - 4PM
Fun and prizes for the winners
To join in the fun, contact
membership@fccnh.org



**DRIVE THRU
TRUNK *or* TREAT**

SATURDAY • OCTOBER 24
3:30-5pm in the Lot
CANDY • COSTUME CONTEST • PRIZES

The graphic features a blue car trunk filled with candy and pumpkins, with a license plate that says 'FCCNH'. Below the trunk are five jack-o'-lanterns with various faces. The background is a light blue and green gradient.



WOMEN *to* WOMEN

Online Women's Group
Meets Fridays via Zoom · 8:00 pm

Hosted by:

Sheryl Fitzpatrick, Jenny Harris
Trudie Kirkland, and Diane O'Brien

For Zoom info email:

W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com

(ALL CAPS - Case sensitive)



COFFEE *on the* CORNER
MEN'S GROUP MEETING
FCCNH

8am Wednesdays on Zoom. Interested?
Email: menoncorner@gmail.com for Zoom info.

The graphic features a brown circular logo with a white coffee cup and steam. Below the logo is a banner with the text 'COFFEE on the CORNER MEN'S GROUP MEETING' and 'FCCNH'. To the right, a hand is holding a tablet displaying a photo of a church building with a steeple.

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 , 2020_____

Total General Offering	\$7,853.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERINGS 10/7 - 10/13_____

General Offering	\$1,711.67
Thanksgiving	\$25.00
Food Pantry	\$70.00



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