

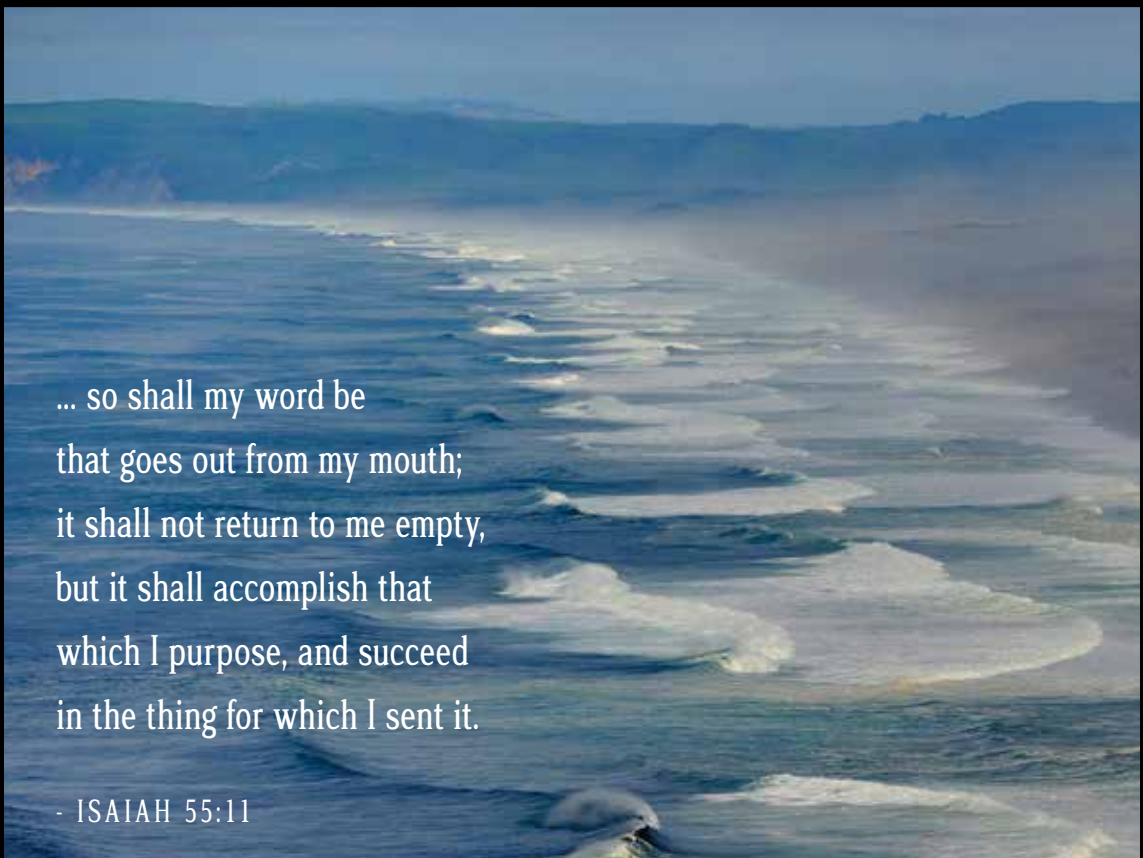


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... so shall my word be  
that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that  
which I purpose, and succeed  
in the thing for which I sent it.

- ISAIAH 55:11

JOIN US ONLINE FOR WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY AT 10AM - PLUS GROUPS,  
STUDIES, SPECIAL EVENTS, GAME NIGHTS AND MORE — [WWW.FCCNH.ORG](http://WWW.FCCNH.ORG)

## LETTER TO THE FAMILY



Pastor Bob's Letter to the Family will return in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, be sure to check your email for his evening epistles.

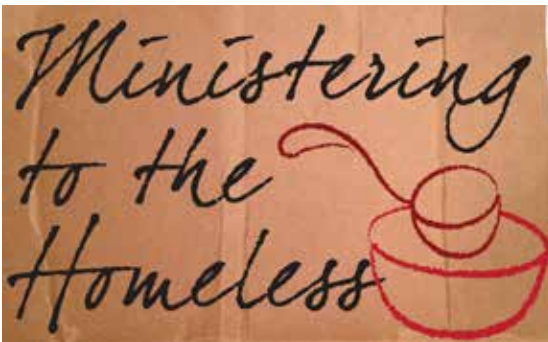


## REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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.



The Human Needs Committee can always put your gently-used but no longer needed 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 these items:

- |                                   |                                       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> jackets  | <input type="checkbox"/> hats/caps    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> socks    | <input type="checkbox"/> t-shirts     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> jeans    | <input type="checkbox"/> tennis shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> blankets | <input type="checkbox"/> gloves       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tents    | <input type="checkbox"/> scarves      |

Donations can be dropped off at the church office during normal business hours. Please contact Deborah Luster with any questions at 323.854.6707.



## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

SUNDAYS . 4PM ON ZOOM!

Fun and prizes for the winners,  
to join in the fun, email

Jason Peterson at  
[membership@fccnh.org](mailto:membership@fccnh.org)

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## youthink

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I greet you in the Wonderful Magnificent name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Meteorologists are often blamed for bad weather. In the great state of Kentucky on a sunny day it might rain unexpectedly. In the Windy City, on a cold winter day, it might snow unexpectedly for hours. On a clear day in Arizona, a sandstorm might appear out of nowhere. The unpredictability of the weather is often perceived as the lack of skill of the person reporting the weather but in reality, as I've learned, it's the weather. It's seasonal and it comes in waves, stages and phases. It's the weather and it's life.

On the journey of life our young people will encounter storms. It's possible that at any given moment they will be going into a storm, coming out of a storm, or be in the middle of a storm; meaning they will be facing or experiencing tumultuous situations which they feel unprepared to handle. They will be facing unexpected storms which they feel unequipped to handle. We have all been there. Eliminate the word "for" between "situations" and "which" above, and between "storms" and "which" above

I'm curious as to the steps you might have taken to find shelter in your storm. I'm curious as to the path you might have taken to successfully navigate in the extreme weather. Did you pray more? Did you talk to friends? Did you seek help? How did you get through your storm? How did you continue to approach each day while in your storm? Did you do all of the above? I know I did!

In the Kentucky rain, I carried an umbrella.

In the bitter winter of the Windy City, I wore multiple layers of clothing. In the sandstorms of Arizona, I learned to trust my GPS and pull over. On this journey I have learned that I will be tested. I will encounter difficulty and I will face the unexpected. I imagine we will all have a bad experience. I have learned that I don't need to go through the storm alone. I can pray with others, talk with others and call for help as the situation demands. But most of all I have learned to believe the words "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

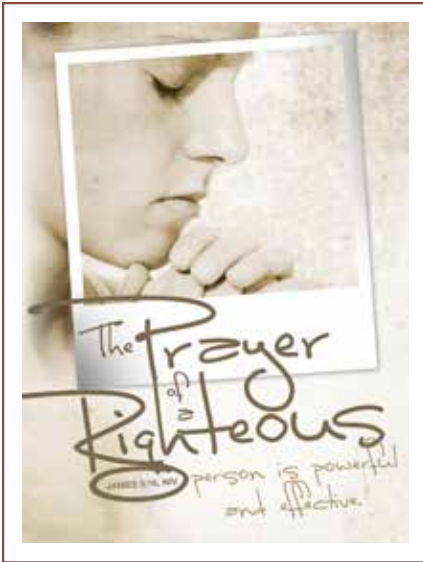
It is my prayer that as they encounter the storms of life that our young people will gain strength from our victories, reach out for support and carry with them the promise of the Creator to be with them always. We will not be forsaken; no matter the forecast, no matter the storm, no matter the situation.

Best,  
Jeremy Gillett  
Director of Youth Ministries

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# PRAYER

is (still) always there



## A Note to the Church Family from Your Prayer Groups

Prayer has always been a fundamental part of the glue binding us together as a church family. Unfortunately, the current realities of our worldwide health crisis mean that we cannot physically gather together for either worship or prayer in the church that is “home” to so many of us.

We in the Monday morning and Tuesday evening Prayer Groups want to reassure you that, despite temporarily suspending our weekly gatherings in the Chapel, individual prayers from and for you have

continued all along. As part of our covenant, we both corporately lift prayers when we are together, and lift them in our individual daily prayers throughout the week.

## There Are Several Ways Your Prayers Can Reach Us


• Via direct email to one of our leaders:

Janet Bruce ([grayladies@aol.com](mailto:grayladies@aol.com)) • Eunice Cox ([ec4prayer@aol.com](mailto:ec4prayer@aol.com)) • Irion DeRouen ([dashsmom@aol.com](mailto:dashsmom@aol.com))

• Via e-mail via the church website: [www.fccnh.org/worship/prayer-requests/](http://www.fccnh.org/worship/prayer-requests/)

• Via phone call to the church office: 818-763-8218

• If you are at the church, via prayer cards that 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.

Unless urgent, Janet will compile prayers submitted on Saturday and Sunday and for the weekly list. Midweek prayers will be sent out as received. We will continue to hold you close to our hearts throughout the coming days and weeks. 



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Bible Study with Ed Esau  
 TIME: Tuesdays at 10:00am (PT)

JOIN ZOOM MEETING AT:

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**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](mailto:W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com)

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## NORTH HOLLYWOOD INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY



Dear Pantry Supporters,

Thank you for your ongoing support! Please keep your generous contributions coming. The NH Interfaith Food Pantry fed over 39,000 clients in 2020; that is a huge number, and it couldn't have been done without all of your support!

### HELP TRANSPORTING NEEDED

Sign up at: [www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4ba5a82fa5fa7-transporting](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4ba5a82fa5fa7-transporting)

We are having a hard time getting peanut butter from our wholesale distributor. PEANUT BUTTER IS OUR CURRENT NEED. Drop off at the church office, during distribution hours Monday and Friday, or order for delivery on Amazon at:

[www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/l/3M15OOOZO59FV/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_2?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist](http://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/l/3M15OOOZO59FV/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist)

**Coming soon is a new movie supporting our work in the community!**

**We are looking for a Public Relations person to further our outreach!**

Pantry Supporters and Friends,

We are excited to announce the launch of our newly revamped website and encourage everyone to check it out and share it. <https://nhifp.org/>.

Barbara Javitz, Director  
North Hollywood Interfaith  
Food Pantry  
(323) 646-7801



**6:30PM TUESDAYS  
VIA ZOOM**

EMAIL JASON PETERSON AT

[MEMBERSHIP@FCCNH.ORG](mailto:MEMBERSHIP@FCCNH.ORG)

TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN



## BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020\_\_\_\_\_

Total General Offering \$4,911.00

Food Pantry \$50.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERINGS 12/22/20 - 12/29/20\_

General Offering \$9,950.00

Food Pantry \$50.00

WEEK OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021\_\_\_\_\_

Total General Offering \$4,911.00

Ralphs e-Script \$185.42

Human Needs \$25.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERINGS 12/23/20 - 1/5/21\_\_\_\_

General Offering \$10,505.00

Food Pantry \$500.00

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