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Happy New Year

... I know the plans I have for you,
says the Lord, plans for your
welfare and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope.

– JEREMIAH 29:11

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I preach “put Christ back in Christmas.” Year after year, it feels like we get further away from its true meaning. You know it; I know it. Jesus is the reason for the season, and we embrace this. Few embrace the idea that we need to put Christ back into the New Year.

In the early Christian community, a New Year was a time for prayer and fasting. By the sixth century, it was expanded to include the Feast of the Circumcision, commemorating Jesus’ circumcision. Watch services with fasting and prayer have been common, particularly in 19th and 20th century American church.

The Puritan preacher Jonathan Edwards believed that spiritual resolutions were key to effective Christian living. Upon graduation from Yale Divinity School at age 17, Edwards made an initial list of twenty-one resolutions. He added to the list annually, ending up with a total of seventy. At the top of his list, he wrote: “Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God’s help, I do humbly entreat him by his grace to enable me to keep these Resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to his will, for Christ’s sake.” Then, he added, “Remember to read over these Resolutions once a week.”

Edwards’ resolutions are both practical and spiritual. There was a resolution about his diet:

“Resolved, to maintain the strictest temperance in eating and drinking.” That sounds a lot like the popular “lose weight”. Most were basic, spiritual resolutions such as, “Resolved, to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently.”

If you are like most Americans, you make a resolution or two. I want to encourage you to put Christ back into the New Year. Make a spiritual resolution. It might be a commitment to worship or the discipline of prayer. It might be about giving more or studying scripture. We all have areas that need attention in our spiritual life. If it made a difference for one of the greatest preachers in the history of America, it can make a difference for you.

Out with the old, in with the new is the New Year’s chant. It reminds me of Paul’s description of us. “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Happy New Year. Resolve in 2022 to put Christ back into your new year.

Blessings, Randy



HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The **CHURCH OFFICE**
will be **CLOSED**
this **FRIDAY**,
DECEMBER 31st for

New Year's Eve



2022
pledge drive

Pledge cards and letters were recently mailed for the upcoming year. Thank you to each of you who made your financial pledge for the ministry of the church for the coming year. The church depends upon pledged support to be good stewards and budget carefully. Our hope is that all pledges will be received by the end of the year.

You can turn in your pledge card in the offering plate or mail it back to the church. You can also set up a recurring contribution online at www.fccnh.org.



NEWCOMERS WELCOME

The Coffee on the Corner Men's Group
meets online weekly at

7PM THURSDAY

Interested in joining?

For Zoom info Email: menoncorner@gmail.com



MEN ON THE CORNER SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! – II CORINTHIANS 5:17



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| 1 Austin Alexander
Dillen Furry | 12 Joseph Kawan
Dillon Mount
Dino Schofield
Jeanine Speiser
Charlie Tiede | 24 Byron Armantrout
Elizabeth Bax
Catherine Kelleher
Phil Restivo |
| 2 David Friedrich
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Anthony Dallara
Drew Powell | |
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Christopher Goben
Duran James
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Jarrett Stotts | |
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Nancy Valdez | |
| | 23 Emily Inaba
Kini Voorhies | |



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| 4 Galen & Louise Goben |
| 6 William & Melanie
Maseredjian |
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| 21 Nathan & Megan Burkart |
| 30 Bob & Janet McComb |



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.

During the week, your prayers can reach us in several ways:

- Via email to one of our Prayer Group leaders: Eunice Cox (ec4prayer@sbcglobal.net), Irion DeRouen (dashsmom@aol.com), Barbara Wiles (barbwiles@verizon.net), or Janet Bruce (grayladies@aol.com)
- 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. ❀

Warm Blankets Needed



The Human Needs Committee is doing a blanket drive for the Homeless in the Park. Blankets can be dropped off in the office during business hours or upstairs on the pew in the Social Hall next to the double doors. The blankets will be collected and delivered at the Homeless in the Park luncheon January 9th. Thank you for your support!

For more information contact Deborah Luster (diluster@yahoo.com).

CUT OUT WALLET REMINDER



DOG & CAT FOOD NEEDED



Petco is NO longer allowed to donate pet food to the pantry!! We need Dog and Cat food. Small cans and big bags are ok! Big bags will be

portioned. A big secure bin will be built by a soon-to-be eagle scout for storage!

ALSO NEEDED: CHILDREN'S DIAPERS & ADULT WHITE TUBE SOCKS

The Pantry is in need of children's diapers (all sizes) and, with the winter season upon us, we need adult-sized white tube socks.



DONATIONS MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS OR BEFORE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

FCCNH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT SUNDAY

PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES VIA EMAIL TO: terrib@fccnh.org or terriburton@gmail.com

Articles can also be delivered to the office Monday thru Friday, 9am to 5pm.



W2W WOMEN to WOMEN ZOOM MEETING 7:30pm FRIDAYS

NEWCOMERS WELCOME

email for Zoom info W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021_____	
Christmas Eve 5:30pm	95
Christmas Eve 11:00pm	65
10:00 AM Worship Attendance	42
Sunday School	5
Evening Youth	2
Christmas Eve 5:30pm (Food Pantry)	\$594.00
Christmas Eve 11:00pm	\$833.00
10:00 AM Worship Offering	\$5,163.72
Week of Compassion	\$200.00
Disciples Mission Fund Christmas	\$100.00
CREDIT CARD OFFERING 12/20/21-12/26/21_____	
General Offering	\$5,808.34
Week o Compassion	\$155.00
Food Pantry	\$250.00

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*...whatever is true,
whatever is honorable,
whatever is just,
whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything
worthy of praise,
think about these things.*

— PHILIPPIANS 4:8 —