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His ways  
are  
*everlasting.*

- HABAKKUK 3:6

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I was surprised to see it spelled out on the pavement. Hump. It is, of course, a speed hump, designed to slow traffic when making your way through our neighborhood. I say “designed” because it isn’t always successful.

I wasn’t shocked that there is speeding on our streets. My surprise was the word hump instead of bump. I’ve always thought the hump was a bump. My initial thought was it was simply a linguistic preference based upon locale. But I have since learned that a hump is not a bump, at least in traffic management circles. It is a matter of inches and speed.

A hump, also called a road undulation, allows you to travel smoothly over the speed cushion if traveling at or near the posted speed limit. A hump is designed to be traversed at 10–15 miles an hour. A bump is bigger and as such is used in higher traffic applications, in situations where you need to slow down to a near stop. It is designed to be crossed at a speed of 2-5 miles an hour. Whatever the name, they serve a purpose

beyond a perceived frustration and nuisance for those traveling over them. They are called traffic calming solutions

Calming solutions are needed when hitting a hump or bump in life. Sometimes, a hump is just that, a reminder to slow down. Other times, it can be a jarring bump, a reminder to make a major life adjustment. Too often, I fear we treat them like traffic irritants, a frustration, or nuisances rather than opportunities. Consider this. Every hump or bump in life is an opportunity to pause, consider how we are traveling and if needed, make an adjustment. They may be the very thing you need at that moment in life to pay attention to God in your life. You will be surprised how effective this calming solution is.

I don’t know what road you are traveling right now. I only know this. Caution, speed bumps ahead.

*Blessings, Randy*

Unable to join us in person this Sunday?  
Tune in to the livestream on YouTube at:

[www.youtube.com/c/FIRSTCHRISTIANCHURCHOFNORTHOLLYWOOD](http://www.youtube.com/c/FIRSTCHRISTIANCHURCHOFNORTHOLLYWOOD)

## *Celebration of Life Service*



A memorial service for Barbara Clark Little will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 16th at 2:00pm.



## 2022 pledge drive

Pledge cards and letters were recently mailed for the 2022 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 remaining pledges will be received soon.

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](http://www.fccnh.org).



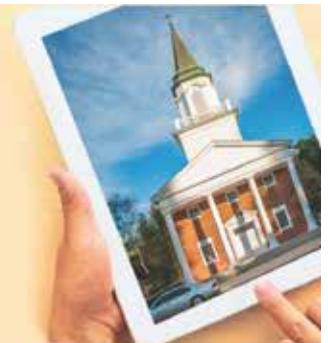
## THE MEN'S GROUP HAS MOVED

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

## 7PM WEDNESDAYS

Interested in joining?

For Zoom info Email: [menoncorner@gmail.com](mailto: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**



**Happy New Year, Church!!** 2021 didn't quite turn out to be the year we hoped for, did it? I won't detail all that went awry, nor will I dwell on our great loss. Instead, let's take a look at what went right.

1. We were able to return to this beautiful sanctuary.
2. We have Pastor Randy and Ann to lead us in worship and Bible study.
3. Kids were able to resume in-person schooling, concerts were held, sports played, vacations taken.

In short, life started feeling close to normal. Hallelujah!

Now it's 2022, but it sort of feels like January 2021. Perhaps this is 'groundhog year' and we are all Bill Murray!

Instead of being discouraged, however, let's move forward and leap with joy into this year and new opportunity to serve God. There are many ways to do this: pray without ceasing, be kind, be helpful, love your neighbor, love everyone.

The 3 kings brought gifts for the baby Jesus and so shall we. Bring your gifts of time, of service, and of financial support. By gifting this church we serve our Lord above. Hebrews 13:16: *Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

(PRAYER)

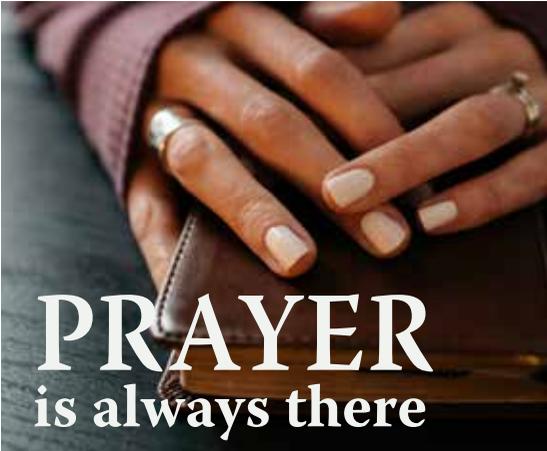
Almighty God, please accept this example of our love for You and bless these offerings and the people who give them so that they might further Your good works. Amen.

## 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 on **January 9<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your support!

For more information contact Deborah Luster ([diluster@yahoo.com](mailto:diluster@yahoo.com)).





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](mailto:ec4prayer@sbcglobal.net)),  
 Irion DeRouen ([dashsmom@aol.com](mailto:dashsmom@aol.com)),  
 Barbara Wiles ([barbwiles@verizon.net](mailto:barbwiles@verizon.net)),  
 or Janet Bruce ([grayladies@aol.com](mailto:grayladies@aol.com))

- Via email on 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, 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. →



## **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** *with Ed Esau • 10:00am via Zoom*

To check out the weekly online Bible Study, contact the church office at 818.763.8218 for Zoom access info. Study led by Ed Esau and covers a variety of subjects.

# 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

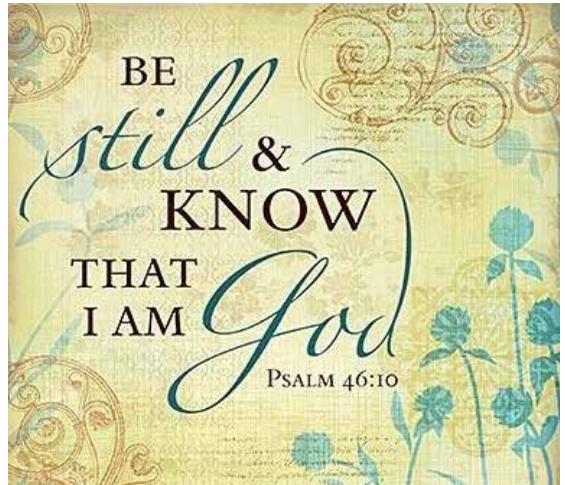
portioned. A big secure bin will be built by a soon-to-be eagle scout for storage!

## 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.**




**W2W**  
**WOMEN to WOMEN**  
**ZOOM MEETING**  
**7:30pm FRIDAYS**  
**NEWCOMERS**  
**WELCOME**  
 email for Zoom info  
[W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com](mailto:W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com)

## BY WAY OF REPORT

Our apologies, due to technical issues the Report is not available at time of print but will be included in next week's newsletter.


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