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He is not here,
for He is
Risen!

— MATTHEW 28:6 (NKJV)

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The waitress at the restaurant came to the table in a bunny suit, complete with ears. She explained that she is a professional clown at children's parties. Then she said, "I am getting ready for Easter. There will be jellybeans, Peeps and my favorite, chocolate eggs." Then, to drive home the point, she left chocolate eggs with the receipt, saying, "Now you can get ready for Easter, too."

Hallelujah. Chocolate given! The bunny waitress and I disagree about the meaning of Easter. And we disagree about how to get ready for it. To truly prepare, you must experience the betrayal and passion of Jesus.

On Maundy Thursday, while dining with his disciples, Jesus washes feet and transforms the Passover feast. He reveals the agonizing truth of betrayal and abandonment. He is arrested in a garden, put on trial, ridiculed in the night, and then handed over to the Roman authorities.

On Good Friday, He is mocked, traded for a common criminal, scourged, paraded through Jerusalem, and crucified on a cross with thieves. By dusk, He was entombed in a borrowed grave and buried with Him was the hope of His followers.

Our church remembers each day with worship services. Both begin at 7:00 p.m. They will help you get ready for Easter. If unable to attend, I encourage you to read one of the passion accounts found in the gospels. See the challenges faced by the disciples, feel the agony of Jesus, and experience the despair of the loss of life and hope. Get ready for Easter because we really need Easter.

A recent survey of Americans found that, even as COVID concerns lessen, fresh anxiety over the war in Ukraine and inflationary concerns here at home leave us searching for hope. We need the truth that Easter proclaims. "The worst thing is never the last thing."

For ninety-eight years, First Christian Church of North Hollywood has celebrated Christ's victory over the grave and the hope of resurrection. We will again have inspiring worship services at 9:00 and 11:00. We'll shout, "He is Risen!" and sing Hallelujah. Invite your friends and family to join us as we celebrate the hope of Easter.

Blessings, Randy



**GOOD
FRIDAY
prayer vigil**

12:00PM – 3:00PM

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel between the hours of 12:00pm and 3:00pm on Good Friday to pray, either on their own or with one of our Elders.

GOOD FRIDAY labyrinth walk

APRIL 15th • 11:00am – 7:00pm



The labyrinth is a walking meditation, a path of prayer and an archetypal blueprint where psyche meets Spirit. It has only one path that leads from the outer edge in a circuitous way to the center. There are no

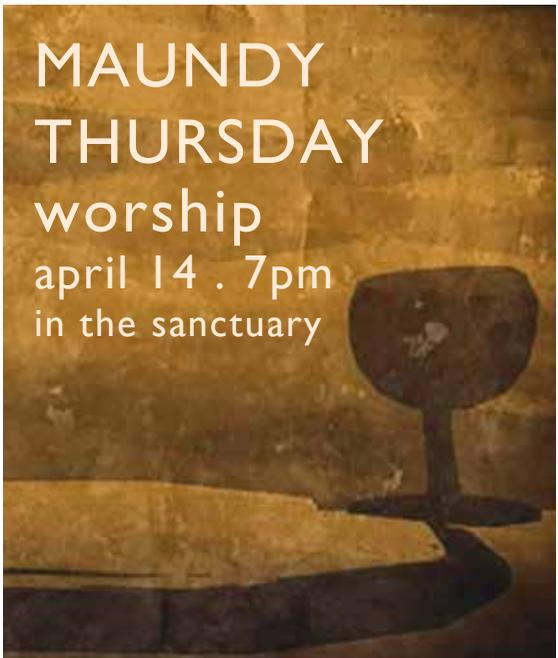
tricks to it and no dead ends. Unlike a maze where you lose your way, the labyrinth is a spiritual tool that can help you find your way. On Good Friday our labyrinth will be set up in the Social Hall from 11am to 7pm for all who wish to take this meditative walk.



GOOD FRIDAY service of tenebrae

APRIL 15 • 7:00 pm

A Service of Tenebrae, or “Shadows,” is based on a twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ.



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY
worship**
april 14 . 7pm
in the sanctuary



Oops ... We're Sorry

Somehow we missed an important date on our April Anniversary list in this newsletter a couple of weeks ago! **April 14th is Matt and Miranda Pitts' 10th Anniversary!** Our apologies Matt and Miranda – *Happy Anniversary!*

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSES EARLY ON GOOD FRIDAY

The church office will close at 12 noon on Good Friday. Elders will be available for prayer and/or communion in the Chapel from 12-3pm, and the Labyrinth will be available from 11a – 7p in the Social Hall but the church office will not be accessible after noon.



EASTER SUNDAY

worship at
9:00 & 11:00am

Celebrate Easter Sunday at one of our two services of worship at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM, complete with our own Chancel Choir and highlighted by beautiful music and the singing of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus at the end of each service.



W2W
WOMEN to WOMEN
7:30pm FRIDAYS via ZOOM
NEWCOMERS WELCOME

email for Zoom info

W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com

2022 SUMMER CAMPS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Your favorite FCCNH Summer Camps are back! More information and secure registration may be accessed with the QR code below or by emailing Camp Director, Kristina Frost, at camps@fccnh.org.

6.13.22 – 6.17.22 • 9am-12:30pm

**Martial Arts Camp • Ages 6+
Earlybird \$165 • Regular \$195**

Martial Arts Camp includes athletic development, Taekwondo-based techniques & activities, self defense, board breaks, life skills and more. Not only will it be loads of fun, Martial arts increases self-esteem and confidence. When a child masters a new skill or move it will boost their confidence and give them a sense of achievement. Aftercare Available: 12:30-3pm, Additional \$99

6.20.22 – 6.24.22 from 9:30a - 12:30p

**Cooking Camp I • Grades 8 - 12
Earlybird \$175 • Regular \$195**

A week-long camp for older kids that teaches how to select and prepare street foods from around the world, from scratch! Our goal is to challenge the children to use the skills they have developed during the week and to gain the culinary confidence they need to work independently of you at home. On Friday, the kids will be cooking one sweet and one savory dish by themselves! (We do not want the children to get overly anxious about this experience, so instructors will be there to offer guidance, as needed.)

7/11/22 – 7/15/22 • 9am-3pm

**Art Camp • Grades 2 - 12
Earlybird \$245 • Regular \$275**

Art Camp! Sign your kids up for a creative endeavor this summer. Each day for a week, your son or daughter will have classes in painting, drawing,

sculpture and photography. At the end of the week, an art show will display the kids' masterpieces. We are looking forward to having fun this summer.

7.18.22 – 7.22.22 • 9:30am-12:30pm

**Cooking Camp II • Grades 3 - 7
Earlybird \$175 • Regular \$195**

A week-long camp for younger kids that teaches how to select and prepare America's favorite comfort foods from scratch. Kiddos will learn basic cooking skills, kitchen safety, and so much more! Each day we will focus on different entrees from baking to savory foods!

7.25.22 – 7.29.22 • 9am - 12:30pm

**Photography Camp • Grades 3 - 12
Earlybird \$165 • Regular \$195**

Photography Camp is a half-day adventure between 9am-12:30pm. Additionally campers can enroll in Advanced Photography from 12:30-3:00pm (see below). All campers have the opportunity to learn the basics of digital photography through daily demonstrations and hands-on sessions in camera operation, composition, lighting, and seeing with an artistic eye photographing the church campus indoors and out. Also, there will be a stop motion workshop for those with phones. Campers should plan on bringing their own camera if they have access to one so they can learn its functionality. If not, we have cameras to share. SD memory cards are provided. Snacks are provided (Plan on packing a lunch IF you are in the advanced camp portion that stays later). Camp concludes with a gallery showing on Friday at 12:00pm. Advanced Photography 12:30 - 3:00pm • \$85



youthink



THIS PAGE AND OPPOSITE TOP LEFT:

FCCNH Youth Groups & Children prepare for our annual Palm Sunday floral procession.

OPPOSITE PAGE RIGHT AND BOTTOM LEFT:

Celebrating Katie's 800 meter race with the Levy family. We cheered in the shade while Katie ran in 98 degree heat.



YOUTH PROGRAM EXTENDED HOURS

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:30–11:00AM • Middle & High School

SUNDAY EVENINGS

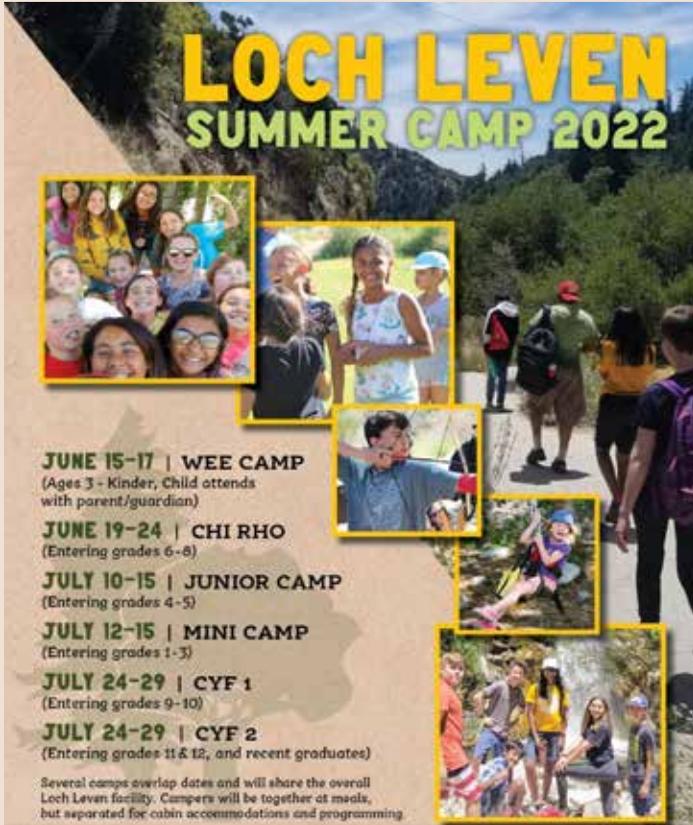
5:30PM-7:30PM • High School

WEDNESDAYS

3–5:30PM • Middle School







**LOCH LEVEN
SUMMER CAMP 2022**

JUNE 15-17 | WEE CAMP
(Ages 3 - Kinder, Child attends with parent/guardian)

JUNE 19-24 | CHI RHO
(Entering grades 6-8)

JULY 10-15 | JUNIOR CAMP
(Entering grades 4-5)

JULY 12-15 | MINI CAMP
(Entering grades 1-3)

JULY 24-29 | CYF 1
(Entering grades 9-10)

JULY 24-29 | CYF 2
(Entering grades 11 & 12, and recent graduates)

Several camps overlap dates and will share the overall Loch Leven facility. Campers will be together at meals, but separated for cabin accommodations and programming.

The poster features a large background image of a forest path with several smaller inset photos showing campers and staff engaged in various activities like hiking, playing, and socializing.

SUMMER CAMP RETURNS to LOCH LEVEN

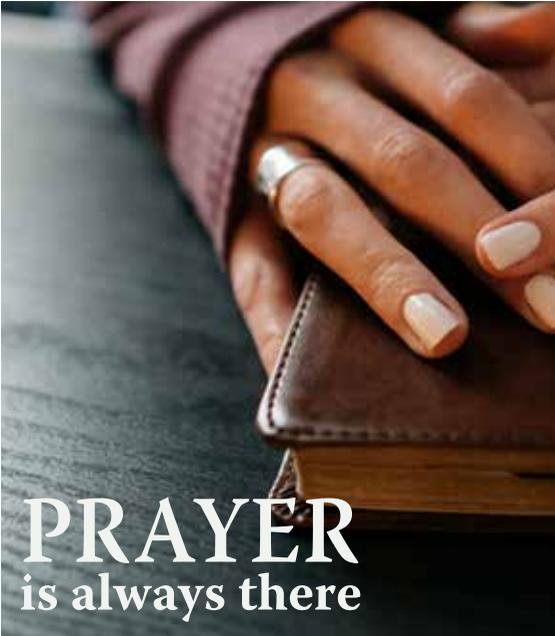
Summer camp programs will return to Loch Leven Camp and Retreat Center this June, and we are excited to welcome you back! Registration will be available early spring. Please visit our website to stay updated with camp news and information. Summer Camp programming and registration will be facilitated by the Pacific South-west Region. For more information about summer camp, call 626-296-0385 or email assist@docpswr.org.



**Christian Nursery School
FALL registration now OPEN!**
for Ages 2 - 5 • Full or Half Day
for more information email
Amanda@fccnh.org

Teaching is a work of heart

The poster features a green chalkboard background with a drawing of a rainbow and a heart. A red apple is shown on a wooden surface in the bottom left corner.



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. 🌿

ATTENTION • IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM HUMAN NEEDS

Effective MAY 1st we will be collecting ONLY blankets, jeans/dungarees, t-shirts, sneakers and socks for the homeless in the park. We can no longer collect from you other items - only what is mentioned above. We thank you for all your previous donations but we have run out of storage room so we are only accepting certain items. We also do not have enough volunteers for sorting all the clothes we have already. SO - remember effective May 1st. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



FLOWER DEDICATIONS ARE BACK!

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:

5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22	5/29	6/5
6/12	6/19	6/26	7/3	7/10	7/17

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 ...

- Check enclosed for arrangement (\$40)
Arrangements are supplied by Floral Crush Studio.
Checks should be made payable to FCCNH.

North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry — NEEDS —

DOG & CAT FOOD



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.

ALSO NEEDED: CHILDREN'S & ADULT DIAPERS

The Pantry is in need of children's and adult diapers (all sizes).



Donations of dry/canned goods may be delivered to the church office during normal business hours or before Sunday morning worship services. Financial donations to the Pantry can be made with your offering at FCCNH services (please indicate the Food Pantry portion of your donation in the memo line) or online at www.NHIFP.org or www.FCCNH.org.

THANK YOU!

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022_____

10:00 AM Worship Attendance	160
Sunday School	24
Youth Morning	10
Youth Evening	2
Wednesday Youth Group	7

10:00 AM Worship Offering	\$4,167.99
Sunday School	\$7.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 4/4/22-4/10/22_____

General Offering	\$980.00
In Memory of Pastor Bob	\$50.00
Human Needs	\$25.00



**WOULD YOU CONSIDER
HOSTING A SUNDAY
MEET & GREET?**

Individuals, families, study groups,
friends... if any would consider hosting
a Meet & Greet after one of our Sunday
morning services, please contact
Alberto Sigala at asigala480@gmail.com
or 310-569-9908.

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You will be enriched
in every way to be
generous in every way,
which through us will
produce thanksgiving
to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11