His mercies are new every morning...

LAMENTATIONS 3:23
I bring you personal greetings from the National City Christian Church and the Christian Church Foundation, both very important ministries in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). NCCC, located on Thomas Circle just sixteen blocks from the White House, has been called the Disciple’s Cathedral. One of our founding fathers, Alexander Campbell, thought we should have a “house of prayer” in the Nation's Capital and a place where prayers for the Nation are lifted every day. Three Presidents of the United States have worshipped regularly in NCCC’s beautiful sanctuary.

Christian Church Foundation is a stewardship arm of our denomination who oversees over half a billion investment dollars for the various churches, organizations and individuals who invest in the church’s future through the Foundation. The Foundation is celebrating 50 years of service to the church. The returns on the investments make possible many ministries throughout the world.

It is always enjoyable to touch base with our denominational leaders. Many of these leaders have given up careers with fortune 500 companies because of their passion for the ministry of Jesus and His Church.

Speaking of stewardship, I am very saddened to share that we are over $50,000 in the red at the beginning of the last quarter of the year. This is due to several things, but primarily that congregational giving has fallen considerably short of the amount pledged. I know our church family has a history of “last minute giving” and that many people wait until the end of the year to “catch-up” on their pledges. If you are one of those, the sooner the better would be very helpful. I’m not in a panic mode but I am feeling a bit anxious. We have one of the finest church programs, especially for worship, children and youth, of any church in our community. It deserves the support of each of us.

Speaking of support – “out of the thundering days of yesteryear”—or something like that, some of you may remember a youth activity called “Dial-A-Carol.” It is a fund-raiser for mission trip expenses and our youth haven’t done it for many years. The program goes like this – you give the youth the names and phone numbers of people for whom you would like some fun Christmas carols sung. You pay them a nominal fee (I believe $7.00) and on a given night the youth will gather in the church office and sing their hearts out for your family and friends.

There is other information in the newsletter regarding this program. Please read and support our youth in this fun activity.

I look forward to seeing you in church this Sunday. Have a great day and a wonderful week.

Perge!
Pastor Bob
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!

- Christopher A. Bernstein
- Brian Johnson
- Joshua Bigbee

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.

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A BIG Thank You!

I wish to express my thanks and deepest gratitude to so many who worked so hard to make my daughter Marilyn’s memorial so beautiful. A special thanks to my CWF sisters for baking cookies, and along with Sheryl Fitzpatrick helped to decorate the tables. We want to send a big thanks to Matt Hunt for preparing such delicious food. Diane Hirsch, in the office was so helpful in seeing that our needs were met.

The service with Pastor Bob, Virginia Keene and Dr. Larry Keene was lovely. My thanks also goes to David Rigsby for his music. I also wish to thank April Eppolito and Byron Armantrout for guest book signing and greeting.

Wishing you all God’s blessings, and love,
Ruth Myers and Family
As a child one of my favorite cartoons to watch on television was “The Jetsons.” As contrasted with the Flintstones (“a modern, stone-age family”) the Jetsons were a family of the space-age future. And the opening credits of the show were shown with the same segment that introduced the characters of the show – George and Jane Jetson, their teenage daughter Judy and son Elroy, and the family dog Astro. Their home came equipped with robots and computers, and each morning George hopped into his space-age vehicle to fly off to work. No cars for the Jetsons. George flew to work.

It was great fun to imagine what the future may be like. Well, here we are… in the future. The headline from a recent online news source reads, “UBER to Bring Flying Taxis to Los Angeles by 2020.” The article says that the company plans to develop an airborne taxi service that would be fully in place by the time the 2028 Olympics are held here. One can make a flight from LAX to the Staples Center downtown in 27 minutes, compared to a typical 80 minute drive time by freeway. Called UberAIR, the company would work hand-in-hand with NASA to develop a specialized air traffic control pattern. The flying taxi would be able to reach speeds of up to 200 mph.

Of course, what makes this so appealing is that one would not need to sit in rush hour traffic on a long commute to or from work. I can certainly understand the appeal of that! And it would use alternative fuels that wouldn't pollute and be much quieter than jets or helicopters. The developers claim that eventually, it would be less expensive to take UberAIR than it would be to operate your own automobile. It is an interesting idea. For a long time I have wished that someone had actually invented “flubber.” Do you recall the Fred McMurray film, The Absent-Minded Professor? The main character invented a product that could make balls bounce higher, basketball players jump higher with flubber on the soles of their court shoes, and he could make his Model T fly by putting his invention on the tires. He didn’t fly fast, but he could simply rise above the crowds and the traffic, and admire the world around him in the comfort of his car.

There are many times I wish it could be as simple as rising above the crowds, whether it be on a freeway at rush hour or to be able to see a different perspective on the stuff I find myself caught up in each day. Life can sometimes be complicated, as families can be as well. Certainly to be able to rise above the daily news would be a relief too. It feels a bit escapist, but sometimes that is just what we need; to be able to rise above and see the big picture.

In his sermon Sunday, Jeremy Gillett reminded us that when we find ourselves in circumstances that are
difficult, it is so important to remember that God is present to us in ways that that we may never see or even understand. It reminds me of the song we sing with our nursery school kids, *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*. There is nothing you can think of that God does not have held in strength and hope and grace. When we are unable to rise above the fracas and confusion, we can trust that God is already there and has the big picture in mind.

And if you feel the need to escape from time-to-time, there is always prayer or meditation. Sitting quietly in the presence of the Spirit is one of the best ways to restore our hearts and minds and souls. It makes me feel better just thinking about it.

Pastor Louise

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**MID-YEAR CELEBRATION FOR OUR YOUTH!**

It’s time for a mid-year celebration to lift-up the great work of our youth! Youth group members please join me in the Social Hall this Friday from 7:00-9:30pm for music, dancing and fellowship! We won’t be serving dinner, but this is a celebration your child won’t want to miss!

Can’t wait to see you!

Jeremy Gillett
Director of Youth Ministries

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**Dial A Carol**

$ 7.00 PER CALL

Calls will be made Sunday, December 10th from 1:00-3:00

Person to be called ___________________________ State Calling ________

Phone Number ________________________________

Carol from ________________________________

**Song Choice:** □ Jingle Bells □ We Wish You A Merry Christmas □ Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer □ Silent Night

Can’t make it to church? Contact Jason Peterson to order your dial-a-carol 818-426-0149 or Petersonjason612@gmail.com

Design by Jason Peterson
First Christian Church
BLOOD DRIVE

NEXT TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 21st
1pm – 7pm
in the Social Hall

Top 10 Reasons to Donate Blood:
• Donating blood saves lives.
• It is a good way to give back to your community.
• The act of giving is selfless.
• You receive a free mini-physical.
• Every two seconds someone needs blood.
• The blood supply needs constant replenishment.
• One pint can help up to three people.
• Most people are eligible to donate blood.
• There is no substitute for human blood.
• You will have someone's undying gratitude.

Please visit redcrossblood.org and enter FCCNH to schedule an appointment or contact Diane at 818.763.8218 or Diane@fccnh.org.

Workshop:

How Do I Talk With A Loved One Who Is Terminally Ill?

Led by: Rabbi Haim Dov Beliak
Spiritual Counselor, Skirball Hospice
Rabbi of Congregation Beth Ohr
&
Lee Rothman, Dir. of Volunteers, Skirball

Sunday, December 10
12:30 — 3:30 PM

at
Temple Beth Hillel
12326 Riverside Drive
North Hollywood 91607

Hosted by: Muslims for Progressive Values
Light lunch provided (with vegetarian option)

PLEASE RSVP TO:
Jim Ghaznavi (kyocobran2000@yahoo.com) or
Marsha Novak (marlynov@gmail.com) or
Julia (juliaville@gmail.com) or
Rabbi Jim (rabbikaufman@tbhla.org)
Do Jesus’ work this holiday season for those less fortunate! The Human Needs Committee is looking for help feeding the homeless November 18th—the Saturday before Thanksgiving. We need volunteers to work as well as donations: financial, food (including full turkeys or hams), warm clothing, jackets, sleeping bags or bedding. We request that if you donate a turkey or ham that it be COOKED.

Drop off PREPARED FOODS on Saturday, November 18th between 10:00 am and 11:30 am

- COOKED & CARVED Turkey or Ham
- Rolls
- Vegetable (mashed potatoes, corn, yams, green beans, etc.)
- Pies (store-bought ok)
- Sturdy Plastic Utensils
- Paper Goods

Call Kathy Dantagnan at 818.314.4015 or Deborah Luster at 323.854.6707

Please call us and let us know what you are donating—this will help us to plan any shopping we may need to do in order to fill the gaps in supplies.

Cold weather is tough for the homeless. Please bring coats, sweaters or blankets that you no longer use or need and donate them for our ministry to the homeless in North Hollywood Park. Thank you!

During Sunday School THIS SUNDAY, November 19th, ALL of our Sunday School children will participate in an exciting mission project at the church. We will be packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

These boxes change the lives of children. They give children hope and a chance to experience the love of God. Aside from all the excitement and fun of sharing in this ministry, we need $20/per box to cover the cost of shipping and the contents of the box. Would you please help us make Christmas dreams come true and donate to our Mission? You can write a check and put “Operation Christmas Child” on the memo line. Or you can donate cash in an envelope, just make sure you mark “Operation Christmas Child” on the envelope. I am looking forward to seeing the joy on our church children’s faces as they pack these boxes! Go to www.samaritanspurse.org for more information, videos and true stories of the how Operation Christmas Child changes lives.
The Annual Bill & Martha Goss Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament will be held at Westlake Golf Course NEXT Wednesday, November 22nd. It will be a Scramble format and golfers of all abilities are encouraged to participate. First Tee Time is 11:00am and the fee (including cart) will be $33 per person. For more information see Fred Sloan in church or call at 818.503.1369.

HELPS THE HOMELESS OF OUR COMMUNITY THIS WINTER

The weather is beginning to get cooler at night and many are in need of winter clothing, shoes, warm socks, coats, tents, blankets, etc. Please take a look at the list below and consider donating one or more of these items to the homeless.

- coats
- socks
- jeans
- blankets
- tents
- gloves
- sleeping bags
- knit caps
- bath wipes/body wipes
- extra large underwear
- men’s shoes (sizes 10-13)
- duffle bags/luggage w/wheels

Donations can be dropped off at the church office during normal business hours or given to Deborah Luster in the Narthex on the morning of the second Sunday of the month. Please contact Deborah with any questions at 323.854.6707.

Thank You!
In celebration of Christmas, we will once again place poinsettias on the chancel for Christmas Sunday. The cost of the plants is $20 each. If you would care to give a poinsettia, either as a gift or as a memorial, please fill out the order form below, enclose it with your check with “poinsettias” in the memo line, and place it in the offering plate, or send it to the office prior to Sunday, December 10th. We will print as many dedications as we have by that date in the Christmas Sunday, Christmas Eve bulletins and the newsletter.

Your Name(s): _____________________________

Daytime Phone: ____________________________

Email: _____________________________

Poinsettia Dedication(s):

Please check one of the following and write the specifics of your dedication(s) in the space provide below

In Honor of ☐ Celebration of ☐ Memory of ...

________________________________________

________________________________________

________________________________________

No. of plants _______ Total Enclosed $________

If you would like to take your poinsettia home, they will be available following the 11:00 PM Christmas Eve service. Plants remaining after Christmas will be taken to shut-ins of our church family. Anyone who would like to help with taking plants to shut-ins please contact the Elders.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel: Reflections on Hymns for Advent
Mondays 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Annex

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On Monday nights we will lift up four Advent hymns and weave together themes of Advents past, present and future into a prayer beseeching Jesus to come, and reflecting on the scriptures that support each of these hymns. Join as we savor this time of waiting and preparation.

Nov. 20 • Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
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INTERFAITH
FOOD PANTRY
PICKUP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 15
Studio City Team

Sunday, November 19
#6  Kevin Kenney
    Heather Hatch
    Barbara Erdahl

Thursday, November 23
Temple Closed—No Pick Up

Sunday, November 26
#8  Sally Hallada
    Jill Groswhirth
    Joe Beam
    Jacob Beam

Thursday, November 30
Swing Team
    Art Dielhenn
    Larry Gerber
    Sarah Whalen
    Ian Reed
    Justin Barnette
    Danny Pino

Sunday, December 3
#2  Fred Sloan
    Louise Sloan Goben
    Galen Goben
    Jeff Goben
    Hutch Hutchinson

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER CONTACTS
Transportation Teams:
Heather Hatch 508.667.1609
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Erin Zavala erinLzavala@gmail.com

ANOTHER WAY
TO DONATE TO THE PANTRY
Make your donations to the Interfaith Food Pantry through the FCCNH web page

THE FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF:
Canned tuna, canned chicken, rice, canned beans (pinto, navy etc.), boxed (dry) cereal,
diapers, powdered milk, baby food, peanut butter and tomato products!

11:30 AM - THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 23
Interfaith Service
of Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving Day sit-down banquet
rain or shine... delicious food, nice people (and free gift bags!)
—at—
TEMPLE BETH HILLEL
12326 Riverside Drive
Valley Village, CA 91607
(818) 763-9148 • www.tbhla.org
Free shuttle from First Christian Church at 4390 Colfax Avenue will be available.

DONATIONS OF STAPLE FOODS
& MONEY TO SUPPORT NHIFP ARE WELCOME.
www.NHIFP.org & www.facebook.com/NHIFP
THIS SERVICE IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE.

Suggested Food Donations:
Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken,
Chili, Ravioli, Beans, Peanut Butter
BY WAY OF REPORT

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**TOTAL GENERAL OFFERING**

$7,905.33

- Operation Christmas Child $380.00
- Operation Santa Claus $100.00
- Week of Compassion $5.00

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November 19, 2017
10:00 am    Sally Hallada (O)
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5:30 pm      Aliza Ramos
7:00 pm      Aliza Ramos

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