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Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

MATTHEW 5:4

LETTER TO THE FAMILY



This week is sort of a quiet time around campus. The Monday night film series ended last Monday and Vacation Bible School, the last of our seven summer week-long camps, ended last Friday. Our middle school students are deep into their mission trip under the direction of our Director of Youth Ministries Jeremy Gillett. Each of the five days of this week they will be at different mission sites helping a variety of people. I received pictures Monday night of our youth helping the residents of a convalescent home in Brentwood. Tuesday they worked in the kitchen at Hope of the Valley preparing and then serving food to the homeless.

Carpets and floors in CNS are being deep cleaned this week and preparations for a new school year are almost complete. Our faculty returns next Monday and the students the following Tuesday. Enrollment is still open and there are still slots available. Our nursery school is one of the finest in the Valley. If you know anyone with a child of pre-school age please refer them to Miriam Mancilla, CNS Director.

This coming Sunday, August 11, is Youth Sunday. We have an amazing group of youth who are anxious to lead in worship and share their thoughts with their church family. This year we graduate one of our largest senior classes. Later this month these outstanding seniors will be scattered throughout the Los Angeles area and the country attending colleges and universities. I assure you, you do not want to miss hearing what these young people have to say to us, their church family, as they lead in Sunday's service of worship.

As these seniors move out into the world, some into

the world of higher education and others into the work force of our community, a very talented and energetic group of middle school students move into the ranks of high school. Many of these students have been raised in this church family, have made their confessions of faith and been baptized and have distinguished themselves in many ways. In my opinion the future looks very bright for both our middle school and high school youth groups.

I want to remind you that Celebration Sunday is September 8th. This is always a great day. The Chancel Choir returns after a well-deserved hiatus. It is Promotion Sunday so many of our church school students move into their new classes. Children and Youth Choirs resume rehearsal and preparation for participation in worship. And our "Fall Season" begins with great celebration and enthusiasm.

This is the day to resume your every-Sunday-worship-habit and vow to have children and youth in church every Sunday. I know there is a lot of competition for their time and energy. Athletics, drama, music, slumber parties, birthday parties, family outings – they are all important in the life of growing children and youth. But from a lifetime of experience I believe nothing is more important than the hour and a half children and youth spend every Sunday morning as part of a loving, nurturing church family. Their faith in Jesus and their knowledge of Jesus will serve them very well as they continue to grow into adulthood.

Have a great week. I look forward to seeing you Sunday as our youth lead us in worship. Please hug your family and friends and invite them to accompany you to church. They'll thank you for both.

Pergé!
Pastor Bob





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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

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.




**INGATHERING
SUNDAY
AUGUST 18**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE
INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY**

The North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry serves roughly 5,000 people each month, and we are in need of wholesome, health giving food—high protein foods are especially needed. The 3rd Sunday of each month is Ingathering Sunday and our next is August 18th. Please bring your donations to the Narthex or the Church office.



**FOLDING CHAIRS
& TV TRAYS FOR
HUMAN NEEDS**

The Human Needs Committee is looking for old TV trays with stands and folding chairs to take to the park for those who have a hard time balancing food trays on their laps while sitting on the ground. Please check your garages, attics (as well as the attics of your Mother and Granny) to see if there are any old TV trays or folding chairs gathering dust. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. for more info please contact Deborah Luster at 323.854.6707.



“Just A Thought ...” BY REV. LOUISE SLOAN GOBEN

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. – Galatians 3:28

The past few days there has been a series of articles published by journalist Adelle Banks, the topic of which marks the 400th anniversary of Africans being forcibly brought to the new world to be sold as slaves.* August 1619 is when the first documented sale of Africans began in Virginia. It is an important series of events to be recalled and shared. I believe that a thorough knowledge and appreciation of our collective history can assist us in moving forward with open hearts and honest conversation.

The actual transportation of African people to the United States was abolished in 1804, even though the abolition of slavery didn't occur until 1863. Prior to that it is estimated that approximately 12.5 million people were transported across the “middle passage” to the Americas – which includes the United States, the Caribbean Islands, and South America. An 1860 U.S. census estimated there were 4 million slaves just in our nation.

Teaching a class in the history of religion in the U.S. last spring, I also learned that about 20% of those who were enslaved were actually Muslim. The Library of Congress holds a copy of the autobiography of Omar Ibn Said, a man who was captured and sold into slavery when he was 37 years old. He was originally from what is now Senegal; he came from a wealthy family, was educated, and practiced Islam. He attempted to run away, but was captured again when he stopped to pray. Praying five times a day is mandatory for religious Muslims. Said was also an Islamic scholar, and there are frequent quotes from the Quran included in his writings which were penned in Arabic.

Many of the First Africans became Catholic as the Portuguese and the Spaniards were large in the transportation and the selling of people. There was a great debate among members of the Church, both the Catholic and the Anglican Churches, as to whether missionaries

had an obligation to teach Christianity to slaves and other indentured peoples, including Native Americans. The first question was, are these people fully human and do they have souls? If the answer is yes, then missionaries would be obligated to “save” their souls. The challenge was to teach the Gospel and at the same time deny slaves “freedom in Christ.”

The Anglican Church, in cooperation with plantation and slave owners compiled a specific Bible that missionaries could use to convert slaves. It became known as “The Slave Bible,” and it heavily redacted (edited) scripture to remove any stories or passages that might encourage slaves to rebel, run away or begin to assert their humanity and dignity. For example, the story of Moses leading the slaves out of Egypt cannot be found in the Slave Bible. Literally, the book of Exodus was removed. Certain passages in Paul's letters were also removed, while others were highlighted, such as “slaves, submit yourselves to your masters...” (Ephesians 6:5; Colossians 3:22; 1 Peter 2:18) An original copy of one of these “Slave Bibles” is owned by Fiske University and is currently on display at the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C.

There is much discussion today within a variety of churches about “America's ‘Original Sin’ of slavery.” From the most conservative non-denominationalists to the most progressive “old line” established churches we are coming to recognize that both religiously and culturally we have fallen far short of Jesus' admonition to “love one another.” And sadder still, there continues to be in our nation and in our world, those who would demonize and destroy others because of the color of their skin, the faith they practice, the language they speak or the clothing they wear. As news stories continue to accumulate of people cutting down other people in the name of some imagined racial purity, we must not become immune to the hate, the destruction or the evil that this represents.

I do hope we as human beings, and certainly as Christians, have grown in spiritual maturity to name

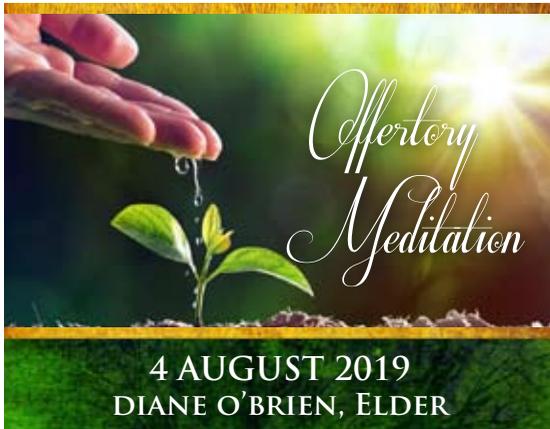
Just A Thought..." continued

and claim the dignity and worth of every human being. And we must stand opposed to hatred and violence against anyone and everyone as vigorously as we would object to another harming ourselves or our loved ones.

Love wins.

Pastor Louise

*Religion News Service. "Angela, a First African American, tells her story in Jamestown." August 1, 2019



Close your eyes and listen to God's word – Philippians 4:19 *And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to God's riches in glory in Christ Jesus.* Now, with your eyes still closed make a list of what you need – A new job, a new place to live, physical health, mental health – don't forget the smaller things – like school supplies for the kids, how to pay for braces. God is able to supply ALL our needs. One of the ways this is done is through the body of Christ here on earth, that is us and in order to accomplish God's will, our tithes and offerings are needed to do this. Please give as God lays upon your heart.

Have a blessed week!

SPONSOR A CHOIR ROBE

The only thing that works harder than our Chancel Choir singers are their worn-out and haggard-looking choir robes! We are giving a special invitation to those in our congregation who may want to be a part of the choir but don't have time right now to join. Sponsor a new choir robe for the upcoming fall season! Seeking all donations! More information to follow from Pastor Bob on Sunday morning and in upcoming newsletters about this opportunity to give back for a much-needed improvement to the look of our wonderful Chancel Choir!

BENEFITING NORTH HOLLYWOOD INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

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THURSDAY AUGUST 15
 DOORS OPEN 7PM/SHOW 8PM
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 Tickets available at Eventbrite.com. Search
 Los Angeles: Songs of Summer at the Garland



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To order flowers for the chancel, fill out the following form and place in the offering plate or drop at the church office with your check for \$40.

Today's Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Daytime Phone: _____

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10/6 10/13 10/20 10/27 11/3 11/10

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INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY PICKUP SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 8

- #3 Rae Eiklor
- Mike Eiklor
- Neil Eiklor

Wednesday, August 21

Studio City Team

*Sunday, August 11

- #4 Luis Oliart
- Barbara Erdahl
- Robin Frank

Sunday, August 25

- #8 Sally Hallada
- Joe Beam
- Eliza Beam
- Jacob Beam

Wednesday, August 14

Studio City Team

Thursday, August 29

- #1 Art Dielhenn
- Terri Hall
- Jackie Fecske

*Sunday, August 18

- #6 Barbara Erdahl
- Kevin Kenney
- Margaret Talton

*** TEMPLE CLOSED**

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!

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO THE PANTRY

Make your donations to the Interfaith Food Pantry through the FCCNH web page (<https://fccnh.charityfinders.com/Donate%20Cash>).

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BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

10:00 AM Worship Service	154
5:30 PM SpiritSong Service	21
7:00 PM Evenlight Service	--
7:00 PM Wednesday Service	5
Sunday School Children	36
Youth (morning)	14
Youth (evening)	--

10:00 AM Worship Service	\$7,651.00
5:30 PM SpiritSong Service	\$980.69
7:00 PM Evenlight Service	--
Wednesday Meditation Service	\$33.00
Sunday School Children	\$7.00

TOTAL GENERAL OFFERING \$8,671.69

In Memory of	\$100.00
Monday Night Movies	\$55.00

JULY CREDIT CARD DONATIONS

General Offering	\$7,765.18
Reconciliation	\$20.00
Food Pantry	\$20.00

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Sunday Preview

August 11 - Youth Sunday

ELDERS:

10:00 am	Sheryl Fitzpatrick (O) Ann Jones (C)
5:30 pm	Jacqui Dixon
7:00 pm	Ann Jones

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