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*Forget not
all His benefits.*

PSALM 103:2

JOIN US FOR THE SERVICE THIS SUNDAY — PLUS STUDIES,
GROUPS AND MORE — ALL ONLINE AT WWW.FCCNH.ORG

LETTER TO THE FAMILY



I once heard a colleague say that attending church was a good and healthy habit that could be established by being present in worship for three consecutive Sundays. He went on to say that the habit could be broken by missing three consecutive Sundays. I remember thinking at the time that such a statement was a very broad generalization. I was raised in a family that never missed church except when we were out of town or when we were sick. And on those very rare occasions, when we missed more than three consecutive Sundays, the first places we wanted to return was church and Sunny Italy, our favorite Italian restaurant. And before we left my Dad would always pre-pay his tithe. He always said, “just because we’re gone doesn’t mean the church’s expenses stop.”

Our church family has not seen each other, in person, for twenty-one weeks. That’s seven times the magical number my colleague used with his three week “make/break” the church habit. And the way it looks we will be separated, personally, for many more weeks to come. I know that many of you have worshipped with us each Sunday via our online service and that some of you have been involved in Zoom meetings of committees and groups within our church family. However, many of you have not. And there are several people in our church family who do not have computer access or internet service. That is why I have continued to encourage the rest of our church family to reach out by phone and stay in touch with one another.

Realizing that it will be some time before we see each other personally again, Jason Peterson, chair of our Membership Council, has come up with some ideas to keep us connected. The first idea, which will take place next Tuesday evening (August 11th), is an **all church Bingo game**. There will be a special time for children to play from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM with the adults taking over at 6:30 PM LA time. Hopefully that will give those living in different time zones time to play before bedtime.

For those who have not participated in Zoom online games, let me tell you, from personal experience, that it is great fun. Peggy and I were part of a family game night a couple of weeks ago. Included were three generations including a five-year-old girl and a twelve-year-old boy. We played two different games and literally laughed our way through each one. When we were done, we all agreed – we HAD to do this again in the near future.

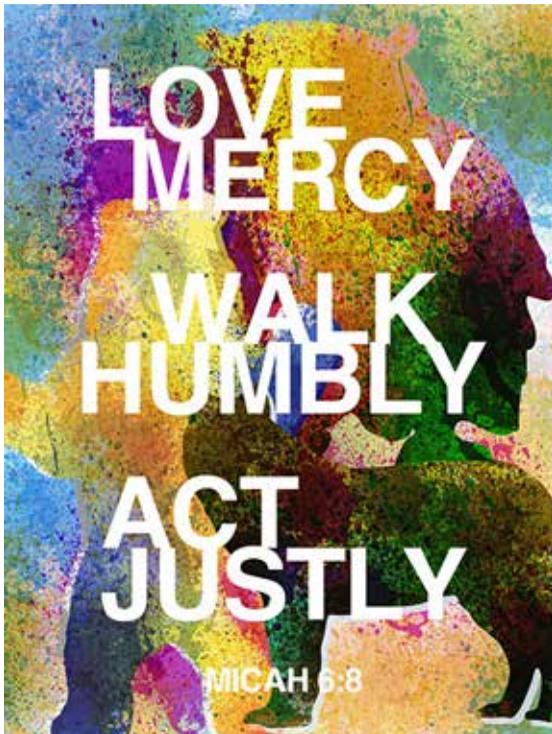
To reserve your place in this marvelous experiment of church family activity simply email your request to be included to membership@fccnh.org. Jason will send you the Zoom login code as well as the Bingo cards for the game. I haven’t played Bingo in decades, but I seem to remember that there is usually a financial prize. The only prizes to be given from our Bingo extravaganza will be the satisfaction and thrill of seeing one another and playing a game together.

If you have ideas of how we can stay better connected, please email them to Jason at the membership@fccnh.org mailbox. We know that Monday evening a task force meets from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, on Wednesday evening the meditation service meets via Zoom at 7:00 and on Thursday the Chancel Choir has begun meeting via Zoom. These groups are staying

connected in a way we want the entire church family to experience. Let us know your ideas and we'll try to accommodate them.

Have a wonderful week. Be kind to one another, do at least one random act of kindness each day and be happy.

Pergé
Pastor Bob

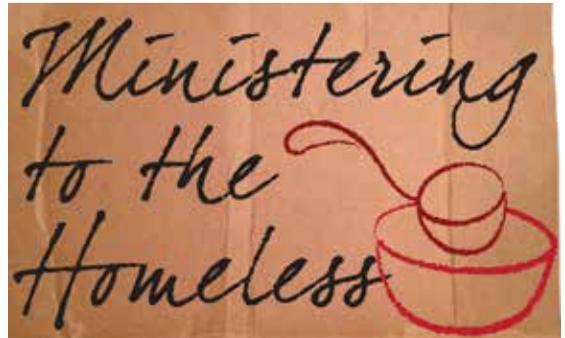


REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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!

Chris Diaz • Joshua Bigbee • Steven Zaun

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.



a note from the **HUMAN NEEDS COMMITTEE**

We are in need of summer clothes! Men's t-shirts, shorts, and jeans. Socks for men and women. Ladies t-shirts, shorts, summer pants and casual dresses. Underwear for men and women—plus hats and water bottles.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office during normal business hours. Please contact Deborah Luster with any questions at 323.854.6707. Thank you!

IMPORTANT NOTE

Tuesday morning Bible Study with Pastor Louise will resume on August 11.
The Wednesday Evening Service of Healing/Meditation resumes August 12.



CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT TEAM FOR SENIORS OR DISABLED



During this ongoing health crisis, several members of the congregation have organized a team of volunteers available to pick up groceries, prescriptions, medical supplies, etc., for our elderly, at-risk, or disabled FCCNH Family. For information, assistance, or to volunteer please contact Shane G. at 818.760.2551 (landline only -- no texts), or the church office during normal business hours.

For those who would like to help support these efforts in any way please contact the church office during normal business hours for information.



This event will begin August 6th at 5:30pm. We will meet Thursday of each week. Because middle school and high school youth have different experiences, we will meet biweekly with each group. We will start with the middle schoolers on August 6 at 5:30pm and the following Thursday, August 13 we will meet with the high school youth. We will continue this pattern for the month of August and reevaluate next steps for September.

Please RSVP with me via email (Jeremy@fccnh.org). I know this experience will be fruitful for us all.

Jeremy Gillett
Director of Youth Ministries



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TUESDAY • AUGUST 11
6PM - 6:30 KIDS GAME(S)
6:30PM ADULT GAME(S)

To reserve your place, email your request to be included to membership@fccnh.org. Jason Peterson, chair of our Membership Committee, will send you the Zoom login code as well as the Bingo cards for the game.

Pantry Volunteers,

The Pantry is in need of 15oz cans of beans. Please leave all donations at the church office M-F 9-5.



The pantry is still in need of help moving bags. If interested, please reach out to Barbara at bjavitz@gmail.com.

We have an at-home activity - make sack lunches. These lunches would have to be delivered to the pantry by 7am either Monday or Friday. Each sack lunch consists of:

- one sandwich (bagged)
- bag of chips
- bag of cookies or energy bar
- piece of fruit (apple or orange or banana)
- a bottle of water

All in a paper bag. It's easy to make ten (10) of these and deliver them. You can decorate the bag (outside) if you so desire. This is a great service for our unhoused clients. Thank you!

Rae Eiklor
 FCCNH Food Pantry Liaison

“FOLLOW ME.”

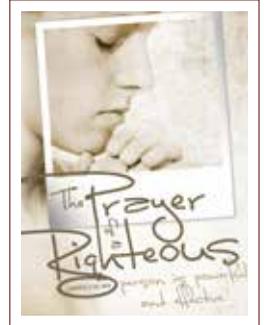


Still PRAYER IS ALWAYS THERE

A Note to the Church Family from Your Prayer Groups

Prayer has always been a fundamental part of the glue binding us together as a church family. Unfortunately, the current realities of our worldwide health crisis mean that we cannot physically gather together for either worship or prayer in the church that is “home” to so many of us.

We in the Monday morning and Tuesday evening Prayer Groups want to reassure you that, despite temporarily suspending our weekly gatherings in the Chapel, individual prayers from and for you have continued all along. As part of our covenant, we both corporately lift prayers when we are together, and lift them in our individual daily prayers throughout the week.



There Are Several Ways Your Prayers Can Reach Us

- Via direct email to one of our leaders:
Janet Bruce (grayladies@aol.com) • Eunice Cox (ec4prayer@aol.com) • Irion DeRouen (dashsmom@aol.com)
- Via e-mail via the church website:
(go to www.fccnh.org. > Worship > Prayer Requests) or click here: www.fccnh.org/worship/prayer-requests/
- Via phone call to the church office: 818-763-8218
- If you are at the church, via prayer cards that 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.

Unless urgent, Janet will compile prayers submitted on Saturday and Sunday and for the weekly list. Midweek prayers will be sent out as received. We will continue to hold you close to our hearts throughout the coming days and weeks.

menoncorner@gmail.com for Zoom info.'" data-bbox="67 621 932 936"/>

8am Wednesdays on Zoom. Interested?
Email: menoncorner@gmail.com for Zoom info.

BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020 _____

Total General Offering \$5,233.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERINGS 7/29 - 8/4, 2020 _____

General Offering \$2,940.84

Food Pantry \$225.00



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