

# FCC *newsflash*

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF FREMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## Church Leadership Plans for the Future of FCC

FCC Leadership met with interested attenders on four evenings in September and October to discuss the future of our church. They outlined the vision and mission of the church and its strategic focus:

- Radical Discipleship
- Authentic Worship
- Loving Community
- Dangerous Justice and Mercy

The leaders laid out some short term and long term goals, one of which is for members to see themselves as missionaries wherever they are. They also laid out plans for the future of the facilities we own. For more information on that topic, please attend the Members Meeting next Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, after worship service.

## Church Events

In-Person, [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#)

**English Worship Service**

**Powerhouse Kids  
FCYG (Youth)**

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

**Spanish Worship Service**

Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

**Vessel for Honor Believers Fellowship**

2nd Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

**Thanksgiving Service**

November 21st at 10:00 a.m.

**“Messiah: Heaven’s Glory”**

December 10th and 11th at 7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Service**

December 19th at 10:00 a.m.

**Zoom**

**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting**

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

**In Person Only**

**Members Meeting**

November 14th at 11:30 a.m.

**Divorce Care**

Mondays at 7:00

**Voic3 Life Group**

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

# Preschool News

In September, we said good-bye to our Preschool Director, Megan Eitzen. We are grateful that she brought the school up to date and held things together when we had to put preschool on pause. Megan has put new systems in place that will help Kimber Hills Preschool move forward with wonderful vision!

At the same time, we welcome Beth Bromley as our new Interim Preschool Director. Beth is no stranger to FCC and has been teaching preschool here for twenty years. We are confident that she will continue to move KHP forward as she works with teachers and families of our preschoolers.

FCC leadership is very excited to come alongside Beth to support her in her interim role. Please continue to join us in continuing to pray for Kimber Hills as we move forward to reach our community with the love of Jesus.

If you are interested in volunteering in our preschool in any capacity, please reach out to Beth Bromley at [bbromley@kimberhills.org](mailto:bbromley@kimberhills.org).



## A Note from Beth Bromley, Interim Preschool Director



We are excited for this new season of Kimber Hills Preschool. We are actively growing and are looking for new teachers and teachers aides so that we can open more classrooms and reach

more children for Jesus. We are also looking forward to the holiday season when we can learn more about the birth of Christ and be able to share Him with our preschool families. Thank you for your support in prayer and for those that have volunteered to help us out by preparing snacks, doing chapel and sitting in our front office. The time that you have given is greatly appreciated.





## Pastor's Pen



Dear FCC Family,

If we have not met in person yet, please let me introduce myself. My name is Eric Hays and I'm the new Lead Minister at Fremont Community Church.

It's been two months since my family made our way from Illinois to join the FCC family. As we look forward to the future of our church, I want to reflect on the changing of seasons.

In recent weeks, we've seen some rain, some trees are changing colors, and November is now upon us! Soon, we'll be celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas. The signs of changing seasons is obviously upon us and it seems like it all happens so fast!

Life is like that too. And church life is no different. Any time a new season of life is upon us, we experience all sorts of emotions. Sometimes we experience grief as we long for a past season of life that isn't coming back. Other times, we experience fear as we enter into a new season of unknowns. At the same time, we may experience excitement because we know that God is working and we get to participate in his plans unfolding right in front of us.

A lot has changed at FCC over the years and we know more change is happening right now. Though everything else in the world may change "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). We can look forward to the future because we know the One who holds it in His hands! He is going to surprise us in so many ways and do things we couldn't have ever dreamed up. My prayer is that we will lean into this new season at FCC, believing that God is up to something new and exciting. And I look forward to doing that together through the church family!

- Pastor Eric

## Missions Corner

Greetings from France,

We grieve for Afghanistan, one of our previous fields. The plight of many was brought home to us. For instance, I was contacted by my interpreter who helped during the Hospital Standards Project. One of the Afghan ILD Directors is stuck in Kabul with his family. These dear ones trying to leave are not lacking in courage or resolve to help their nation, but are afraid for the lives of their families because of their public engagement for change and truth.

While I recently spent three weeks in Haiti, the island was again hit with an earthquake. We felt the trembling, but no damage in the Northwest. Ten Haitian Christian doctors left our area in the North to help in Southeast Haiti, the epicenter. HaitiGO, the organization we work with has begun gathering funds to help. The reconstruction will be expensive for many needy families.

In Pignon, where Haiti Go is headquartered we had one of the best yet men's conferences for the six churches. Several missionaries and Haitian pastors team-taught the Sermon on the Mount. We could not have predicted the challenging questions Jesus's words would stir up. How do I forgive my neighbor who put a curse on my field, or burned my crops three times?

We also held a youth camp for 200 youth and taught from Paul's admonishments to his spiritual son Timothy. This was the first time gathering youth from all of the churches for a camp. Pray that they will want to be discipled, mentored by spiritual fathers and mothers, and become the leaders for the next generation.

The ministry to churches in France continues this fall and I am traveling quite a bit. Sept 20-22 was the first in-person Pastors Conference since the pandemic. Then I traveled to churches in Sens, Dijon, and Massy where I listened to and gave input to the French pastors and leadership teams.

- Philip and Jennifer



Phillip with a French Pastor



# Life Groups

## Girls' Crafting



The Girl's Youth Craft group meets once a month for 6th grade through high school led by Pam Martin and Carol Hardin. Sometimes we invite the younger girls grades 3-5th to join as well.

We hope this group will help the girls grow personally, spiritually, and creatively. Some of the last crafts have been tie dye t- shirts, cork boards, and leaf print collages. If you would like to contact us, email

[cbeckmanhardin@yahoo.com](mailto:cbeckmanhardin@yahoo.com).



## The WELL Women's Bible Study

The WELL continues to meet via Zoom for the majority of their meetings on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The study on *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*, will continue until January. Below is a summer meeting at Marcia Dang's lovely backyard.





## Hiking Club



The Hiking Club meets once a month, either on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, and is for people who enjoy walking and being in nature. The hikes typically range from 5-7 miles and most will be within 20 miles of FCC, though we sometimes do hikes about 30-40 miles away, like in Redwood Regional Park. We rate the hikes easy, moderate, or strenuous to help you decide if you want to participate. For some places, we have two levels of hikes with two groups—one shorter and flatter and one longer and more hilly.

Wear hiking shoes or other sturdy shoes and something to carry at least one liter of water. Wear a hat and sunscreen, and bring snacks and food to keep you energized.

Dates, times, and destinations for the hikes are sent out a month ahead of time through FCC's Church Community Builder system. Please make sure FCC has your current contact information.

—Ken and Carol Hardin

## Men's Ministry Updates

FCC Men's Life Group will be starting our Bible study, *Authentic Manhood: Core Redeemed and Core Transformed*, in January 2022. This 12-week video series will redeem us by turning brokenness into something beautiful, transform us, and embrace true identity and purpose in our lives. We meet Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m. at the church.



Coming Soon!

We are also planning activity and food events. Keep your eyes open for upcoming Men's Fellowship Events. They include more than just food. They are opportunities to connect and serve as part of the family of God.

There are also several events everyone is welcome to attend. From baseball games, bocce ball, golf outings, and family events, we want to do what we can to be out in the community. Be refreshed and encouraged as we plan ahead to gather together.

For additional information contact Dave Ridings, Men's Ministry Coordinator, [Ridings@pacbell.net](mailto:Ridings@pacbell.net) or by phone or text at 510-552-6971.



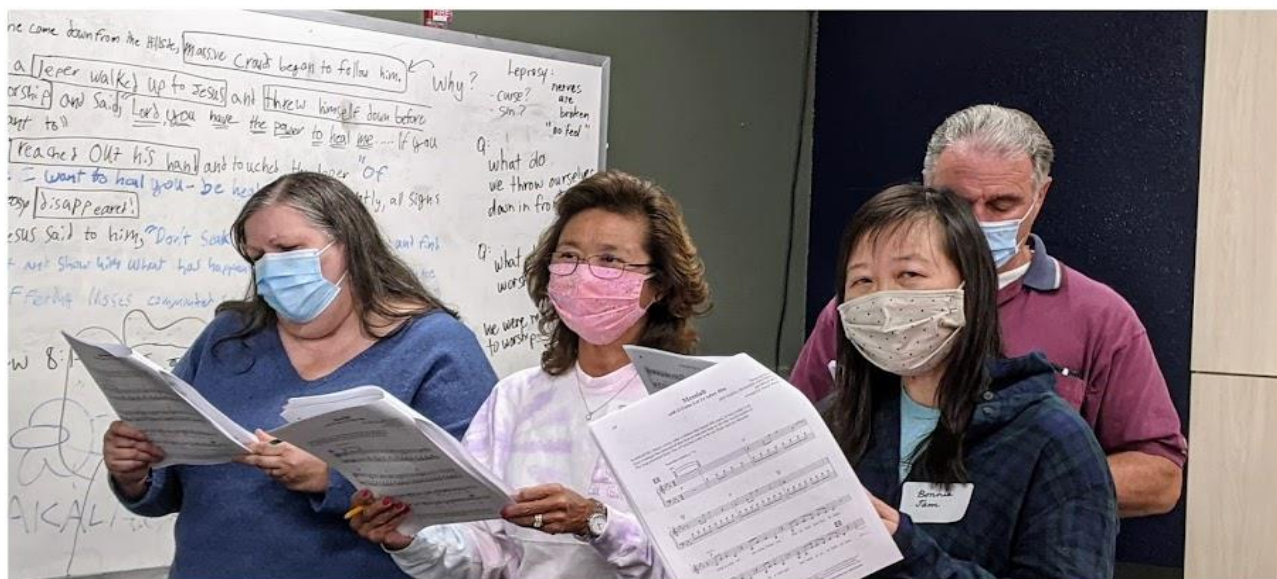
# Life Groups—FCC Choir



This year we have been blessed with a great turn-out for Christmas rehearsals of "Messiah - Heaven's Glory." I'm excited that we have so many new people and I'm especially excited that we have six youth singing with us! We have been rehearsing on Tuesday nights and have had a great time of fellowship, worship, laughter, fun and learning! It's also great to have Pastor Eric, Adrianne and their family singing with us!

The performances will be on December 10th and 11th at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will invite your friends, family and neighbors to this wonderful presentation celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus!

- Ken Hardin



**Choir Rehearses for Messiah: Heaven's Glory—Guess the new faces!**



# Youth Ministries

**Sunday Morning Youth at 10am:** The 6th – 12th graders enjoy thematic teaching, small groups and acoustic worship! Volunteers also spend time building community with the youth, especially during breakfast time over doughnuts and juice.



**NextGen:** The 11th-12th grades through college-aged young people meet on Tuesday nights at 7pm at FCC. They use a Through the Bible reading plan to study God's Word and hang out together building relationships with each other.

**The HANGOUT-** The HANGOUT happens after youth service on Sundays from 11:30-12:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Both the kids and their parents connect with other families while they hang out, play video games and do other activities.



**Skate Park Missional Community:** Every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Fremont Skate Park, Pastor Doug brings chips and drinks for everyone. Bring your skateboard and hang out with other Fremont skaters!

# Voic3 Update

Voic3 is a community that strives for safety, authenticity, and support for anyone dealing with mental health challenges. We are not psychologists, counselors, or advice givers but are people who love, pray, and support each other.

Voic3 began meeting in person again last June. In September, we were able to start meeting for dinner. It's a time for us to fellowship and catch up on the week. Our time together is important to us and we look forward to the day we're able to bring back our themed potlucks!

In addition to our Thursday evening meetings, we get together once a month for fun and fellowship. One of the highlights of our summer was sailing with the nonprofit SeaValor. We sailed the Bay and traveled under the Golden Gate Bridge briefly into international waters. We had a wonderful time and a good turnout for this event.

We are finishing up a workbook on connecting with God and will move into an online workshop called *Restoring our Brokenness* by Dr. Cloud that will include a workbook and discussion.

One of our goals is to do story work in the new year. Please contact us or join us on Thursdays at FCC from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Or feel free to join one of our outings. For more information, contact:

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# Missional Communities

## FCC Compassion Network

Upcoming Event: Hearty Harvest,  
Saturday, November 13th, 12 – 3 p.m.

As we prepare for the 2021 event, there are so many thoughts going through my mind of what has transpired over the last year. Our 2020 Hearty Harvest was designed in a totally different way, due to COVID. What did our community of low-income families need? It was CONNECTION. Somewhere to be welcomed, to be listened to, comforted, prayed for, and loved. Spreading joy and sharing the love of Jesus. We really had no idea how this would turn out, but God had it in his hands, and WOW! We have been so blessed by the growing relationships with our families, even friendships.

Thanks to our FCC Family who always give and volunteer! This could not happen without YOU!



## Divorce Care

DivorceCare is off to a good start considering how quickly we made the decision to bring this program to FCC. It is a bittersweet emotion when we see new people registering as we know the pain they are experiencing and the healing they are seeking. We currently have one gentleman and four ladies attending. The discussions have been open, honest, and respectful which creates an environment where it is safe to be vulnerable. DivorceCare is one of the few support groups out there for divorce and does well at providing a lot of information in addition to comfort from God's Word.

DivorceCare recently added a new event called "Surviving the Holidays." We are hosting this on November 8th from 7-9pm. The event currently has three additional registrants and will be a new experience for both myself (Jennifer McDonald) and Ken Hardin as the facilitators. Please reach out to either one of us if you have any questions. Me at [jennylynn0917@gmail.com](mailto:jennylynn0917@gmail.com), or Ken Hardin at [khardin61@gmail.com](mailto:khardin61@gmail.com)





# In Memoriam



**Tony Vuola** was born on February 12, 1944 in Stamford, Connecticut and moved to Burbank, California in 1957. After high school, Tony enlisted in the Army National Guard where he served for 6 years. He loved woodworking, became a carpenter and eventually started his own business, Vuola Construction, as a General Contractor until his retirement.

Tony and Jan met briefly in Burbank in 1959, but in 1960 went their separate ways. He married someone else and had 2 children, 6 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. In 2010, Tony and Jan met again and married July 9, 2011. Tony was a full-blooded Italian and very proud of his "sauce and meatballs" which he made frequently with his new great-granddaughter, Isabel.

Tony was baptized at FCC by Pastor Sherman Williams and became a member. He loved the church and his brothers and sisters. Loved the hugs and the handshakes. He had a little whistle sound (more like a tweet) he would make - especially with his best friend Dave Gadd - people tried, but no one could imitate it.

Tony worked at FCC as a Building and Grounds Support person from 2012-2013. He did a lot of odd jobs until his knee surgery. After that he could be found sitting on the front steps, often in very cold weather, watching the cars to keep them free from break-ins. He liked being able to greet the people coming and going! Tony genuinely loved people.

Tony went to Heaven on July 13, 2021 from a long painful battle with Parkinson's Disease. The only scars in Heaven are on the hands that hold him now.

**Katrina Seibert McCurdy** was born September 2, 1938. Despite having a severe, life-long vision disability, she was able to attend UC Berkeley and major in music.

Katrina was working at the Orientation Center for the Blind in Oakland when she met Will McCurdy. Due to an accident, Will had lost his eyesight and hands as a child. Will and Katrina fell in love and married May 22, 1964. They had two lovely daughters, Emalee, and Cynthia.



Katrina gave her life to God in 1972. As a young mom, Katrina taught piano to children and worked as a paid organist at churches in Oakland. She also became a medical transcriptionist for hospitals, followed by 25 years of Federal service for the Department of Veterans Affairs. She also remained active in the blind community all her life, serving on many boards and committees and attending state and national conventions.

In 1982, Katrina, Will and Cyndi were hit by a car while walking on the sidewalk of their block. This caused life-altering injuries for Katrina. She was no longer able to do most of the hobbies she enjoyed, but persevered, making the best of it.

Katrina enjoyed her years at Fremont Community Church, singing in the choir and attending the Ambassadors' Bible Class with other older members. In her last years, she lived with her daughter, Cyndi, and family in Manteca, and on July 19, 2021 in Stockton, she went home to be with the Lord. She was 82.



# July 25th Worship Service

## Absaloms/Griffiths



**First Row:** Anthony Shadle, Michael Rogers; Alex Absalom preaching; Neil Knutson

**Second Row:** Doug Chun, Amir Homayounfar; Elders praying over our missionaries; Alan Cai

**Third Row:** Rick and Susan Griffith, missionaries to Jordan; Steve Hanson, Janet Yang; Will Walker



# August 1st Worship Service

## Communion Sunday



**First Row:** FCC Worship Team—Karen Borden, Katelyn Borden, Barbara Charnley, Ken Hardin; Jessica Craig speaking about Foster the Bay

**Second Row:** FCC Worship Band—Anthony Shadle, Kevin Broyles, Mark Kenoly, Janet Yang

**Third Row:** Will Walker; Pastor Doug Ingebretson officiating communion



# August 8th Worship Service Next Gen Worship Team/VBS Kickoff



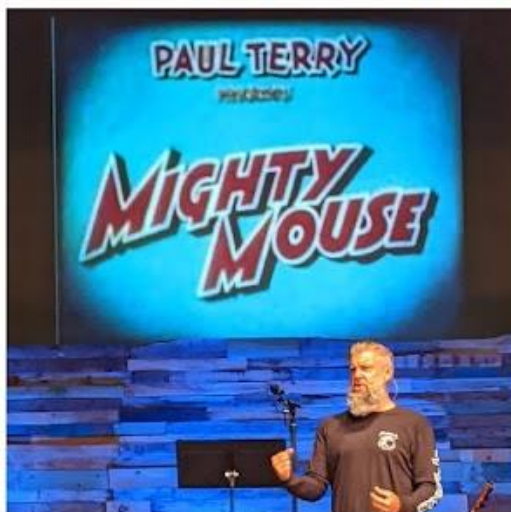
**First Row:** Robbie Taas, Kayla Ingebretson; Lindsey Goodwin, Speaker; Sandy Rios

**Second Row:** Lisa Park; VBS Atrium Decorations; Matt Ridings

**Third Row:** Doug Ingebretson; Eugenia Cai speaking about VBS; Cynthia Vo



# August 15th and 22nd Worship Services Compassion Network/Blessings on Students



**First Row:** Lorelie Knutson; Anthony Shadle and Michael Rogers; Michael Elizondo and Lee

**Second Row:** Doug Ingetbretson and students returning to school; Ruth Ritter reporting on Compassion Network Lunch; Roger Dill speaking on The Missional One Another

**Third Row:** Doug Ingetbretson speaking on Jesus Brings Festive Joy; Lorelie Knutson, Cyndi Azevedo, Pam Martin, Linda Nicholes; Mark Kenoly, Janet Yang, Katelyn Borden, Sue Rudholm



# August 29th Worship Service with New Lead Minister Eric Hays



**First Row:** Tony Pereira, Eric & Adrianne Hays; Mr. and Mrs. Mharvin Napiza; Pam Martin, Vicki O'Donahue, May Vandermel

**Second Row:** Janet Yang, Don Moschella, Barbara Charnley, Neil Knutson; Elders praying over Eric and Adrianne; Eric Hays preaching

**Third Row:** Doug Chun in the sound booth; Anthony Shadle, Michael Rogers; Steve Hansen, worship leader



# August 29th Church Family Meeting with New Lead Minister Eric Hays



**First Row:** Alan Cai reports on Missional Groups; Gary Louie speaks of Life Groups; Eric Hays gives closing remarks

**Second Row:** Matt Ridings talks of NextGen Ministries, Benjie Craig emcees; Eugenia Cai reports on Children's Ministries

**Third Row:** Dave Ramnarine speaks on construction; Doug Ingebretson talks of Youth Ministries; Lisa Park gives financials



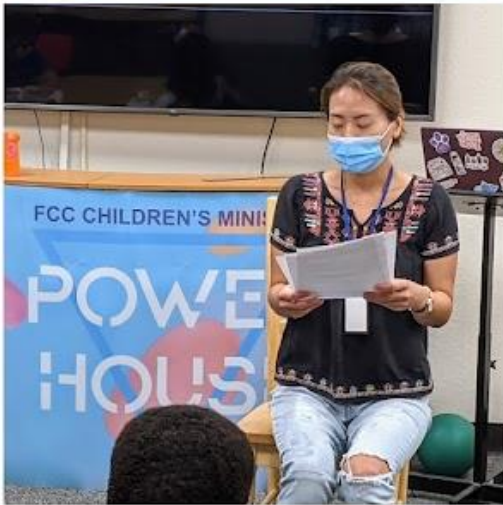
# September 5th and 12th Worship Services NextGen Worship Team/FCC Worship Team



**First Row:** Lorelie Knutson introducing offering and comment cards; FCC donut table; Cyndi Azevedo, Linda Nicholes, Lorelie K.  
**Second Row:** Kayla Ingebretson, Robbie Taas, Christian Shiu; Janet Yang, Karen Borden, Katelyn Borden; Mark Kenoly  
**Third Row:** Eric Hays speaking on Lament and Hope; Cynthia Vo; Sandy Rios



# September 19th FCC Worship Service/Powerhouse Kids



**First Row:** Anthony Shadle, Sue Rudholm; Ruth Ritter for Compassion Network; Vicki O'Donahue, Pam Martin, Ken Hardin for the Fall Choir Kickoff to prepare for Christmas

**Second Row:** Joyce Gurwan , Veena Toledo assisting Powerhouse Kids; Eric Hays passing out Compassion Cards

**Third Row:** Eugenia Cai teaching the day's lesson; two Powerhouse girls; Steve Hansen, Karen Borden, Linda Nicholes, Barbara Charnley



# September 26th FCC Worship Service



**First Row:** Mr. and Mrs. Hegos Hebtom; Arush Cchapitri, Anthony Shadle

**Second Row:** Lead Pastor Eric Hays teaching on tithes and offerings

**Third Row:** Pastor Doug Ingebretson speaking on Jesus' miracle at the wedding in Cana; Neil Knutson, Lorelie Knutson, Pam Martin, Ken Hardin; Mark Kenoly, Janet Yang, Cyndi Azevedo



# October 3rd FCC Worship Service FCYG Youth Group/Hearty Harvest



**First Row:** Aruch Cchapitiri, Kayla Ingebretson, Robbie Taas; Michelle Omar speaking about her ministry to Afghans; Sandy Ridings, Cynthia Vo

**Second Row:** Youth playing games after worshipping in the Pavilion; Hearty Harvest sign-ups; Foosball Fun

**Third Row:** Eric Hays preaching on Jesus healing the leper; Blake Mohs taking a shot; Hearty Harvest sign-ups



# October 10th FCC Worship Service/FCYG Group



**First Row:** Fremont Community Youth Generation; FCC Worship Team, Eric Hays preaching on The Bible: The Story of God's Mission

**Second Row:** FCC Worship Band; FCYG youth participating in discussion

**Third Row:** More FCYG youth listening to the message by Matt Ridings; Jazz Walker and Sandy Ridings assisting



# October 17th FCC Worship Service



**First Row:** FCC Band and Worship Team

**Second Row:** Eric and Adrienne Hays leading worship

**Third Row:** Doug Ingrbretson preaching on Abraham in The Bible: The Story of God's Mission series



# October 24th FCC Worship Service Welcoming New Members



**First Row:** Linda Alpers, new member, with Pastor Eric Hays, FCC Worship Team

**Second Row:** FCC Worship Band; Priscilla Highland, new member, with Pastor Eric Hays