

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
*of Los Angeles*

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# FALL FESTIVAL AND CHILI COOK OFF

## OCT 30TH - AFTER SERVICE - FORECOURT

Join the celebration for kids & adults of all ages! Everyone will judge the chili and trophies will be awarded for Carnivore and Vegetarian categories. There will be carnival games for prizes, craft stations, trick-or-treating and a costume contest for the kids, so make sure and wear your Halloween costumes to church!

Sign up at the Welcome Table or by contacting  
Julianne James at [JJames@fccla.org](mailto:JJames@fccla.org)



# SAVE THE DATE

OCT 26<sup>TH</sup>

SEEKERS  
BIBLE STUDY

OCT 30<sup>TH</sup>

FALL FESTIVAL &  
CHILI COOK-OFF

NOV 6<sup>TH</sup>

BLESSING OF  
THE ANIMALS  
&  
A NIGHT OF  
THEATER

NOV 13<sup>TH</sup>

BOOK CLUB  
MEETING

NOV 27<sup>TH</sup>

DAY OF  
MERRIMENT

DEC 4<sup>TH</sup>

ADVENT  
JAZZ VESPERS

DEC 11<sup>TH</sup>

CHRISTMAS  
PAGEANT



## THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, November 6th - Forecourt

Bring your pet for a special blessing as we celebrate God's wondrous creation of the animal kingdom. On this unique Sunday, we gather in the Forecourt to recall and give thanks for the countless ways God is present in all creatures, large and small. Dr. Colglazier's sermon will conclude with a blessing for your pet. A special moment of remembrance will be offered for all those who have lost a beloved pet.

## DOGS, HORSES & HEALING

Sunday, November 6th - 10AM Shatto Chapel

Before the Blessing of the Animals, join us for a conversation with Dr. Fred Fregin & Kathryn Colglazier about the healing power of animals - as part of First Church's Sunday Forum series.

# ALIMENTO

EXHIBIT RUNS THROUGH NOV. 6<sup>TH</sup> - ARTWORK STILL FOR SALE

SKYLIGHT THEATER COMPANY & ART DIVISION PRESENT

## A NIGHT OF THEATER

INSPIRED BY THE ALIMENTO EXHIBIT, HOSTED BY SHARON LAWRENCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH AT 5PM - SHATTO CHAPEL

Proceeds from the event, along with individual donations feed the hungry in Downtown and MacArthur Park. Reception follows immediately.

Please visit [skylighttheatrecompany.com](http://skylighttheatrecompany.com) for more information.

## THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>  
STUART HALL  
AFTER SERVICE

Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon which features a catered Thanksgiving meal as well as performances from First Youth, Celebration Ringers, Chancel Ringers & a hymn sing-a-long. The Pilgrim School Book Fair will be open in Amanda Scott during the event so take a moment and do a little early Christmas shopping! Tickets are \$15 per person and \$40 per family. They will be available for purchase at the welcome table, or by emailing Julianne at [JJJames@fccla.org](mailto:JJJames@fccla.org)

# TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

9:00 <sub>AM</sub>	First Worship - Shatto Chapel
9:30 <sub>AM</sub>	First Kids First: Childcare Infant/Toddler (Rm 209, Side Playground)
10:00 <sub>AM</sub>	Sunday Forum - Shatto Chapel
10:30 <sub>AM</sub>	Prelude on The Great Organs
11:00 <sub>AM</sub>	Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:15 <sub>AM</sub>	First Kids First (K-5th grade) Wong Chapel for Children's Ministry
12:15 <sub>PM</sub>	Coffee Fellowship

## Special Congregational Meeting

TODAY - 12:30<sub>PM</sub>, Shatto Chapel  
In accordance with the By-Laws of First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, a brief Special Meeting of the Congregation will be held today Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 12:30pm in Shatto Chapel. The purpose of this short meeting will be to accept this year's budget for Pilgrim School which was not available for our Annual Congregational Meeting in May. Sign in tables will be located at the bottom of the stairs in the Forecourt after the service. Hard copies of the documents will be made available.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On Sunday, October 30th, some roads in the area will be temporarily closed due to the Rock 'n' Roll Halloween Half Marathon. Please visit [RunRocknRoll.com](http://RunRocknRoll.com) to plan ahead.**

# PLANNING AHEAD AT FIRST CHURCH

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MEET-UP

Wednesday, October 26 - 6:30<sub>PM</sub> - 9:30<sub>PM</sub>  
Wurstkuche - 800 E. Third Street at Traction  
Join us for some beer & brauts downtown at our young professionals meet-up in the Arts District. We'll be there from 6:30pm - 9:30pm enjoying the drinks, pretzels & sausages, and playing games. Email Julianne James if you plan to attend at [jjames@fccla.org](mailto:jjames@fccla.org).

## SEEKERS BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, October 26 at 7<sub>PM</sub>  
What are your most serious religious questions? What keeps you up at night? What do you struggle with? What brings you joy? This fall the Fregins are opening their home to host a Bible Study that will explore the Scriptures and its deep abiding truths. Contact Lauren Waters at [LWaters@fccla.org](mailto:LWaters@fccla.org) or 213.355.5232 for information & directions.

## ANNUAL CAL-WEST MEETING

Sunday, November 6 at 2<sub>PM</sub>  
Central Congregational Church  
8360 Lemon Avenue, La Mesa, CA  
Representatives and members from Congregational churches throughout California will meet on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. for their fall Cal-West meeting. This annual meeting is at Central Congregational Church, 8360 Lemon Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91941 (619) 466-1261. In addition to a business meeting, two workshops, and a worship service, there will be a special program with dinner and fellowship. All FCCLA members, staff and friends are invited to the meeting. Donald Battjes, FCCLA Moderator, Columbus Sanders, Ph.D.

## ALTAR GUILD MEETING

November 6 - After Service - Fifield Room  
Light Lunch will be available \$10.00.  
Annual dues are due \$20.00  
Hope to see you all there as we plan for the up coming work day and the year ahead. For more info please contact George Pelham at [actorgeorge@yahoo.com](mailto:actorgeorge@yahoo.com)

## FIRST CHURCH BOOK CLUB

November 13 - After Coffee Fellowship  
The next FCCLA book club will meet on November 13th Immediately following coffee fellowship. We will gather for lunch at Dr. Robbin Slim and Healthy which is a short distance from the church. Please rsvp to Lauren Waters [LWaters@fccla](mailto:LWaters@fccla) by November 9th.

## New to First Church? We're glad you're here!

First Congregational Church is a diverse and vibrant community of faith that offers a place where you can enrich your spiritual life through the gifts of worship and the arts. We believe life is about the journey and we extend a warm welcome to *all*, especially to those who are worshipping with us for the first time.

Please sign the red friendship pad found in your pew and include the information you would like to share with us. If you would like to receive our weekly Eblasts, be sure to include your email.

Take time to discover for yourself this authentic and welcoming community that you can call home. Here are some ways to get started:

### CONNECT WITH US ONLINE

Like us on facebook // [fstchurchla](#)    *instagram* @ [fstchurchla](#)  
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Bookmark our website [www.fccla.org](#)  
Listen to this week's sermon [www.fccla.org/sermons](#)  
Sign up for our Weekly Eblast [ssmith@fccla.org](mailto:ssmith@fccla.org)

### BECOME A MEMBER

First Church is a place where *you* can belong. We welcome the gifts, talents, and strengths of those who have decided to make First Church their home. Every other month we offer a small group class, *Discover First Church*. After worship, we share light refreshments, listen to the story of First Church, and share our own stories in a relaxed conversation. You can ask questions about who we are and how you will find your place within this community of faith. It's a great time to begin making connections with others who are also new to First Church.

### GET INVOLVED

Whether you are interested in serving, connecting with others, worshiping, giving, or growing spiritually, we offer opportunities for everyone. Be sure to read *The Meetinghouse* each week as it contains the latest about what is happening in the life of First Church. Watch our Facebook page and Twitter feed for last minute Events or Meet Ups.

## Giving at First Church

At First Church, we consider every pledge, tithe, offering, or contribution a gift for the life of our community of faith. No matter how it's given, our gifts show our gratitude. Beginning this month, we are making certain giving is as easy as possible. If you no longer carry checks or cash, but always have your phone – you can download an app or give by text. If you want to set up a weekly or monthly contribution, you can do so through e-giving. And if you want to go online and make a contribution for the weeks you are away this summer, you can access the giving portal at our website and make your gift. Please accept our thanks for your continued generosity and support.

### MOBILE APP

- Download the ShelbyNext Giving app for iOS or Android.
- Search for First Congregational Church of Los Angeles by name or ZIP code (90020).

### TEXT

- Send a text with the amount of your donation to 213.263.5830. (Ex. Text 10 for \$10.00)
- If you are a first-time text-giving donor, you will be prompted to visit a secure URL, where you will enter your credit/debit card information.

### ONLINE

- Visit [www.fccla.org/give](#).
- You can donate via credit/debit card or eCheck.
- You can make a one-time or recurring contribution.

### E-OFFERING

- Call the Advancement Office at 213.355.5228 to set up a monthly or semimonthly recurring contribution from your checking account.

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