



# good news

AUGUST 2020



## **GROW TOGETHER with Faith GROW GROUPS@HOME YOUR HELP WANTED!**

Following in the same vein as our youth summer campers at High School Asian American Camp and Junior High Camps and also in the spirit of Ohana Groups, Faith plans to launch several NEW MINISTRIES to engage our congregation and community! We are seeking ways to engage those who have been actively participating in Faith At-Home Ministries and also create new ways to reach out to those who want to plug in and need to be connected, but have not already been able to do so. (That includes those who are without internet capabilities!)

We are seeking BOTH participants and leaders for programs that we will be offering in the Fall Season. Our goal is to open up several options for both Small Groups and Master Class Webinars and produce a catalogue for Ministry Opportunities. We are seeking leaders (and interest) in the following areas:

- **SMALL GROUPS** - would you like to help facilitate a SMALL GROUP? It could be a Bible study or theological group, caregiver or parent support groups, a book club, a craft club, groups for age level ministries (children through seniors), an Internet/Zoom 101 class, United Methodist 101, an affinity group (those with a passion for social justice, maybe? Or perhaps even an outdoor ministry like hiking?)...the possibilities are endless. We want to TRAIN our leaders, so please consider sharing your passions with us!
- **MASTER CLASSES & FAITH TALKS** - we know we have MANY members of our community that have special gifts and talents and want you to share your expertise with us. Our "Master Class" concept is to invite church leaders to either create LEARNING VIDEOS (accessible both online and on DVD) or do online Webinars in which our church members can participate. (We'll help you film and produce your videos in the "Faith Production Studio.") We are looking for the chefs, dancers, quilters, meditation and healing leaders and anyone who would like to share their creativity with others.

And we are working towards resuming our regular programming that has not returned yet: Women and Mens' support groups, Hula classes, and many other favorite small groups that you are missing!

If you would like to be included in our catalogue, please contact [communications@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org) by August 23, 2020 so that we can include you in our FALL catalogue!



This saying used to be one used as folks were heading back from summer breaks and relishing their last days of summer. It would feel as though we were all heading back to school again, even though we graduated from school years ago. At Faith, it was a month of recapping the summer for our youth and children, sharing their summer camping experiences, and mission trip leaders sharing their gratitude for the support of the congregation. It was a preparation for the school year and a time to invite friends on RALLY SUNDAY. August, in the life of the church was like the month God rested from his works of creation and was gearing up for the next chapter; August, the Sunday of Summer.

But this year is different. Even as the kids will return back to school (LAUSD on August 18 and TUSD on August 26), it won't feel the same. Our children will be starting their new school year from their homes, the same way they ended their last school year. Parents will be figuring out how NOT to fight with their children to get on Zoom and Google classrooms. Many are still working from home, while others have to take extra precautions when going to work each day. As we have counted the weeks of staying "Safer at Home" during the Coronavirus pandemic, August takes us into 21 weeks of quarantine and staying in--the longest "Staycation" ever. This is not a normal year...for anyone.

But as we have been saying, "The building has been closed, but the Church is not. We are the church." And one that rings true to Christ's original message of, "Go forth and make disciples of Christ," well, the sanctuary may be empty, but the Church is being deployed. GO OUT AND MAKE DISCIPLES. But how good of a job have we been doing?

I have been impressed with those still making efforts to do exactly that! I watched Jan Tanabe load her car full of donations of school supplies for **LOVE INC** (Love In the Name of Christ), I have seen seniors, Barbara & Larry Takumi, Herb Aoyama, and Hiroko Minei sneaking out of their homes to deliver hundreds of **homemade masks** -- and with great thanksgiving to Wendy and Jerry Takao who have been supplying the mask-making kits (we're at 1500 masks, friends!). Alan and Julie Inouye have not stopped being **Kitchen Angels** and making soups for delivery for our seniors. I was excited to be a part of the **Day Camp** Team of Darrell Mark, Amanda Taketa, Pearl Iizuka, Solange Morikoshi-Iseri, Chad Uemura, and Pastor Ki who pulled together an amazing online Vacation Bible School Day Camp-- with youth and church members leading projects and singing--and with

participants from all over California, Washington, and Hawaii! I was able to be a part of both the National Japanese American United Methodist Caucus (NJAUMC) **Asian American (High School) and Junior High Camps**; their leadership has mastered the art of the Zoom Break Out rooms! I have met weekly with a small group of teens and young adults who are creating **Social Action for Youth** projects which they will present at the end of August. I have seen seniors learn how to get on Zoom, I have experienced a transformation of **Awaken** as they try a model of “**Simple Church.**” Our church is SO ALIVE, and continuing to seek how we can be the church for this marathon that we are running in this time of pandemic.

In addition to creating a new **Fall Ministry Programming** that we will launch on **Rally Sunday**, we will be releasing a NEW online survey that has current questions that pertain to where we are in the pandemic during this time. Again, all surveys are confidential and we will get out paper surveys to those that prefer that mode of surveys.

We are also looking for **SHEPHERD PHONE TREE** callers -- those who are willing to check in with our members and constituents on a monthly basis. We need to make sure that all of our community is cared for and worried that without creating a new phone tree, we may be allowing our some of seniors and those who need care to fall through the cracks. PLEASE contact the church office if you are willing to be a part of this new ministry.

Although it looks as though we will not be able to worship together in-person, at least for the remainder of 2020, we continue to seek ways to be the church and have not stopped our planning for Re-Entry. Minister Eric Iki has transitioned from his responsibilities with Young Adult ministries, to Pastoral Care Visitations as well as leading us as our Covid Response Coordinator, which entails helping our Re-Entry Task Force create protocols and procedures for approval by our District Superintendent.

As the “weirdest summer ever” begins to come to a close and we enter into a new chapter of living in this world post-Covid, we continue to seek God in the midst of this pandemic. We find ways to stay safe and healthy, but also connected and in relationship with one another. And as we worship with each other online during these weeks, for those seeking messages of hope and Faith growth, join us for our 8:30am Traditional Service (hymns & sermon) and 10:30am Blended Worship (praise & message) - August Special services will be broadcast at 10:30am. Beginning in the Fall, we will be sharing our Sermon Series for each month!

Be well my friends, Know that God is always with us,

*Allison*

Rev. Allison Mark



## The Good News from Pastor Ki...

*“For where two or three are gathered as my followers, I am there among them.” Matthew 18:20*



First let me start off by saying, thank you friends, for your prayers for my mother in her time of need. Your prayers kept me going. When cleaning, assisting, and cooking for my mother, who lived alone, I was reminded that the gift of presence is underrated. During the first couple of days, she had to be fed through a straw. But in order to feed her anything with substance and nourishment through a straw, things had to be cooked down and pureed. One item she enjoyed was “jook” (Korean for rice porridge). In the Korean culture, when someone is sick, jook is fed. I’ve seen versions of jook in other Asian cultures. In my mother’s case, she enjoyed abalone jook (also jook made from Kabocha). There are few Korean restaurants that provide delicious jook and sometimes it is served with an egg on top (which is one of my favorites). One doesn’t have to be sick in order to eat it, but it sure feels like home when eating jook. Like anything that tastes good, it takes time and care to make jook properly. When my mother used to make it for our family, I remember she would cook the rice in water on low heat. Then she would add the necessary seasonings to give it flavor: salt, soy sauce, or stock. She would also add fresh garlic to cook down. Once it was ready to eat, it was served with kimchee (cabbage or cubed daikon). It was such a yummy remedy to an upset stomach from the day before or when catching the common cold. Most things we enjoy take time to develop. Things like friendship, healthy relationships, and even our faith in God are valuable parts of life that develop well over a period of time, just like jook.

As mentioned in last month’s article, cases of positive Covid-19 patients are on the rise. Since we may be in this “stay at home” period longer than originally expected, we are recommended to start planning accordingly. Once my mother gets back home from her rehab, we plan to approach her stay at home situation differently. I thought I was keeping her safe, and I wasn’t wrong when keeping my physical distance when delivering food and other household needs. But what she needed most during that time was the gift of presence. I believe Jesus is with us, but I also know that Jesus said, “For where two or three are gathered, I am present.” Jesus is present, not just in our thoughts, but the body of Christ is present when folks are gathered together in Jesus’ name. This can be done on Zoom, but my mother doesn’t Zoom. Everyone needs to assess their own situation with loved ones and decide how to offer the presence of Jesus during this unprecedented time. For me and my family, we plan to make time to eat a meal together, but done with distance and disinfecting the most common areas of the home. If anyone in our home has to attend a large group gathering, we will get tested for Covid-19 so that we are aware of our current health condition. The presence of Jesus is both physical and spiritual. It is possible, waving hi and bye from a safe distance is not enough. It is possible that dropping off food and walking away to be at a safe distance may not be enough. It is time to find out how our loved ones are really doing. Don’t wait, find out. I was glad I did and I am definitely glad I had faith on my side (pun intended).

Remember for August... 

1. Sunday, August 9 @ 10:30 am, Day Camp Reflection Sunday.
2. Sunday, August 16 @ 10:30 am, Youth Reflection Sunday.
3. Tuesdays, August 4 & 18 @ 10:30– Logos: Bible Studies on Zoom.

 (for more info, please email [Pastorki@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:Pastorki@faithsouthbay.org)).

*I’m sure many restaurants serve delicious jook, but if you’re interested in trying abalone jook, email me and I can give you some specific restaurants we’ve tried.*

# Nihongobu News



「新しい地」

少し私事になるが、先週引っ越しをした。

数年前、家の前にホテル、その裏には駅が出来る予定と知らされた。隣も前も御近所様は、ここ2-3年で皆引っ越ししてしまったのである。車の往来も多く、夜も人通りがある地域であっても、引っ越しは嫌であった。いつかはするかもしれない引っ越しに心は嬉しくない。

約40年前、私達家族が東京からワシントン州シアトルに移民で来る時のことを思い出した。「測り綱は、私の好む所に落ちた。まことに、私への、すばらしいゆずり地だ。私は助言を下さった主をほめたたえる。」詩編16:6-7

母はこのみ言葉を頂いて、知らない国に引っ越す励ましを受けたと教えてくれた。やはり引っ越しには葛藤があったのである。これから、知らない町で祝福があるよ。と、主は私達家族に希望を与え、背中を押してくださった時である。

今回、2マイル離れた場所に引っ越したので、道もスーパーも不便を感じることはない。ただ、これから新しい家に慣れ、親しむのである。この新しい場所で祝福があるよ。と希望を与えられる主に感謝したい。

Last week, I took one week off and moved to a new house. A few years ago, our neighborhood learned that a new hotel will be built in front of our house, and behind that will be a new train station. Seeing our neighbors moving away, one by one, I was not very happy because I really did not want to move.

Then, I remembered when my family decided to move from Tokyo to Seattle, WA, about 40 years ago, my mother shared the verse with us from Psalm 16: 6-7. "The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant place; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel." I learned moving to a strange land was a challenge for my mother, but, the Lord has prepared a special blessing in a new place already. We received this encouragement and took a leap of faith to move.

So, I moved just two miles from the old place. (It is not a strange land!) Once again, I hold His blessings in my heart, and I am now grateful for a pleasant place He has prepared.

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# TGIF: MYF

Hi Family and Friends,

This past month of July the youth had the opportunity to attend Virtual Asian Camp and Junior High Camp through zoom. The leaders and Directing Teams did an amazing job providing the youth with community, fellowship and spiritual growth in the most confusing times. The youth attended each camp twice a week and met with their respected small groups throughout the meeting. They were still able to worship together and play games in the comfort of their homes! Although it wasn't the same and we dearly missed our weeks at camp this year, we want to say thank you to the Directors and Leaders who made this all possible for the youth to continuously grow in their faith. As we head into August the youth will be starting up again to meet via zoom for our Friday Night Fellowships and Youth Group Time. Dates and times will be determined and sent out through email to update any who would like to join us. Also we will be updating everyone on Rally Sunday as it's always a fun and exciting day to welcome the incoming 6th graders into TGIF and the new 9th graders into MYF. We hope soon to be able to gather and catch up, but understanding that we are all doing our part to stay safe and keep those around us safe. I hope you are all doing well and we miss you all so much.

God Bless,

Darrell Mark

Faith UMC Youth Director



## College & Young Adult

AWAKEN  
simple  
CHURCH

a time for fellowship, connection, the Word, and call to serve

Simple.

Join us every Thursday at 7:30pm on Zoom  
Contact Rev. Allison for link



In July we had our first ever virtual Faith UMC Day Camp and it was such a success! There were 30 kids signed up for a week of singing, dancing, arts & crafts, science projects and most importantly, learning about God! Day Camp was scheduled via Zoom for an hour and a half each day. The kids signed in promptly, ready to give their all to the Day Camp staff for the day. We even had campers from Northern California, Washington and Hawaii (despite the time difference!) Although Day Camp looked much different than previous years, having it on Zoom enabled us to reach a broader network and we were even able to offer it at no cost this year! Thank you to everyone who generously donated their time, talents and treasures, as well as those who donated monetarily. We especially want to thank our wonderful Day Camp Directors - Pearl Iizuka, Solange Iseri, Darrell Mark, Amanda Taketa and Pastor Ki, who without knowing what this year's Day Camp would truly look like, absolutely prepared the best live program for our kids. With that being said, we are inviting everyone, but especially our young Day Campers from this year to attend our special Day Camp Refection Service online on Sunday, August 9th at 10:30am. To view the service, please go to our church website, [faithsouthbay.org](http://faithsouthbay.org) and the link to view the service will be on the landing page.

Lastly, we are looking for old Day Camp pictures from ANY year!! Please send pictures to [faithumc.garden@gmail.com](mailto:faithumc.garden@gmail.com).

Dear Faith family,

There have been a few major updates in both my personal and professional life that I would love to share with you.



First off, due to COVID, my September wedding ceremony with my fiancé was postponed. However, we got married in court so that we could begin our lives together! So yes I'm a married man!

Second, my role at Faith has changed. I was anticipating an appointment, but also due to COVID, that wasn't the case. So during this time, I transitioned out of my role as young adult coordinator and into a role that covers our COVID reentry plan as well as pastoral care. During our monthly good news letters, I will provide you with some of the relevant details to our reentry. At this time however, we still won't be reopening for a while. We continue to meet and evaluate our situation as things change daily, and we continue to hold everyone's safety as our highest priority. In all things, we hope that you and your loved ones are doing well during this season.

Lastly, if there are any young people reading this, I want to say thank you for being a part of my time in young adult ministry. Despite the volatile period of time that defines young adulthood, I'm proud of the time that we were all able to share together. I hope that you all continue to build a thriving young adult ministry at Faith.

Many blessings,  
Minister Eric Iki

STAY SAFE.  
STAY HEALTHY.  
STAY HOME.

#COVID19



COVID-19  
RESPONSE



Faith UMC is also partnering with local restaurants for delivery drop-offs. **Shinobu Japanese BBQ**, a Christian Japanese American owned and operated family restaurant owned by the Harada and Yamada families is a group that works with Pioneer Project and asked to work with our Faith Community for support.

**When:** The next date that Shinobu is looking at for deliveries is August 9 and 23, 2020 (subject to change due to demand).

**Where:** Faith United Methodist Parking Lot (Drive-Thru Style for a Safe and Touch-less Transaction)

**Menu:** The Shinobu Family Pack (designed for 4 adults, but could feed 4-6 adults easily) - \$60

**How to Order:** The updated pre-fix menu will be on their order link and will be emailed through the weekly email newsletter once updated by Shinobu. If you are unable to order online, you may call Shinobu to place your order.

- Shinobu offers pick-up times in 5 minute increments to ensure spacing & social-distancing.
- Cut-off time for order will be on the Saturday before delivery at 11am

**Pick Up:** When arriving for pick-up, you will drive-up in the parking lot up to the canopy and table where Shinobu will be standing outside; provide your name, and the food will be placed in your vehicle 'drive-thru' style. They will place the food directly into your car to ensure a safe drive through transaction in your backseat or trunk, whichever you prefer. They will be wearing masks and gloves for safety for everyone. (You should wear your mask at pick-up too)

**Payment:** Please place cash in an envelope or plastic bag and leave it in a designated location in your vehicle (backseat or trunk, wherever you would like the food) to ensure a touchless transaction.

**Contact:** Brandon Harada 714.588.0495 to order by phone or if you have any questions. Feel free to forward this email or share the link to anyone who might be interested. Friends, family, and neighbors are more than welcome to participate and are greatly appreciated! Thank you!

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

**The Reciprocity Circle** - at the beginning of our series on “Spiritual Cleanse,” we asked people if they would be willing to share and connect over the following: “I need help” and “I can help.” At Faith, we are proud to share that we have received many messages asking HOW we can help others in our church and we want to connect you with our resources.

- If you are able to assist a member who might not be able to go to the store or get to a doctor’s appointment, contact the church office via phone: 310.217.7000 or email: [communications@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)
- If you are someone who needs help, don’t hesitate to ask and please let us know. You too can call or email the office!
- We have soups lovingly (and prepared safely) by our Faith Angle Kitchen chefs. If you would like some homemade comfort food, please contact your Ministry Group Leader.
- First Fruits: If you have a fruit tree and would like to share your fruits, please contact the church office. We have received generous donations of grapefruit, loquats, and lemons.

### WELLNESS:

Faithful Healing has resumed back to its regular Faithful Healing Classes on 1st and 3rd Mondays at 9:00am. If you would like the ZOOM link, contact Alan at [one.nhc@att.net](mailto:one.nhc@att.net)

Alan has also created a new website with six trainings to provide instructions on how to self-treat conditions that people often see him for. Check out: <https://selfshiatsu.podia.com>

As we add some online Lent classes to our church calendar, if you are in need of some daily spiritual devotionals, there are many options:

Upper Room Daily Devotions is one way of connected Daily as a Spiritual Discipline: <https://upperroombooks.com/neweverymorning/>

Do you need a daily Social Justice devotional? Sojourners is a great source for Verse and Voice:

<https://sojo.net/daily-wisdom>

StillPoint offers daily meditations, classes, and retreats if you are interested in deeper connection with God:

<https://stillpointca.org/>

## Celebrating 60 Years of Ministry

As you know, we have had to make some big changes to our 60th year celebrations, including the cancellation of Matsuri and postpone of our 10-10-2020 60th Celebration Luncheon. But fret not! Read below for more details on a 60th Anniversary Celebration “WATCH PARTY MUSICAL” and also continue to read the Good News on details for our 60th Anniversary Cook Book--just in time for you to try new recipes since you’ve been eating at home a lot these past 4.5 months! We will be launching our Faith Wear “Store” this Fall, so stay tuned to update your Faith wardrobe!

We want to thank those who have continued to think about our Matsuri and support it through your “In-Lieu of Matsuri” donations. We are very grateful for your kindness and generosity. We will continue to collect “In-Lieu of” donations until the end of August.



**“ 60th Anniversary Popcorn Watch Party Musical Video”**  
**Saturday October 10, 2020, 4:00pm**



Please join us for our celebration of Faith’s 60th anniversary, featuring members of Faith as they commemorate their experiences through the many church organizations throughout the years. We will highlight musical performances, the Faith cookbook sale, and recognize founding members and also have some special surprises.

We also would like you to take a little video of you watching the 60th video wearing your future new faithwear and showing you enjoying your popcorn purchases through the popcorn fundraiser (details to follow). This is just one of the ways we are trying to stay connected during these trying times and keeping our members in our thoughts and prayers as we come together in our new virtual reality.

Grace and Peace  
Stephen Bullard

**Lectionary Readings** Grow deeper in Christ by opening yourself to God's Word, through the study of the Holy Bible. Listed below are the lectionary scripture readings for the month of August Our Pastors, TGIF and MYF Directors generally preach from one of the lectionary passages in our Worship Services. We invite you to study these passages in preparation for our worship time as well as a means of growing deeper in Christ.



August 2 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Communion Sunday

August 9 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-23

Day Camp Sunday

August 16 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalms 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

AC/JHC Sunday

August 23 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 45:1-15

Psalms 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Rally Sunday

August 30 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Join us



Live

Faith UMC-Torrance  
@8:30 AM (Traditional) &

@10:30 AM service

Faithsouthbay.org

Facebook live @Faithsouthbay

Replay 10:30 AM service at 5:00 PM

Nihongobu  
Japanese ONLINE Worship  
Sundays @ 9:00 am  
Faithsouthbay.org

Pastor Becky Hirata



COFFEE | COMMUNITY | COMFORT | CHURCH

### Zoom Open “Coffee & Fellowship” after service

Join us for a gathering time where you can just check in to say hi or see church faces that you miss! The kids are still running around as parents are having conversations, and the coffee is still hot (if you just brewed your own pot!). We even have smaller “Break Out rooms” if folks for more conversations!

Dial 1-669-900-9128 (from home phone)

Meeting ID# 5883329633 or for computers/iPad/smart phones: click on link <https://zoom.us/j/j883329633>

Mtg ID# 5883329633

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Donations can also be given through  
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**DEDICATED TO THE  
FAITH UMC MINISTRY**

Alice Kajiya

Sam & Barbara Kobayashi

Lorraine Nakama

Jennie Shitakubo

Lorraine Tani

*In memory of Ken Kobayashi*

Kubo Family

*In memory of GP George,*

*GP Pops & GM Kay*

Mae Nakakihara

*In memory of Scott Nakakihara*

Miles Miyasato

Debra Nakamura

Wayne & Marcia Tofukuji

Florence Uchida

Hannah Yamamoto

Yoshi Yamasaki

*In memory Ami Nagahori*

Jennie Shitakubo

*In memory of Hannah Sato*

Barbara Mendes

Lorraine Tani

*In memory of Audrey Chun*

Jennie Shitakubo

Lorraine Tani

*In memory of Kou Mochizuki*

Alice Kajiya

Jennie Shitakubo

Alvin & Ellen Toma

*In memory of Melvin Toma*

Winnie Osaki

*In memory of Reed Osaki's*

*Birthday*

Sueko Inouye

*In memory of Kay Shigekuni's*

*Lemon Meringue Pies*

Jennifer Matsuura

*In honor of Rick Izumi/Music*

Jennie Shitakubo

*Prayer List: Marisa Jacobos*

Kubo Family

Grandpa K & Grandma

*In celebration of Spencer Kubo's*

*UW Graduation: BS Degree*

*Aquatic & Fishery Science &*

*Evolution, Ecology & Conservation*

*Biology*

Tak & Jayne Watanabe

*In gratitude for our church family*

*& friends & 2020 graduates*

George & Florence Nakakura

*In appreciation for loving concerns*

*to Rev. Allison & Pastor Ki*

Marion Antoku

*Feed the Front Liners*

Gail Murakami

*Music Program*

Mae Nakakihara

*Other ministry*

Geraldine Oda

James & Ivy Toma

*Prime Timers*

George & Florence Nakakura

*Faith Kitchen Angels*

Sung & Luann Chang

Jon & Miki Hayashida

Ramsay & Amy Higa

*Day Camp Donation*

Julie Inouye

George & Florence Nakakura

*AV Ministry Donation*

Masako & Preston Akiyama

Momo Wada

*Good News Donation*

Mae Nakakihara

*TGIF Donation*

Karen Kato

*School supplies*

Mark Chun

*Rev. Allison's discretionary*

*fund donation*

Masako & Preston Akiyama

Norma Ishigo

Joyce Matsubara

Lorraine Nakama

Lawrence & Barbara Takumi

Lorraine Tani

Sandra & Richard Uyeunten

Janet K. Yamada

*Gift cards for school supplies*

*backpacks - Love Inc.*

Louise Sakamoto

Lawrence & Barbara Takumi

Lorraine Tani

Janet K. Yamada

*Cal-Pac Welcome Kits*

## CONCERNS OF OUR COMMUNITY

*Below are the most recent prayer concerns lifted up in the Faith family; please keep these persons in your prayers...*

**Margie Furuya**, health concerns  
**Mercedes Balboa and Rob Kaaa**, friends of Rick Izumi  
**Jamie Parcon**, friend of Rick Izumi, health concerns  
**Thurston Morita**, health concerns  
**Anna Jovan De Guzman-Santos**, daughter of Natalia De Guzman, health concerns  
**Linda Jung**, health concerns  
**Lisa Kuwabara**, health concerns  
**Kay Saxton**, health concerns  
**George Harris, friend of Rick Izumi**, health concerns  
**Paul Tokashiki**, health concerns  
**Mitsuru Yamasaki**, health concerns  
**Bill Maeda**, health concerns  
**Marcia Muntifering**, friend of Rick Izumi, health concerns  
**Grant Hanada**, serious health concerns  
**Rev. Michael Hiranuma**, health concerns  
**Robin Lee**, friend of Rick Izumi, has been diagnosed with cancer  
**Ruben DeLeon**, brother-in-law of Chip Hino, going through cancer treatment  
**Diane Ueda-Banda**, healing and recovery  
**Ellen Hokama**, healing and recovery  
**Mas Hamasu**, health concerns  
**Winnie Osaki**, for her determination as she continues to heal, recover and rehabilitate  
**Kenny Kamada**, friend of Jason Sasaki & boyfriend of Cassie Sameshima, health concerns  
**Nelson Mark**, healing and recovery  
**Anthony Anderson, Sr.**, uncle of Sharon Sambat, diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease  
**Kaydee Leong**, 12 year old friend of Rev. Allison Mark, diagnosed with cancer  
**Frank Matton**, friend of Mari & Gary Sakaguchi, recovering from brain surgery  
**Sam Nieda**, father of Rev. David Nieda who is in a long term skilled nursing facility  
**Kenneth Wong**, brother of Julie Inouye, pray for his eyes, needs injections due to trauma  
**Leslie, Susie & Ellen Inouye**, brother & sister-in-law & their daughter to Darrel (Stephanie) Inouye, serious health concerns  
**Carol Smith**, health concerns  
**Faye & Bob Toma**, health concerns  
**Alan Murakami**, health concerns  
**David Polendey**, health concerns  
**Alan Inouye**, health concerns  
**Ruth Taira**, health concerns  
**Mitzi Ueda**, health concerns  
**Lynne Vinluan's father, Doug Higa**, health concerns

**Janet Mercer**, health concerns

**Ola Filemoni**, health concerns

**Jackie Jones**, Stephen Bullard's 92 year old aunt, diagnosed with COVID-19

**Rev. Karen Fay Ramos and family** as they deal with multiple COVID-19 diagnoses in their family

**Hannah Han**, 12 year old friend of Giselle Takara, diagnosed with cancer for a second time

**Tori Izumi**, recovering from being hit by a car

**IL Sun Choi**, health concerns

**Members on hospice care, those suffering and in pain, and all seeking God's comfort and peace.**

**For those experiencing loss...**

**Prayers for Patty Kobayashi & family on the passing of her mother, Mary Rodriguez**

**Prayers for Tam Kobayashi & family on the passing of her father, Ken Kobayashi**

**Prayers for Wendy & Dennis Mochizuki & family on the passing of Kou Mochizuki**

**Prayers for the Tani, Toma & Taira family on the passing of Melvin Toma, whose Memorial was held on July 14**

**Prayers for the family of Jenny Harada and Kenny Iseri on the passing of their father, George Iseri**

**Joan Akamine, Ruth Sakamoto and Shirley Yahata on the passing of their friend, Marnie Strobel, and their brother Charles Tamashiro**

**Prayers for Sam Watanabe and family on the passing of his mother, Helen Watanabe**

**Prayers for the family of Jason Sasaki on the passing of his aunt, Suedy Sasaki**

**Prayers for Tish & Zion Une on the passing of Grandma/Great-Grandmother, Yoshiko Hayashida**

**Prayers for Lori Oshiro and family on the passing of husband and father, Eric Oshiro's and Eric's mother, Betty Oshiro**

## LONG TERM CONCERNS

**Rose Adachi**

**Robert Fujioka**

**Robert Kaneko**

**Aki Kashiwagi**

**Aline Kawasaki**

**Yoshiko Kuwabara**

**Carol Maryott** (friend of Lynne Vinluan)

**Fred Matsuyama**

**Shiz Nagata**

**Lynn Nagata**

**Irene Rhee**

**Paul Ohi**

**Mitsuko Sato**

**Mary Sakai**

**Frances Yonemori**

**Leland Tsukahira**

**Edna Young** (mother of Mark Young)

## ALL IN-PERSON gatherings will continue to be **SUSPENDED** until further notice.

August 2020

### 2 COMMUNION SUNDAY

**Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)**  
**Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)**  
**Online Worship Service (10:30am)**  
 10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry  
 10:40 a (online) TGIF/MYF  
 12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship

### 9 DAY CAMP SUNDAY

**Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)**  
**Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)**  
**Online Worship Service (10:30am)**  
 10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry  
 10:40 a (online) TGIF/MYF  
 12:00 p (online) Youth Advisor  
 12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship

### 16 ASIAN & J/H CAMP SUNDAY

**Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)**  
**Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)**  
**Online Worship Service (10:30am)**  
 10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry  
 10:40 a (online) TGIF/MYF  
 12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship

### 23 RALLY SUNDAY

**Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)**  
**Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)**  
**Online Worship Service (10:30am)**  
 10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry  
 10:40 a (online) TGIF/MYF  
 12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship

### 30

**Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)**  
**Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)**  
**Online Worship Service (10:30am)**  
 10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry  
 10:40 a (online) TGIF/MYF  
 12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship  
 12:00 p (online) Open Arms

### 3 Office Closed

9:00 a (online) Faithful Healing  
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room

### 10 Office Closed

12:00 p (online) Prayer Room  
 7:00 p (online) J-Manga

### 17 Office Closed

9:00 a (online) Faithful Healing  
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room  
 7:00 p (online) Social Actions

### 24 Office Closed

12:00 p (online) Prayer Room  
 7:00 p (online) J-Manga

### 31 Office Closed

12:00 p (online) Prayer Room

### 4

10:30 a (online) Bible Study  
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room  
 3:00 p (online) Social Action for Youth  
 7:00 p (online) Garden Teachers Mtg  
 7:30 p (online) Trustees

### 11

10:30 a (online) Bible Study  
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room  
 3:00 p (online) Social Action for Youth  
 7:00 p (online) SPRC

### 18

10:30 a (online) Bible Study  
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room  
 3:00 p (online) Social Action for Youth

### 25

10:30 a (online) Bible Study  
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room  
 3:00 p (online) Social Action for Youth  
 7:00 p (online) Ad Council

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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10:00 a (online) COM Meeting

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12:00 p (online) Prayer Room  
6:30 p (online) Choir Practice  
7:00 p (online) Bible Study  
7:30 p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

6

12:00 p (online) Prayer Room  
7:30 p (online) Awaken Worship

7

12:00 p (online) Prayer Room

8

12

12:00 p (online) Prayer Room  
6:30 p (online) Choir Practice  
7:00 p (online) Bible Study  
7:00 p (online) Hebrews  
7:30 p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

13

12:00 p (online) Prayer Room  
7:00 p (online) Blessed Are You  
7:30 p (online) Awaken Worship

14

10:00 a (online) Re-Entry Task Force Meeting  
12:00 p (online) Prayer Room

15

19 SHARED BREAD

12:00 p (online) Prayer Room  
5:00 p (online) Lay Leaders Mtg  
6:30 p (online) Choir Practice  
7:00 p (online) Bible Study  
7:30 p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

20

12:00 p (online) Prayer Room  
7:30 p (online) Awaken Worship

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12:00 p (online) Prayer Room

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12:00 p (online) Prayer Room  
6:30 p (online) Choir Practice  
7:00 p (online) Bible Study  
7:00 p (online) Hebrews  
7:30 p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

27

12:00 p (online) Prayer Room  
7:30 p (online) Awaken Worship

28

10:00 a (online) Re-Entry Task Force Meeting  
12:00 p (online) Prayer Room

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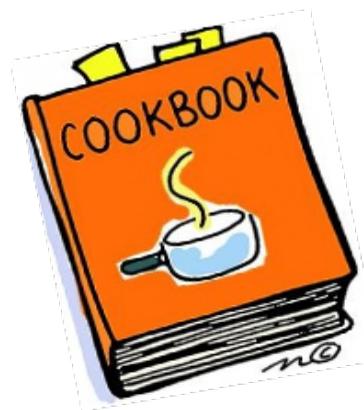
# 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Cookbook

Do you have favorite recipes you would like to share? Is there a special dish that is a favorite at our potlucks? Faith UMC is creating a new cookbook in celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & we are asking for you to submit some of your favorites!!

Please send in your recipes **BY AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>** either by:

1. Email to: [faithumc.recipes@gmail.com](mailto:faithumc.recipes@gmail.com) - OR-
2. Drop them off in the church mailbox - OR –
3. US Mail to church at: Faith UMC

2115 W. 182<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Torrance, CA 90504  
(Attn: Cookbook)



**PLEASE include the following information:**

1. Name of dish
2. Name of person submitting the recipe
3. # of SERVINGS
4. Amount of time needed for PREP
5. Amount of time needed for COOKING
6. INGREDIENTS & MEASUREMENTS
7. Step-by-step INSTRUCTIONS/DIRECTIONS
8. Any additional NOTES (i.e., special equipment needed, warming instructions, serving recommendations, etc...)
9. PHOTO of the dish (if possible)
10. Any special comment about the dish (i.e., “This dish will always remind me of my grandma because she used to make it for our family gatherings.”; “This is a Faith UMC potluck favorite!”)

**We can’t wait to get your delicious recipes!**

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) UPDATE:

- The Fellowship Hall Floor renovation is still in progress
- The North Gardena UMC cornerstone is being fabricated and installation will follow. This project is funded by The Cliff Mekarū Memorial Fund



Hi Faith UMC Family,

Hope you are safe and doing well. Although we are still at home, UMW has continued to support various missions. Within our community, members of our board have continued to be actively involved with social and climate justice initiatives. We are very excited to let you know that the new UMW dedicated Peace Pole will be installed in the next couple of months!

The board has continued to meet to discuss upcoming events and how we can support our church. After careful and thoughtful consideration, we have decided to postpone our annual UMW luncheon to 2021. This decision was not taken lightly. We want to do our part in keeping everyone safe so we can celebrate fully together.

As we continue to stay safe at home, we feel very blessed that we are able to continue our support to various missions.

We invite you to join us in making a difference. Your financial gift will help support many in need beyond the walls of our church family. You may mail your gift to the church. Checks can be made to “**Faith UMW**”. We appreciate your consideration, love and support.

Take Care!  
Kelley



## WELCOME BACK!

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) would like to officially welcome back Rev. Allison, Pastor Ki and Pastor Becky as Bishop Grant Hagiya has reappointed each of them to serve at Faith UMC for another year!

We are blessed and grateful to have our Pastoral Team remain intact to help navigate the Faith family through this unprecedented year of 2020. We look forward to their continued leadership and guidance.

Welcome back Rev. Allison, Pastor Ki and Pastor Becky!

## Cal-Pac Welcome Kits

Welcome Kits for LAHSA

In a partnership with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the California-Pacific Conference would like to provide up to 5,000 welcome kits over the next several months.

Faith United Methodist Church is being asked to act as an organizer for their congregations, to put the kits together at home and then return completed kits to the Faith United Methodist Church for those in need in Los Angeles County. Faith United Methodist Church is participating in the food pantry ministries, so there is a box at church to collect those items as well. Your kits can be drop-off in the box for collection at Faith United Methodist Church.

The kits should include the following:

- sturdy bag like a tote or drawstring backpack
- a kind note of encouragement
- toiletries (toothbrush/paste, lotion, soap, deodorant, lip balm, etc.)
- journal or notebook with writing utensils
- snacks (pretzels, popcorn, chips, dried fruit, granola bars, etc.)
- two to three activity items (movies, books, Sudoku, puzzle, cards, knitting, hand weights, etc.)
- new socks



Faith United Methodist Church is adding the face masks when the kits are returned to church. If you would like to donate to the kits, you can send a check to Faith United Methodist Church and in the note section for Cal-Pac Kits. The items to complete the kits will be purchased with the check money.

Thank you for your willingness to help and contribute to be in ministry with those at risk from the COVID-19 virus.



Faith UMC has been , through Handiwork for Service, sending to Operation Gratitude scarves, gaitors, and hats for the soldiers serving in places worldwide. If you can knit, crochet, or quilt such items, contact Barbara Takumi for instructions and turn in items to her.

Among the many things collected are beanie baby type toys, new or gently used. Seems like these are easy for soldiers to carry and are comforting for them. About 100,000 are needed every year. Each care package to a soldier contains 1 beanie baby stuffed toy. The stuffed animals should be 6-8 inches tall. The plush toys are also given by the soldiers to children they encounter in the war zones. Leave the beanie babies in narthex boxes with labels of your name and Operation Gratitude.

Thank you for considering helping in this effort!

Barbara Takumi

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is expanding its efforts in the fight against the novel coronavirus and the disease it causes, COVID-19. UMCOR has launched a giving campaign, “Sheltering in Love,” to assist vulnerable communities in the United States and around the world.



Gifts to the UMCOR COVID-19 Response Fund should be directed to Advance #3022612. To give online, visit <https://advance.umcmission.org/p-2025-umcor-covid-19-response-fund.aspx>. To give by check, send checks payable to Advance GCFA to:

Global Ministries/UMCOR GPO  
P.O. BOX 9068 New York, NY 10087.

Additional PSAs for our congregation:

Reminding everyone to stay healthy, stay safe, and stay calm. We’re all in this together. If you have questions about safety regulations or about the COVID-19 response, go to:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/>

The 2020 Census has been extended through August. Please fill out your census forms to avoid being scammed. Be cautious of people coming to your door claiming to be census workers. The Census Bureau will never ask for: Your Social Security number, your bank account or credit card numbers, anything on behalf of a political party, money or donations. [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)

Dear Faith,  
Continuing with creation care at home this month we wanted to get you familiar with a some Christian environmental groups! Check out their websites to read about who they are and learn about what they do!



1) [The Evangelical Environmental Network](#)

The Evangelical Environmental Network (EEN) is a ministry that educates, inspires, and mobilizes Christians in their effort to care for God's creation, to be faithful stewards of God's provision, to get involved in regions of the United States and the world impacted by pollution, and to advocate for actions and policies that honor God and protect the environment.

2) [A Rocha](#)

A Rocha is a Christian nature conservation organization, our name coming from the Portuguese for 'the Rock', as the first initiative was a field study center in Portugal. A Rocha projects are frequently cross-cultural in character and share a community emphasis, with a focus on science and research, practical conservation and environmental education.

3) [Creation Care Missions Podcast](#)

Creation care is not about political agendas or add-on activities to evangelical mission. The call to steward God's creation is a complex and multifaceted one, pointing us toward a recapturing of our original mandate as stewards of creation—laboring with Christ over creation and over the souls living in it. Creation care can be the catalyst to release a powerful witness of God's heart among the nations.

William Morris  
Chair of Creation Care Committee



AV Department is looking for assistance with regards to the production of our weekly services. This means recording, editing and helping with live streaming of the weekly services on Sunday. If you are able and are interesting in helping out, please email us at [communications@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)

Your help would be greatly appreciated, especially during these difficult times of the pandemic.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.  
Julie W. Inouye  
AV Coordinator



## FAITH SMALL GROUPS LAUNCH...

*For all who are interested in a new launch to help facilitate a small group.*

Small Group Ministry goes way back to John Wesley's "Holy Club." We want to bring that back to our context so that we begin growing together as Christians. We have all been doing our best to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, and small group gatherings can be a way to remind one another of Jesus' good news. Small Groups can be created by affinity, age or places in life, or if you are open to a diverse or new group, this may be right up your alley!

So for those who have wanted to experience a spiritual faith community through small groups, Rev. Allison and Pastor Ki want to invite you to play a part in starting up Faith Small Groups. If you are interested in being a part of the leadership or facilitating a Small Group, please email us both at [RevAllison@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:RevAllison@faithsouthbay.org) and [PastorKi@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:PastorKi@faithsouthbay.org) As soon as we receive email



## WEEK DAY BIBLE STUDIES & PRAYER ROOMS

We will be continuing our ONLINE Mid-Week Bible Studies but are reducing our Prayer Room Hours to Noon on Weekdays.

We encourage you to join a Bible Study in the evenings for check-in and prayer.

Sunday Coffee & Fellowship Hour - Sundays, Noon-1:00pm -

Grab your coffee or lunch after worship and say hi to all of your friends!

Weekly Bible Study and Mid-Week Worship Opportunities - Tuesday, 10:30-11:30am, Wednesday, 7:00-8:00pm

\* 2nd and 4th Weds 7:00pm (HeBrews) and Thursday, 7:30pm (Awaken Simple Church) --

Contact Pastor Ki or Rev. Allison for link

Prayer Room Meetings - Monday-Friday, 12:00-1:00pm

\*\*The LINK/PHONE NUMBER will always be the same:

Downloading ZOOM app is optimal, but you can call in WITHOUT the ZOOM app to participate.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/5883329633> <---- This is the link to access the Conference Call

One tap mobile

+16699009128,,5883329633# US <----- You can one-touch dial this from your Smart phone

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 9128 US <---- If you are dialing in from your home phone, use THIS number, then when prompted, dial the Meeting ID, followed by the # sign: Meeting ID: 588 332 9633#



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In-person groups that meet that are **SUSPENDED:**  
Caregivers' Support, WIT, MSG, Senior Hangout, WISH,  
Utai Masho & Hula

## caregivers' support

The Caregivers' Support provides support to adults who are caring for aging parents and spouses. We also provide resources in the fields of elder care, Alzheimer's disease, and other end-of-life issues.

Please do contact Karen Ageno for resource information.

For more information, contact Joanne Sato or contact the church office. [communications@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)

## Men's Support Group (MSG)

2nd Tuesday, 11:00 am

**No meeting in August**

The Men's Support Group is mainly for widowers. We share the experience of loss of loved ones, but also explore redefining their lives and significance in face of this loss. They meet to (1) experience cooking and sharing foods together under the leadership of Ralph Ichikawa, and (2) listen to participants' life experience as they see their significance in light of Christian belief.

For more information, contact Mas Oshiro or contact the church office. [communications@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)

Women in Transition:  
WGSG: Women's Grief  
& Support Group

**2nd Tuesday of the month**  
**No meeting in August**

We welcome all women to join us for encouragement, support, fellowship & spiritual growth as we journey through various transitions in our lives, such as loss of loved ones, friends, job, health & loneliness.

Rev. Allison is our Inspirational Leader

For more information contact Lorraine Tani or Harriet Tateyama  
[communications@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)



## Senior hang-out

1st and 3rd Monday 8:30am

**No meeting in August**

Join us for a few hours of fun, fellowship and refreshments. We play games such as hanafuda, hand-and-foot, 21 and mahjong. If you are not a game person, you can sit around and "talk story", quilt or get help with your ipad or smartphone. Bring a friend for this wonderful fellowship time.

Coordinators: Joanne Sato and David Sato. For more information, contact Joanne Sato or contact the church office.

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays • 10:00 am  
**No meeting in August**

Women in Support and Hope gather together to explore their personal faith journey and receive encouragement and spiritual nourishment.

For more information contact Joanne Sato or contact the church office.

*communications@faithsouthbay.org*

Utai Masho (Sing Along)

2nd Thursdays, 10:00 am

**No meeting in August**

Do you like to sing? Do you like to listen to music? Do you like to talk to people? Come and join us on the second Thursday of the month at 10am! We will sing both Japanese and English songs.

For more information, contact Sue Watanabe, or Mary Tamura or contact the church office.

*communications@faithsouthbay.org*

### Faith UMC Hula Outreach Ministry

Instructor: Mark Chun

E Komo Mai! Welcome!

Everyone from the ages of 3 - 103 is welcomed to join Faith's newly established Hula Ministry. No prior dancing experience necessary.

The class will meet twice a month (1st & 3rd Saturday of the month) from 9:00-10:30 am in the Activity Room

Dates: **Returning soon! Local Park & Time TBA**

For more information, contact Mark Chun or contact the church office.

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Logos Bible Study, Blessed Bento, Blessed Are You,  
Open Arms, HeBrews, Men's Breakfast & Choir

## Blessed Bento

No meeting in August



We will be following the new Safer at Home protocol for cooking and delivering with a smaller team.

On the 1st Sat. of each month, about 25 women gather in the "Faith love kitchen" to prepare and deliver delicious, healthy home cooked meals for Faith members and friends to let them know we are thinking of them, they are loved, they are not forgotten. We start at 9:00 am and finish around noon. If you can help, please join us! All are welcome, no experience necessary. You will learn how to make delicious meals, the lunches are so appreciated by our recipients, and you will also enjoy eating what you prepare. If you would like to receive Blessed Bento or know someone who would, please let Mari know. For more information, contact Mari Sakaguchi or contact the church office.

[communications@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)

## Logos Bible Study

1st and 3rd Tuesdays • 10:30 am (online)

Pastor Ki Choi is our Inspirational Logos Teacher. Come join this group if you desire to grow deeper in Christ. We are currently studying the Book of Genesis.



1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7 pm (online)

Blessed Are You (BAY) is Faith's women's bible study group open to women of all ages. We generally meets twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7-9pm. Please join us as we study the book "After God's Heart," led by Alice Mark. BAY is designed for you to join in when you can, so feel free to jump in any time!

All are welcome, bring a friend. Interesting group discussions, great fellowship, and light refreshments are served.

For more information, contact Alice Mark or contact the church office.

[communications@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)



Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm (online).

For more information, contact Stephen Bullard or contact the church office.

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## **Open Arms Support Group**



**Last Sunday of Month, 12:00 pm (online)**

The Open Arms Support Group's mission is to provide a place of love and support for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and queer individuals (LGBTQ), as well as for their families, friends and allies. In addition to promoting a greater understanding and respect, the group seeks to provide educational resources related to LGBTQ issues and challenges.

Our goal is to become an inclusive faith community that embraces all individuals regardless of ethnicity, race, color, nationality, age, physical ability, family structure, social or economic status, sexual orientation or gender identity. It is our hope and prayer that whoever wishes to participate fully in the life and ministry of Faith UMC may do so freely, openly and unconditionally in accordance with God's plan and grace.

Please feel free to contact

Derek Murakami

*openarms@faithsouthbay.org.*

## **HE•brews**

**2nd & 4th Wednesdays • 7:00 pm (online)**

Fellowship with Christian men in a casual and low-key setting? Check. Making connections inter-generationally? Check. "Breaking bread" (with chips and popcorn) and building friendships with other guys outside of Sunday worship? Check. Meet another Brian Fujimori from our congregation? Check.

Hi, my name is Brian Fujimori and these are some of the highlights that come to mind when I think of our HeBrews men's ministry. It's been fun getting to know the guys outside of church to chat about our families, to find out what's going on in our lives and to share challenges and triumphs that we're experiencing. Come join us every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month.

For more information contact Neal Miyake or contact the church office.

*hebrews.faithumc@gmail.com*

## **Men's Breakfast Club**

**Once a month, Fridays, 8:00 am**

**Meeting August 7th (online)**

Once a month the men (all generations) gather at Country Touch Cafe for food and fellowship.



Please sign up with Herb Aoyama or contact:  
*communications@faithsouthbay.org*

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Going farther for Christ

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