



good news

JANUARY 2021

It's a new year, beloved community. Yet for the world, we enter 2021 with a kind of intrepidation into the unknown. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote: "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. He is rich who owns the day, and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with fret and anxiety." And Emerson, great American essayist, lecturer, philosopher, and poet would get our feelings of fret and anxiety, as he lived through the tragic cholera and smallpox pandemics of his time.



The year 2021 has been long looked forward to once we all realized that our quarantine "lockdown" had been extended far beyond the initial weeks of the "Safer At Home" guidelines put out by the CDC last March. But here we are, feeling as though we are in a similar state that we were 10 months ago, with COVID diagnosis cases climbing and hitting closer to home each day. Neighbors and loved ones are being diagnosed. Our pantries are stocked with toilet paper and antibacterial sanitizers. The scarcity of face masks has turned into mask collections of many designs. We miss being physically being with friends and family and gathering for worship and fellowship. BUT! HOPE is on the horizon and we must cling to it, "The steadfast love of God never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning." -- Lamentations 5:22-23. Lamentations, a book where God invites us to shake our fists and lament when we are angry and frustrated with our life situations, reminding us though that God is with us even in these difficult times.

And in recognizing that it IS a new dawn, a new day, and a new hope, that what we, as people of Faith must tightly hold onto and lift up. Christ came to us as a small child, helpless, needing the care of others, human, yet divine--divine, in that through his own delivery, he delivered to us a most precious care package from God, LOVE & HOPE. Hope that the working vaccination will soon be disseminated to our populations. Hope that we can lift up and support each other. Hope that we can find new ways to care for the world and God's creation. Hope that we can return to each other safely again.

But I want to prepare our congregation. In the next several pages and through the ministries we are lifting up during this time of remaining in our homes and doing "church" virtually, we need EACH of you to play a role in being the life of the church in the world today, following Christ's commandment to "make Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world." We are inviting you to come with us on a new ADVENTure as we seek to build the Kin-dom of God here on earth. Enter into 2021 with us, hopeful, vigilant, and with God walking with us every step of the way!

Be.Still. In this Epiphany Season, like the Magi's journey, one in which we recognize new and bright ideas for our congregation and community, you are invited to journey together through the darkness and shining a light into the world for others to see how Christ's love and hope endure even in these time. Journey with us as we Vision 2021 and seeking how we can "Be." and "Still." in the world as children of God.



Our Theme for 2021 will be: "Be.Still." As in the phrase from Psalm 46:10, "Be Still, and Know That I am God." Entering into another year of deep contemplation, we are asking each other what it means to "Be Still," and deconstructing the "stillness" and the action of "be"-coming. (More on that to come!) Throughout the month of January beginning on January 10, a different clergy person will preach on what: "STILL" could mean. Throughout the year, we will be inviting you to "BE" in action with us a Faith community!

For the 2021 year, our 61st year as the community that gathers as Faith United Methodist Church, we are inviting us to not write New Year's resolutions per se (or as they say, "a to-do list made for the first week of the year!"), but to really hold ourselves accountable as a community of Faith to BE the church of God in the world for the whole year round. We may have felt as though we missed a lot of big milestones and opportunities for mission in 2020, including our 60th anniversary, but as a church, we found new and innovative ways to do so much. This year will not be any different. As your Senior Pastor, I would like to propose a following 2021 Strategic Plan for our congregation:

1. **RECOGNITION & ADAPTATION:** Realizing that we will be a "new church" when we return to in-person gatherings, we know we all must be prepared--mentally, physically, and spiritually. We all have had a big dose of "new church" last year when our format for worship, meetings, and spiritual formation had to quickly adapt to go online or via drive-thru. EVERYONE, (not even clergy and staff are an exception), will be returning to a "NEW church" because there will be so many rituals and ministries we will have to do differently and "we have never done it that way before." Change is difficult for everyone, but for our congregation's health and safety, it must happen. Not everything will be changed, but how we "do" the logistics of church will be new for us all and we ask for your prayers, patience, feedback, flexibility and support.



2. **ASSESSMENT & PREPARATION:** As a Congregation, we need to take a Step Back and assess how we are going to move forward as a church and center for community for the SouthBay area. That means:

- Gathering with leadership at our **January 9, 2021, 10am Council on Ministries meeting** and inviting Ministry leaders to be a part of the brainstorming and planning process through Break-out rooms on Zoom.
- Regularly meet with Church Ad Council Leadership, Lay Leaders, and Laity to create our **Master Plan** and **3, 5, and 7 Vision Plan** for the both the campus and ministries of Faith.
- Create Town Halls and regular “State of the Church” gatherings on the **LAST SUNDAY of every month** during our **Zoom Noon Coffee & Fellowship Hour**.
- Creating new interactive surveys to help get a better pulse on our congregation.
- The **Re-Entry committee**, convened by Minister Eric Iki will continue to practice our protocol, guidelines, and training to refine them for physical in-person worship, events, classes, and meetings.
- Prepare our **Clergy and Staff** for upcoming changes and staying up-to-date on the latest needs for our Church Office.

3. **WELCOME & INVITATION IMPLEMENTATION:** We want to be intentional about connecting and living the Life of Christ. Even in the midst of assessment and preparing for our in-person return, the life of the church continues...

- Invitation to our Laity to be leaders and engage more fully in the life of the church, even from your home computers and devices. Small Groups, Spiritual Formation Bible Studies and other gatherings need to outreach to those who have yet to connect spiritually and with one another. We want to encourage all Ministry Chairs to also find a spiritual place for YOU to grow and will be leadership into study together.
- Pastoral Care is seeking a way to connect all those whom we may have missed or have been distant from the church. If you are able to make Friendship Phone Calls or can deliver Communion Elements monthly, we are seeking a Shepherding Team that can be trained as our Stephen’s Ministers in the New Year. (Please let me know if you are interested!)
- Membership & Baptism has been a way that we, as a church have borne witness to God’s work in and through the world as we will be creating new opportunities for those interested in joining Faith and the Christian family.
- Spiritual Formation continues as we have consistently met for weekly Bible Studies on Tuesday mornings (Bible Study and LOGOS. 10:30am), Wednesdays (Mid-Week Study & HEBrews, 7pm), Thursdays (BAY & Simple Church), as well as other small groups that continue to creatively meet or connect (Monday Book Club, Mens’ Breakfast, WISH, WIT, MSG, Primetimers.) And we want to connect YOU if you are not yet engaged in the available opportunities.

These are preliminary ideas to guide us into 2021. Your thoughts and feedback are ALWAYS welcome and we thank you for your continued love and grace as we journey together! In this New Year, May God fill your hearts with Love and Hope,

Allison K Mark



Good News from Pastor Ki..

Happy New Year! Although the beginning of Advent would be the new year for Christians, I am happy to enter 2021 nonetheless. It is easy for me to say I want to forget 2020, but I pray like anything else, we could learn from 2020 and bring the blessings with us into this new year. I would be curious to hear from others, this year's new year's resolutions. I would still think people will want to exercise more to lose weight (I raise my hand), be nicer, be more thoughtful, go to church more often, and of course, stay in touch more often with friends and family. If we've learned anything from 2020, it is not to take relationships and God's blessings for granted. Although 2020 was far from being perfect at any level, the Advent season was even more challenging as COVID-19 cases were rising more than ever. The week before Christmas, news reported 1 out of every 20 people were testing positive. How can we as Christ followers adhere to God's instructions to think of others so that in God's big picture, we all benefit from it - short term sacrifices for long-term life. I remember after discussing with the Garden Directors about abandoning the idea of having a Nativity drive thru, without a whole lot of time after the decision, we had to come up with an alternative. Amanda (member of Garden Directors), Ainise (current church intern), and I gathered ideas from the Garden ministry, youth ministry and staff. We decided to put Jesus' birth story online as part of our Christmas Sunday's 10:30 worship. Even though we had to change directions, one thing we continue to experience is the light of Christ breaking through the darkness of 2020. We all know life has been bleak, but we can continue to encounter the One who is at the center of all of our celebrations. Let's continue to edify one another towards responding to God's grace with peace, hope, joy, love, and of course Faith. Let's continue to find ways to work together to spread the light of Christ to others, starting with the folks who are in our circles.



We will continue to offer online ministries for 2021 until further notice from our state and federal departments inform us otherwise. For updated church info, please check out our Website: www.faithsouthbay.org

- Online Worship (all worship services to be live at 8:30 am and 10:30 am first)
 - a. On YouTube, type faithsouthbay.org and subscribe.
 - b. On Facebook, type faithsouthbay.org and add to the comment section your thoughts as you view the worship during the Sunday morning time.
 - c. If you happen to miss the Sunday morning worship services, then look up the church website provided so that you can catch the recorded versions.
- A few reminders...
 - a. Sunday @ 10 am: Garden Ministry classes, Pre-K – 5th Grade (contact the church if you are interested for your child, but do not have the zoom link)
 - b. Sunday at 7 pm: TGIF (middle school) & MYF (high school) (contact the church if you are interested for your child, but do not have the zoom link)
 - c. Check out the website or contact the church if you are moved to participate in our already existing Bible Studies.

Nihongobu News



「新年」

明けましておめでとうございます!今年もよろしく申し上げます。主に大きな期待をもって、新しい年を迎えられたでしょうか。「主があなたを祝福し、あなたを守られますように。主が御顔をあなたに照らし、あなたを恵まれますように。主が御顔をあなたに向け、あなたに平安を与えられますように。」(民数記6:24-26)主の祝福、守り、恵みと平安を祈り願う年を迎えたいと思います。

2021年子どもミニストリーは、1月よりクラスを増やす計画です。聖書を読んでひらがなの勉強を行う楽しいクラスに、多くの子ども達が参加できるようお祈りしたいと思います。

1月16日(土)行われる毎年恒例のお雑煮は、全教会をあげての新年祝日です。喜びに溢れた主の交わりが祝されますようにと願っています。
今年も素晴らしい主に期待してイエス様の御名を讃える年になりますように。

Akemashite Omedetoo-gozaimasus! Happy New Year! I would like to start this year with great expectation in the Lord. My prayer goes to our brothers and sisters: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."(Numbers 6:24-26)

This year, we will add two more Kodomo Nihongo classes by Zoom. Kodomo learn to read and write Hiragana by Kodomo Bible, by singing, and by having fun time.

On January 16th, we have our annual All-Church-Ozoni day. Please sign-up at church office to make sure we prepare enough mochi. (pounded fresh!)

May the Lord bless us with joyous New Year celebration! 平田

Ozoni

January 16, 2021

11:30am – 12:30pm



Please RSVP to Sandy in the Church office
(310) 217-7000 to sign up.

Deadline to sign up: January 8, 2021 by 3:00pm

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Happy New Year, Garden Families!

“Should auld acquaintance be forgot...” is the first line to the famous song Auld Lang Syne, and it’s about putting the past behind us in the New Year. At the end of each year, we spend some time reflecting, going over the things we want to leave in the past and those we’d like to hold onto as we head into the future.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (NIV)

Philippians 3:13-14 - Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

The New Year means a lot of different things to different people, and there are a number of New Year’s Bible verses that can help us navigate our way into a new 365-day cycle. As we’re all probably looking to put the past behind us, let us not forget that we will still be facing a pandemic in 2021 and we can’t ease the restrictions of keeping ourselves and each other safe. However, as we remain hopeful that we will soon get out of this pandemic, we can use these bible verses above as reminders of the hope and joy we always have in Jesus.

College & Young Adult



Every Thursday, 7:30pm



We all recognize the difficulty and impact the pandemic has had on the world. Simple Church has been a safe space for young adults to gather and share our thoughts, prayers, and reflections on life during this time.

Join us on Thursday evening, beginning on January 7th as we start the new year with a conversation on "God in the Pandemic." We are inviting all Young People to join our Zoom small group as we check-in with you all to find out how we can find ways to connect creatively and beginning planning what our return to Faith will look like. The group will also be encouraged to help steer the direction of not only their Thursday night group, but ways to connect via worship and mission.

Calling upon all PARENTS of Young Adults to encourage your college-aged and young professionals to join in the support of this ministry by inviting them to join the first gathering of the new year.

Zoom Room Meeting ID: contact Rev. Allison or Pastor Ki for the link.

Hi Family and Friends,

TGIFF:MYF



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a healthy and safe Holiday Season! I can't believe it's already 2021, with all the ups and downs of 2020 it is refreshing to enter this new year! We are continuing to pray for all those affected by Covid 19 and I hope you all are doing all you can to stay safe. As we wrapped up the year 2020 in December, we wanted to thank all those who made it out to our Youth Toy Drive for Love Inc (Love In the Name of Christ). We were able to collect over \$1000 in gift cards and over \$2000 in toys and gifts for so many Children and Families. Thank you for your love and support during this Holiday Season and giving to those who needed a little help this year. It was so nice to see all of you during the drive thru and thank you for following our safety guidelines and procedures. As we enter into the new year we are continuing to join together on zoom and discord for Friday Night Fellowship and Youth Group Time. We are still meeting at 7pm on Sundays and 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. Please keep a lookout for any updates on meeting in person and events as we are hoping to transition back into that when it's safe! Thank you for all your continuous love and support for the Youth Ministries throughout this year and looking forward to what God has planned for us in 2021!

God Bless,
Darrell Mark - Faith UMC Youth Director

Where Love Lies

Cal-Pac asked members in our conference the question, "Where Love Lies" and one of the responses came from Victor "Tre" Cyrus-Franklin. Tre is in the 8th grade and attends both Inglewood First and Faith. Read on to see where he believes "Love Lies!"

I'm a double P.K. My father is a United Methodist pastor and my mother is a Presbyterian clergyman. I've probably seen a lot more scripture than the average kid. I've had many opportunities to read and learn about new scriptures in the Bible. Scripture can be found and be used by anyone anywhere, especially in church. It doesn't matter who you are, scripture can always be helpful. I believe scripture teaches that the church should be for all people. Whether people of different beliefs, non-believers, different races, ethnic groups, genders, gay or transgender, rich and poor, big or small, the church should be for anyone.

My first real introduction to scripture was Bible study. Bible study was very special to me and was taught by my grandfather, who was the pastor of Angeles Mesa Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles. All my friends from school went as well. Even after I changed schools, I still went there every Wednesday to come and learn about scripture. Even though I went to Bible study at that church, most of the time I went to worship at Holman United Methodist Church in Los Angeles, because my dad was the associate pastor there at the time. One of the stories that stands out most from Bible study is the story of the Good Samaritan.

The story of the Good Samaritan, found in Luke 10:25-37, is a story about two groups of people. The first were the Jews and the second were called the Samaritans. The two groups absolutely despised each other. However, a Jewish man went on a treacherous hike. He ended up getting in a terrible accident and was hopeless. Three people (who were Jews) just passed him and left him to die. However, a Samaritan decided to help him. Even though it could've meant big trouble for the both of them, he did it anyway. It ended up great for both groups.

This story teaches that no matter who a person is we can still congregate together, work together and love another. The Good Samaritan story teaches that we have to have God's love in our hearts to help others, regardless of who they are.

Now, I am a part of the youth group at Faith UMC in Torrance. My dad is friends with the pastors of Faith. So naturally, I started to get involved with the stuff that they did there about two years ago. I started to go to each of the meetings and, in those meetings, we would mainly talk about scripture. We play a little game, pray, someone leads everyone in a sermon and then we talk about it. Within that sermon, there would be a standout scripture that we would use for discussion. This is a place that allowed me to look at a scripture and break it down to determine exactly what it means. We talk about how we include God in our daily lives. In one lesson, we talked about Jesus' words to "Love your enemies." We talked about kids at school that we didn't particularly like, but how we still need to love and respect them. We have to love everyone. It is overall just a great place to fellowship together and grow more in touch with God.

Scripture (in my opinion) is a way for people to understand exactly what God wants for us to do. Whenever something goes right and whenever something goes wrong, we can turn to scripture to help us out. Scripture is a way for all of God's children to seek help with whatever is happening. The best place to do this is the church. Any church. This is the best place to experience scripture in and out. However, the church isn't just for reading scripture, but a place to congregate with others and heal. This is why I think it's wrong when people say that "bad" people shouldn't go to church. It doesn't matter at all the kind of person you are. No matter the race, religion, beliefs or status, you should be able to come to church. Even though I am unable to go to church right now with my family at Inglewood First UMC in Inglewood, CA, I am able to learn these scripture lessons in many places, including our family devotion, youth group on Zoom and sermons from my dad. I remember one of my dad's sermon illustrations about a guy at a restaurant. He ordered food, but others who ordered after he did got their food first and they teased him. When he got his food, it was late because it was a special order from the chef herself and that made the others be quiet. If they had not teased him, they would not have felt as rotten when he got his food. This story says we should treat all people with respect and love. Jesus says, "the last shall be first and the first shall be last." In short, scripture teaches to treat people how you want to be treated. God's love is for everyone. That's everything.

Tre' Cyrus-Franklin
Inglewood First United Methodist Church

For me, the pastoral life may seem, well, pastoral. I've always pictured it to look like this: The contented reverend leaning back on a big oak tree in front of a bubbling stream drawing inspiration from nature and the heavens, jotting down a few thoughts to deliver to an enrapt congregation come Sunday morning. But boy has this changed, especially today. As I continue to learn and see firsthand at Faith UMC, there's way more to it than that. Yes, there are church meetings, missions, the business of running a church, along with budgets and maintenance. There may be squabbles among the congregation or staff, positions that need filling, volunteers who need to be praised or budgets devised.



However, to give a person like myself a glimpse of what it's like to lean toward a life in the clergy and to see what I am really getting into, especially in this "new normal" setting, I thank God that it is at this church. I have been blessed to learn and grow at Faith UMC of Torrance.

These past four months, I feel like I am just starting to get into the groove of things. So far, this journey has led me to participate weekly in worship and preach. I was able to meet via zoom with most committees and ministries. Up until this very week, I continue to attend the Tuesday morning bible study that is led by Danny Hirata. I join weekly the Simple Church bible study with the young adults of Faith UMC on Thursday evenings. I was given an opportunity to lead the UMW program for the peace pole dedication. Additionally, I also lead the staff retreat, where the theme focused on building communication and relationship. I was blessed to work alongside Pastor Ki, Amanda Taketa and the Garden Ministry in producing the Christmas Story. Although I did not meet the children in person, but hearing their voices to tell the Christmas Story made it much more special.

My experience at Faith UMC has surpassed all expectations. To be honest, prior to coming, I did wonder what an internship would look like during a pandemic. The uncertainty that this pandemic brought had many organizations, especially churches, scrambling to create an action plan on how to approach ministry virtually.

I know I've said this plenty of times in bible study and even in conversation. but even after 10 long months of social distancing and quarantine, Faith UMC has never missed a beat! All the opportunities to lead in any capacity so far has been amazing. However, the biggest ministry highlight for me, is seeing and helping behind the scenes. Many of you may watch service, even read the newsletter to see what is happening next at Faith UMC, but to see it all firsthand, there are no words.

In this pandemic, the staff at Faith UMC is by far at the forefront of being creative and innovative in online worshipping and really adapting, as well as setting the bar to doing things in a new way. The unending work Rev. Allison, Pastor Ki, Pastor Becky and Minister Eric does to ensure the weekly sermon is done, pastoral prayers are updated and shared, and confirming the order of worship is meaningful and relevant. All the while, working to create spaces for all ministries to continue to serve in a safe and healthy environment while upholding CDC regulations. One of the top priorities I have seen firsthand is their work collaboratively to ensure transparent communication. For example, making certain the newsletters, DVDs and food are delivered. This is just to name a few.

I get to see the amazing work of the office staff, Sandy and Rachel. I see the coordination, responsibilities, impeccable balance that need to be done. They always go above and beyond. Let me not forget about the phenomenal AV gifts of Julie. There's a smooth flow when we are recording because of Julie's beforehand hard work. She is constantly and consistently trying to find ways to help all ministries. I've seen her and her husband, Alan, make soups and bread so that it can be delivered together with newsletters and DVDs.

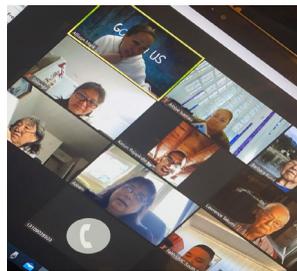
Lastly and certainly the hardest working person I have ever seen, the technology extraordinaire, Chad! He is the first person to show up and the last to leave. A man of few words, but his actions speak volumes. There is not enough space in this column to share how much work he does behind the scenes that it leaves me in awe every day.

Saying that Faith UMC staff has a great way of working together each week is an understatement. The staff has been able to run with this passion and it continues to show up in the people of Faith UMC. The good people of this church keep the ministries going by helping and supporting in all ways, even from the comfort of their homes.

This church has been my saving grace during a time of turmoil. I have fallen more in love with Christ because of the work I see and continue to be part of at Faith UMC.

As we move into the year of 2021, my vision of a pastor no longer holds to what I imagined from the beginning. It is now a multi-tasker extraordinaire that knows to do God's work, it means understanding that the work cannot be done alone. It means to be a life-long learner that needs to don a fresh pair of eyes and new listening ears daily. I understand that it's going to be really tough at times, and it will take every ounce of strength I have. But there's no greater privilege, and no deeper joy, than to see the word of God at work in people's lives by the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit day by day. I continue to ask God to cover this church and all ministries. So that it continues to "be the church" for all God's people.

Sending love and grace,
Ainise



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 January 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.



January 3 - Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Communion Sunday:
get out your
communion elements

January 10- Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

Be Still Part 1
bring a bowl of water
to worship

January 17 - 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

Be Still Part 2

January 24 - 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Be Still Part 3

January 31 - 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Be Still Part 4

Join us



Live

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

@10:30 AM service

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Replay 10:30 AM service at 5:00 PM

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

Pastor Becky Hirata



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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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I know that we were looking forward to 2020 going away, hoping that COVID went away with it. However, that's not the case. Regardless of everything going on, I still hope that this new year is a source of joy, hope, and wonder as we step into 2021.

We've gotten pretty good at our drive through events, so please be on the lookout for future ones! If you're a ministry and want to do a drive through, please let me know so we can begin planning! I hope that all of you are staying safe and staying healthy during this time. We miss all of you!

Many blessings,
Minister Eric Iki



Phase 2

What's allowed in concurrence with Faith's reentry protocols	What isn't allowed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parking lot worship ● Pre-approved gathering of 10 or less people (i.e. Worship Team) ● Drive through events including food pickup ● Outdoor events with social distancing ● Indoor funerals and weddings with 10 or less people ● Virtual meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indoor worship or gatherings with more than 10 people ● Indoor meetings

**DEDICATED TO THE
FAITH UMC MINISTRY**

Pat & Brian Akahiji

In memory of Stanley Akahiji

Sharon Aoki

Jean Mitsutomi

Tak & Irene Ryono

Paul & Margie Tarumoto

Mitzi Ueda

In memory of Pastor Ki's mother,

IL Sun Choi

Danny Hirata

In memory of Cedric Goto

Kiki Hashimoto

Joyce Matsubara

Yoshi Yamasaki

In memory of Chiz Hara

Marion Antoku

In memory of Stanley Karakawa

Danny Hirata

In memory of

Robert Kuhlmann Sr.

Masako & Preston Akiyama

Franklin & Amy Hayakawa

Danny Hirata

Sumie & Tak Horii

Linda Jung

Chris Kamatani

Nishi Family

Barbara & Lawrence Takumi

June & Russel Tsuda

Yoshi Yamasaki

In memory of Thurston Morita

Yoshi Yamasaki

In memory of Hideko Nishihara

Pat & Brian Akahiji & Family

Ginny Yamamoto

In memory of Helen Tokashiki

Norma Ishigo

Linda Jung

Sue & Kunio Kunisaki

Jennie Shitakubo

Lorraine Tani

Paul & Margie Tarumoto

In memory of James Toma

Paul & Margie Tarumoto

In memory of Robert Toma

Sumie & Tak Horii

Faye Toma

In memory of Edward Wada

Tak & Irene Ryono

Paul & Margie Tarumoto

In memory of Blackie Yamamoto

Louise Sakamoto

*In memory of loved ones lost
to Faith members & friends in
recent months*

Gloris Fujita & Caitlin O'Brien

Barbara Ueda

Yoshi Yamasaki

60th Anniversary

Mark & Kristen Katayama

Kira's Baptism

Brian & Karen Fujimori

Young Adult Ministry Donation

Yumika Kobayashi

Halloween Drive-thru Donation

Jane Kiyohara

Prime Timers Donation

Ramsay & Amy Higa

Linda Jung

Barbara & Lawrence Takumi

Corazon Donation

Alvin & Janet K. Yamada

S.A.Y. Donation & Toy Drive

Tak & Lori Ishikawa

Thank you

Ted & Joyce Hirayama

*Thank you for delivering lunch to
our home*

IN KIND DONATIONS

Susan DeGracia
*9 Crocheted hats for Master's
Kitchen & homeless
9 hats for local outreach charity -
Rainbow Services*

Rose Omoto
*Hand-knitted prayer shawl
1 prayer crocheted shawl
Box of rubber stamps
Box of embellishments*

Kaz Tatsumi
*Knitted 11 gators, 2 shawls for
soldiers through Operation
Gratitude*

Momo Wada
*24 Crocheted hats for Master's
Kitchen & soldiers through
Operation Gratitude*

Geraldine Oda
*30 scarves &
7 crocheted blankets*

CELEBRATIONS IN OUR
COMMUNITY

Jacob Ageno
*Son of Ryan & Ashley Ageno,
first-born grandchild of
Karen Ageno*

WE MOVED

Tak & Hiroko Minei
(new address)
1420 Oakmont Road #139-J
Seal Beach, CA 90740

Maxine & Roger Butcher
1591 Interlachen Road #262E
Seal Beach, CA 90740

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
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 Muntiferig, 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
Ellen Hokama, healing and recovery
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
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
Leslie, Susie & Ellen Inouye, brother & sister-in-law & their daughter to Darrel (Stephanie) Inouye, serious health concerns
Faye Toma, health concerns
David Polendey, health concerns
Ruth Taira, health concerns
Lynne Vinluan's father, Doug Higa, health concerns
Ola Filemoni, health concerns
Hannah Han, 12 year old friend of Giselle Takara, diagnosed with cancer for a second time
Kenneth Wong, brother of Julie Inouye, prays for healing of eyes, he has a hole in the back of Rt eye & has blurred vision. Also pray for an affordable apartment to move into
Jerry Takao, health concerns
Dave Sato, recovering after surgery
Karlynn Hernandez's husband, friend of Takako Okubo, health concerns
Bekki Gurneal, health concerns
Marcus Grimes, health concerns
Chelsea Salazar, granddaughter of Jane Kiyohara, health concerns

Ivy Toma, health concerns
Sumi Horii health concerns
June Sato, health concerns
Don Norman, friend of Rev. Allison Mark, health concerns
Evie Madrid, friend of Dawn Miyashiro, who is in the hospital for covid and pneumonia
Marlon & Sharon Sambat and family, 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 Wendy & Tony Maracha and family on the passing of Antonio Gari Maracha Sr.

Prayers for Ivy Toma & family on the passing of James Toma

Prayers for the Hara family on the passing of Chizuko Hara

Prayers for Georgine Morita & family on the passing of Thurston Morita

LONG TERM CONCERNS

Rose Adachi	Robert Fujioka
Aki Kashiwagi	Aline Kawasaki
Yoshiko Kuwabara	Fred Matsuyama
Carol Maryott (friend of Lynne Vinluan)	
Shiz Nagata	Lynn Nagata
Irene Rhee	Paul Ohl
Mitsuko Sato	Mary Sakai
Frances Yonemori	Leland Tsukahira
Edna Young (mother of Mark Young)	

and others...

3 COMMUNION SUNDAY

Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)
Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)
Online Worship Service (10:30am)
 10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry
 12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship
 12:00 p (online) UMW Executive Board Meeting
 7:00 p (online) TGIF/MYF

10

Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)
Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)
Online Worship Service (10:30am)
 10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry
 12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship
 12:00 p (online) Youth Advisor
 7:00 p (online) TGIF/MYF

17

Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)
Online Blue Christmas Service (8:30am)
Online Worship Service (10:30am)
 10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry
 12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship
 7:00 p (online) TGIF/MYF

24

Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)
Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)
Online Worship Service (10:30am)
 10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry
 12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship
 7:00 p (online) TGIF/MYF

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Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)
Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)
Online Worship Service (10:30am)
 10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry
 12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship
 12:00 p (online) Open Arms
 7:00 p (online) TGIF/MYF

4 Office Closed

9:00 a (online) Faithful Healing

11 Office Closed

7:00 p (online) J-Manga
 7:00 p (online) Youth Parent Mtg

18 Office Closed

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

25 Office Closed

7:00 p (online) J-Manga

5

10:30 a (online) Logos Bible Study
 10:30 a (online) Bible Study
 7:00 p (online) Trustees

12

10:30 a (online) Bible Study
 5:00 p (online) Social Action for Youth
 7:00 p (online) SPRC

19

10:30 a (online) Logos Bible Study
 10:30 a (online) Bible Study
 7:00 p (online) Finance

26

10:30 a (online) Bible Study
 7:00 p (online) Ad Council

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Office Closed

2



6

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

7

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

8

7:00 p (online) TGIF/MYF

9

10:00 p (online) COM Meeting

13

6:30 p (online) Choir Practice
 7:00 p (online) Bible Study
 7:00 p (online) HeBrews
 7:30 p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

14

7:30 p (online) Awaken Worship

15

2:00 p (K) Ozoni Prep

16

11:30 a Ozoni Drive Thru
 11:30 a Faithwear Drive Thru

20

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

21

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

22

7:00 p (online) TGIF/MYF

23

27 SHARED BREAD

6:30 p (online) Choir Practice
 7:00 p (online) Bible Study
 7:00 p (online) HeBrews
 7:30 p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

28

7:30 p (online) Awaken Worship

29

2:00 p (K) Silent Auction Prep

30

Silent Auction Bento drive thru

PRIME TIMERS

Happy New Year 2021

Even though we are unable to gather in person, we can still kick off 2021 by participating in an activity. Here is a **stay-at-home activity** that we can all do in during January. Choose any of the following options:

Jot down what **activities you did at home** during the pandemic (such as sewing, gardening, walking, cleaning out closets, watching Korean dramas, etc.)

Share a photo of a special event or something that makes you happy

Are you feeling grateful? **Share a blessing** or something you are thankful for

Make a list of your **New Year's resolutions**

Write a few sentences about your **favorite memory** of 2020

We would love to collect your thoughts! Let's all write down a few sentences and we will compile them together. You can send them in anonymously or include your names... your choice!!

Send in your responses by:

Mail to: or >
Faith UMC
Attn: PT Stay-Home Activity
2115 West 182nd Street
Torrance, CA 90504

Email to: or >
chris_kamatani@yahoo.com
or p.tadakuma@gmail.com

Drop off:
At our February
Drive-thru event on
February 13

EVEN THOUGH WE CAN'T BE TOGETHER, WE CAN STILL STAY CONNECTED!

Save the Date: **Saturday, February 13**
for another fun Drive-thru event!

H A P P Y
Valentine's Day

The Prime Timers ministry is open to all seniors and retired members of our community. We hope that you will join us for one of our upcoming events.

For more information about the Prime Timers, please contact: Chris Kamatani (310) 612-7826.

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EVERY THIRD
SUNDAY OF
THE MONTH
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JAPANESE MOVIE NIGHT

JAPANESE AUDIO/ENGLISH SUBTITLES

Let's watch a Japanese movie online and join on zoom for a reflection. Let's start with Kurosawa's Kagemusha. It's not available on Netflix, but it is available for \$3.99 on many other sites including Amazon, You Tube, iTunes, and Vudu. (The SD version is available for \$2.99 on Microsoft.) Let's watch Kagemusha (running time 2 hours 39 minutes_) just before or anytime before 7:00 pm on January 17th, the third Sunday of January. Then we can have a reflection on zoom at 7:00 pm. on that day.



To be in the 7 pm reflection zoom meeting send me an email me saying you want to participate at Jmovie@reflection.com and I will email you an invite to zoom.

Critical commentary on Kagemusha in San Francisco Chronicle:

Kagemusha is filled with lavish battle scenes and sharply scripted intrigue, and is among Kurosawa's greatest triumphs

Sorry about the virtual popcorn

★★★★★
Japanese Movie Night
virtual cinema
Sunday, January 17th
★★★★★

FEATURING
KAGEMUSHA

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH / 2115 WEST 182ND STREET, TORRANCE 90504

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 310.217.7000 / FAITHSOUTHBAY.ORG

THERE WILL BE A SHORT REFLECTION AFTER THE MOVIES

THANK YOU!

Dear Nihongobu Congregation,

Thank you so much for the delicious yakitori bento. Everything was outstanding. The seniors at Faith are most fortunate to have you looking out for us. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Looking forward to seeing everyone at church sometime in the future. In the meantime, stay safe and God bless all of you. Thank you again.

Peace & love,
Amy Higa

A round of thanksgiving and appreciation for all of those who have helped with our missions and ministries in 2020. From three worship services a week and multiple faith formation groups and studies. Drive-Thru (bentos, Primetimer and Advent kits, communion sets), Disney-themed trunk or treats, 60th anniversary celebrations, to the creation and distribution of Commemorative Cookbooks and Online Shopping Networks. The sharing of the gift of music and creative arts. Those who have made masks, prayer shawls and blankets, made donations to Corazon and LOVE Inc., folded cranes, made Essential kits for LAHSA and Shared Bread. Those who have kept giving...YOU are the life of the church and we are grateful.



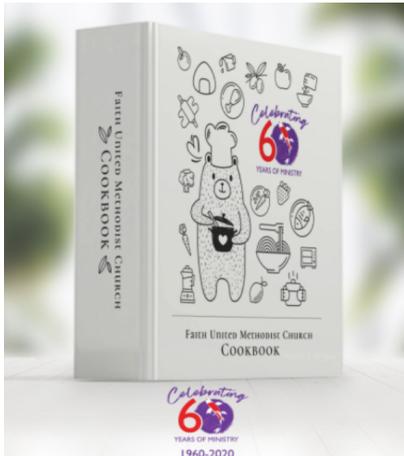
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for purchase at our FaithStore on our website: [www.
faithsouthbay.org](http://www.faithsouthbay.org) or through the Church office.**

WINTER 2020 SPIRITUAL DISCIPLESHIP CATALOGUE

It's a New Year at Faith and we want to encourage you to take part in opportunities shared from the gifts and talents of our church members. If you are interested in starting, leading, or participating in an affinity group that we currently do not have, please contact Rev. Allison Mark and Pastor Ki Choi and we'll plug you in!

Please contact Communications@faithsouthbay.org so we can connect you to the information and Zoom links for each group! (We would like a quorum before we begin several classes. Dates can be determined by participants' availability as well.)



MASTER CLASSES - sharing their passions & love of the craft with you:

- HUMAN RESOURCES & RESUME BUILDING for ALL AGES - with Teresa Sato & Lynne Vinluan. TBA, online
- FAITHFUL HEALING - with Alan Saruwatari. 1st and 3rd Mondays, online, 9am
- CHOIR PRACTICE - with Stephen Bullard. Wednesdays, online, 6:30pm



FAITH TALKS - recorded videos sharing the expertise, passions, storytelling, and knowledge of church and community members.

- Faithful Healing - 6 trainings with Alan Saruwatari (www.selfshiatsu.podia.com)
- Learn how to sew PPE masks - video with Tracy Abe
- Faith Talk speakers WANTED! Please contact Rev. Allison at revallison@faithsouthbay.org to coordinate recording

SMALL GROUPS - growth groups for all ages, for mind, body, and spiritual growth.

See pre-existing Bible Studies & Small Group Ministry offerings on Pages 31-35; Children, Youth and Young Adult Online gatherings and events on Pages 8, 9 & 10; Nichigo, pages 5-6



- “ENCOUNTER: Adult Bible Study” - (See Page 29 for details)
- Chancel Choir & CROSSROADS: Traditional & Contemporary/Praise Song choirs - led by Stephen Bullard. Recording songs together on Acapella app weekly.
- SHEPHERD MINISTRIES: Visitation Ministries Training - If you are interested in being a Shepherd, let Rev. Allison know.
- BOOK CLUB: Election themed highlighted book - “THOU SHALT NOT BE A JERK” by Bread for the World, Executive Director, Rev. Eugene Cho. If interested, please contact Rev. Allison for book order.

If you would like to participate in the FOLLOWING classes, groups, and/or talks, please show your interest by emailing: communications@faithsouthbay.org, by indicating which one(s) you are interested in. We then will connect you with the leaders and the Master Class teachers, Small Group Leaders, and Speakers that will coordinate details, dates and times for you. Faith Talks will be shared on our Facebook and YouTube pages.

Community Questions:

QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS:

- Do you need additional support for you/your child during the school week? Are you looking for a POD or even a few hours a week childcare support?



QUESTION FOR HOUSEHOLDS:

- Are you having difficulties finding cleaning items at the store?
- Do you need any extra help or care?
- How is your soul? What can we do to support you during this time?

Let us know at communications@faithsouthbay.org

S.A.Y. Something: Social Action for Youth



Thank you to the generous gift from Social Action from the West District LITFF grant and through the donations of the congregation of socks and toiletries, the Social Action for Youth Committee (S.A.Y. Something) sprung into action and gathered each week of December to sort, purchase, and assemble over 120 Christmas Essential Kits for the clients of Shared Bread (the hot meal program that Faith participates in every 4th Wednesday of the month). The Kit project headed up by Jackson Fujimori this month and supported by his teammates, Cameron Ito and Zion Une (with mentors Erica Vinluan, Darrell Mark, and William Morris) delivered the gift bags to Redondo First UMC on Wednesday, December 23 at met Chris Kamatani who was preparing the Christmas meal for their program.



Encounter God Bible Study

Start Date: Jan 4, 2021, Monday evenings 7p-8:30pm

Encounter God is a Bible Study where you can learn, grow and mature in the things of God. The topics are designed to help you draw closer to God, grow deeper in your faith (knowledge and understanding about the Bible), help align yourself with the word of God, as well as go farther in your relationship to God and to others. Here is a sneak peek at some of the topics:

So that you can see...

Seeing Jesus; Forgiven, Rescued, Restored; Life in the Spirit; Faith, Salvation, and Righteousness

Remembering Who You Are...

Our Mysterious but Approachable God; Choose Today; Food for our Souls; One With Christ and One Another

In This Place...

Sacred Spaces; Worship in the Synagogue; Worship as the Church; Worship at the Throne; Created, Loved, Known

If you are interested in attending, please email your name, phone # and email information to communications@faithsouthbay.org. This is so we can have a head count, and if I need to send you any materials, I can do so with ease. I look forward to our Encounter God Bible Study soon. Hope to see you there! God Bless and Thank you.

Julie Inouye
AV Coordinator

**Julie Inouye, is not only our faithful AV Coordinator at Faith, but she is also a member of Faith UMC and is taking courses on Certified Lay Ministry with our Cal-Pac Annual Conference. As part of the Small Group series, Julie volunteered her gifts to lead an Adult Bible Study in 2021.*



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

FAITH SMALL GROUPS

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 and PastorKi@faithsouthbay.org As soon as we receive email responses, we'll schedule our first Small Group Meeting. We hope to hear from you soon!



MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY, PRAYER ROOM MEETINGS, COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

We will be continuing our ONLINE Mid-Week Bible Studies & Prayer Rooms through the month of May. And we've added a Sunday Fellowship This is how you connect!

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 Opportunities - Tuesday, 10:30-11:30am, Wednesday, 7:00-8:00pm

* Thursday, 7:30pm (Awaken) --contact Pastor Ki or Minister Eric 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#



YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CHAIRS AND COORDINATORS OF YOUR GROUP VIA THEIR CHURCH EMAILS AND/OR CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE
(310) 217-7000

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

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

Men's Support Group (MSG)

2nd Tuesday, 11:00 am

No meeting in January

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

**Women in Transition:
WGSG: Women's Grief
& Support Group**
2nd Tuesday of the month
No meeting in January



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

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



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

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 January

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



Senior hang-out
1st and 3rd Monday 8:30am

No meeting in January

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.

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

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**Groups that still meet online and coordinated by leaders:
Logos Bible Study, Blessed Bento, Blessed Are You,
Open Arms, HeBrews, Men's Breakfast, Hula & Choir**

Blessed Bento

No meeting in January



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

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 learning the structure of the Scriptures through the book, 30 Days to Understanding the Bible by Max Anders



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 7-8:30pm. Please join us as we study the book Romans: Becoming New in Christ (by Jack Kuhatscher) 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*

Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm (online).

If you are interested in singing in our Choirs (Chancel & Crossroads) or would like to play bells, we'll teach you how to sing and record on the Acapella program app.

For more information, contact Stephen Bullard or contact the church office at *communications@faithsouthbay.org*



YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CHAIRS AND COORDINATORS OF YOUR GROUP VIA THEIR CHURCH EMAILS AND/OR CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE (310) 217-7000

**Groups that still meet online and coordinated by leaders:
Logos Bible Study, Blessed Bento, Blessed Are You,
Open Arms, HeBrews, Men's Breakfast, Hula & Choir**

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.

Men's Breakfast Club

Once a month, Fridays, 8:00 am

Meeting January (online)

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



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.

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