

THE WAY TO THE CROSS

AS WE ENTER INTO OUR SECOND HOLY WEEK APART FROM EACH OTHER PHYSICALLY, WE ARE STILL ABLE TO REMAIN CONNECTED BOTH VIRTUALLY AND THROUGH OUR DRIVE-THRU. JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S HOLY STORY AS WE WALK WITH CHRIST ON HIS JOURNEY TO THE CROSS. SEE PAGE 15 FOR WORSHIP AND ZOOM INFORMATION!

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 - FRIDAY, APRIL 2 - LABYRINTH WALK IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
(RSVP WITH CHURCH OFFICE TO SCHEDULE YOUR WALK)

SEE BIBLE STUDY & SMALL GROUP OFFERINGS IN GOOD NEWS, P. 30-35

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 - MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES

NOON AND 6:00PM THE LAST SUPPER: VIRTUAL FOOTWASHING & COMMUNION
LIVE ON ZOOM (REBROADCAST ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE)

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 - GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE: SERVICE OF THE SHADOWS

7:00PM BROADCAST ON YOUTUBE, FACEBOOK, AND LIVE ON ZOOM

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 - EASTER CELEBRATIONS & WORSHIP

7:00AM EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE - BROADCAST ON YOUTUBE & FACEBOOK

8:30AM EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE - BROADCAST ON YOUTUBE & FACEBOOK

9:00AM NICHIGOBU EASTER SERVICE - LIVE ON YOUTUBE & FACEBOOK

10:30AM EASTER SERVICE - RE-BROADCAST ON YOUTUBE, FACEBOOK, AND JOIN US LIVE ON ZOOM

NOON COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP @FAITH'S VIRTUAL CAFE ON ZOOM

EASTER SUNDAY AND EASTER WEEK

FLOWER THE EASTER CROSS ON EASTER SUNDAY --BRING FLOWERS FROM YOUR GARDEN!
"HUNT" FOR EASTER EGGS AROUND OUR CHURCH PARKING LOT

AND DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR:

- *EASTER SELFIES AND FAMILY PHOTOS FOR OUR EASTER SLIDESHOW (BY APRIL 1)*
- *DECORATE EASTER EGGS FOR YOUTH TO HIDE FOR EASTER SUNDAY (BY APRIL 1)*

He Is Risen! Risen Indeed! But if you receive this edition of the Good News before Easter Sunday, we know that we need to get through Holy Week and the passion of Christ before we can live into our being called to be Easter People. In our preparations for Christ's resurrection, we are reminded that from the Palms to the Last Supper to Jesus' crucifixion on the Cross, we are redeemed by God's love and therefore experience God's grace in Christ's return for us.



In addition to our Holy Week opportunities for contemplation, prayer, and worship, don't forget to help us with our Easter Challenges:

- Participate in our **"Easter is NEVER Cancelled Photo Project."** Please send us a photo of an area of your house that is decorated for Easter. It could be a table setting, a door decoration, or a garden flag. Be sure to include yourself in the photograph (selfie). And send us a photo of you (and your family) dressed up in your Easter Sunday outfits. via email to **Sandy at communications@faithsouthbay.org** (Post Easter is ok too--we'll include it in our next slideshow!)
- Come by for our Walking Labyrinth in the newly completed Fellowship Hall (Tuesday-Friday)
- Complete decorating your paper Easter Egg and drop it off at Faith so that the Youth Ministry can "hide" them for our **Parking Lot Easter Egg Hunt** for the whole church family.
- Bring your flower cuttings on Easter Sunday to decorate our flowering cross which will be in front of the Church doors.

With Easter right around the corner, we are also reminded of new life and the excitement of Christ's ministry refreshing and rejuvenating us to be God's instruments of Peace, Hope, Love, and Joy in the world. And in celebration of new beginnings and new starts, we will have many to celebrate in the months to come:

- More people vaccinated as the vaccine becomes more readily available to the general population.
- Looking forward to Re-Entry plans and details to be coming in the upcoming months at Faith!
- In June, we will be celebrating the Commissioning of Minister Eric Iki, as a Provisional Member of the Cal-Pac Annual Conference and the Ordination of Pastor Ki Choi, as an Ordained Elder in Full Connection of the Cal-Pac Annual Conference.

My friends, with Christ's resurrection, so much hope is on the horizon for us.

But with the hopes for a new day, we recognize that we, as Christ's body have much work to do. With the rising statistics of violence, hate, and negative sentiments against the Asian

American population in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am asking Faith to take a stand. Not a political stand, but a stand that reminds us of who we are and whose we are. Representatives of God's love. And as representatives of God's love, Christ's resurrection is a reminder to us that LOVE WINS. That death and destruction do NOT get the last word. But it is also a reminder that LOVE MUST NOT BE SILENT, in a world that echos unkindness towards our neighbors and one another.



On our website, you can find our Statement of Faith regarding Anti-Asian Hate, which builds upon the statement of our National Federation of Asian American United Methodist leaders calling for action and care for our community. See our statement at: <https://tinyurl.com/FaithAAPI>. We also want to invite our community into different ways in which we can be the bearers of God's love and light in the world. On pages 26 and 27, participate in 2 discussions on Asian Americans, Race and Power and an American Ethnic Studies Literature course. Faith will also be sharing community opportunities for action and solidarity, especially as we near Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May.

And just looking ahead, please let Sandy in the Church Office if you are interested in the following (communications@faithsouthbay.org):

- Marriage/Couples Enrichment Group - A monthly conversational fellowship and topical group for couples of all ages will announced shortly
- Membership and UMC 101 Classes - The last two Sundays of the month are held for those interested in membership meetings and cohorts. Pentecost Sunday is May 23rd and is Membership Sunday. If you are interested in joining the Faith family, let us know!
- Confirmation Classes for Youth - A 2021 class will be organized after Easter
- Tomodachi Network - Is in the works as we create a system of shepherding, checking-in, and supporting one another (See page 25)
- A Senior & Caregiver Meal program - With a grant from Keiro, we will soon be offering a program that supports our community elders and those who care for them (See page 28)
- State of the Church - During Coffee & Fellowship Hour on the LAST Sundays of the month is a check-in on the both the state of Faith UMC and larger UMC.
- Note: Worship formats may be changing in the next couple of months as we beginning transitioning to re-opening our campus for worship and gatherings again!

For such a time as this, beloved community, are we called upon to be united and be God's Easter People in this Good Friday world.

He Is Risen Indeed,

Allison

Rev. Allison Mark



Good News from Pastor Ki..



CHRIST HAS RISEN, HE HAS RISEN INDEED! As we celebrate the glory of Easter, we celebrate the fact that Christ has triumphed over death so that when it is all said and done, death does not have the last word. Can I get an Amen? Christ is triumphant and if that is Christ's narrative, it is also our narrative. Have you experienced triumph in your faith journey?

It was shared on a Sunday in March that Eric Iki was recommended for "Provisional Elder" in his ordination process (when you have a moment, please ask him about his journey). I on the other hand was recommended to be ordained as "Elder in Full Connection." I started my process about 8 years ago. In actuality, God's been trying to steer me this way probably my whole life, I just didn't recognize it, but what's new? But thanks to friends and family who saw that I was being called to ordained ministry, I was encouraged to intentionally take the steps, which began about 8 years ago. After speaking with pastors from other conferences throughout the nation, Cal-Pac conference is one of the most challenging conferences for ordination. I know this now from experience. Nonetheless, my family and I are relieved, but mostly thankful to God, to my family, and of course the Faith community. Thank you all for making such a big deal with your phone calls, emails, and cards. I know that my experiences as a Local Pastor and then as a Provisional Elder here at Faith UMC and even my previous church, Cardia UMC (formerly known as Ascension Ministry of Los Angeles Korean UMC) was a huge part of my ordination journey. Therefore, I wanted to use this space to say thank you to this wonderful Faith family for inviting me to teach, to serve, to offer communion, officiate baptisms, weddings, and funerals to you. Thank you for trusting me to offer counsel pastorally when you were going through challenging and dark times in your life journey. God used all of this to create a more effective and prepared Pastor. Thank you! If my mother was here, she would say to you all, "Gahm sah hahm nee dah!" That means, thank you in Korean. I felt her nudge to keep going during the sleepless nights writing my ordination papers. I truly hope I was able to inherit my mother's gift of perseverance. If anything that will be the gift I will need the most as I enter into the next phase of my call to ministry. As I tell every eagle scout who just got their ranking, their journey doesn't end there. Their journey has just begun. I understand that my journey as an Ordained Elder has just begun. Thank you all for helping me get to this point. Now I take all that I've learned from each and every one

of you, and will use it to serve and build on God's needed Kingdom/Kin-dom. You've all taught me hard work and humility. You have all given me the confidence that I can continue to be an instrument God uses to help others recognize their gifts for God's good works. From my family and I, "thank you Faith family."

Upcoming Dates: Something new started in February. The Pastors have been worshipping live on Zoom (using the Zoom link in the church website under Bible Study/Prayer) during the 10:30am worship time. If you'd like to join us, please feel free to jump on. Following the 10:30 A.M. worship, we invite you to the coffee hour, which begins at 12noon every Sunday.



Apr 1 – Maundy Thursday @ noon and 6 P.M. on Zoom (recording will be shared on Facebook & YouTube)

Apr 2 – Good Friday @ 7 P.M. on Zoom and on Facebook and YouTube LIVE (@FaithSouthBay)

Apr 4 – Easter Sunday @ 7 A.M., 8:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M.

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 Stay safe and ask your doctor about the vaccine

Nihongobu News



「主の復活をお祝い」

去年、3月8日を最後に教会はコロナ問題で閉鎖。3月15日よりオンライン礼拝に変わった。この原稿を書いている現在、「ちょうど礼拝で皆と会えなくなり1年たったなあ」と思っている次第である。しかし、教会閉鎖中でもミニストリーは続いている。毎週のオンライン礼拝。毎週水曜日のズーム・バイブルスタディ。季節の弁当ミニストリー。そして、3月2日は、ガールズデーのお祝いで、子どもプログラムの女の子にお花を届けることができた。主に子どもたちの健康と成長を祈り感謝！（お花屋さん Diane 藤森姉に感謝！）

受難週から復活祭は忙しくなる。3月31日(水)午後8時よりズーム聖餐式。各自、家でパンとぶどう酒を準備して分かち合う。4月2日(金)2時半受難礼拝。2時半に参加し、イエス様が亡くなった3時に礼拝を終え、静かな祈りの時を持っていただきたい。主は私たちの罪のために死なれたからである。

4月4日(日)は9時ライブ復活祭礼拝。今年は、漫画バイブルクラスが中心になり、ハンドベルスペシャル賛美を準備してくださる。楽しみである。そして、4月17日(土)11時半より、春のイースターお祝い弁当が準備される。教会駐車場で、車の窓越し受け取りができるので、ご希望の方は教会オフィスまでサインアップをしていただきたいと思います。新しい命を与えられたことを覚え卵メニューが中心である。主の復活を感謝しお祝いしよう！

It has been one year since we moved onto the Online worship services. However, Nichigo is still active in sharing God's love and praising God together. On March 2, we delivered flowers to the girls in the Kodomo program, to celebrate Girls' Day. We pray and thank the Lord for nurturing/protecting our girls. (Special thanks to Diane Fujimori for providing flowers.)



During the Holy Week, we will remember Jesus' last days. On March 31, we have a zoom communion. On April 2, we will stream the Nichigo Good Friday service at 2:30pm. If you could watch the Good Friday service at 2:30 pm, and finish the service at 3pm, when Jesus died on the cross, then you could follow & conclude with the personal silent prayer time. Remember, Jesus died for us.

On April 4, we will worship and praise God, via Nichigo Easter Worship at 9:00am online. Manga Bible class will prepare the special music by the Kodomo handbells. On April 17 at 11:30pm, Nichigo will prepare an Easter Celebration Bento (sign-up is necessary with the church office.) The menu will be, of course, Tamago! Thank you, Jesus! We have a new life in Christ, abundant and free!

4月17日(土)イースター弁当

コロナ問題で外出自粛が続きます。教会では復活祭を覚えて教会メンバーにお弁当を準備します。ご希望の方は教会オフィスまでご連絡ください。

Easter Celebration Bento on April 17 (Saturday)

Nichigo Ministry would like to reach out to all church members for the Easter Celebration Bento. If you are interested in receiving a free bento, please contact the church office.

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Menu: 3 color soboro bento



Nichigo Presents:

All Church Spring Bento for Easter Celebration

春のイースター弁当

Saturday, April 17, 11:30 am -12:30pm pick-up at church

Order by Apr 9, 3 pm call Sandy in church office at 310-217-7000

Love offering appreciated





Can you believe it's already April and a year has passed since we were first given the "Safer at Home" instructions? After a year, it's wonderful to finally see the COVID numbers going down. It brings hope that we'll be out of this pandemic soon, so we can all get back to worshipping together! Until then, the church continues to plan safe events for weekly worship as well as for Easter and the days surrounding it. Here are the events for April:

Every Sunday: Worship with the Pastors - Join the Pastors for Sunday service at 10:30am on Zoom

Monday, 3/29 - Friday, 4/2: Labyrinth Walk in our Fellowship Hall (Please RSVP by calling the church office to schedule a time)

Thursday, 4/1: Maundy Thursday service at noon & 6:00pm on Zoom

Friday, 4/2: Good Friday service at 7:00pm on Zoom, YouTube and Facebook

Saturday, 4/3: Drive thru Easter Egg Hunt "sneak peek" for Garden Ministry Families from 2:00 -4:00pm at church
(The drive thru will be up throughout Easter week if you can't make it on Saturday)

Sunday, 4/4: Happy Easter!

7:00am - Easter Sunrise service on YouTube and Facebook

8:30am - Easter Celebration service on YouTube and Facebook

10:30am - Easter service live on Zoom, re-broadcast on YouTube and Facebook

Please check the church's website faithsouthbay.org for the Zoom link and other information, or call the church at 310-217-7000 if you have additional questions.

Also, please send any Easter photos to communications@faithsouthbay.org to appear in a Easter Worship Video Presentation!

Last, but not least(!), we want to give a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Minister Eric and Pastor Ki for passing their respective ordination papers and interviews. Minister Eric was recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry as a Provisional Elder. Pastor Ki was recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry as an Elder in Full Connection. Both worked extremely hard to pass these goals and they will be recognized in June at Annual Conference! If you have any questions about the ordination process, feel free to reach out to the Pastors.

Faith UMC
MYF
Numbers 6:24-
26

YOUTH *Ministry*



MEETS SUNDAY AT 11:30AM VIA ZOOM

TGIF (Jr High) 6th - 8th

MYIF (High School) 9th - 12th



For more information contact Youth Director,
Darrell Mark, via darrell.faithumc@gmail.com

Dear Youth Family and Friends,

First off Happy Easter! He is Risen! He is Risen! Lent has finally come to an end. I hope you all have been able to use this time to challenge and push yourselves with whatever you decided to take on or take a break from! I can't believe we had to experience Lent twice during these challenging times, but amidst of all of it, I know God was truly present and working in all our lives! I hope and pray that we all come out of Lent and into Easter with a refreshed and renewed Spirit! The past month the youth continued to meet virtually on Zoom and Discord for Fellowship Nights, Movie Nights, Game Nights and Youth Group! We started a curriculum focusing on our Goals, not just in life but as Christians. We followed a 5-week session during the weeks of Lent. We have been able to team up with our sister churches, Wesley UMC, Aldersgate UMC and UJCC for Fellowship and Worship Nights! Thank you to all those who came out and participated. We had an amazing turn out for all groups! We hope and pray the Lenten Devotionals written by the Advising Staff and I, helped support and gave a little guidance during the Season of Lent! The Youth are now meeting on Sundays at 11:30am via Zoom and the 2nd and 4th Fridays for Fellowship Nights! All Jr. High and High School students are welcomed to join us, please let us know! I hope you are all continuing to stay safe and healthy and looking forward to meeting in person with you all soon!

God Bless,
Darrell Mark
Faith UMC Youth Director





contained

The dictionary describes the words as being “*enclosed within bounds; to limit or restrict.*” You know the word. The entire world knows the word; you’re living it. It’s taken on an identity of sorts. In fact, I’ve heard some folks say, “*We are...It’s not stuck or secluded; it’s not isolated or imprisoned, although those are certainly sister descriptors. The word is, “confined.”*” We’re confined. It’s becoming painful to say.

Who would’ve ever imagined that eight-letter word would summarize so much of our shared experience. Think of it: We’re alone...but not alone – a community *confined*. We, along with The Pearson’s, can say *This is Us* (sans the cute acoustic guitar theme.) The bad news is: *This is us*. The good news is: There Jesus is as well. This week that we enter – *Holy Week* – is deemed as such, not because of the events involved or that we’re involved, but rather in the triumph, tragedy and chaos of it all, *Christ is involved*.

Picture it: A procession of palms. The narrow Jerusalem passageway is packed with people. Their pushing and prodding forms a wall of humanity, which invariably steers the steps of the colt carrying Jesus. They cry, “*Hosanna!*” (In other words, “*Save Us!*”) Why? Because they were weary of Rome confining them. Others, fearful of Rome, tried to confine their cries. In response, Jesus exclaims, “*Try as you may to confine them, you will not contain them. The rocks will cry out otherwise.*”

Soon thereafter, turn your attention to the intimacy of an upper room: Jesus and the disciples share a meal – the Passover. There they were: *enclosed* with one another – so close they were *enfolded* on one another and Jesus institutes new words about *his body*, *his blood* and also *their betrayal*. Even in full knowledge that everyone of them would desert him and one would conspire to have him *confined*, our Lord still sets a table of grace that would not be...*contained*.

Thursday bleeds into Friday and Friday features a flagellated Christ clinging to a Roman cross. Sin-soaked in our transgressions and shivering in the shadow of God-forsakenness, our Lord cries out, “*Father forgive them, for they know not what they do,*” and finally,

hours later, he hung his head, breathed his last and died, but not before pardoning one criminal who begs for mercy. Behold: our Savior, arms outstretched, *confined* between two thieves, drips forgiveness in crimson that wouldn't be...*contained*.

A stone-cold tomb in which they laid Jesus' body did well to *confine* him, but on the third day even *that* rock had to open its mouth to reveal resurrected glory which could not be... *contained*. Meanwhile, scared disciples huddled together in hiding. They were frozen stiff in fear and anxiety and therefore sought the comfort of...you guessed it: *confinement*.

That was them. This is us. But praise God *there Jesus is!* So, disciples of a risen Christ had a decision to make...and so do we. We may be *confined*, but as an Easter people who possess news this good, how dare we keep it...*you guessed it...* May our living and our giving speak of a resurrected hope that will not be *contained*.

Ainise Isama'u
Seminary Intern



College & Young Adult



Every Thursday, 7:30pm

Simple Church is a weekly gathering of our Young Adult Faith community as we share in ways to connect both with the Bible and God's Word and how we are called to LIVE our Faith in the world.

Simple Church is continuing our own study based off of the popular sitcom series, "The Good Place." The characters and themes speak to our own daily questions on life and the "afterlife," our human character, our own humanity, but most importantly, how we are to live our lives here on earth. Weekly conversations facilitated by Rev. Allison, Pastor Ki, Ainise Isama'u and Tyler Matsumoto.



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89294975931>

Meeting ID: 892 9497 5931

One tap mobile: +16699009128,,89294975931# US

Dial from home: +1 669 900 9128 US - Meeting ID: 892 9497 5931

Additional Offerings for our Millennial Young Adults:



- Justice & Peace Peer-Mentoring Cohort: A Theological Reflection Collaborative Movement for Young Adults - TBD by cohort, Led by Rev. Allison & Will Morris If you are a Young Adult, and Faith's Creation Care Chair, William Morris, under the guidance of Rev. Allison, a Peer-Mentoring cohort for Young Adults interested in Justice & Peace through theological dialogue, reflection, and praxis. If you are interested in joining the cohort, please contact Will Morris through communications@faithsouthbay.org
 - Spiritual Direction available
 - Couples: Holy Happy Hour! -- coming soon!
- Contact RevAllison@faithsouthbay.org for details.

More good news! LA county has moved into the next tier of vaccinations which includes education, emergency childcare, food and agriculture, and janitorial services. This is exciting as we move forward! If you're over 65 or healthcare and haven't gotten vaccinated yet, Torrance Memorial is prioritizing you despite moving into the next tier! I've heard that many of our prime timers have been able to get vaccinated and we're grateful for that news. As a reminder we're looking at downward trends of new cases in Torrance as well as Gardena and LA county. When we've hit less than 10 new cases a day consistently for 2 weeks straight then we would begin to allow our phase 2 process to begin again. This doesn't mean that we're automatically going to begin phase 2 (which is defined by outdoor worship and gatherings), but it means that we believe that we're in a safe place to allow it. If you follow the numbers as I do, this is what we're looking for!

On a different note, I hope that your Lenten journey's have been fruitful. I personally gave up gluten and have tried to take spiritual moments when I feel the need. I learned that shoyu has gluten in it! It's been tough, but fruitful nonetheless. I hope that it's been the same for you as well as we journey towards Easter. Remember, that He is risen and that the message of Easter is that the tomb was empty. In the midst of the craziness of this world, we can still find out hope in Jesus.

Many blessings,
Minister Eric Iki



Vaccine groups

Can get vaccine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care workers • Residents of long term facilities • Those age 65 and older • Education and Childcare • Emergency services • Food and agriculture • Custodial services

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 • Indoor worship gatherings with 10 or less people • Drive through events including food pickup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor worship or gatherings with more than 10 people • Indoor meetings

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 April. 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.



April 4 - Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 John 20:1-18

Communion Sunday:
 get out your
 communion elements

April 11 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
 Psalm 133
 1 John 1:1-2:2
 John 20:19-31

Cal-Pac Worship

April 18 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
 Psalm 4
 1 John 3:1-7
 Luke 24:36b-48

April 25 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
 Psalm 23
 1 John 3:16-24
 John 10:11-18

Earth Day Worship



Faith UMC Offers three Sunday Worship Services virtually each Sunday:

8:30am (Traditional; Faith Worship Team)

9:00am (Nichigobu; led by Pastor Beck Hirata)

10:30am (Faithful Expressions; Faith Worship Team)

**If you would like to sign up to be a liturgist or scripture reader, please contact us at communications@faithsouthbay.org*

Worship services can be accessed anytime after our LIVE broadcast from our website: www.faithsouthbay.org, Facebook, and YouTube LIVE @FaithSouthbay

We have been trying out Zoom worship so that we can feel even more connected "in-person" as we celebrate worship together LIVE. Especially as we celebrate Communion on Easter Sunday! Join us at the 10:30am service in three different ways: YouTube, Facebook, and now ZOOM! We will be using our church link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5883329633>

Meeting ID: 588 332 9633

One tap mobile: +16699009128,,5883329633# US

Dial on your home phone: +1 669 900 9128 US + Meeting ID: 588 332 9633



Following Worship, use the same link at **Noon** to join our Zoom Open "Coffee & Fellowship" in the Faith Virtual Cafe! Last Sundays of each month are designated as a "Faith Town Hall: State of the Church" updates.



And we thank you always for your continued support through your financial giving to Faith. Offering can be mailed or dropped off at: 2115 West 182nd Street, Torrance, CA 90504 And/or given through our Online Giving Link at www.faithsouthbay.org or through our PayPal & Venmo (Handle: @FaithUMC-SouthBay)

DEDICATED TO THE
FAITH UMC MINISTRY

Lorraine Tani

*In memory of Rose & James
Higashida*

Masako & Preston Akiyama

Jack & Sue Hamada

Beverly Iba

Ray & Eleanor Isa

Linda Jung

Sumie Maruya

Jean Seki

Elizabeth Tokunaga

Tammy Tokunaga-Huckabee

Ivy Toma

Sue Watanabe

In memory of Todd Ishigo

Sue Watanabe

In memory of Sonnie Kamidoi

Sumie Maruya

In memory of Shig Kawamura

Lorraine Tani

In memory of Jerry Kozai

Lorraine Nakama

In memory of Yukio Nakama

Linda Jung

Sam & Barbara Kobayashi

Momo Wada

Sue Watanabe

In memory of Gladys Nakamura

Linda Jung

Jane Shimatsu

Momo Wada

In memory of Joy Oki

Jack & Sue Hamada

Ramsay & Amy Higa

Glenn & Linda Sakurai

Lawrence & Barbara Takumi

In memory of David Polendey

Ramsay & Amy Higa

Sumie Maruya

In memory of Michi Shimazu

Linda Jung

In memory of George Takahashi

Jack & Sue Hamada

Ramsay & Amy Higa

Beverly Iba

In memory of Leland Tsukahira

Julie Inouye

Ken & Jill Ito

AV Ministry Donation

Lorraine Tani

Christmas Tree Donation

Lorraine Nakama

Easter Donation

Sue Watanabe

Good News Mailing Donation

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Fred Oshiro

In lieu of Matsuri Donation

Richard & Liza Tamura

Master's Kitchen Donation

Ken & Jill Ito

*Music Ministry Children's
Donation*

Ken & Jill Ito

Music Ministry Donation

Boy Scout Troop 719

Scout Sunday Donation

Bryan Hori

Julie Inouye

Norma Ishigo

Patty Kobayashi

Gail Murakami

Louise Sakamoto

Barbara & Lawrence Takumi

Janet K. Yamada

Florence Mizuno

*Teen Challenge Donation*IN KIND DONATION

Lorraine Nakama

*36 crocheted hats for soldiers
through Operation Gratitude &
local outreach*

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 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
Winnie Osaki, for her determination as she continues to heal, recover and rehabilitate
Anthony Anderson, Sr., uncle of Sharon Sambat, diagnosed with
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
Ruth Taira, 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
Karlynn Hernandez's husband, friend of Takako Okubo, health concerns
Bekki Gurneal, health concerns
Marcus Grimes, 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
Kasun Rajapaksha, health concerns
Will Morris' father, Bill Morris, health concerns
Jonathan Moore, friend of Takako Okubo, health concerns
Lorraine Tani, health concerns
Stephen Bullard. health concerns
Angie Torres, friend of Patty Kobayashi, health concerns

Grace & Mary Ann, the daughters of David Polendey, recovering from COVID

Thelma Calantas, friend of Rev. Allison, recovering from COVID

Carol Dillinger, sister-in-law of Maxine Butcher, prayers for comfort

Ilene Murakami, sister-in-law of Gail Murakami, health concerns

Sonny Lazo, brother of Sharon Nakamoto, recovering from COVID-19

Grace, Jean & Mary Ann Polendey, the daughters of David Polendey, recovering from COVID

Joanne Sato, health concerns

Herb Aoyama, health concerns

Norman Kelsey, friend of Rev. Allison, as he seeks employment

Victoria DelaTorre, health concerns

Charlie Slayman, brother of Darlene Azzam, health concerns

Julie Inouye, healing

David Chin, Julie Inouye's uncle who was diagnosed with COVID

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

For those experiencing loss...

Prayers for the family of Edmund and Kari Miyashiro on the passing of Dawnette Dawn Miyashiro

Prayers for the family of Lisa Ito and Steve Tokeshi on the passing of Fred Tokeshi

Prayers for the family of Irene and Tak Ryono on the passing of Norman Mita, Irene's cousin

Prayers for the family of Carole Richardson who passed away, friend of Jodi Kunibe

Prayers for the Tani Family on the passing of Rose & James Higashida and Jerry Kozai

Prayers for the family of Ruth Takaki on the passing of her brother, Brian Murakami

Prayers for the Polendey family on the passing of David Polendey

Prayers for Harue Yasunaga on the passing of her sister, Michi Shimazu

Prayers for the Shimada family on the passing of Fumiko Shimada

Prayers for the Nakamura family on the passing of Gladys Nakamura

Prayers for the Maciejewski family on the passing of Jimmy Maciejewski

Prayers for the Oki family on the passing of Joy Oki

Prayers for Bess Kawamura on the passing of her husband, Shig Kawamura

Prayers for Norma Ishigo & family on the passing of her son, Todd Ishigo

4 EASTER SUNDAY

Online Easter Sunrise Service (7am)

Online Easter Service (8:30am)

Online Nihongobu Easter Service (9am)

10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry

10:30 a (online) Easter Service

11:30 a (online) TGIF/MYF

12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship

11

Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)

Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)

Online Worship Service (10:30am)

10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry

11:30 a (online) TGIF/MYF

12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship

12:00 p (online) Youth Advisor

12:00 p (online) UMW Executive Board Meeting

1:00 p (online) Class on Race

18

Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)

Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)

Online Worship Service (10:30am)

10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry

11:30 a (online) TGIF/MYF

12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship

25

Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)

Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)

Online Worship Service (10:30am)

10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry

11:30 a (online) TGIF/MYF

12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship

12:00 p (online) Open Arms

2:00 p (online) Membership Class

1:00 p (online) Class on Race

5 Office Closed

9:00 a (online) Faithful Healing

7:00 p (online) Encounter Bible Study

12 Office Closed

7:00 p (online) J-Manga

7:00 p (online) Encounter Bible Study

7:00 p Youth Parent Meeting

19 Office Closed

9:00 a (online) Faithful Healing

7:00 p (online) Social Action Com

7:00 p (online) Encounter Bible Study

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7:00 p (online) Encounter Bible Study

7:00 p (online) J-Manga

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10:30 a (online) Bible Study

10:30 a (online) Logos Bible Study

7:30 p (online) Trustees

7:30 p (online) Garden Ministry

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10:30 a (online) Bible Study

7:00 p (online) SPRC

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10:30 a (online) Bible Study

10:30 a (online) Logos Bible Study

7:00 p (online) Finance

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10:30 a (online) Bible Study

7:00 p (online) Ad Council

WEDNESDAY**THURSDAY****FRIDAY****SATURDAY****1 MAUNDY THURSDAY****2 GOOD FRIDAY****3**

12:00 p (online) Maundy Thursday

2:30 p (A) Nihongobu Good
Friday Service

8:30 a (S) Kids Ukulele Practice

6:00 p (online) Maundy Thursday

7:00 p (online) Good Friday
Service

10:15 a (P) Kids Ukulele Practice

7:00 p (online) Blessed Are You

7:00 p (S) One Love Band Practice

COM Meeting (rescheduled)

7

6:30 p (online) Choir Practice

7:00 p (online) Bible Study

8

7:00 p (S) One Love Band Practice

7:00 p (online) Lit Course on Race

7:30 p (online) Simple Church

9

7:00 p (online) TGIF/MYF

10

8:30 a (S) Kids Ukulele Practice

9:00 a (online) Japanese

Language Class

10:15 a (P) Kids Ukulele Practice

11:00 a (A) Prime Timers Prep

1:00 p Prime Timers Drive Thru

14

6:30 p (online) Choir Practice

7:00 p (online) Bible Study

7:30 p (online) Nihongobu Bible
Study

7:30 p (online) HeBrews

15

7:00 p (online) Blessed Are You

7:00 p (online) Lit Course on Race

7:00 p (S) One Love Band Practice

7:30 p (online) Simple Church

16

2:00 p (K) Spring Bento Prep

17

8:30 a (S) Kids Ukulele Practice

10:00 a (K, A) Spring Bento Prep

10:15 a (P) Kids Ukulele Practice

11:30 a Spring Bento Drive Thru

21

6:30 p (online) Choir Practice

7:00 p (online) Bible Study

7:30 p (online) Nihongobu Bible
Study**22**

7:00 p (S) One Love Band Practice

7:00 p (online) Lit Course on Race

7:30 p (online) Simple Church

23

7:00 p (online) TGIF/MYF

24

8:30 a (S) Kids Ukulele Practice

10:15 a (P) Kids Ukulele Practice

9:00 a (online) Japanese

Language Class

28 SHARED BREAD

6:30 p (online) Choir Practice

7:00 p (online) Bible Study

7:30 p (online) Nihongobu Bible
Study

7:30 p (online) HeBrews

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7:00 p (online) One Love Band

7:00 p (online) Lit Course on Race

7:30 p (online) Simple Church

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CONGRATULATIONS

Pastor Ki and Minister Eric!

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is delighted to announce and congratulate Pastor Ki on receiving approval and the recommendation by The Board of Ordained Ministry to be Ordained as an Elder in Full Connection. The dedications and perseverance you displayed throughout this process was truly inspirational. Congratulations on this well-deserved accomplishment!

In addition, SPRC also wishes to announce and congratulate Minister Eric Iki on receiving approval by The Board Ordained Ministry to be commissioned as a Provisional Elder. Congratulations Minister Eric!

Thank you to Pastor Ki and Minister Eric for the continued dedication, service, and leadership you provided to the Faith UMC family. We know your journeys are just beginning and we are excited to see what's on the horizon for you both!



PRIME TIMERS

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.



Celebrate Spring and Indulge Your Sweet Tooth...

Sweet Treats Dessert Drive-Thru

Saturday, April 10, 2021 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Drive-thru the Church parking lot and pick up your Sweet Treats.

One dessert box is probably enough for two,
but you won't want to share so be sure to order your own!

Please call the Church office to RSVP for a pick-up time (310) 217-7000

Deadline to RSVP: Tuesday, April 6

\$8 / per box



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SUNDAY OF
THE MONTH
@ 5PM

JAPANESE MOVIE NIGHT

JAPANESE AUDIO/ENGLISH SUBTITLES

Watch Late Chrysanthemum online by yourself at any time of your choosing.

Since the movie running time is 2 hrs 23 minutes if one did start at 5 pm one would finish at 7:23PM and be in time for a movie reflection at 7:30 pm

No showing from the church website.

Film is available on Amazon Prime and on YouTube for \$2.99.



I consider Mizoguchi to be not just the greatest Japanese director but one of the handful of the greatest filmmakers ever. The film Late Chrysanthemum is one of the most expansively imaginative in the history of cinema.
Richard Brody New Yorker

You can request a zoom link from Jamovie@dslextreme.com

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SUNDAY,
APRIL 18TH
ZOOM REFLECTION
7:30 pm
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**FEATURING
Late Chrysanthemum**

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

CREATION CARE

Hi everyone!

It's been a while since we've shared something in the Good News. We've been one of the many groups that have been put on pause during the pandemic. We're ready to begin again. If you're interested in Creation Care, **we would love to welcome you to our committee** as we plan for Faith!

We've talked about things like a green wall and a community garden! If these things sound fun to you, then you sound like Creation Care is a great place for you to serve!

Lastly, we're still collecting our bottle caps for buddy benches. Thank you to all who have given us your plastic bottle caps!

Minister Eric Iki



Our very own Creation Care Chair, William Morris was featured in Rolling Stone Magazine in the article:

“For These Young Evangelical Activists, Facing the Climate Crisis Is an Act of Faith: A growing network of evangelical activists are tackling climate change on their own terms, and hoping to bring their church along with them”

You can read the article at this site: <https://tinyurl.com/WillMorris>



This Mother's Day and Father's Day, we are inviting YOU to take part in a special collection of stories honoring our Mothers and Fathers. Send us your memories, photos, and even artwork of or for your parents as we will be compiling them into a booklet that we hope to publish between Mother's Day and Father's Day (if we receive a lot of entries, we'll have two publications!).

Start jotting down your memories and send them into Faith UMC by April 25, 2021.

Cal-Pac West District Updates

UPCOMING EVENTS

10
APR

**WEST
DISTRICT
LEADERSHIP
TRAINING
2021 - 1 OF 2
(OPEN TO ALL
DISTRICTS)**

⌚ 8:45 AM - 11:00 AM PDT

22
MAY

**WEST
DISTRICT
CONFERENCE
2021**

⌚ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM PDT

12
JUN

**WEST
DISTRICT
LEADERSHIP
TRAINING
2021 - 2 OF 2
(OPEN TO ALL
DISTRICTS)**

⌚ 8:45 AM - 11:00 AM PDT

For details, go to: <http://www.calpacumc.org/westdistrict/>



Tomodachi Groups: The Friend Network

After the National Japanese United Methodist Caucus “Day of Remembrance” service, I have been fascinated by the resilience of the Japanese of American community and see how the events and experiences of our community have impacted the ways that we do our unique ministries at Faith UMC. The Japanese concepts of “tanomoshi” (an old-school version of a group of trusted friends and families giving/sharing microloans in a financial co-op) and “tonari gumi” (pre-and-post WWII neighborhood associations) and the Japanese word, “tomodachi” (meaning “friend”) have come up in circles of conversation I have been a part of, and after a year of collecting information and conversations with different members during pandemic, I believe it is never too late an opportunity to institute an information and support system that keeps our membership and constituents in the loop by taking care of one another, and asking the Wesleyan question, “How is it with your soul?” I also recognize that Faith UMC is a church that is historically Japanese American, but is multicultural in so many different ways. We are a worshipping church with Japanese Americans and have a Japanese language ministry. We are culturally diverse in our ethnic backgrounds as well as our own cultural identities. Our demographic is both a neighborhood and community church. We are a Reconciling Congregation and we are an intentional intergenerational church. We also are a larger church (constituent and membership-wise) that still wants to be a “family church” (operating as a family unit).

This vision of **Faith Tomodachi Groups or “Network”** is a hybrid of the following:

- The former UMW phone tree that had been used to disseminate information and enact to mobilize work teams and for events
- Ohana Groups, spiritual small groups that check in on one another with a faith-based purpose and also Bible Study
- A shepherding program that serves as a wellness checks for our seniors and all members, but also a group of welcome and invitation for our newcomers
- A Call-In system so we can help resource the needs of our members, but to also to ensure that information is received

If you are interested in helping to envision what this Tomodachi Association system could look like, let us know! **A brainstorming meeting will be held on April 13 at 5pm on Zoom. Please contact Rev. Allison for the link.** (For those of you who have shared from the beginning of pandemic, “How can I help?” Thank you for offering yourself! This is the time!)

Your Friend,

Allison

Rev Allison

Like Apples and Oranges: Asian Americans, Race, and Power

“Like Apples and Oranges” is a series of three workshops, shared by Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, Seattle, WA and Faith United Methodist Church, Torrance, CA, on Asian Americans, Race, and Power. The series is a response to the crisis of racism that flared up again in 2020 and 2021, in the United States. The strategy of the sessions is to present and discuss “structures” of power and social justice, the broad areas in which racism, sexism, and other intolerances occur.



Talk nowadays about “systematic” racism is common. But what does this mean? What “systems”? Run by what “powers”? Can systems, or “structures,” be dismantled? Does our “faith” matter? How do Asian Americans relate to structures of power and systems of discrimination and injustice? By discussing these topics, subjects, and issues structurally, we aim not to run these sessions as if they were trials of individuals and their personal experiences but to enable participants to see their own personal reflections of their experiences.

Workshop Session 1, Sunday, 11 April 2021, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Basic terms and concepts: power and its structures, domination/subordination, mechanisms for domination (racism, sexism, age discrimination, class hierarchies, and more), resistance, empowerment, cultural agency.

Workshop 2, Sunday, 25 April, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Like Apples and Oranges: demonstration of how race is “related to” biology, genetics. Key concepts: “culture” and “nature.”

Workshop 3, Sunday, 9 May, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

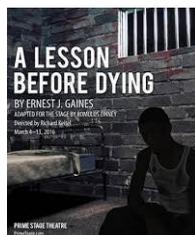
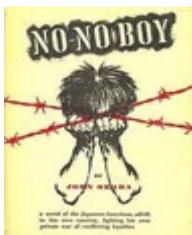
Race, ethnicity, nationality, identity, and Asian Americans. Implications for faith and worship.

The plan for each session, on Zoom, is an hour-long presentation (with questions and comments that arise) followed by a half hour of discussion.

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/LikeApplesOranges> or contact the Church Office to sign up.

“Were You There?” Bearing Witness to History and Race, 1946-1949, in Three Contemporary Novels

An online class for Faith UMC & Blaine MUMC, April to May 2021, led by Dr. Stephen Sumida



The three novels for reading and discussion are John Okada’s *No-No Boy* (1957), set in Seattle, 1946-1947; Leslie Marmon Silko’s *Ceremony* (1977), concerning the Laguna Pueblo of New Mexico after World War II; and Ernest J. Gaines’s *A Lesson Before Dying* (1993), 1948-1949 in the former slave Quarters near Bayonne, Louisiana.

While they are set around the same time, the locations and their racialized characters present three different versions of “America” at that postwar time. In an American literary history, the novels, beginning with Okada’s novel of Seattle, may be related by the order of their creations. Silko knew Okada’s novel when she wrote her *Ceremony*, a classic in Native American literature. Gaines probably knew Silko’s classic. Our online course, “Were You There?” will compare the subjects of the novels and, as well, the ways the authors develop themes of race in America in the later 20th century—and for us, today.

We’ll meet for an hour and a half every Thursday for six weeks, from 8 April to 13 May 2021, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., to read and discuss the novels for two weeks each. The reading assignment to prepare for the first meeting is Okada’s *No-No Boy*, Preface and Chapters 1-5, pp. XXIII-105 of the 2014 University of Washington Press edition (the one with a Foreword by Ruth Ozeki). The novels may be ordered from Amazon, or we may be able to get copies for you if you contact us at the church office: communications@faithsouthbay.org After the six class meetings, there will be an optional online screening of the film/video version of *A Lesson Before Dying*, day and time to be announced.

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/AESLitClass> or contact the Church Office to sign up. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Both courses will be taught by Dr. Stephen Sumida, Professor Emeritus of American Ethnic Studies (Asian American Studies) University of Washington, author of “And the View from the Shore: Literary Traditions of Hawai’i. Dr. Sumida is an active member of Blaine Memorial UMC and Rev. Allison’s former professor at the UW! Come listen. Come see. Come discuss.





S.A.Y. SOMETHING

SOCIAL ACTION FOR YOUTH
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

TBA VIA ZOOM

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT REV. ALLISON VIA EMAIL
COMMUNICATIONS@FAITHSOUTHBAY.ORG OR CALL AT (310) 217-
7000.



A Keiro Partnership Grant

In the 2021 cycle of Keiro's generous grant support, Faith has received a grant enabling us to do work in our community with the specific purpose of: Support for our Seniors and Caregivers. The grant written was to create a weekly meal program that provides free/subsidized meals for both seniors and their caregivers and to provide resources and a wellness check for families. A team is being created to collaborate and organize this program and our Food and Meal ministries will be working together to support this vision for our South Bay community. If you are interested in being a part of the collaboration, please contact Rev. Allison



What is AmazonSmile?

What is AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile generates a donation off each of your eligible purchases and is shared directly with Faith UMC. AmazonSmile is available at www.smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones.

STEP ONE: Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.

STEP TWO: From your desktop, go to Your Account and select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page.

STEP THREE: Select **“FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH” Location: Torrance, CA** (*there are A LOT of Faith UMC’s, so please look for “Location: Torrance, CA”*)

STEP FOUR: SHOP!

Note: You can also hover over the Supporting notice in the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the **Change** link next to the name of the charity you’re currently supporting.

For more information about the AmazonSmile program, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/about>.

Faith Small Groups

Can't find a Faith Bible Study or Small Group that fits your needs? Maybe you're not the only one? Please contact Rev. Allison (RevAllison@faithsouthbay.org) or Pastor Ki (PastorKi@faithsouthbay.org) so we can connect you with a group or help you launch a group of your own at Faith!



ONLINE ZOOM - Mid-Week Bible Studies, Pop-Up Prayer Rooms, Coffee & Fellowship

Virtual mid-week Bible Studies have been sustaining our congregation for the past year via Zoom. If you have not been able to join and would like to, please do!

These Offerings are on the SAME LINK (all other links can be requested through the church office):

- Sunday Coffee & Fellowship Hour, Sunday, Noon-1:00pm - Grab your coffee or lunch after worship and say hi to all of your friends. Last Sundays of the month are "State of the Church" conversations.
- Weekly Bible Studies: Monday Encounter, Tuesday Mornings, and Wednesday Mid-Week (see ALL of the group opportunities on pages 30-35)
- Prayer Room Meetings - are available as needed

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#



Tuesday Morning Bible Study



We gather at 10:30am every Tuesday

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5883329633>

If you've tried Bible studies before but found them difficult to understand or irrelevant to your life, you should spend some time with us. Our conversations are engaging, honest, and practical. Come and enjoy!

If you're interested, please contact the church via email communications@faithsouthbay.org or call at (310) 217-7000.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Facilitated by Minister Eric Iki
7:00PM EVERY WEDNESDAY

ZOOM LINK:
[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US//J/5883329633](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5883329633)

AWAKEN Simple Church

EVERY THURSDAYS AT 7:30PM

BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS.
JOIN US!

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED:
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH VIA EMAIL:
COMMUNICATIONS@FAITHSOUTHBAY.ORG OR CALL AT
(310) 217-7000.



Encounter Bible Study

Monday Check-ins: 6:30pm
Bible Study begins: 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Led by JULIE INOUE

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.

If you're interested, please contact the church via email at communications@faithsouthbay.org or call at (310) 217-7000.

You can find more information on the church website:
<https://www.faithsouthbay.org/bible-studies/>

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



1st and 3rd Wednesdays • 10:00 am

No meeting in April

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

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

Blessed Bento

No meeting in April



blessed bento

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



Senior hang-out

1st and 3rd Monday 8:30am

No meeting in April

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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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 April

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

Utai Masho (Sing Along)

2nd Thursdays, 10:00 am

No meeting in April

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

Women in Transition:

WGSG: Women's Grief & Support Group

2nd Tuesday of the month

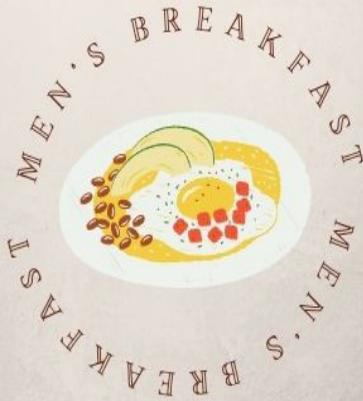
No meeting in April

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





Once a month, Fridays, 8:00am
Meeting April (online)

Once a month men (all generations) gather for food
and fellowship.

Please sign up with Herb Aoyama or contact the
church office at communications@faithsouthbay.org

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

CHOIR PRACTICE

Every Wednesday at 6:30pm (online)

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
SINGING IN OUR CHOIRS
(CHANCEL & CROSSROADS) OR
WOULD LIKE TO PLAY BELLS,
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