



FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SOUTHBAY

APRIL 2024

GOOD NEWS

AS EASTER PEOPLE, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW CHRIST?
READ ON FOR WAYS TO BE FAITH IN ACTION!

April 7th

- 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER - HOLY COMMUNION
- LIVE TO 100: BLUE ZONES DOCUMENTARY SERIES

April 14th

**GUEST SPEAKER: ADAM MANASRA
FROM WADI FOUQUIN, PALESTINE**

April 20th

- RELAY FOR LIFE
- BSA TROOPS 719 & 310G PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- SENIOR BENTO
- VISION & STRATEGY CONSULTATION

April 21st

- CONFIRMATION & MEMBERSHIP INTRODUCTORY MEETING
- JAPANESE MOVIE NIGHT

April 22 - May 3

**GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020
HELD IN 2024 IN CHARLOTTE, NC**

April 27

- COUNCIL ON MINISTRY MEETING
- CUB SCOUT DEN 862 PINWOOD DERBY

May 5

SAVE THE DATE:
KODOMO NO HI CELEBRATION

Wandering Heart: Here Is My Heart

BY REV. ALLISON MARK

The picture to the right might just be my favorite Easter Picnic & Egg Hunt shot of the year. Even though a day before our actual Easter Celebration, Holy Saturday at Faith was filled with squeals of joy and content bellies as church and community members of all ages came together to eat tacos, share desserts and sides, and hunt for Easter eggs together. (I've decided that next year we need a hunt for our Seniors!) I was grateful for the Garden Ministry and Youth Advisors for sponsoring such an amazing event for our community.

The picture below was the best dress rehearsal of "He is Risen / He is Risen Indeed" call and response I have ever practiced. I laughed so hard when Dr. Lynn made sure that the choir answered correctly, even though we were quite (over)zealous during Pastor Becky's translations during our Joint Easter Celebration. It certainly filled the sanctuary with more laughter and more joy!



*"EMPTY TOMB THEOLOGY:
The tomb is empty! He is not here!
He is Risen! Yet, Jesus is EVERYWHERE!"*

The season of Lent this year felt so long, but I was grateful for our time studying with the Disciple Peter to get better insight on how we are to better follow Christ. My own Wandering Heart took me to the deepest valleys and the highest peaks of my own faith journey. And I wonder if you experienced that too?

In our adventures with Peter and our own realities, we experienced death, grief, sorrows, hard ships, joys, celebrations, concerns, confusion, frustration, curiosity, and so many other mixed emotions. Yet, it was our journey from the Palms to the Table to the Cross, to bring us back to an EMPTY TOMB THEOLOGY: The tomb is empty! He is not here! Yet, Jesus is EVERYWHERE!

In this season of Eastertide, I invite you to run not AWAY from your fears or worries, but TOWARD Christ's empty tomb toward HOPE & NEW LIFE!



HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS MONTH

Secret Pals

Don't forget to keep writing to your secret pals!

You can include little gifts or hints about who you are!

But don't tell them who you are just yet!

SAVE THE DATE:
REVEAL DINNER, May 18th



General Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina

April 23 - May 3

Every 4 years, our global United Methodist Church gathers to do "the business" of the UMC. This year's GC is the POSTPONED 2020 GC, in which I, (Rev. Allison) was elected as a delegate to in 2018. Since then, our "First Elected/Head of Delegation," Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth was elected as an Episcopal leader in 2022... which meant that I became our Cal-Pac Head of Delegation, as we head to North Carolina for our 2 week conference. In that time, I ask that you pray for our United Methodist Church and will offer ways for you to learn more and participate in this year's GC online and in-person.

Celebration of Life Memorial Service at Faith

Please Take Note of "Open" to all and "Private Family" Services

April 2 - Bernice Kashiwai (OPEN)

April 6 - Nelson Mark, 10am (OPEN)

April 13 - Greg Kubo (PRIVATE FAMILY)

June 8 - Frances Yonemori, 3pm (OPEN)

Little Town Near Bethlehem (page 24)

Wadi Foquin, a Palestinian Village between Hope and Despair. A Conversation with Adam Manasra

Adam Manasra organizes a young adult leadership team in the West Bank village of Wadi Foquin, making online presentations to tell the world the reality of their life under military occupation. At 25 years of age, he provides a valuable perspective from this younger generation of Palestinians.

Adam has been itinerating in the United States to amplify a letter from members of Congress to the State Department, calling for "an immediate halt to all demolitions and property seizures in Wadi Foquin." That letter was the result of the advocacy work of Friends of Wadi Foquin in recent years.

Since the time that letter was written, war has erupted, resulting in the genocidal assault on Gaza that the world is witnessing with horror. Less noticed has been the terrifying escalation of violence against Palestinians across the West Bank.

Join us on April 14th to learn from a remarkable young man and hear his testimony of life under Israel's 57-year-long military occupation and how his village, like so many others across Palestine, is being slowly and cruelly erased.

Adam's visits across the US are also raising funds for a new community development project in the village to build a Guest House. As a trained engineer, Adam is the designer of the Guest House and will oversee the construction. A creative use of Wadi Foquin's land, this project is also an expression of resistance to Israel's ongoing land confiscation.

Nihongobu News

Pastor Becky

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今、3月31日のイースターを準備しながら、感謝をせずにはられません。レントをテーマにした映画上映「めぐみへの誓い」は、受難を通し信仰を持つ横田咲江さんの証。

「あまりにも悲しむ私に、クリスチャンの友は聖書の言葉で励ましてくださいました。」聖書にある「神様のわざがこの人に現れるため。」(ヨハネ9:3)に心打たれ、教えられ、苦しみの人ヨブを読み、咲江さんは変えられたのです。「主は娘を私のもとに与えてくださった方であるし、取られることもあるのだ」とヨブ記1:21より気づかされ、はじめて心の平安が与えられました。私たちは、神様の言葉に恵みをうけた証に感動したのです。

また、イースター賛美子どもハンドベルの参加者は10名を超え感謝を覚えます。主に奉仕をする仲間を子どもの時から持つ喜びを覚えてほしいと思います。土曜日のエッグハントに参加したい子どもも多々与えられています。日英の子どもたちがイースターと一緒に祝いするのは喜ばしいかぎりです。

こんな春の日々を感謝せずにはられません。日本では4月に向けて新学期がはじまります。新しい心をもって春を迎えたいと思います。

Now, as I prepare for Easter on March 31st, I can't help but feel grateful. First, we were able to show the Lent movie "Vow to Megumi" which was Sakie Yokota's faith testimony through her suffering after her daughter was kidnapped. "When I was feeling tremendously sad and depressed, a Christian friend encouraged me with words from the Bible." Sakie was touched by the Bible passage: "So that the works of God may be manifested in this man." (John 9:3) After reading the Book of Job, a man of great suffering, Sakie was changed. This great peace transcended to her heart for the first time. "I learned from Job 1:21 that the Lord is the one who gave me her daughter, and he will take her away." Sakie's testimony touched all of us.

Secondly, I am also grateful for the Easter Kodomo handbell participants (so far, 11 kodomo have signed up.) It is a great joy to have many friends and serve God together starting from their childhood. I have to share that Nichigo kodomo have been excited to participate in the egg hunt on Saturday! It's great to see Japanese speaking and English speaking children celebrating Easter together.

I can't help but be grateful for the spring days. In Japan, as the new academic year begins in April, great exciting news is coming in from my friends and family. Kodomo is growing up and starting a new chapter of life! So grateful to God!

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FAITH UMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery to Grade 5

**Please join us for Sunday School
every Sunday at 10:30am**



REMINDERS:



**2024 Secret Pal Program - don't forget to write your Secret Pals!
Deep Roots: Family Dinner & Prayer Gatherings - April 20**

The Garden (Sunday School) classes are offered for children ages 3 (must turn 3 before September 1) through 5th grade during the 10:30 service.

Child care for children under 3 is available in the nursery located in Room 15. For more information please contact our nursery director Kristen Hayashida at Faithumc.garden@gmail.com.



Faith Baby & Me meets on 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 9:30am in Room 15!

We can't wait to grow together with you.

Youth Ministry



Dear Families and Friends,

He is Risen! He is Risen! He is Risen! Happy Easter to all of you! It's such a blessing to be in this time of Easter and to celebrate with one another. This past month the Youth Ministries had an exciting opportunity to travel up to Camp Wrightwood for our Annual Winter Retreat. This year we were able to team up with the Linx Ministry and collaborate with West LA UMC and Centenary UMC to host this year's retreat. It was a great turnout of youth, leaders, and Adult Volunteers! It was such a spiritual filled weekend to be up at camp again. The youth even got to see and play in the snow! In March, we also sent up a handful of Counselors to UJCC Church in Fresno, for their first Junior High Camp Counselor Meeting. They are excited and preparing for this summer's week of camp and activities. Lastly, thank you to all the youth, leaders and families for all your help at the Easter Picnic. It was such a fun event to see the Garden Ministry and Families search for eggs and fellowship together. Thank again for all your continuous love and support for the Youth Ministries, we hope you all had a fruitful Lenten Season and a Joyous Easter!

God Bless,
Darrell Mark
Faith UMC Youth Director



For more information: email: darrell.faithumc@gmail.com

TGIF

JR HIGH | 6TH - 8TH

MYF

HIGH SCHOOL | 9TH -12TH

YOUNG ADULT: SIMPLE CHURCH



Faith and Fellowship this Spring!

Faith Young Adult Ministries continues to gather for Bible Study and Hangouts facilitated by Kelvin Matsumoto. Rev. Allison & Minister 'Ainise participate as clergy support.

THIS SPRING SEASON, join a young adult online Bible Study or in-person Dinner and Hangout every **WEDNESDAY evening**. Each Bible Study is topical and connects to the lectionary. Hangouts include fun dinner discussions, games and movie nights, and outings. Invite a friend, bring a co-worker. We are also working on a collaboration with the National Japanese UMC Caucus for our college and young professional-aged groups! Together let's grow in Faith!

Zoom: Meeting ID: 892 9497 5931

Contact Kelvin, Minister Ainise, or Rev. Allison for the Passcode.

For Pastoral Care of Spiritual Needs, please contact Rev. Allison Mark, revallison@faithsouthbay.org or by phone.

SPRING CHANGES

**1ST & 3RD
WEDNESDAYS**

Bible Study
at 7:30PM
ONLINE

**2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAYS**

Hangout
at 7:00PM
IN-PERSON

**5TH
WEDNESDAYS**

MIXER - TBA

For more information, please contact the Church Office OR **KELVIN MATSUMOTO** at (310) 217-7000 or email:

communications@faithsouthbay.org

 FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP TIMES

8:30AM

IF YOU BLINKED AND MISSED IT...
FAITH WILL REBROADCAST THE PREVIOUS
WEEK'S SERVICE AT 8:30AM

9:00AM

NIHONGOBU JAPANESE LANGUAGE
WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30AM

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE AND
BROADCAST LIVE STREAM FB | YOUTUBE



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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 7 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

Communion Sunday

April 14 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

Guest Speaker,
Adam Manasra from
Wadi Foundation

April 21 - 4th Sunday of Easter

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

Earth Day Sunday

April 28 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Guest Preacher
Rev. John Miyahara
(Rev. Allison at General Conference)

CONCERNS OF OUR COMMUNITY

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

For Health Concerns, Healing and Wholeness...

Linda Jung
Kay Saxton
Grant Hanada
Winnie Osaki,
Anthony Anderson, Sr., (uncle of Sharon Sambat)
Faye Toma
Ruth Taira
Karlynn Fernandez's husband, (friend of Takako Okubo)
Sumi Hori
Victoria DelaTorre
Sue Hasegawa
Ruth Hirata
Raquel M. Martinez
Kay Mui, (aunt of Julie Inouye)
Susan Mizuki, (wife of Rev. Ruy Mizuki)
Layne Nakasone
Jayne Watanabe
Tommy Sakaguchi, (brother of Gary Sakaguchi)
Virginia Flood
Carolyn Hyatt
Maxine Butcher
Kelsey DeGracia
Arthur Kobashi
Masako & Preston Akiyama (in their transition)
Officers Chris Villanueva & Denton Van Duzer,
(colleagues of Danny Hirata)
Linda Chan Rapp, (wife of Pastor Cliff Rapp)
Mits Saruwatari, (mother of Alan)
Claretta Foster, (mother of Kim)
Barbara Tamura
Elaine Yoshida
Richard Uyeunten
Harry Lum
Kaitlyn Sabedra
Helen Hirano
Iku Kiriya
Jordan Sasaki
Jehiel Vinluan (cousin of Gilbert Vinluan)
Ernie Santiago (husband of Arlene Santiago)
Diane & Destiny Ueda-Banda
Janet Yamada
Jason Dungee (friend of Lynn Atkins)
Irene & Tak Ryono
Glenn and Millie Shimizu
Jerry Osaka (friend of Danny Hirata)
Bill Morris (father of William Morris)

Audrey Goto
Jack & Sue Hamada
Juliet Koyanagi
Mina Shiratori
Faith Tanaka
Nancy Matsushima
Alveena Fukuhara
Chic Miyake
Jim "Tio" Ichikawa (Ralph Ichikawa's brother)
Dean Harada (Ken & Jill Ito's brother-in-law)
Joye Barker
Lori Conti
Leslie Crawford
Deron Tokishi (brother of Sheri Tong)
Fred Endo (father of Sharon Ann Endo)
Kyle Ichikawa (son of Ralph Ichikawa)

For those experiencing loss...

Prayers for the Kawamoto family on the passing of James Kawamoto

Prayers for the Finnie family on the passing of Rev. Margaret Finnie

Prayers for the Isama'u & Finau family on the passing Minister Ainise's uncle, Semisi Tuivai

Prayers for Alice, Darrell and Amanda Mark & family on the passing of Nelson Mark

Prayers for the family of Dr. Ernesto Fontecha (Gilbert Vinluan's uncle) on his sudden passing

Prayers for Stanley & Edith Pang on the passing of Stanley's father, Bing Duck Pang, who was 102 years old.

Prayers for Georgine Morita on the passing of her sister, Lori Takayesu

Prayers for Harriet Tateyama on the passing of her sister-in-law, Pat Hiroshima

Prayers for the Takao family on the passing of Jerry's mother, Takako Takao

Prayers for Kent & Nicole (Morita) Kashiwai on the passing of Kent's mother, Bernice Kashiwai

Prayers for the Yonemori family on the passing of Frances Yonemori, sister of Florence Uchida

Prayers for Lily Kvitky & family on the passing of her husband, Charles

Prayers for Ally Kubo, Spencer, Connor & family on the passing of Greg Kubo

Prayers for Minister Ainise & Polyana Isama'u & family on the passing of Henry Webb (Uepi) Manatu-ki-Suva Isama'u

Prayers for Ralph Ichikawa & family on the passing of his sister, Elaine Suzuki

Florence Nakakura
Val Fong
Noah Miyagawa-Sue
Alice Kajiya
Sam Kobayashi
Dan Yamashita
Sumi Maruya
Dexter, our Postal Worker

**DEDICATED TO THE
FAITH UMC MINISTRY**

Karen Sakoda
*In memory of
Henry Uepi Isama'u*

Ned Morioka
In memory of Tamie Kimura

Karen Sakoda
In memory of Nelson Mark

Lorraine Nakama
In memory of Yukio Nakama

Ruth Sakamoto
In memory of Ken Sakamoto

Elaine Yoshida
In memory of Elaine Suzuki

Jane Kiyohara
*In celebration of 1st
Great-Grandson,
Kainoa Barajas*

Jack Harada
Kiki Hashimoto
Helen Hirano
Ralph Ichikawa
Julie Inouye

Ray Isa
Tak & Doris Kato
Bess Kawamura
Kimiko Kono
Nancy Matsushima

Hito Muneno
Larry & Barbara Takumi
Barbara & Mary Tamura

Reiko Tarui
Grace Tochiara
Elizabeth Tokunaga

Faye Toma
Barbara Ueda
Jayne Watanabe
Alvin & Janet Yamada
Bento Ministry Donation

Barbara Tamura
Blessed Bento Donation

Dawn Wakasa
*Garden & Youth Ministry
Donation*

Julie Inouye
*Holy Helping Hands
Donation*

Elaine Yoshida
Master's Kitchen Donation

John Hayakawa
Memorial Service Donation

Laraine Matsuyama
Music Ministry Donation

Jennifer Matsuura
*Music Ministry-Youth Band
Donation*

Alice Mark
Karen Sakoda
*Pathways Hiking Ministry
Donation*

Elaine Yoshida
Prime Timers Donation

Ralph Ichikawa
Norma Ishigo
Rose Omoto
Grace Tochiara
*Relay for Life-Ohana of Faith
Donation*

Don & Pearl Shoho
Senior Hangout Donation

Jack Honda
Van Ministry Donation

Jennifer Matsuura
Youth Ministry Donation

Living Into The Future
Foundation
*Loaves & Fishes Grant
Leadership Grant-2024 Japan
Mission Trip*

Maxine Young
*UMCOR-Palestine Relief
Donation*

IN KIND DONATIONS

Torrance Bakery (Gardena)
*for donating pastries &
cookies for Sunday Fellowship*

Julie Inouye
*(1) case of plastic bags for
bento distribution*

Norma Ishigo
*Food and supplies for Master's
Kitchen & Sandwich Ministry*

Harry & Ruth Takaki
*donated coffee for
Sunday Fellowship*

Kasun Rajapsha
*Essential items for food
outreach program*

IN NEED OF PRAYER?



Are there joys and celebrations in your life that you would like to share with others in our faith community to raise to God in thanksgiving?

Are there trials, losses, or hardships that you or those you love* are facing where the prayers of others can provide added hope, support, and encouragement?

**When asking for our church family to pray for others that you know, please be sure that you have permission to share any personal information and have permission to request prayers. Thank you!*

In all that we encounter in life, the care and support of others who hold us in prayer can heighten our joys and help to make our burdens light.

If you stand in need of prayer, please contact our church office at (310) 217-7000 or contact Rev. Allison, Rev. Becky or Minister 'Ainise to let us know if you have any personal prayers you wish to share confidentially with our pastors or more openly with the entire church family.

- Rev. Allison



SUNDAY

7 COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:00 a (S) Nihongobu Worship Service

10:30 a (S) Worship

10:30 a Garden Sunday School
 10:30 a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
 12:15 p (22/23) UMW Meeting
 2:00 p (F) Blue Zones
 6:00 p (F, A, P) Ping Pong

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9:00 a (S) Nihongobu Worship Service

10:30 a (S) Worship

10:30 a Garden Sunday School
 10:30 a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
 12:00 p (online) Youth Advisor
 12:00 p (Chen) JHC Regional Meeting
 1:00 p (F) Hula Ministry
 2:00 p (S) Conversation with Adam Manasra
 3:00 p (F) Girl Scout Troop 5365
 6:00 p (F, A, P) Ping Pong

21

9:00 a (S) Nihongobu Worship Service

10:30 a (S) Worship

10:30 a Garden Sunday School
 10:30 a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
 2:00 p (A) Japan Mission Meeting
 2:30 p (S, F) Japanese Movie Night
 6:00 p (F, A, P) Ping Pong

28

9:00 a (S) Nihongobu Worship Service

10:30 a (S) Worship

10:30 a Garden Sunday School
 10:30 a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
 1:00 p (F) Hula Ministry
 3:00 p (F) Girl Scout Troop 5365
 6:00 p (F, A, P) Ping Pong

MONDAY

1 Office Closed

9:00 A (online) Faithful Healing
 7:00 p (F) Troop 719
 7:00 p (online) J-Manga

8 Office Closed

6:30 p (online) Heretics Anonymous Book Study
 7:00 p (online) Youth Parent Mtg
 7:30 p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

15 Office Closed

9:00 a (online) Faithful Healing
 7:00 p (online) Social Action
 7:00 p (online) J-Manga
 7:30 p (online) Executive Cabinet Meeting

22 Office Closed

6:30 p (online) Heretics Anonymous Book Study
 7:30 p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

29 Office Closed

TUESDAY

2

11:00 a Kashiwai Memorial Service
 10:30 a (online) Bible Study
 6:00 p (S, F, A, P, 16-19) Troop 719
 7:00 p (online) Garden Teachers Mtg
 7:30 p (online) Trustees

9

9:45 a (F) Sakura Chorus
 10:30 a (online) Bible Study
 6:00 p (S, F, A, P, 16-19) Troop 719
 7:00 p (online) SPRC

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9:45 a (F) Sakura Chorus
 10:30 a (online) Bible Study
 6:00 p (S, F, A, P, 16-19) Troop 719
 7:00 p (online) Finance

23

9:45 a (S) Sakura Chorus
 10:30 a (online) Bible Study
 6:00 p (S, F, A, P, 16-19) Troop 719
 7:00 p (online) Ad Council

30

9:45 a (S) Sakura Chorus
 10:30 a (online) Bible Study
 6:00 p (S, F, A, P, 16-19) Troop 719

WEDNESDAY**3**

8:30 a (F,A) Senior Hangout
 2:45 p (A) Music Lesson (KM)
 7:00 p (F) Cub Scouts (Leadership)
 7:00 p (S) Choir Practice
 7:00 p (online) Bible Study
 7:30 p (A) String/woodwind
 practice

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10:30 a (F) Women in Transition
 11:30 a (K) MSG
 2:45 p (A) Music Lesson (KM)
 7:00 p (S) Choir Practice
 7:00 p (online) Bible Study
 7:30 p (A) String/woodwind
 practice

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8:30 a (F,A) Senior Hangout
 2:45 p (A) Music Lesson (KM)
 7:00 p (S) Choir Practice
 7:00 p (online) Bible Study
 7:30 p (A) String/woodwind
 practice

24 SHARED BREAD

2:45 p (A) Music Lesson (KM)
 7:00 p (S) Choir Practice
 7:00 p (online) Bible Study
 7:30 p (A) String/woodwind
 practice

THURSDAY**4**

9:30 a (Nursery) Baby & Me
 10:30 a (F) Logos Bible Study
 7:00 p (F) Troop 310G Leadership
 7:00 p (online) Blessed Are You
 7:00 p (S) Crossroads
 7:00 p (A,P) Ping Pong
 7:00 p (online) Simple Church

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7:00 p (S) Crossroads
 7:00 p (A,P) Ping Pong
 7:30 p (Chen) Simple Church

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9:30 a (Nursery) Baby & Me
 10:30 a (F) Logos Bible Study
 7:00 p (online) Blessed Are You
 7:00 p (S) Crossroads
 7:00 p (A,P) Ping Pong
 7:30 p (online) Simple Church

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7:00 p (S) Crossroads
 7:00 p (A,P) Ping Pong
 7:00 p (Chen) Simple Church

FRIDAY**5**

9:00 a (F) Continuing Ed. for
 Nikkei Widowed
 6:00 p (S) Music Practice (NB)

12

8:00 a (offsite) Men's Breakfast
 6:00 p (S) Music Practice (NB)
 7:00 p (Chen) TGIF/MYF
 7:00 p (F,A,P,16-19) Cub Scouts

19

6:00 p (S) Music Practice (NB)

26

6:00 p (S) Music Practice (NB)
 7:00 p (F,A,P,16-19) Cub Scouts

SATURDAY**6**

10:00 a Nelson Mark Memorial
 Service

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8:00 a (Chen/K) Social Action/
 Sandwich Ministry
 9:00 a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)
 10:00 a (S) Followers of Him
 10:00 a (F) Prime Timers

20

9:00 a (22/23) Vision & Strategy
 9:00 a (A) Bento Ministry Prep
 9:00 a (Chen) Music Lessons (KM)
 10:00 a (S) Followers of Him
 11:00 a (F) Yamaguchi Kenjinkai
 11:30 a Bento Ministry Drive Thru
 5:30 p (F) Mochi Club-Deep Roots

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8:00 a (F,A,P,K) Cub Scout Prep
 9:00 a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)
 10:00 a (online) COM Meeting
 10:00 a (S) Followers of Him
 2:00 p (F,A,P,K) Cub Scout
 (Pinewood Derby)

BABY BLESSINGS AROUND

Introducing our 2024 Babies

**KAINOA KENT BARAJAS
BORN FEBRUARY 4, 2024
TO LAUREN & CARLOS
GRANDPARENTS, LISA & STEVE
KIYOHARA,
& GREAT-GRANDMA JANE KIYOHARA**



**YUKI LUCIA MATSUMOTO-PENTON
BORN MARCH 5, 2024
TO KATE MATSUMOTO & TREY PENTON,
GRANDDAUGHTER OF JANE & TERRY
MATSUMOTO**

**DANIEL HIRO YUAN
BORN MARCH 24, 2024
TO NICOLE & DAVID YUAN
GRANDSON OF
DIANE & BRIAN FUJIMORI**



MAY 5TH IS KODOMO NO HI! CHILDREN'S DAY



Time to FLY Faith's Koi Fish and Celebrate Everyone!
And wishing all the amazing children of this world a
Children's Day celebration that is as beautiful as they are.

**After worship, on May 5th,
the UWF
(United Women of Faith)
will hold an all-church fundraiser!**

**Fill up on Spam Musubi (\$3) &
Chirashi (\$5) in celebration of
Children's Day!**

**Diane Fujimori will lead a Koi craft
for the children!**

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.

PRIME TIMERS



Happy Spring!

Come enjoy some Fun and Fellowship

Saturday, April 13, 2024

10:00 am

Faith Fellowship Hall

We'll play some games,
and just enjoy each other's company!





california
pizza kitchen

PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE

Show this flyer or mention the organization listed below on your visit, and California Pizza Kitchen will **DONATE 20% OF ALL FOOD & BEVERAGE SALES** on your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine-in, take-out, catering, and online orders at CPK.com when you enter **BACK20%** at checkout.

Fundraiser in support of:
Faith United Methodist Women
04/18/2024
All Day

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V3

American Cancer Society-Relay for Life

Team Ohana of Faith

First, we would like to thank everyone who participated in our Drive Through Kalua Bowl Event. We sold 195 bowls, many prayer ribbons and Cancer Succs Succulents. Thank you so very much! We continue to sell prayer ribbons, succulents and luminarias bags. You can find us at the Fellowship time after service, if you would like to purchase, donate have questions about Saturday, April 20, 2024, is the main event which will be held in Old Downtown Torrance (Satori Ave & El Prado Ave will be closed off to cars) from 12:00 pm – 8:00am. We'd love to see you there. See the flyer attached.

Cancer has affected us all! I Relay for my sister, my dad, 2 grandparents, my best friend from 5th grade. I Relay for many of our Ohana of Faith Team members, their friends and family and I Relay to ensure that some day we can **END** cancer! American Cancer Society helps in so many ways: Research, Car Rides, Support for patients and caregivers, resources and much more!

We are so thankful for all of you and your continuous support, generosity, prayers and hard work.

Fundraising will continue for this year's relay until the end of August.

With Heartfelt Appreciation and Gratitude!

The Sakurai Family



“Seasons of HOPE“ RFL Torrance 2024



Presenting Sponsor

UCLA Health



#RelayDowntown

When: April 20, 2024 **Time:** 12 pm - 8 pm

Where: Downtown Torrance

Sartori Ave & El Prado Ave

Entertainment - Teams - Vendors
Food - Kids Zone - Community

Join us as we bring our “Seasons of HOPE” Relay
to the City of Torrance.

Join our Relay, Sign Up Today!

Contact Michelle Rand at
michelleprand@gmail.com
or Nancy Gutzmer at
nancy.gutzmer@cancer.org



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TORRANCE
California

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FREE ADMISSION
& POPCORN!

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EVERY THIRD
SUNDAY OF
THE MONTH

JAPANESE MOVIE NIGHT

JAPANESE AUDIO/ENGLISH SUBTITLES



Over the years I have seen "Ikiru" every five years or so, and each time it has moved me, and made me think.
By Roger Ebert



Village Voice

Were it the only film Kurosawa ever made, his name would be rightfully engraved on film history

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Ikiru (To Live)
By Kurosawa
April 21st
At 2:30 pm
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FEATURING
Ikiru (To Live) by Kurosawa at 2:30

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH / 2115 WEST 182ND STREET, TORRANCE 90504
FOR MORE INFORMATION: 310.217.7000 / FAITHSOUTHBAY.ORG

FAITH UMC SUMMER

Day Camp

SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN US!



FAITH AT THE MOVIES DOCUMENTARY SERIES

LIVE TO 100: SECRETS OF THE

BLUE ZONES

MONTHLY VIEWING & CONVERSATIONS ON AGING
FIRST SUNDAYS:

APRIL 7, MAY 5, JUNE 2, JULY 7 @2PM

SANCTUARY / FELLOWSHIP HALL

Let's travel around the world together with author Dan Buettner to discover five unique communities where people live extraordinarily long and vibrant lives. After each monthly viewing of the docu-series, we'll have a conversation on the secrets to aging and other questions that spark your interest!

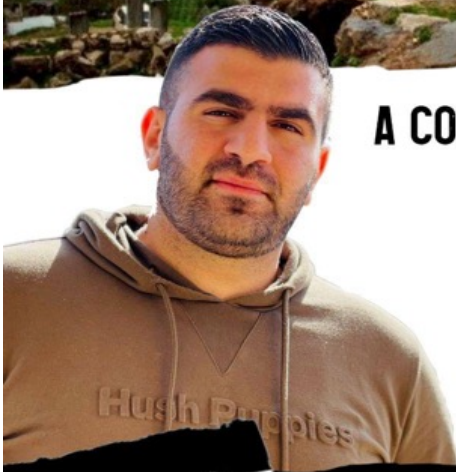
SAVE THE DATE - DAY CAMP AND BLUE ZONES

Faith UMC and the Cal-Pac Palestine/Israel Task Force present

LITTLE TOWN NEAR BETHLEHEM

Wadi Foquin:

A Palestinian Village Between Hope and Despair



A CONVERSATION WITH ADAM MANASRA:

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ORGANIZER
FROM WADI FOQUIN IN THE WEST BANK

Join us to meet a remarkable young man and hear his testimony of life under Israel's 57-year-long military occupation. Learn how his village, like so many others across Palestine, is being slowly and cruelly erased, and discover what he and his community are doing to resist.

2 OPPORTUNITIES
TO HEAR ADAM!

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE • 2:00 PM COMMUNITY EVENT

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2115 WEST 182ND ST • TORRANCE, CA 90504



PAIGE TAMURA'S GOLD AWARD PROJECT

Art-in-a-Box

One component of Paige's project is to make 250 boxes with art supplies to give to the children at Little Company of Mary Hospital and she needs YOUR help!

Boxes will target Elementary, Middle, and High School-aged patients.

Art supplies to be collected in March and April: coloring books, crayons, doodle books, color pencils, journals, mechanical pencils, origami, construction paper, etc..

Paige will be making an announcement at the April 28, 2024 Sunday Service to provide an update.

FAITH FAMILY MINISTRY (MOCHI CLUB)

DEEP ROOTS

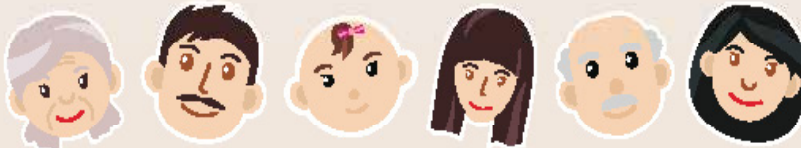
Monthly Devotion, Deep Discussions on Faith Building & Raising our children with a "sticky faith," and Potluck Dinner for our Faith Families

Saturday, April 20, 2024

5:30pm - MATSUSHIMA FAMILY HOSTING*

*Families rotate hosting duties in their homes or at Faith UMC.

Please let Rev. Allison know if you and your family are interested in joining DEEP ROOTS
communications@faithsouthbay.org



Come Join us for Great Food with Great Friends



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TROOP 310G



Dine In or Take out

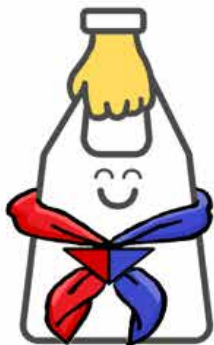
PANCAKE BREAKFAST



at **Gardena Valley JCI**

1964 W 162nd St, Gardena, CA 90247

Sunday, April 21 7am-11am



\$10 per plate

includes: Pancakes, Ham, Eggs,
Coffee, and Juice



SCAN ME!



Order Online: <https://givebutter.com/T719-310GPancakes2024>

For More Information

Email: T719Fundraiser@gmail.com





Pinewood Derby 2024

Join Pack 862!

Scan to RSVP and to get more information about Pack 862



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, April 27th
Faith United Methodist Church
2115 W. 182nd St. Torrance, 90504

Watch the races!
Learn about scouting!



faith bento ministries

About our program

Faith UMC loves and values our Seniors and continues to find new and innovative ways to support our Seniors, Primetimers, and Caregivers. **Blessed Bento** (1st Saturdays) has always been a program to support our "homebound" and participants. **Keiro Bento**, which will now be called **"Senior & Caregiver Bento"** (3rd Saturdays) is a program that began in March 2021 and will continue through 2024 was created to support ALL of our Seniors and Caregivers, so that you won't have to prepare an extra meal that week!

Although Blessed Bento has always supported itself, with a generous grant through Keiro Grants Program for the past 2 years, we were able to subsidize all of our meals for our Seniors. **We applied for a Keiro grant for this year's grant cycle and were rewarded a generous grant again! Along with your generous love offerings, we are able to continue our Bento Ministries for this year.**

BLESSED BENTO

Who is this program for?

- Homebound Seniors
- Seniors participants who have requested delivery.

How do you sign up?

1. If you are not already a participant, you can register by contacting the Faith office: 310.217.7000 or communications@faithsouthbay.org
- 2.. Blessed Bento callers will contact you to confirm delivery.

How are you meals prepared and delivered?

On the 1st Saturdays of the month, the Blessed Bento Ministry will make and prepare meals. Your deliveries will be made to participants homes by our BB Team early that afternoon.

Love Offerings

Blessed Bento and Senior Bento are ministries of Faith and made with love. Monetary gifts are helpful to the sustainability of our Bento Ministry. Gifts and checks made to Faith UMC will go toward sustaining our Faith Bento Ministries (Memo line: BENTO MINISTRIES or Blessed Bento/Senior Bento)

What is a "Well-ness Check"?

To best support our seniors and caregivers, when we confirm our monthly orders, we will be asking 3 simple questions:

1. How are you doing?
2. Is there anything Faith can do to support you?
3. Do you need a pastoral care call or visit?

Our Community Partners

In addition to having worked with the Keiro Grant Program, Faith UMC is excited to partner with our local South Bay restaurants and local eateries.

Faith UMC South Bay Contact Information

2115 W. 182nd Street, Torrance, CA 90503 * Phone: 310.217.7000 * Email: communications@faithsouthbay.org

KEIRO-SENIOR & CAREGIVER BENTO

Who is this program for?

- ALL Seniors
- Caregivers (Limit 2)

How do you sign up?

1. Participants must call monthly to sign up by contacting the Faith office: 310.217.7000 or communications@faithsouthbay.org. Please call before THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH to reserve a meal.
2. Faith staff will call each month to confirm your # of meals, if you are able to pick up your meals, and will ask our 3 "Well-ness Check" questions.

How do you pick up your meals?

On the 3rd Saturday of the month, a different local restaurant/eatery will create a Bento Box for our participants. Pick up will be between 11:30am-12:30pm in the Faith Parking lot. *(If unable to pick-up, please let us know during your confirmation call.)*

FAITH HULA

WHEN:

1:00 PM

NEXT CLASS ON:

APRIL 14 & 28

WHERE:

FAITH FELLOWSHIP HALL
2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS

HULA MINISTRY

VAN MINISTRY

Faith Van Ministry



& Ride Shares

We will be having our Van Ministry for Sunday Mornings, but we need to know if you're interested, need a ride, and what kind of support you need!

**For the month of April, we will have pick-ups and drop-offs on
the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month:**

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Sunday, April 21, 2024

If you would like to arrange for a ride, please contact Glenn Sakurai at communications@faithsouthbay.org or by calling the Church Office, 310.217.7000.

If you would like to help DRIVE our seniors, please contact Glenn as well to be a part of the vanpool driver rotation or if you can help with pick ups of seniors in areas near you!

master's kitchen

11:00am to 11:45am Saturday

March 30, 2024

June 29, 2024

August 31, 2024

November 30, 2024

40 lunch boxes and sack lunches to be handed out!



SANDWICH MINISTRY

Sandwich Ministry has been continuing
every 2nd Saturday of the month!



40 sack lunches are prepared in the
Chen Annex (8-9 am) and delivered
to the day laborers at Home Depot.

SIGN UPS ARE WELCOME!



If interested, call church office (310-217-7000) or notify Barbara Takumi.



Moms and Babies, Dads and Babies,
Grandparents and Babies,
Uncles, Aunties, Nannies and Babies!

revallison@faithsouthbay.org • Church office (310) 217-7000

1st and 3rd Thursdays

9:30 - 10:15 am

Faith Nursery

Caregivers/guardians and their children ages newborn to age 5

Join us for a guided time of Faith Baby Talk, Storytime, Prayer, Play, & Singing.

The nursery is available to fellowship and free-play following. Baby guardians are invited to bring their own snacks, and join us for a time of growing together in Faith.

For more information contact:
Rev. Allison.

FAITH
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONFIRMATION & MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

WANT TO GO DEEPER IN YOUR FAITH JOURNEY?

WANT TO WALK WITH OTHERS IN FAITH TOO?



FOR YOUTH, GRADES 8 AND UP

FOR ADULTS WANTING TO JOIN A FAITH COMMUNITY

FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN METHODISM 101 & REAFFIRMING YOUR FAITH

**INTRO MEETING:
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024, 12:30PM**

**Sign up with Rev. Allison -
communications@faithsouthbay.org**



Once a month, Fridays, 8:00am
NEXT MEETING: April 12, 2024
 Offsite at Country Touch Cafe

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

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



Faith Chancel Choir & Crossroads

CHOIR PRACTICE

Like to sing?
 Join our Faith Chancel & Crossroads Choirs with Choir Director, Dr. Lynn Atkins

Practices on:
 Wednesdays at 7:00pm
Chancel Choir



Thursdays at 7:00pm
Crossroads Choir

Come! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



Faith Handbell Choir COMING SOON!

FAITHFUL HEALING

Join Alan Saruwatari, CST, a shiatsu therapist and Qi Gong practitioner at One, Natural Healing Center as he walks you through ways to strengthen your natural healing abilities and take an active role in the healing process through a meditation that connects with your Christian faith. *Feel God's love as you calm your mind, relax your body and brighten your spirit!*

Every 1st and 3rd Mondays at 9:00am.

If you're interested: please email Alan Saruwatari at One.nhc@att.net for zoom information.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday at 10:30am



MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday 7:00pm

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 online using our weekly Bible Study Guide Curriculum, written by Faith Clergy. Our conversations are engaging, honest, and practical. Each Study community creates a culture of prayer and connection. Come and grow in your faith!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5883329633> | Call for Passcode

MONDAY THEOLOGY BOOK CLUB

Every 2nd & 4th Monday

Delve deeper into your understanding of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit by joining our Monday Theology Book Club (a.k.a. "Heretics Anonymous" as you read contemporary theologians who challenge our often traditional thinking of the Christian faith.

Contact Roger Butcher or Danny Hirata for details

LOGOS BIBLE STUDY

EVERY 1st and 3rd Thursday
10:30-12:30pm

IN-PERSON - Fellowship Hall

Led by Rev. Allison & Minister 'Ainise.
Come join this group if you desire to
grow deeper in Christ.

BLESSED ARE YOU: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

EVERY 1st and 3rd Thursday
7:00-9:00pm

Bible study group for women of all ages and stages in life. Women spend a special time with God in a tranquil and soothing environment, created especially for a spiritual experience that is comforting, supportive, accepting, and affirming to sisters in faith.

Contact Alice Mark for Zoom link

As a way to continue our lessons from Sunday worship, Study Guides are also available each week on our website, for those who prefer independent study and devotion.

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

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**Women in Transition (WIT)
Women's Grief & Support
Group (WGSG)**

Next meeting: April 10 at 10:30am



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. We have launched TWO separate tracts for our group: Women's Grief & Support Group (WGSG) and Women in Transitions (WIT). The first tract is for those experiencing loss and grief and would like to process together. The second tract is a group discussion on what it means to move into new transitions. Rev. Allison and Minister 'Ainise Isama'u will co-facilitate these two tracts.

For more information contact Rev. Allison,
communications@faithsouthbay.org



Senior hang-out

**Next meeting April 3 & 17
8:30-11:30am**

Senior Hangout meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

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.

Starting January 2024, we will add beginning classes in mahjong, hand-and-foot and ukulele, Come out and joint the fun!

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

MOCHI CLUB and MISO & TOFU Parenting Groups



Families of ALL ages are invited to participate in our monthly Intergenerational Family Ministry: MOCHI CLUB, with pop-ups, movie nights and family activities. **MISO: Mom's in Search Of...** and **TOFU: The Open-Hearted Father's United** are also opportunities for parents of children to connect for conversation, advice, and fellowship, as we grow our children in Faith.

As we start out with fellowship and fun, we hope to grow in our Faith by creating family groups, camping and retreat opportunities for the whole church family and other events and gatherings where we can share knowledge, experience, and raise children spiritually and biblically together. And connect with "Deep Roots" our Family Devotion Dinners as we explore raising our children in faith!

If you are interested and want to participate, please contact,
Church Life Coordinator, Minister Ainise 'Isama'u, akisamau@faithsouthbay.org or
Rev. Allison Mark, communications@faithsouthbay.org

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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 contact Rev. Allison Mark or the church office for Caregiver Resource information: communications@faithsouthbay.org

Men's Support Group (MSG)

Next meeting: April 10 at 11:30am

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

Faith Mission, Vision, and Welcome Statement

MISSION: The mission of Faith United Methodist is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

VISION: "Go deeper in Christ. Go farther for Christ."

WELCOME: "Faith United Methodist Church is a welcoming, open and affirming church to all people of all ages, race, nationality, physical ability, family structure, social and economic status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

We embrace diversity in our congregation and community, and affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God.

We invite all who seek to follow Jesus into the full life of our church, ministry, leadership, worship, sacraments, rites, and fellowship."



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Growing deeper in Christ
Going farther for Christ

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