



FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SOUTH BAY

MAY 2024

GOOD NEWS

MAY 4

Centenary Bazaar | 10:00am - 4:00pm

MAY 5

KODOMO NO HI CELEBRATION | Children's Day!

General Conference 2020 in 2024 Talk Back Session

Live to 100: Secrets of BLUE ZONES: Monthly Viewing & Conversations on Aging - Every First Sundays

MAY 11

PrimeTimers 'Not a Mother's Day Brunch'

West District Conference

MAY 12

Mother's Day

MAY 18

2024 Secret Pal Reveal Dinner at 5:00pm

MAY 19

PENTECOST SUNDAY | **Wear your red!**

Japanese Movie Night

L.A. Bronze concert series: MAY 19th will be held at Faith UMC at 4:00PM
ADMISSION IS FREE FOR ALL 3 CONCERTS!





...and know that I am God

Ask and ye shall receive. The day before I left for our UMC General Conference in North Carolina on April 21st, I asked our congregation to be a praying people and to pray for the “legislative body” of the United Methodist Church; to pray for our delegates, Bishops, agencies, and over 1000+ observers attending GC. I also asked our congregation that if they would like to do something tangible, they were welcome to fold origami cranes for peace and prayer. And in these two long weeks, I have received both daily prayers and cranes from both members, friends, and even Bishops! Take a look at the ones folded/shared by Kaira, Amara, Bishop Carlo Rapanut (Desert SouthWest) and Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank (Cal-Pac), and Rhoda Kai -- and to add to more signs of peace, everywhere I went I saw cranes (albeit building cranes!) all over Uptown Charlotte!

While we did the work of passing the REVISED Social Principles, and supporting our LGBTQIA+ siblings by REMOVING harmful language, and figuring out how to be a worldwide church as we REGIONALIZE all of our churches (WHICH WE DID!! Yay for the 3'R's!), the world around us did not stand still. We watched in horror how college and universities around the US, including local USC cancelled their graduation ceremony, and UCLA's encampments deemed illegal after students exerted their rights to protest and were arrested and attacked. We experienced the news about two mass shootings, one in a local Charlotte neighborhood where 8 law enforcement officers were shot, 4 killed; a Charlotte delegates had connections to the family of the slain officer. Clearly, we are crying out for peace in our world. The prayers is that our United Methodist Church continues to carry on the message that Jesus Christ has taught us about God's peace and love.

Clearly as I write this article, I am still at General Conference and look forward to coming home on Saturday to be with you on Sunday. It is for such a time as this that we have recognized that we are a NEW church with a mission to serve the world. I look forward to sharing more with you on Sunday when I return!



Go Now! And BE the Body of Christ!

Allison K. Mark
 Rev. Allison K. Mark,
 Senior Pastor



ENDING SPIRITUAL & PHYSICAL HUNGER:



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

The 40th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference
will be held in Burbank, CA at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport.
Register here: <https://www.calpacumc.org/ac2024/>

JUNE 12-15, 2024 CALIFORNIA & HAWAII

JUNE 13-16, 2024 GUAM & SAIPAN

WEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2024

MAY 11, 2024 AT 1:00PM PDT

More details will be announced as they become available.



WESTERN JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

JULY 10-13, 2024 SPOKANE, WA

More details will be announced as they become available.
Registration is expected to launch early in 2024.

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

Friday, May 17, 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





A Heartfelt Thank You



As I transition back in my role here at Faith UMC, Polyana and I wanted to make sure to extend our deepest gratitude to the remarkable and amazing people of this church -- you have shown unwavering support, love, and compassion during this challenging time.

Henry's passing has left an indelible void in our hearts and in the fabric of our family. His presence, warmth, and unwavering spirit will be deeply missed, but his memory will forever remain a cherished part of Faith UMC.

To the Rev. Allison and Pastor Becky, your steadfast presence and constant check-ins have provided solace and strength during moments of profound sorrow. Your willingness to be there for Polyana and I, offering guidance and comfort, has been a beacon of light in the midst of darkness.

To the leadership, ministries, and members of Faith UMC, your outpouring of love and support has been nothing short of extraordinary. From the countless calls, texts, and emails, to the heartfelt words of encouragement and acts of kindness, each gesture has served as a reminder of the boundless compassion within our church family.



We extend a special thank you to those who took the time to send cards, letters, and notes of love. Your thoughtfulness and generosity have brought comfort and reassurance during moments of profound grief.

To each and every member of Faith UMC, your dedication, empathy, and willingness to rally around one another in times of need exemplify the true essence of God's Kin-dom here on Earth. Your collective efforts have provided strength and solace to me, Polyana and my whole family.

Though words may fail to fully capture the depth of our gratitude, please know that your kindness has not gone unnoticed. Your support has been a source of immense comfort during this journey of healing and remembrance.

In the spirit of Henry's enduring legacy, let us continue to uplift one another, extending compassion and grace to all who walk through the doors of Faith UMC.

With heartfelt appreciation,
'Ainise & Polyana Isama'u



Dear Faith UMC Family,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Polyana, and I am writing to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for your incredible support during such a difficult time in my life.

As many of you know, my dad, Henry "Uepi" Isama'u, recently passed away. He was not just my father; he was my best friend, my favorite (shh...don't tell mom), and the person I could always count on. There wasn't anything I couldn't share with him, and his presence in my life meant everything to me.

Losing him has been one of the hardest experiences I've ever had to endure. But knowing that he is no longer suffering and is now in Heaven with my grandma brings me some comfort. Although, I can't help but imagine my grandma giving him a hard time for joining her so soon! I like to think they're both looking out for me from up above.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart for your love, prayers, and thoughts during this challenging time. Your presence, both physically and emotionally, has meant the world to me and my mom. When you all came to show your love and respect, I couldn't help but cry so much. Your kindness and compassion have touched me in ways I can't fully express.

I am so grateful to be part of such a loving and supportive church family like Faith UMC. Your willingness to get to know and love my dad means more to me than words can say. Please know that your kindness will never be forgotten.

Thank you again for being there for us in our time of need. Your love and support have been a guiding light for me during this rough time, and I will forever cherish the memories of your kindness.

With all my love and gratitude,
Polyana Isama'u



Nihongobu News

Pastor Becky

「お祝い月」

まだまだイースターの喜びが続く今日である。復活祭の日英合同礼拝では、子どもハンドベルの演奏が素晴らしかった。皆で一緒に主の復活を讃え礼拝するのは素晴らしい！

5月はお祝い続きの月である。5月5日は子どもの日。そして、5月12日は母の日。5月19日はペンテコステ礼拝。3週続けて神様の祝福と感謝を込めてお祝いしたいと思う。

「それから、イエスは一緒に下って行き、ナザレに帰り、両親に仕えておくらしになった。母はこれらのことをすべて心に納めていた。イエスは知恵が増し、背丈も伸び、神と人々に愛された。」

(ルカ2:51-52) イエス様のように、神と人に愛され、すくすくと成長するように、子どもたちのために祈る時である。お昼からクラフトをしたりエンジョイする子どもの日のプログラムがある。また、母の日礼拝では子どもを愛し育てるお母さんたちにも祝福があるように祈りたい。神様にお母さんたちを感謝する特別な日でありますように。聖霊の神様が私たちに力を注いでくださる。さあ、心を尽くして主に感謝する月を持とう！

In May, we will be busy celebrating Kodomo-no-hi, Mother's Day, and Pentecost Sunday.

"Then he (Jesus) went down with them (his parents) and came to Nazareth, and he was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor." (Luke 2:51-52)

May 5th is "Kodomo-no-hi," and our prayer goes out to all the children to grow up in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men, just like Jesus. Together we will enjoy a special Kodomo-no-hi program at noon. Also, we pray and thank God for all mothers on May 12th. Come Holy Spirit, and fill us greatly! Pray for our Japan Mission Teams: May 27 - June 5, 2024.

平田



FAITH UMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Nursery to Grade 5



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

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

Faith Baby & Me meets on 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 9:30am in Room 15! (more information on page 27)

We can't wait to grow together with you.

REMEMBER!

Don't forget to write your Secret Pals!

2024 Secret Pal Reveal Dinner
May 18, 2024 at 5:00pm

Youth Ministry



Hi Families and Friends,

I hope this finds you all well as we head into the month of May. We are closing in on Graduation Time for our Senior Class of 2024! We are so excited and can't wait to celebrate them next month. As we move forward, we are heading closer and closer to our Summer Ministries! Junior High Camp Registration is now open and can be found at www.njaumccamps.org/junior-high-camp! More information is on the website as well as for our High School Aged Youth for Asian American Summer Camp. Registration is also out now! We will be continuing to meet on Sundays at 10:30am for Youth Group and heading into this month resume our Friday Night Fellowship Time on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. More information will be shared as we get closer to those dates and events! If you have any questions regarding Camp or Summer Ministries, please let us know. Thank you again for all your continuous love and support for the Youth Ministries!

God Bless,
Darrell Mark
Faith UMC Youth Director
For more information,
email: darrell.faithumc@gmail.com

JOIN US THIS SUMMER AT ONE OF OUR CAMPS!

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP
JUNE 23RD - JUNE 28TH,
2024

CAMP LODESTAR:
6135 BLUE MOUNTAIN RD.
WILSEYVILLE, CA 95257

JHC REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
MAY 12, 2024

ASIAN CAMP
JULY 14TH - 19TH, 2024

CAMP GILMORE:
26801 DOROTHY DR.
CALABASAS, CA 91302

REGISTER NOW LIVE!
[HTTPS://WWW.NJAUMCCAMPS.ORG/REGISTRATION](https://www.njaumccamps.org/registration)

TGIF MYF
JR HIGH | 6TH - 8TH 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
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MATSUMOTO at
(310) 217-7000 or
email:

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

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

 FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP TIMES

8:30AM

REBROADCAST OF LAST WEEK'S SERVICE

9:00AM

NIHONGOBU JAPANESE LANGUAGE
WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30AM

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

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Faith United Methodist Church: 2115 W. 182nd Street, Torrance, CA 90504



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Torrance, CA 90504



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Drop your gift off in
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For non-pledge and
special donations

PLEDGE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE TO SUBMIT ONLINE

Pledge card online link: <https://tinyurl.com/faithumcpledgecard2024>

PENTECOST IS COMING!

On May 19, 2024,
dig your best red out of
the closet and let's
celebrate the Holy Spirit
spreading God's good
news through the world
like wildfire.



FAITH AT THE MOVIES DOCUMENTARY SERIES

LIVE TO 100: SECRETS OF THE

BLUE ZONES

MONTHLY VIEWING & CONVERSATIONS ON AGING
FIRST SUNDAYS:

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!

PENTECOST

BLUE ZONES

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 May. 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.

May 5 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

Communion Sunday

Kodomo No Hi Celebration

May 12 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Mother's Day

May 19 - Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26 - Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

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
Susan Mizuki, (wife of Rev. Ruy Mizuki)
Layne Nakasone
Jayne Watanabe
Tommy Sakaguchi, (brother of Gary Sakaguchi)
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 Kiriyaama
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
Lori Conti
Faith Tanaka
Nancy Matsushima
Alveena Fukuhara
Chic Miyake
Jim "Tio" Ichikawa (Ralph Ichikawa's brother)
Dean Harada (Ken & Jill Ito's brother-in-law)
Deron Tokishi (brother of Sheri Tong)
Fred Endo (father of Sharon Ann Endo)
Kyle Ichikawa (son of Ralph Ichikawa)
Wayne Shimizu
Mutsuko Nishi (mother of Henry Nishi)

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

For those experiencing loss...

Celebration of Life:

Prayers for the Maruya family on the passing of Sumi Maruya. Sumi's Celebration of Life will be held on May 17 at 11am. Reception and burial following

Prayers for the Flood family on the passing of Virginia Flood

Prayers for Masako Akiyama & family on the passing of Preston Akiyama

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 Kanja family on the passing of Stan Kanja

Prayers for Tash and Miae Nomiya on the passing of Shizue Nomiya

Prayers for the Nakahara-Degracia family on the passing of Kyoko Nakahara

Prayers for the Kuniyoshi family on the passing of Kurt Kuniyoshi

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

Prayers for our Worldwide Community:

Pray for the continued War in the Holy Land and for the U.S. college institutions in the growing protests of frustration regarding the people of Palestine and Israel.

DEDICATED TO THE
FAITH UMC MINISTRY

Danny Hirata
*In memory of
Preston Akiyama*

Ray Isa
In memory of Eleanor Isa

Linda Jung
*In memory of
Henry Uepi Isama'u*

Sally & Ken Sasaki
*In memory of
Bernice Kashiwai*

Ron & Jean Andrews
Asa Ginoza
Michael & Carol Hashiro

Jon & Miki Hayshida
Danny Hirata
Ellen Hokama

Doug & Geraldine Mizukami
In memory of Greg Kubo

Doug & Geraldine Mizukami
Gary & Cathie Tani
In memory of Kurt Kuniyoshi

Robert Fair
Jon & Miki Hayashida
Norma Ishigo
Linda Jung
Paul MitoEva Nishi

Shari Nishihara
Stanley Pang
Sally & Ken Sasaki
Elizabeth Tokunaga
In memory of Nelson Mark

Danny Hirata
In memory of Sumie Maruya

Ellen Hokama
Norma Ishigo
Linda Jung
Alice Mark
Doug & Geraldine Mizukami
In memory of Bing Pang

Linda Jung
In memory of Elaine Suzuki

Doug & Geraldine Mizukami
In memory of Takako Takao

Elizabeth Tokunaga
In memory of Lori Takayesu

Herb Aoyama
Fred & Sadie Hifumi
Danny Hirata
Linda Jung
Jane Kiyohara
Doug & Geraldine Mizukami
*In memory of
Frances Yonemori*

Jennifer Matsuura
In honor of Youth Band

Ned Morioka
*In celebration of
Mekena Salander*

Jack Honda
*In celebration of
Great Grandson
Nikolas Kala Stefatos*

Don & Pearl Shoho
Thanks Be to God

Donald & Lee Carlile
Michael Hiranuma
Georgine Morita
Takako Okubo

Lawrence & Barbara Takumi
Grace Tochiyara
Rodney & Lisa Telomen
Mary Vandever
Haru Watanabe
UMCOR Donation
Disaster Relief

Susan Fukuda
Kent & Nicole Kashiwai
*Donation for the Bernice
Kashiwai Memorial Service*

Harvie Kuniyoshi
*Donation for facility usage-
Kurt Kuniyoshi*

IN KIND DONATIONS

Victoria De La Torre
Teruaki Ebihara
Helen Hirano
Danny Hirata
Ray Isa
Dale & Christine Keim
Yoshie Kim
Kimiko Kono
Sue Kunisaki
Nancy Matsushima
Winnie Osaki
Larry & Barbara Takumi
Barbara & Mary Tamura
Grace Tochihara
Elizabeth Tokunaga
Jayne Watanabe
Alvin & Janet Yamada
Bento Ministry Donation

Ken & Chris Medeiros
Hiking Ministry Donation

Susan DeGracia
Wayen & Maxine Saito
Jean Seki
Prime Timers Donation

Pearl Iizuka
Vision & Planning Donation

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

Joyce Izumi
*(7) knitted blankets and
(4) knitted wraps*

May Tsuhako
Microwave for the kitchen

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?

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

**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!*



5 KODOMO NO HI CELEBRATION

8:00 a (K) UWF Fundraiser Prep
9:00 a (A) Nihongobu Worship Service
10:30 a (S) Worship
 10:30 a Garden Sunday School
 10:30 a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
 10:30 a (A) UWF Fundraiser & Church Event
 12:15 p (22/23) UWF Meeting
 1:00 p (16/17) Hula Ministry
 2:00 p (F) Blue Zones
 3:00 p (F) Girl Scout Troop 5365
 6:00 p (F, A, P) Ping Pong

12 MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 a (A) 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
 1:00 p (F) Hula Ministry
 6:00 p (F, A, P) Ping Pong

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9:00 a (A) Nihongobu Worship Service
10:30 a (S) Worship
 10:30 a Garden Sunday School
 10:30 a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
 1:00 p (S, K, F, 16/17) LA Bronze Prep
 2:00 p (A) Japan Mission Meeting
 2:30 p (22/23) Japanese Movie Night
 4:00 p (S, K, F, 16/17) LA Bronze Handbell Ensemble
 6:00 p (F, A, P) Ping Pong

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9:00 a (A) Nihongobu Worship Service
10:30 a (S) Worship
 10:30 a Garden Sunday School
 10:30 a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
 12:00 p (Chen) JHC Regional Meeting
 1:00 p (F) Hula Ministry
 3:00 p (F) Girl Scout Troop 5365
 6:00 p (F, A, P) Ping Pong

6 Office Closed

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

13 Office Closed

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

20 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

27 Office Closed

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

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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) Garden Teachers Mtg
 7:00 p (online) Trustees

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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) SPRC

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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) Finance

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

WEDNESDAY**1**

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

22 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

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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**2**

9:30 a (Nursery) Baby & Me
 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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10:30 a (F) Logos Bible Study
 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

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

FRIDAY**3**

9:00 a (F) Continuing Ed. for Nikkei Widowed
 4:30 p (K) Blessed Bento Prep
 6:00 p (S) Music Practice (NB)

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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

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11:00 a Maruya Celebration of Life
 5:30 p (F) Mochi Club-Deep Roots
 6:00 p (S) Music Practice (NB)

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

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

SATURDAY**4**

8:00 a (F) Gold Award Project
 8:00 a (A,K) Blessed Bento
 9:00 a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)
 10:00 a (S) Followers of Him
 12:00 p (A,K) UWF Fundraiser

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8:00 a (Chen/K) Social Action/
 Sandwich Ministry
 9:00 a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)
 10:00 a (F) Prime Timers
 10:00 a (S) Followers of Him
 12:00 p (22/23) Cardmaking Ministry

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9:00 a (A) Bento Ministry Prep
 9:00 a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)
 10:00 a (S) Followers of Him
 11:30 a Bento Ministry Drive Thru
 3:30 p (F) Garden Ministry Prep
 5:00 p (F) Secret Pal Reveal Dinner

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9:00 a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)
 10:00 a (S) Followers of Him

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!**



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.

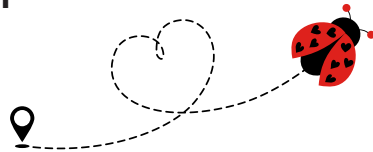
Not a Mother's Day Brunch

but because it'll be fun to GO OUT!

Saturday, May 11, 2024

10:00 am

Ladybug Café



**15926 South Western Avenue
Gardena, CA 90247**

A special Prime Timers menu will be served.

Cost per person: \$15

Sign up with Chris or Peg, or call the church office

(310) 217-7000 by May 9th



WE wanted to thank everyone for their support, donations, prayers and help with this year's Relay for Life! As most of you know, I wasn't too sure how this was all going to work...but God is Good and it actually worked out well! I believe more Community came out and we were able to share why we Relay and reach out to a bigger audience. As of right now, Ohana of Faith has raised \$8871!!! That is AWESOME!!! We can fundraise until August and we will continue the FIGHT!

We are truly grateful for all of YOU!!! Big thank you to Peg Tadakuma for her brilliant Succulent (Cancer Succs) and Prayer Ribbons ideas! Thank you to all who helped with yesterday's event and the Kalua Bowl fundraiser! And thank you for coming out. It was nice to see people at the Opening Ceremony, Survivor Walk, Walking during the day/night and coming for the Luminarias Ceremony.

July 21st, we are having a Relay for Life Car Show (Free) at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts parking lot. More Details to follow. We will be having a movie night this summer at a church on Maple Ave (near the courthouse) More Details to follow. Cancer Never Stops, so Torrance Relay for Life will keep on going.

We thank GOD first and foremost!!! We truly are grateful for all of you!

Love, Gratitude and Appreciation,

Glenn & Linda Sakurai





CONCERT SERIES

May 11, 2024, 4:00 PM

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
6020 Radford Ave
North Hollywood, CA 91606

May 18, 2024, 4:00 PM

Red Hill Lutheran Church
13200 Red Hill Ave
Tustin, CA 92780

May 19, 2024, 4:00 PM

Faith United Methodist Church
2115 W 182nd St
Torrance, CA 90504

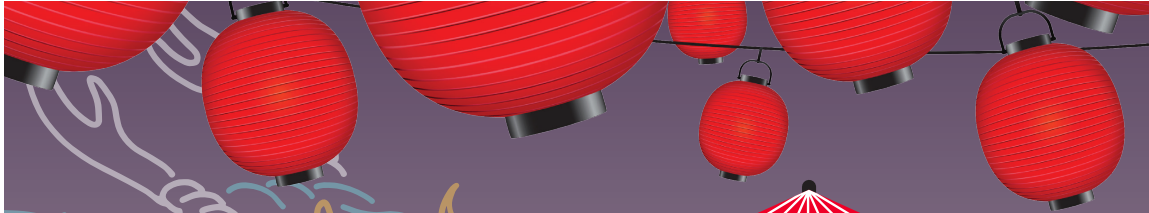
Admission is free for all concerts - A free-will offering will be taken



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2024

ARIGATO BAZAAR

Saturday, May 4, 2024

10:00AM - 4:00PM

300 S. Central Ave. • Los Angeles, CA 90013

Great Food
Music & Cultural
Performances
Country Store
Handcrafts
Silent Auction
Ikebana Displays
Plants

Opportunity Drawings for:
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and
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PO Box 41-2797, Los Angeles, CA 90041
Email: connect@centenarydtdla.org



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



DAY CAMP 2024

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



2115 W. 182ND STREET | TORRANCE, CA | 90504

DAY CAMP DATES:

JULY 8 - 12, 2024



TIME: 9:00AM - 3:00PM



AMOUNT: \$175 PER PARTICIPANT

INCLUDES T-SHIRT, SNACKS,
CRAFTS AND FIELD TRIPS!



REGISTRATION WILL
OPEN ON MAY 12, 2024

DEADLINE: JUNE 14, 2024

[VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/FAITHUMCSTELLAR2024](https://vbspro.events/p/faithumcstellar2024)

DAY CAMP

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)

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.



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.)*

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?

Faith UMC South Bay Contact Information:

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

FAITH HULA

WHEN:

1:00 PM

NEXT CLASS ON:

MAY 12 & 26

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

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sunday, May 19, 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

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.



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



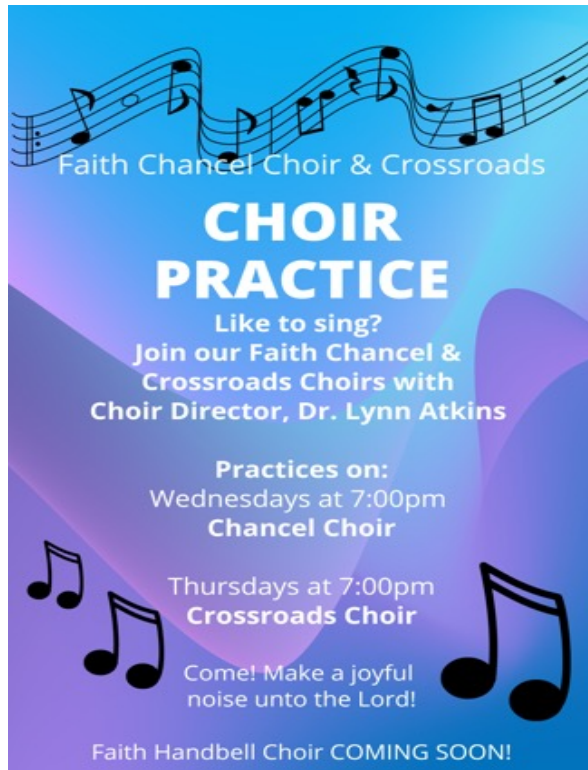
INTRO MEETING:
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024, 12:30PM

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



Once a month, Fridays, 8:00am
NEXT MEETING: May 10, 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: May 8 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 May 1 & 15

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: May 8 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."



FAITH STAFF

Growing deeper in Christ
Going farther for Christ

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