



NOVEMBER 2025

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SOUTH BAY

GOOD NEWS

**NOV
02**

Sunday

Communion Sunday, All Saints Day, Daylight Savings

Join us for a sacred Sunday as we gather at the Lord's Table and honor our saints who have gone before us. AND don't forget to set your clocks back an hour!

**NOV
05**

Wednesday

Panda Express Fundraiser

Enjoy a delicious meal and support Faith UMC! Order from Panda Express **online** (to be picked up or delivered) and all proceeds will go toward our General Fund.

**NOV
08**

Saturday

LINX @ Centenary UMC

Faith UMC youth are invited to connect and grow with others at this month's LINX gathering hosted by Centenary UMC. A time for fellowship, worship, and fun!

**NOV
09**

Sunday

Veteran's Weekend

We pause to honor and give thanks for the brave men and women who have served our country. May God's peace and protection be with them and their families.

**NOV
16**

Sunday

Consecration Sunday & Loaves & Fish Café Potluck

Celebrate our stewardship season as we dedicate our commitments to God's work through Faith UMC. Stay after worship for a joyful potluck at the Loaves & Fish Café!

**NOV
19**

Saturday

PrimeTimers

Our beloved seniors gather for fellowship, food, and connection. All are welcome to join this time of laughter, stories, and shared blessings.

**NOV
23**

Sunday

Thanksgiving Sunday

A Sunday of gratitude! Come lift your voice in praise as we thank God for the abundant blessings in our lives and community.

**NOV
30**

Sunday

First Sunday of Advent & Charge Conference

The Advent season begins! We light the first candle of hope as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Later that day, join us for our annual Charge Conference with DS Saia Tu'itahi presiding.



Faith At the Table

"They all ate and were satisfied. And the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over." –Matthew 14:20

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing... I remember singing that tune every Thanksgiving at my home church growing up. Saying grace around the table with loved ones and breaking bread was something we did at every meal. These days, with all the busy-ness of our days, we sometimes forget that simple pause in the day to give God gratitude for our blessings often goes a long way.

Just like the Loaves and Fish story that we hear all the time...with variations to the number of the crowds and how much fish and loaves really did miraculously appear! This Stewardship we've been gathering around our "Fish and Loaves Café" — the table where faith, generosity, and community miraculously meets and grows by Sunday. Week by week, we've reflected on what it means to be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. From our Marketplace and Harvest Carnival to the memorials we host with such tenderness and hospitality, we've witnessed how every person and every gift matters.

When we bring what we have — our time, talents, prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness — God multiplies it. Like the disciples who shared a few loaves and fish and fed a multitude, our small acts of love become blessings that ripple across the whole body of the church. Each volunteer, donor, prayer, and helping hand is a vital ingredient in the feast that sustains our community.

This coming Sunday, as we celebrate All Saints Sunday, along with a table set for our Faith Young People, we will take a moment to remember those who have gone before us — the saints who set the table for us through their faith and service. Their legacy continues every time we extend a hand, open our doors, or make room at the table for someone new. May their memory remind us that stewardship is not just about giving; it's about belonging, about being part of something that feeds both body and soul.

And as we turn toward Advent, our hearts prepare for another kind of invitation — to come and see what God is doing among us. Our theme this year, "What Do You Fear? Insisting on Hope This Advent," invites us to face the uncertainty of our world with courage, faith, and persistent hope. On November 30, we'll launch this new season alongside our Charge Conference, our California-Pacific Palestine-Israel Task Force event, and our Visioning Launch — a day that reminds us that God's story is still unfolding, and we are part of it.

Speaking of Faith's Visioning Launch and preparations for our Nehemiah Project: Capital Campaign, many of you have asked about my time with my family in the Philippines in October. Sandwiched between our UMC's General Commission of Religion and Race: Facing the Future Conference (in El Segundo) and the National Japanese American UM Caucus Convocation that Pastor Becky, Minister 'Ainise, and I participated (in Clovis), Andy, Kaira, and Amara joined me in Manila, as I am a part of the UMC Connectional Table Board of Directors that met in the Philippines (by nature of my role on the General Board of Church and Society). My family was in awe of the beauty and kindness of all those we encountered and in the excitement of experiencing a new place, foods, and people together (the girls even were able to take part in their Godfather, Papa Izzy Alvaran's wedding, right in our hotel room!). The Connectional Table is our worldwide connection of the UMC, where all of the bodies and general agencies of the church meet to share our vision together. This year, the Vision Statement for our denomination reminds us to LOVE Boldly, SERVE Joyfully, and LEAD Courageously, as a reminder that as local churches, we already try to live into this statement!



So come to the table. Bring your stories, your gifts, your hopes, and even your fears. There's a place for you — and there's always enough.



With gratitude and grace,
Allison K. Mark
Rev. Allison MarK, Senior Pastor



A Season of Change and Hope

There's something about fall that invites us to pause. The air cools, the days shorten, and leaves turn from green to gold before gently falling to the ground. It's a beautiful reminder that change—though sometimes bittersweet—is both natural and necessary.

Recently, Polyana has been learning about photosynthesis in her biology class. She shared how leaves change color as trees begin to rest for the winter. The chlorophyll fades, revealing the brilliant reds, oranges, and yellows that were there all along. I couldn't help but think how similar that is to our spiritual lives—how God's light reveals the beauty that's been within us all along, especially as we slow down and prepare our hearts for what's next.

In this season of stewardship, we too are invited to reflect and release—to let go of what no longer serves us and to make space for *generosity*, *gratitude*, and *grace*. Just as trees prepare for new growth, we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ—the birth of hope itself.

Yet, as we look around our world, change doesn't always feel beautiful. War-torn nations, devastating disasters, government instability, ICE raids in our communities, and senseless acts of violence remind us how fragile and broken our world can be. These are not just headlines—they are realities that touch our neighbors, our families, and our faith.

Earlier this month, I attended the No Kings Rally with Polyana. Standing on the corner of Torrance Boulevard and Maple Avenue, I looked around at the people, the signs, and the calls for justice. And in that moment, I found myself whispering, "We need our King." Not a king of power or politics, but the King of Peace—the One who enters our chaos not with force, but with love.

As we journey through this season, let us remember that even in the midst of change, **God is constant**. Even when the world feels uncertain, **Christ is coming**.

Let us hold fast to the words of **Psalm 46:1–2**:

*"God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea."*

May this November remind us that in every falling leaf, in every act of generosity, and in every moment of quiet waiting, God is at work—making all things new.

Let us not lose hope, 'Ainise | Lay Person Assigned | Faith UMC

Nihongobu News

2026年度の石巻ミッション」

来年、5月18日から5月27日まで、石巻へミッションに行く準備が始まろうとしている。ミッションとは毎年毎年、どんなに準備をしても、何をどう奉仕するのか分からない部分が多くあるので、祈りと信仰により進むしかないと教えられる。

今年は石巻渡波に建てられた野外音楽堂渡波レインボーシアターを見て驚いた。渡波地区は震災後、破壊的ダメージを負い、今なお住民の復帰が進まない。少しでも賑わいを取り戻すきっかけになるようにと、震災で子ども全員を亡くした大工職人遠藤さんが、自宅跡地に建設。親を亡くした子ども達が集う遊び場となる思いで作られた特別な場所である。2024年7月に完成したと聞いたので、今回はそこで母の日コンサートをしたいと願っている。子供からシニアまでが母の日をお祝いし、住民の方が合唱に参加できるプログラムを祈っている。

その他、引き続き牧師宣教師を励ます食事会、女川復興住宅訪問とESLプログラムの奉仕を予定している。

又、今年は、日語部にいた池田ゆみ師が日本宣教のため、夫婦で神奈川県平塚市にある東海大学前でJlodgeカフェ伝道に参加している。今からカフェ伝道に力を貸してほしいと声がかかっている。素晴らしい!

来年はまず神奈川県で奉仕をしてから、宮城県石巻で奉仕をする。コーヒーやカフェが好きな人、又、賛美が好きな人は奉仕に参加してほしいと思う。主の愛を分かち合えるならば、きっと主は祝福のうちに終わらせてくださる。大きなミッションの働きに期待を持ち、日々、霊的準備を怠らずに奉仕をしたい。私たちは「キリスト・イエスにおいて上に召してくださる神の栄冠を得るために、目標を目指して一心に走っているのです。」(ピリピ3:14)

Japan 2026 Mission Trip preparation has just begun. It is scheduled for May 18 -27. Each year, there are many aspects that I can't foresee, even though I try to plan carefully. And I learn each year that the only way to move forward is through prayer and faith.

This year, I was amazed to hear about the Rainbow Theater, an outdoor music theatre built in Watanoha, Ishinomaki. The Watanoha district suffered devastating damage after the 2011 tsunami, and residents are still struggling to return. Mr. Endo, a carpenter who lost all his children in the disaster, built this theater on the site of his former home in hopes of bringing some vitality back to the Watanoha community. It is a special place created with the hope that it will become a playground where children who have lost their parents can gather. Completed in July, 2024, we are moved by Mr. Endo's story, and we are praying and preparing for a Mother's Day choral concert there next year. We are praying for a program that will allow everyone, from children to seniors, to celebrate Mother's Day and to have residents participate in the choir.

Other plans include a dinner to encourage Pastor & Missionary families, a visit to the Onagawa government housing complex, and serving in the ESL program.

Also, we recently received a request from a Nichigo member, who returned to Japan this past summer, to assist with their Café ministry near Tokai University in Kanagawa. It will be fantastic to support the evangelism in the Café setting! If you love coffee or music, please join us to reach out and share God's love in Japan. We look forward to new ministries that God is preparing for us next year. We know that He will surely bring great blessings upon us.

We "press hard toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14).

Pastor Becky Hirata

Youth Ministry



Hi Families and Friends,

October was definitely a busy month for the youth ministries! Thank you first and foremost for all the youth and parents who volunteered their time and weekend to help make sure the Harvest Carnival was successful for the church and our community! I know it was a lot of work as we were short-handed this year compared to years in the past, but because of all of you it was a great turnout and it was so great to see the community come and join us! Also this past month

unfortunately we had to cancel our Linx Event at the LA Food Bank, because we didn't have the turnout as expected. We hope we can get another opportunity to add it back onto our calendar in the future. As we head into the month of November, we have a Linx event on the 8th at Centenary UMC! Please put it on your calendars so save the date.

The Youth will be continuing to meet on Sundays at 10:30am and starting in service for the Children's Message. Also in November because of the Linx event we will NOT have FNF on the 2nd Friday but will on the 4th! Thank you again for all your continuous love and support for the Youth Ministries.

God Bless,
Darrell Mark
Faith UMC Youth Director

TGIF

JR HIGH | 6TH - 8TH

MYF

HIGH SCHOOL | 9TH -12TH



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 Faithumbc.garden@gmail.com.

Nursery leads:

Kristin Katayama
Tam Kobayashi

2nd,3rd,4th & 5th grade:

Leslie Kuwabara
Courtney Shibuya

Garden Teachers:

PK-1st grade
Paul Matsushima
Jolie Miyake
Kelley Mizukami
teacher helper- Alyssa Maracha

Garden Directors:

Amanda Taketa Mark
Kelley Mizukami
Traci Saruwatari



We can't wait to grow together with you.



simple church

YOUNG ADULTS



Thursdays – 1st, 3rd and 5th, 7:30 pm

BIBLE STUDY on-line

Topics based on lectionary reading

Wednesdays – 2nd and 4th, 6:30 pm

HANGOUTS in person

Fun dinner discussions, games, movie nights, and outings

Faith YA groups are facilitated/coordinated by Kelvin Matsumoto
with clergy support from Rev. Allison or Minister 'Ainise

Continue growing in Faith. Invite your friends and co-workers!

Join our #GROUPME text chain for Bible Study link/pass code.

(Contact Rev. Allison or Kelvin for more info)

Join us at Simple Church where faith, friendship, and fun come together every week!

For specific spiritual needs and pastoral care, contact
Rev. Allison, (310) 217-7000, revallison@faithsouthbay.org



Be our Guest, Be our Guest!

We had fun doing this song for our stewardship campaign, and you may get to hear it again! We are working on our Stewardship, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas music in the music department featuring the Choirs and Instrumental Ensemble.

We have Wade Inouye as our guest musician to end the Stewardship Consecration Sunday, and the Garden Ministry will do special music on November 23 with the choirs. Lots of great music and heart felt sharing this season for all the services from our musicians.

We are so thankful for all of the people who dedicate their time and energy to the choirs, the instrumental groups, and other special music in our church congregation. Thanks to all of your sharing of time and talent. Without these people, we wouldn't have all the extra music in services. Their stewardship is truly a blessing to all!

Ron Troester

Faith UMC Music Director



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 the church office (310) 217-7000.

**Saturday
November 8, 2025**

10:00 am

Please join us for a time of fellowship,
and for our annual service project:
packing care kits for our friends in need.



Save the date...

Prime Timers Christmas Bash



**Saturday
December 13, 2025**

12 noon



Senior Hangout

1st and 3rd Wednesdays
8:30 - 11:30 am
Faith Fellowship Hall

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, November 19 - 11 am

Keiro's Quality of Life Classes

Tech Hour and Preventing Senior Scams Follow-Up

As a follow-up to our Preventing Senior Scams presentation in August, Keiro will be coming back to talk more about cyber scam protection on our devices (phones, tablet, computers).

In addition, they will be available to answer your personal technology questions. Please feel free to bring your devices along with any notes or questions you may have!

This presentation is FREE to the community and is made possible by Keiro along with support from our community partners, sponsors, and donors.



Founded in 1961, Keiro improves the quality of life for older adults and their caregivers in the Japanese American community of Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura counties. For more information, visit keiro.org.



Hey Boomers!



Join us for some Christmas cheer...



Sunday, December 7th

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Back Home in Lahaina

**Entertainment by
Wade & Friends**

Cost: \$50 per person



**Sign up during Sunday fellowship
or call the church office (310) 217-7000.**

Paid sign-ups due by November 30.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ready to take the next step in your faith? Faith UMC is looking for volunteers for the following ministries:

USHERS & GREETERS

Greeters begin at 10am and stand outside the church and greet visitors and members as they arrive.

Ushers begin at 10am and stand at the sanctuary doors and greet visitors and members as they arrive. If needed, they help distribute candles, bulletins, and gifts. If interested, please email your contact information to worship@faithsouthbay.org

BENTO MINISTRY DRIVERS

Drivers will deliver bentos on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. Deliveries are within the Gardena and Torrance area. With pick-up at the church at 11:30am. If interested, please contact Eva Nishi through the church office.

FINANCE COUNTERS

The finance committee is seeking volunteers to assist with counting once a month. If interested, please see Rev. Allison or Gary Sakaguchi.

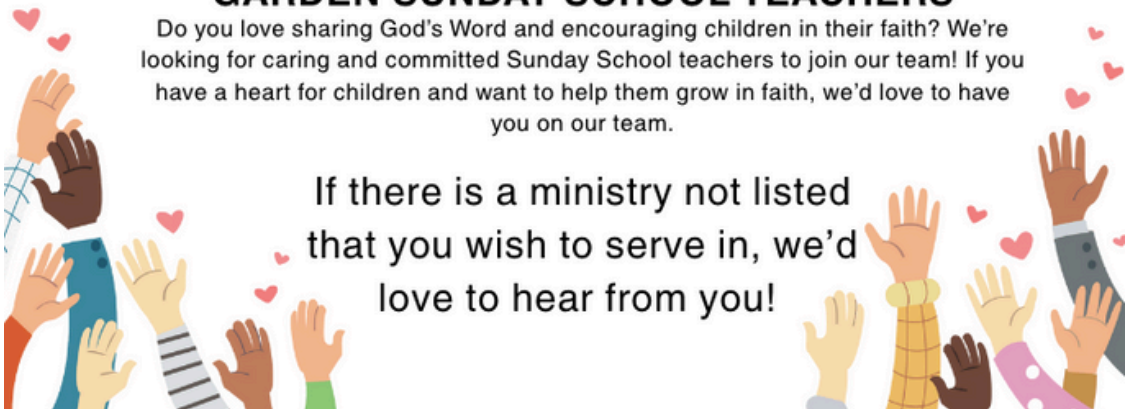
SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

Do you enjoy visiting others, writing greeting cards, or making phone calls? Become a Shepherd at Faith UMC! Please contact Tam Kobayashi for more information.

GARDEN SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Do you love sharing God's Word and encouraging children in their faith? We're looking for caring and committed Sunday School teachers to join our team! If you have a heart for children and want to help them grow in faith, we'd love to have you on our team.

If there is a ministry not listed
that you wish to serve in, we'd
love to hear from you!





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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special donations

PLEDGE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE TO SUBMIT ONLINE

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

FAITH AT THE TABLE: 2025 STEWARDSHIP

Join us beginning on week October 19, 2025 as we transform Faith UMC into
The Loaves and Fishes Cafe!

Our soft entry into Stewardship month is always with Faith's "Change the World / Save the World" Sunday (October 12), but each following week, we will invite you to a Table of Grace as we share why the Church and the Beloved Community is worth investing in and coming to the table:

Week 1 - October 19 - *"The Appetizer: An Invitation to the Table"*

Week 2 - October 26 - *"The Side Dishes: Counting the Cost"*

Week 3 - November 2 - All Saints Sunday - *"The Main Course: Potluck of Faith"*

Week 4 - November 9 - *"The Dessert: Generosity is Sweet"*

Week 5 - November 16 - Consecration Sunday - *"AYCF: All You Can Faith"*

Each Sunday will be followed by an invitation for more conversation with the Pastors, Finance leadership, Financial Advisors, and Visioning & Fellowship Time together! You won't want to miss it!



Faith United Methodist Church

All Saints Sunday

As we remember ALL of our Saints passed on the first Sunday in November, All Saints Sunday, we would like to lift up the names of your loved ones who have passed from **November 2024** through **October 2025**. If you have a photo, please send that to us as well.

Please submit your names to the church office by **October 31, 2025**.

Office: 310.217.7000 | Email: communications@faithsouthbay.org



ADOPT-A-FAMILY

We are delighted to share that during this holiday season, Faith will once again be part of the *"Adopt-a-Family"* ministry in collaboration with Love INC. This year, we're extending our support and love to a family of five with three sons ages 13, 10, and 6.

We will be providing a Thanksgiving meal as well as gifts, toys, and gift cards for Christmas.

If you would like to join us in this effort, please specify "Adopt-a-Family" with your contributions. Cash, checks, and Venmo contributions will be greatly appreciated. The deadline will be on December 8th to allow the committee ample time for shopping and preparations.

In advance, we want to express our gratitude for your aloha and generous spirit. *Mahalo!*

Loving **GOD...**
Loving **PEOPLE**



Marketplace

... and that's a wrap!

On behalf of the Fundraising Committee, we want to thank the overwhelming number of church friends, families, staff and volunteers for a very successful Marketplace fundraising event on September 27th. This general budget event raised over \$27,700 and netted over \$21,250 after expenses. Given this was our first Marketplace event, we are very grateful for God's resources and bounty.

Special thanks go to our congregation and friends of Faith who donated countless treasures that filled nearly all available spaces in our church. From the Monday prior to the event through the final post event clean-up, there were dozens after dozens of volunteers and shoppers who filled our halls with high energy, excitement, smiles and laughter. This all helped to contribute to our mission of Faith UMC, a welcoming church, is to love God and love our neighbors through fellowship, spiritual growth and compassionate service.

Kudos to the planning team: Amanda Taketa-Mark, Barbara Takumi, Karen Fujimori, Kathy Miya, Lani Walker, Miki Hayashida, Natalie Yamaguchi, Peg Tadakuma, Rev. Allison and Minister Ainise. We also want to recognize Gena and Derek Celli for their pricing expertise and commitment. We are also grateful to Wendy Arima for coordinating volunteers from Troops 719 and 310G as well as the Mother's Club who carried out a wonderful bake sale. Thank you as well to Russell Akiyama, Sunflower Farms, Torrance, for the beautiful plant and flower donations.

Please keep the Marketplace in mind as it will be back next September!!

Gratefully,
Pearl Iizuka and Glenn Murakami
Co-Chairs, 2025 Fundraising Committee



Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good.
His love endures forever.

PSALM 136.1



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 March. 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.

November 2 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

Communion Sunday
All Saints Day
Stewardship 3

November 9 – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Veteran’s Weekend
Stewardship 4

November 16 – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Consecration Sunday
Stewardship 5

November 23 – Reign of Christ/Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 30 – First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Advent 1
Charge Conference



We lift up prayers for all of God's Creation. Lord Hear our Prayers.

continued prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Alice Kajiya	Dr. DoAnn Tsuneo Kaneko	Juliet Koyanagi	Oscar Philip Bland, Jr.
Alvena Fukuhara	Dr. Nguyen	Kaitlyn Sabedra	Pearl Iizuka
Amy Higa	Elaine Yoshida	Karlynn Fernandez	Priscilla Kandel
Anthony Anderson, Sr.	Eleanor Ngai	Kay Saxton	Raquel M. Martinez
Apolosi Lokotui	Emi Hino	Kian Tehrani	Reverend Mike
Arthur Kobashi	Ernie Santiago	Kiki Hashimoto	Ron Hamaguchi
Audrey Goto	Faith Tanaka	Kim Foster	Richard Ueyuenten
Austin Maeda	Florence Nakakura	Kraig Nakano	Ruth Hirata
Barbara Tamura	Fred Oshiro	Rev. Kim Montenegro	Ruth Taira
Betty Kobata	Geri Shiraki	Kelsey DeGracia	Sandra Minjarez-Grange
Bill Morris	Glenn and Millie Shimizu	Kenny Medeiros	Scarlett Bone
Brian Okumura	Grace Tochiara	Kyle Ichikawa	Steph Matsunaga
Cami Bruns	Grant Hanada	Larry Takumi	Sue Hamada
Carolyn Hyatt	Harriet Tateyama	Layne Nakasone	Sue Hasegawa
Chic Miyake	Haru Yasunaga	Linda Jung	Susan Mizuki
Christine Keim	Hisako Shohara	Liz Harner	Susan Slade
Claretta Foster	Ingrid Peterson	Lucas Yniguez	Tam Kobayashi
Dan Segawa	Irene Munesato	Marion Antoku	Theresa Apicella
Danny Tokudomi	Jack Honda	Mary Jung	Tommy Sakaguchi
Dan Yamashita	Jayne Watanabe	Mary Marchand	Tseyli Mantooth
Derek Troester	Jehiel Vinluan	Mary Tamura	Victoria DelaTorre
Deron Tokishi	Jerry Osaka	Maxine Butcher	Walker Wilkerson
Diane & Destiny Ueda-Banda	Joanne Sato	Mutsuko Nishi	Wayne Shimizu
	Jordan Sasaki	Nancy Matsushima	Winnie Osaki
	Joye Barker	Noah Miyagawa-Sue	

those in Community Living & Homecare

Chic Miyake
Doris Kato
Emma Horiuchi
Faith Tanaka
Rev. Harry Fujimoto
Irene & Tak Ryono
Jane Kiyohara
Marion Antoku
Mary Jung
Nobie Shiokari
Ruth Hirata
Sets Asano
Sue Hasegawa

for our Worldwide Community

for the Leadership of our Country and our Churches

for the immigrants: migrants, refugees, asylees

for our siblings in Christ who struggle and in need of God's care

for those who live in through wars, unrest, and violence

for those suffering and rebuilding after national disasters and man-made catastrophes

for All Our Saints

Elaine Yoshida, on the passing of her brother, Sadao Larry Sakai (10/16/25)

Ralph Ichikawa, on the passing of his brother, Ken Ichikawa (10/26/25)

Brian Uchida and family, on the passing of Florence Uchida (7/29/25). **A Celebration of Life is scheduled for November 1, 2025 at 10:00am. RSVP with Church Office.**

The Kobayashi Family, on the passing on Kory Kobayashi (10/5/25). **A private family service will be held for Kory on November 7, 2025.**

Teri Casey and family, on the passing of Carolyn Hyatt (10/13/25). **A Celebration of Life is scheduled for November 8, 2025 at 2:00pm. RSVP with Church Office.**

The family of Frank Takashima (community). **A Celebration of Life is scheduled for November 23, 2025 at 2:00pm.**



Continued Prayers for our Beloved Community

special prayers

Prayers for God's presence and healing for **Kraig Nakano**, older brother of our former **Pastor Rev. Derek Nakano**, who has been diagnosed with cancer. The family only asks for your prayers and well wishes at this time. Please no calls or visits.

Also prayers for **Pearl Iizuka, Scarlett Bone, Liz Harner, and Audrey Goto** for healing and recovery following procedures (both post and upcoming).

An update from the Wilkerson-Sato family, after Walker's traumatic accident in July: "Thank you for keeping Walker on Faith's prayer list. It has been 12 weeks since his accident ~ still unbelievable... Unfortunately, he is still not awake, but otherwise stable and healthy, so Rick and I decided a couple weeks ago to bring him home...we are hopeful we can bring him home by the end of the week. Thank you for your prayers and uplifting words." (*Teresa Sato*)

in celebration of

Doris Shighihara on receiving the Bishop's Award at Annual Conference. Doris will receive her recognition in person Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank on **DECEMBER 7, 2025! (Note: Date change)**

in thanksgiving

*Dear Faith United Methodist Church,
Thank you so much for the blanket for my recovery. It is beautiful and so warm.
It makes me feel better each day. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.
Thank you for welcoming David to your church.
He enjoys the parishioners and all your activities.
In Christ,
Elizabeth Y. Yokota*

Let Us Walk With You in Prayer, Celebration, and Care

Please let Clergy or our Church Office know so we can lift up prayers for you and your family. Whether you want to lift up exciting celebrations and milestones, but also so we can pray for healing and wholeness, or in the passing of loved ones so that we can show our care for you and those you love. Our Shepherd Ministry is also available to make house visits, phone calls, and send messages of encouragement.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY

2

9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
10:30a (S) Worship
10:30a Garden Sunday School
1:00p (F) Hula
2:00p (F) Keiki Hula
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

9 **Change the World Sunday**

9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
10:30a (S) Worship
10:30a Garden Sunday School
12:00p (online) Youth Advisor
12:00p (A) UWF Meeting
1:00p (F) Hula
2:00p (F) Keiki Hula
2:30p (F) GS Troop 5365
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

16

9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
10:30a (S) Worship
10:30a Garden Sunday School
1:00p (F) Hula
2:00p (F) Keiki Hula
2:00p (A) Japan Mission Trip Meeting
2:30p (S,F) Japanese Movie Night
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

23

9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
10:30a (S) Worship
10:30a Garden Sunday School
1:00p (F) Hula
2:00p (F) Keiki Hula
2:30p (F) Girl Scout Troop 5365
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

30

9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
10:30a (S) Worship
10:30a Garden Sunday School
12:00p (22/23) Cardmaking Ministry
1:00p (F) Hula
2:00p (F) Keiki Hula
2:30p (F) Girl Scout Troop 5365
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

MONDAY

3 **OFFICE CLOSED**

9:00a (online) Faithful Healing
7:00p (F) Troop 719
7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study
7:30p (online) J-Manga

10 **OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study
7:00p (online) Youth Parent Meeting

17 **OFFICE CLOSED**

9:00a (online) Faithful Healing
7:00p (online) Social Action
7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study
7:30p (online) J-Manga

24 **OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

TUESDAY

4

9:45a (S) Sakura Chorus
10:30a (online) Bible Study
6:00p (S,F,A,P,16-18) Troop 310G
6:30p (online) Heretics Anonymous

11

9:45a (S) Sakura Chorus
10:30a (online) Bible Study
6:00p (S,F,A,P,16-18) Troop 719

18

9:45a (S) Sakura Chorus
10:30a (online) Bible Study
6:00p (S,F,A,P,16-18) Troop 719
6:30p (online) Heretics Anonymous

25

10:30a (online) Bible Study
6:00p (S,F,A,P,16-18) Troop 719

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 8:30a (F,A) Senior Hangout 4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM) 7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble 7:00p (online) Bible Study	6 9:30a (Nursery) Baby & Me 10:30a (F) Logos Bible Study 6:30p (S) Choir Practice 7:00p (F) Troop 310G 7:00p (online) Blessed Are You 7:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong 7:00p (S) Crossroads 7:30p (online) Simple Church: Bible Study	7 4:30p (K) Blessed Bento Prep 6:30p (F,A,P,16-18) Pack 862	1 8:00a Florence Uchida Memorial 8:00a (A,K) Blessed Bento 8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM) 8 8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM) 8:00a (Chen) Social Action/ Sandwich Ministry 10:00a (F) Prime Timers
12 10:30a (F) Women in Transition 11:30a (K) MSG 4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM) 7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble 7:00p (online) Bible Study	13 6:30p (Chen) Simple Church: Bible Study 6:30p (S) Choir Practice 7:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong 7:00p (S) Crossroads	14 8:00a (offsite) Men's Breakfast 7:00p (Chen) TGIF/MYF Fellowship 7:00p (F,A,P,16-18) Pack 862	15 8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM) 9:00a (F,A) Troop 719 Leadership 9:00a (Chen) Bento Ministry Prep 11:30a Bento Ministry Drive Thru 5:00p (A) Deep Roots
19 8:30a (F,A) Senior Hangout 4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM) 7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble 7:00p (online) Bible Study	20 9:30a (Nursery) Baby & Me 10:30a (F) Logos Bible Study 6:30p (S) Choir Practice 7:00p (online) Blessed Are You 7:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong 7:00p (S) Crossroads 7:30p (online) Simple Church: Bible Study	21 7:00p (F,A,P,16-18) Pack 862	22 8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM) 10:00a (F) COM Meeting 4:00p (F,K) Troop 719 Alumni Dinner
26 <i>Shared Bread</i> 4:30p (A) Music Lessons 7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble 7:00p (online) Bible Study	27 	28 8:00a (K) Master's Kitchen 7:00p (F,A,P,16-18) Pack 862	29 8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM) 8:30a (Chen) Master's Kitchen

DEDICATED TO THE FAITH UMC MINISTRY

Sue Fujinaga
Emi Hamada
Jenny & Henry Harada
Sue Hamada
in memory of Jack Hamada

Victoria DeLaTorre
Winnie Osaki
Dale & Christine Keim
Lawrence & Barbara Takumi
Jenny & Harry Harada
Richard & Sandy Uyeunten
Grace Tochiara
Daniel Yamashita
Barbara Tamura
Raymond Isa
Teruaki Ebiara
Susan DeGracia
Barbara Ueda
Suyeno Kunisaki
Nancy Matsushima
Daniel Hirata
Ellen Hokama
*in appreciation of
Bento Ministries*

Esther Matsubara
Karen Kato
in appreciation of Senior Hangout

Karen Kato
Ellen Hokama
in appreciation of Marketplace

Masanobu Oshiro
in memory of Tak Kato

Norma Ishigo
in memory of Janet Williams

Ned Morioka
in memory of June Morioka

Jenny & Henry Harada
in memory of Hannah Yamamoto

Sue Fujinaga
Bev Kambe
in memory of Helen Hirano

Jenny & Henry Harada
Linda Jung
in memory of Yoko Murakami

Don & Pearl Shoho
Prayers & Health Concerns

Nargis Basu
in celebration of Kaltika's 19th Birthday

Ned Morioka
in memory of Mary Kashidawa

Kanani Kalama Hula Studio
in appreciation of Faith UMC

Raymond Isa
in memory of Elenor Isa

Dennis & Karen Sakoda
in gratitude for Kathy Miya

Teresa Tonai
assorted items for Marketplace

Lawrence & Barbara Takumi
*in appreciation of the
Stewardship Campaign*

Terri Gekko
antiqued items for Marketplace

Jenny & Henry Harada
in memory of Yoshi Yamasaki

Jenny & Henry Harada
Linda Jung
in memory of Florence Uchida

Jack Honda
in memory of Masato & Sawae Honda

Suyeno Kunisaki
Brian & Diane Fujimori
Christine Kamatani
in memory of Ted Hirayama

Jenny & Henry Harada
Christine Kamatani
in appreciation of Prime Timers

Tyler Matsumoto
David Yokota
*in appreciation of Faith UMC
Harvest Festival*

Carol Hashiro
in memory of Mike Hashiro

Janet Saito

Daniel Hirata
in appreciation of Faith Ministries



thank you





**FUNDRAISERS ON
NOV. 5 & DEC. 11**

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS



ONLINE ORDERS ONLY

FUNDRAISER CODES NOT VALID FOR IN-PERSON PURCHASES.

When

Wed., Nov. 5, 2025
Place your order online for
pickup or delivery on
Wed., Nov. 5th!

Where

Available at Panda Express
locations nationwide
www.pandaexpress.com

How

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Apply code **9008822** in the
Fundraiser Code box during online
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www.pandaexpress.com or via App

When

Thurs, Dec. 11, 2025
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**EARNING RATE: WE RECEIVE BACK 28% OF PRE-TAX SALES.
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE FAITH GENERAL FUND.**



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE UNITED METHODIST

METHODISM 101:

A class for those curious & inquiring, who may be interested in joining Faith, as well as a refresher course for Members

Are you interested in becoming a member of Faith United Methodist Church, but want to learn more about the church and denomination first? Need to dust off your church knowledge and hear about the latest happenings in our church?

Please contact Rev. Allison or Minister 'Ainise so we can build a cohort group together!

Upcoming Events & Special Sundays:

- Stewardship Sundays (See Stewardship, p. 15)
- All Saints Sunday, November 2
- Consecration Sunday Potluck: November 16, after Worship

Upcoming Fall/Winter Meetings & Dates TBA:

- New Members & Confirmation Meeting for 2025 (Oct / Nov / Dec)
- Leadership & Nominations Development Committee (Oct / Nov dates TBD for committee members)
- Faith Vision Report Back (See Stewardship, p. 15)
- Nehemiah Project: Capital Campaign (TBD, post Vision Report Back)
- Charge Conference 2025 with West District Superintendent, Rev. Siosaia Tu'itahi (Winter 2025/2026)

COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

Banks & Credit Unions

- Bank of America – Assistance for furloughed federal employees. Call 844-219-0690.
- Chase Bank – Support line for affected government employees: 1-888-356-0023.
- Congressional Federal Credit Union – Relief Line of Credit and other programs. Call 800-491-2328.
- FedChoice – Assistance options for existing and new members.
- Interior Federal Credit Union – Special loans (up to \$15,000 interest-free for 30 days). Call 800-914-8619.
- Navy Federal Credit Union – Special loan program. Call 1-888-842-6328.
- PayPal – \$25 million in interest-free cash advances (\$250–\$500). Existing or new PayPal Credit customers. Call 1-877-689-1975.
- U.S. Bank – Waiving late fees and deferring first mortgage payments.
- U.S. Employees Credit Union (USECU) – Shutdown loans available. Call 312-922-5310.
- SunTrust – Programs to assist affected clients.
- Synchrony Bank – Payment deferrals for store credit cards (Amazon, Lowe's, Walmart, etc.).
- Union Plus – For union members: \$300 grants, loan/mortgage assistance, and insurance payment grace periods. Call 800-472-2005.
- Wells Fargo – Multiple shutdown assistance options.

Furlough Grants

- FEEA-NARFE – \$100 grants for furloughed or excepted-status federal employees. Apply online at the FEEA website.

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)

- Loan payments can be suspended during non-pay status.
- Missing 1–2 payments will not cause default.
- Call 1-877-968-3778 or log in to your TSP account.

Auto & Financial Services

- Toyota / Lexus Financial Services – Up to 2 months payment extensions.
 - Toyota: 800-874-8822
 - Lexus: 800-874-7050
- Hyundai Capital – 30-day payment extensions. Call 1-800-523-4030.
- Kia Motors Finance – 30-day deferred payments. Call 1-866-331-5632.
- Ford, GM, Mercedes-Benz Financial Services – Offering payment deferrals and fee waivers (contact directly).

Mobile Service Providers

- AT&T – Late fee adjustments and payment extensions.
- Sprint – Short-term payment help. Call 1-888-211-4747.
- T-Mobile – Flexible payment plans. Call 1-877-746-0909 or dial 611 from your device.
- Verizon – Promise-to-Pay program and flexible payments. Call 1-866-266-1445.

Rental & Housing Assistance

- National Rental Home Council – Deferred rent payments with no late fees.
- OPM – Sample letters available to contact landlords, lenders, and utilities for relief requests.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE cont'd & MORE

Rental & Housing Assistance

- National Rental Home Council – Deferred rent payments with no late fees.
- OPM – Sample letters available to contact landlords, lenders, and utilities for relief requests.

Food Resources

- Feeding America – Network of 200 food banks and 60,000 partner pantries nationwide.
- Local School Districts – Families can apply for free meal programs during furlough (income change qualifies).

Insurance Relief

- MetLife Auto & Home – One-time 30-day premium grace period. Call 1-800-GET-MET8.
- Fidelity & Guaranty Life Insurance – Waiving cost of insurance charges for 30 days.
 - Policies starting with “Y”: 844-800-9146
 - All other policies: 888-513-8797

Other Assistance

- Rent-A-Center (Benefits Plus Members) – Payment waivers available for involuntary unemployment.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION — NOW THROUGH CONSECRATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

In response to all that is happening in our world, we are collecting non-perishable food items to support our neighbors through the Immanuel Presbyterian Food Pantry, which serves over 500–1,000 households each week.

Please bring:

- Canned goods (soups, fruits, vegetables, tuna, beans)
 - Rice, pasta, noodles
 - Boxed meals, dry goods
- 🚫 No glass jars or expired items, please.

Your generosity helps feed families and individuals experiencing food insecurity in our community. Every can, every box, every bag matters. ❤️

ECONOMIC BLACKOUT: NOVEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 2, 2025

In solidarity with communities across the country, many are observing an Economic Blackout — a pause in spending and work — as a peaceful call for change and accountability.

During this time, let's focus our energy on acts of compassion, service, and local giving.

Support community-owned businesses, donate food, and care for one another.

MASS ECONOMIC BLACKOUT

November 25, 2025 to December 2, 2025

**No Spending • No Events
No Restaurants • No Backing Out!**

PREPARE FOR THE IMPACT!

To prevent spike spending before and after the blackout, we ask that all participants purchase goods needed from community owned stores leading up to and after the dates. This helps with sustained impact and keeps our money out of mega businesses' pockets.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Presents

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FREE ADMISSION
& POPCORN!

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EVERY THIRD
SUNDAY OF
THE MONTH

JAPANESE MOVIE NIGHT

JAPANESE AUDIO/ENGLISH SUBTITLES

CRITICAL COMMENTS ON KORE-EDA'S MABOROSI:

Breathtaking...exquisitely
beautiful...astonishing
visual intensity and
emotional depth

---New York Times

Stunning

---Siskel and Ebert

Powerful

--The Village Voice

Revolutionary

---The New Republic

Graceful

--the Daily News

Extraordinary

--Newsday

Mesmerizing

--San Francisco Chronicle



**SUNDAY,
NOV 16th, 2025
@ 2:30 PM**



Acclaimed as one of the finest
films of the decade, *Maborosi*
the is a story of great love,
inexplicable loss, and at last,
hope and regeneration.

Haunted by the mysterious
loss of her grandmother many
years ago, a young mother
also struggles to come to
terms with the sudden loss of
her husband.

She remarries and with her
young son moves to her new
husband's home in a remote
village on the wild, untamed
Sea of Japan. There, with
time, she awakens to find love,
understanding, happiness and
a sense of peace.

FEATURING
Kore-eda's MABOROSI

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



JOIN THE HAWAI'I MISSION REBUILD TRIP TO LAHAINA

Are you interested in helping Lahaina UMC rebuild their community after the devastating fires? Join Rev. Allison to learn how you can be part of this meaningful mission experience.



Rev. Allison met with Pastor John Crewe in Lahaina on September 2 and will share updates and trip details at an interest meeting on Sunday, November 2 at 2pm.

This gathering is open to anyone who'd like to join or help plan our 2026 Mission Teams.

- **Trip Dates:** Possible travel times – Spring (March/April 2026) or late Summer/Fall (August/September 2026), with a possible Winter 2026 trip if there is enough interest.
- **Accommodations & Costs:** Stay in hotels or Airbnbs (“Economic Stimulus Mode”) or volunteer bunk housing (“Work Camp Mode”), plus travel and meals.
- **Work & Skills Needed:** Learn what projects are planned and the types of help needed.
- **Team Leadership:** Help lead and prepare with Rev. Allison
- **Fundraising:** Explore ways to support our teams and Lahaina’s ongoing recovery.

Let's come together in faith, service and compassion
to help Lahaina rebuild and renew.



The beauty of the Christmas season is upon us once again! Our church will soon be adorned with radiant poinsettias, filling the sanctuary with warmth, color, and the joyful spirit of Christmas.

You are invited to take part in this cherished tradition by purchasing a poinsettia in honor, in memory, or in celebration of a loved one. Your gift will help make our church especially festive this season.

After the Christmas Eve service, you are welcome to take your poinsettia home to enjoy or share it as a meaningful gift with someone special.

Each plant is \$15. Please make checks payable to Faith UMC and note "Poinsettia."

Kindly return your form and payment to the church office by November 26, 2025.

GIVEN BY:

PHONE #:

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All-Church **CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Join us as we celebrate our ministries and look ahead with hope. Rev. Saia Tu'itahi, our District Superintendent, will preside. All are welcome!

Sunday, November 30th



After Worship



Sanctuary, Faith UMC



**All Committees will need to submit
Charge Conference paperwork by November 15th.**

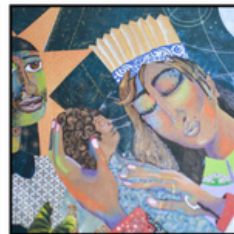
A Light Shines in the Darkness



An Advent Gathering of Prayer & Solidarity
for Palestine and those in ICE Detention

Sunday, November 30th at 4pm

Gathering will be held at
Lakewood First United Methodist Church
4300 Bellflower Blvd., Lakewood, CA 90713



Advent Series 2025: What Do You Fear? — Insisting on Hope This Advent

This Advent season, we invite you to journey with us through a powerful new worship series from A Sanctified Art titled “What Do You Fear?”

Luke’s Gospel begins, “In the time of Herod...” —a reminder that Jesus entered a fearful and uncertain world not so unlike our own. Yet amid the shadows, angels again and again whisper a divine message: “Do not fear.”

From Mary and Joseph to the shepherds and magi, we witness how ordinary people face extraordinary fear with courage, faith, and hope. This Advent, we’ll explore how we, too, can name our fears—without being ruled by them—and discover how God is breaking in even now with good news of great joy for all people.

Save the Advent Dates:

Advent 1 – November 30: Greening of the Church

Our series begins with the Greening of the Church, a hands-on expression of hope in the face of darkness. As we hang wreaths, place greens, and light the first candle, we remember that Christ’s light enters even the most fearful times. The act of preparing God’s house becomes a declaration: We will not be ruled by fear—we will make room for joy, beauty, and love.

Advent 2 – December 7: Hanging of the Chrismons

This week, our Garden Ministry and the children of Faith UMC lead us in the Hanging of the Chrismons. Each handcrafted symbol tells the story of God’s faithfulness through Christ, reminding us that even small hands can create great hope. During this special worship, Bishop Dottie will also join us to honor Doris Shigihara for her faithful service and witness. Together, we celebrate lives that reflect God’s courage and steadfast love in our midst.

Advent 3 – December 14: The “Unrehearsed Christmas Pageant”

Come ready to participate! Our Garden Ministry will guide a joyful, unrehearsed retelling of the Nativity story—reminding us that when we step forward in faith, God meets us in every imperfect, hope-filled moment.

Advent 4 – December 21: Blue Christmas Service at 5:00 PM

For those carrying grief, worry, or loss this season, our Blue Christmas Service offers a gentle space of reflection, prayer, and light. Here we remember that Christ’s hope is tender enough to meet us in sorrow and strong enough to hold us through it.

Blessed Bento (BB) 1st Saturday of the month

Bentos are prepared and delivered to homebound seniors. On meal day, our BB team will call to confirm your delivery.

If you are not already a participant, please register by calling the church office (310) 217-7000, or email communications@faithsouthbay.org

Keiro: Senior and Caregiver Bento 3rd Saturday of the month

Bentos are prepared both in-house, and/or provided from local eateries.

To request a meal for yourself, and caregiver (up to 2), please call the church office (310) 217-7000, or email communications@faithsouthbay.org,
on the 1st Friday of each month.

Meals are to be picked up in the church parking lot, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. If you are unable to pick up, please let us know when reserving your meals.

Wellness Checks

As added support to this program, when we call to 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. Would you like a pastoral call or visit?



bento ministries

Blessed Bento and Senior Bentos are ministries of Faith and made with love.

With generous Keiro grants to help subsidize these meal programs, monetary gifts are helpful to the sustainability of this ministry. Gifts and checks can be made to Faith UMC: Bento ministry.

Our Community Partners

In addition to the Keiro Grant program, Faith UMC also partners with our local South Bay restaurants and local eateries.



Founded in 1961, Keiro improves the quality of life for older adults and their caregivers in the Japanese American community of Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura counties. For more information, visit keiro.org.

mochi 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! **Stay tuned for Mochi Club return as we invigorate our "Sticky Faith" with worship, food, fellowship, and "Messy Church" activities this Fall!**

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



NOVEMBER 15, 2025

Contact Monica Matsushima for details!

DEEP ROOTS (mochi club) Monthly Devotion, deep discussion on Faith Building and Raising our children with a "Sticky Faith", and Potluck dinner for our Faith Families.

Families rotate hosting in their own homes, at the church, or at fun places to gather.

If you are interested in joining, please contact the pastors, or DEEP ROOTS, communications@faithsouthbay.org

Altar Flower Dedications



Celebrate and remember loved ones by dedicating altar flowers. These arrangements help adorn the altar, and are yours to take after Sunday Worship. Sign up at the Welcome table.

Cost: \$30. Cash or checks payable to Diane Fujimori. Any inquiries please contact Diane at Bloomcloset@yahoo.com

Crafting Opportunities

HOLY HELPING HANDS

Led by Solange Iseri
Come fellowship while creating amazing paper displays. Large murals and wall decorations are used for various church and community events. No experience required!

FABRIC OF FAITH: SEWING, QUILTING & CROCHETING

Our social action team is always accepting handmade: scarfs, hats, and blankets. They are given out by our pastoral care team. These in kind donations are made on your own at home. Occasional tutorial workshops on site.

CARD MAKING

Everyone loves unique handmade cards! They are a perfect way for us to send love and encouragement, to let our church family and community know they are thought of. No on site workshops. Please drop off in the church office anytime.



For questions, please call
the church office (310) 217-7000

Faith United Methodist Church Team Ohana of Faith



Over the last 20+ years, Relay for Life of Torrance has raised over \$4.5 million thanks to generous supporters.

Team Ohana of Faith
2024: Rank #7 - \$10,027



BABY & ME: BIBLE STORY TIME

For Babies and their Caregivers!

Caregivers/guardians and their children ages newborn to age 5.
Join us for a guided time of Faith Baby Talk, Storytime, Prayer, Play, & Singing.
NOTE: On any Thursday, the nursery is available to fellowship and free play.
Please check in with Sandy in the office when you arrive.
For more information contact: Rev. Allison.

Nursery - Room 15

**1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS
9:30AM - 10:15AM**

Email: communications@faithsouthbay.org • Church office (310) 217-7000

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**

**A NEW 2025 CLASS IS BEING RECRUITED FOR
THE SUMMER & FALL 2025 SEASON!**

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

Faith Van and Ride Share

are offering pick-ups and drop-offs
1st and 3rd Sundays

November 2 & 16, 2025

To arrange a ride please
call the church office
(310) 217-7000.



If you are in NEED A RIDE to church, please call
the church office at (310) 217-7000, or contact
Glenn Sakurai at communications@
faithsouthbay.org to arrange for a ride.

Ride Share. If you are able to **OFFER A RIDE**
to seniors in your neighborhood, or be part of the
van pool driver rotation please contact Glenn.

pathways hiking ministry

*Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path. Psalm 119:105*



Join us for **monthly**, short
day hikes and feel God's
presence in nature.

Pathways Goal: Continuously develop
an outdoor hiking/walking ministry to
improve physical, mental, relational and
spiritual health.

Basic hiking orientation training
required. For more information contact:
Glenn Murakami,
gnmurakami@gmail.com |
Alan Saruwatari, one.nhc@att.net

Faith Hula

1:00 pm every Sunday
(unless otherwise noted)

Please contact
Amanda Taketa Mark
via the church office for
more details and to sign-up!

Teacher: Kevin Tsutsui
Coordinator: Amanda Taketa Mark

KEIKI HULA CLASSES
have begun!

2:00 pm every Sunday
(unless otherwise noted)



Faithful Healing



Join Alan Saruwatari, CST,
shiatsu therapist and QiGong
practitioner at One Natural
Healing Center

1st and 3rd
Mondays 9:00 am

Learn ways to strengthen your natural healing
abilities, and take an active role in the
healing process through meditation
that connects with your Christian faith.
Feel God's love as you calm your mind,
relax your body and brighten your spirit.

Contact Alan Saruwatari at
one.nhc@att.net for zoom information

JOIN A SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY!

Theology Book Club

(aka Heretics Anonymous)

Every 1st & 3rd **TUESDAY**

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, on-line

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

Contact Roger Butcher or
Danny Hirata for more information
communications@faithsouthbay.org

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Every Tuesday at 10:30 am, on-line

Mid-Week Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm, on-line

If you've tried Bible studies before, but found them difficult to understand or irrelevant to your life, please join 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 together on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays!

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

Call for Passcode

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 (310) 217-7000.

Logos Bible Study

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday

10:30 am -12:30 pm, in-person Faith Fellowship Hall

Led by Rev. Allison and Minister Ainise. Come join us if you desire to grow deep in Christ.



*rejoice
always*

*pray
continually*

*give
thanks*

Blessed Are You: Women's Bible Study

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday, on-line
7:00 pm

Bible study group for women of all ages and stages of 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,
communications@faithsouthbay.org



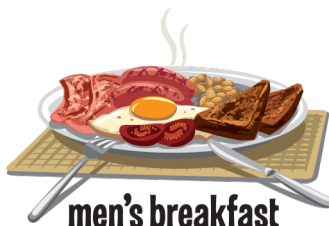
Master's Kitchen



November 29, 2025

**11:00am to 11:45am
Saturday**

Providing 40 nourishing lunch boxes and sack lunches to our community in need.



**2nd Friday
of the month,
8:00 am**

men's breakfast

November 14, 2025

Once a month, men of all ages gather for food and fellowship.

Please let Herb Aoyama or Roger Butcher know if you will be attending so they can save you a seat.

Email: communications@faithsouthbay.org

Country Touch Cafe

3717 West 190th Street, Torrance, CA 90504



**Fun, Fellowship,
and Refreshments!**

**Senior
Hangout**

**1st and 3rd Wednesdays
8:30 - 11:30 am**

Next meeting: November 5 & 19, 2025

Come to 'talk story' and hang out. Learn and play... ukulele, mahjong, hand-and-foot, hanafuda.

Bring your own projects... iPads and smartphones, puzzles, coloring, crochet and knitting, crafts.

For more information contact:
Geoff Kai and Cathie Tani, coordinators
communications@faithsouthbay.org



SANDWICH MINISTRY

**Every 2nd Saturday
of the month!**

40 sack lunches are prepared in the Chen Annex (8:00 am - 9:00 am) and delivered to the day laborers at Home Depot.



Our new “Shepherds Ministry” are trained and ready to offer their care and support to our church family and beloved community.

Would you like a visit from our shepherds, wellness phone call check-ins, or to receive thoughtful cards please?

Please let us know how we can support you.
Contact :Tam Kobayashi, (310) 217-7000 or communications@faithsouthbay.org

Women in Transition

2nd Wednesday, 10:30 am, Faith UMC

Next meeting: Wednesday, NOVEMBER 12

Life’s toughest journeys are easier when shared with others who understand. Our Women in Transition Small Group offers a warm and compassionate space where women can come together to support space where women can come together to support one another through the difficult process of losing a loved one. In this circle of care, we share our stories, lift each other up, and find strength in the fellowship and love that surrounds us. Whether you’re seeking a listening ear, a comforting word, or simply the companionship of others who’ve walked a similar path, we invite you to join us.

For more information,
contact Rev. Allison at
revallison@faithsouthbay.org.



caregivers' support

The Caregivers’ Support provides support to those who are caring for aging parents and loved ones. We also provide resources in the fields of elder care, Alzheimer’s disease, and other end of life concerns.

Please contact Rev. Allison Mark for caregiver resource information.
communications@faithsouthbay.org



**2nd Wednesday
11:30 am
Faith UMC**

Next meeting: NOVEMBER 12 at 11:30am

The Men’s Support Group (MSG)

is primarily for widowers. We share the experience of loss of loved ones, and explore redefining our lives and significance in face of this loss.

We cook and share foods together under the leadership of Ralph Ichikawa, and listen to participants’ life experience as they see their significance in light of Christian belief.

For more information, contact
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communications@faithsouthbay.org

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Going farther for Christ**

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