## FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SOUTHBAY

# SCTOBER 2025

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 05

Join us 10:30am as we celebrate **World Communion Sunday**, honor our wonderful staff on **Staff Appreciation Sunday**, and share some joy at the **FurBaby Fest** (pg. 23)! A beautiful day of unity, gratitude, and fellowship awaits.

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 12

We're kicking off Stewardship month with **Change the World / Save the World** Sunday—a soft entry into a season of giving, gratitude, and impact.

# SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

Mark your calendars! No Kings South Bay L.A. will be happening at 10am. Don't miss this powerful gathering! See pg. 23 for more information.

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 19

Join us for the next five Sundays for **Stewardship** month! Faith UMC will be transformed into *The Loaves and Fishes Café*! Each week at 10:30am we'll gather at a Table of Grace to share why the Church and the Beloved Community are worth investing in—and worth coming to the table.

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 25

Come join us for our **Harvest Carnival**—filled with bouncy houses, games, prizes, and delicious food! A day of fun for the whole family!

JOIN US FOR EXCITING FALL FESTIVITIES THIS OCTOBER, FILLED WITH FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND CELEBRATION FOR ALL!



# Being Good Stewards

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." —1 Peter 4:10

Aloha, Beloved Faith Family,

My heart is overflowing with gratitude as I look back on our Faith Marketplace on September 27. What a joyful day! Together, we transformed our church into a space brimming with heart, soul, creativity, and abundance. Every table, every smile, every offering of food, craft, service, or talent told the story of a people deeply committed to God and to one another. Thank you—for the countless hours of preparation, for the gifts you shared, and for the spirit of community that filled our halls with laughter, generosity, and grace.

But as wonderful as that single day was, I am reminded that this is who you are every day. The Faith Marketplace was simply a glimpse of the generosity that is already alive and well in our congregation. Week after week, I see people giving of themselves—choir members offering their voices in worship, volunteers teaching and mentoring our children and youth, committees laboring faithfully behind the scenes, caregivers extending compassion, and leaders guiding our ministries with vision and prayer. Each of these acts, large and small, is an offering to the glory of God.

That's why October feels like the perfect time to move from celebration into reflection. This month, we begin our annual stewardship season—a time to prayerfully consider how we will give of our time, talents, and resources for the coming year. Stewardship is never just about budgets and numbers; it is about discipleship. It is about setting the table so that all may be fed, welcomed, and nourished in God's house.

Our theme this year will invite us to imagine stewardship as a great banquet—where we bring our **Faith at the Table**, and every dish on the table is made possible because someone has brought what they have to share. Just as the Faith Marketplace showed us, when each person brings their gifts, God multiplies them into abundance for all.

As we move through this season together, I hope you will take time to reflect on what you can bring to the table. Not just your financial pledge—though that is deeply important and necessary—but also your gifts of presence, prayer, service, and witness. Every contribution matters. Every act of generosity builds up the Body of Christ.

Thank you, Faith UMC, for being a congregation of open hearts and generous spirits. The feast God is preparing is rich and full—and with each of us contributing, the banquet is indeed worth it.

With gratitude and joy,

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Rev. Allison K. Mark, Senior Pastor





# "The Life That Really Is Life"

What a joy it was to see our Fellowship Hall and courtyard filled with the energy of Faith Marketplace this past weekend! From the beautiful displays to the creativity of our vendors, and most of all the laughter, conversations, and connections—it was truly a reminder of how vibrant and Spirit-filled our community is. Thank you to everyone who came, shared, shopped, and supported. Together, we celebrated not just our talents and passions, but also the power of fellowship.

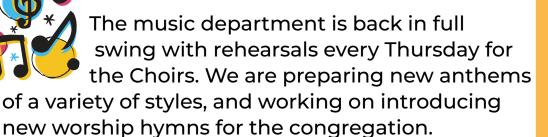
The Marketplace was more than an event—it was a taste of what's possible when we come together as the Body of Christ, each bringing our own unique gifts. And it calls to mind Paul's words to Timothy: "take hold of the life that really is life" (1 Timothy 6:19). What a phrase! The life that really is life. That's exactly what we glimpsed together—a life rooted in joy, generosity, and community.

And this is just the beginning! We have a calendar full of meaningful and joy-filled events as we journey through the rest of the year:

- ★ World Communion Sunday A powerful reminder that we are one in Christ with brothers and sisters around the globe.
- FurBaby Lovefest Celebrating God's creatures and the joy our furry friends bring into our lives.
- **Change the World Sunday** Rolling up our sleeves to serve and make an impact in our community.
- **No King's Sunday** A worship experience filled with creativity, reflection, and new expressions of praise.
- \*\* Stewardship Kick-Off Beginning a season of prayerful giving and commitment to God's work through our church.
- Harvest Carnival A time of fun, games, and fellowship for all ages, blessing our neighborhood with joy and community.

Each of these gatherings is a chance to live into our mission: to love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus Christ. The Marketplace reminded us that when we share our gifts, something amazing happens—and through every upcoming event, we are invited again to "take hold of the life that really is life."

Let's keep this excitement going, inviting friends, neighbors, and family to join us. Together, let's celebrate, serve, and grow in God's love through every opportunity ahead!



The Instrumental Ensemble is playing the first week of October, and the choirs will sing the 19th, 26th, and Nov 2nd. If anyone is interested please let myself or Kathy know.

We appreciate Chris Mederios helping with teaching sign language to the choir for our first Sunday back. We would like to do this more in the future, and anyone can be a part of that. No requirement to sing!

As always, we are enjoying the fall and getting the message of love, joy and peace to all.

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# Nihongobu News

#### 「スポーツの日」

10月はスポーツの日を覚えます。日本では、各地で運動会が開かれますが、フェイス教会では、10月12日(日)5時より、空手のクラスを行います。子どもから大人まで初心者大歓迎!

「わが子よ。私のことばをよく聞け。。。見出す者には、それはいのちとなり 、その全身を健やかにする。」(箴言4:20-22)

教会では、1人1人の健康を祈り願い、運動をして、心身健やかになるようにと願っています。適度な運動をするのは大事。また、心と魂が聖め満たされるように、神様のみ言葉をよく聞く事も大事。私たちは運動のために時間を定めます。そのように、神様を礼拝するためにも時間を定める事を忘れないようにしましょう。さあ、10月は心も体も信仰も鍛錬し、健康になりましょう! アーメン。

October is "Sports" month in Japan. On October 12th, we will learn a simple basic "Karate" and exercise together.

"While physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." (I Timothy 4:8). The Bible recognizes the benefits of physical exercise. Jesus loved to walk or had to walk all the time since there was no car! It is believed that the Lord was in good health and had physical strength as a carpenter.

It is also important that we always exercise our love, faith, and hope in God.

#### We

need to work out ourselves spiritually and pursue Jesus even harder as we exercise. Our God is greater, far more precious, and valuable than anything. Let us remember to exercise and follow Jesus. "Lord, we want to be healthy physically, mentally, and spiritually." Amen! 平田

Pastor Beeky Hirata

# Sunday, 10/12 at 5:00pm Faith Nichigo Ministry presents Japanese Culture Sports Day Celebration 日本文化

Discover the art of karate during our Japanese
Culture Sports Day celebration! This interactive
class is perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike.
Learn basic techniques, explore the discipline and
respect at the heart of karate, and experience a
piece of Japanese tradition through movement.
Comfortable clothing recommended—no
experience required. All ages welcome!

スポーツの日のお祝いに、日本文化「空手」を体験しませんか?初心者大歓迎です。基本的な技や敬意を学び、動きを通して日本の伝統を体験しましょう。動きやすい服装でご参加下さい。年齢制限はありません。ちびっ子からシニアまで大歓迎です!





#### Hi Friends and Families!

I hope you all had a great first month back at school! We were very excited to have all our events in the month of September to kick off our year! We will be continuing to collaborate with our Linx Ministries and have events coming up each month! In September we had our first event and had a bonfire, we had 12 youth combined with the other sister churches! Also thank you to all those who came out to the Marketplace to help volunteer at the Drink and Snack booth that the Youth were helping serve! As we head into the month of October we are preparing for our Halloween Carnival! The Youth will be helping with all the Games and we are asking for Parent help at the snack table! More details and information will come out as we get closer! The Youth will also continue to meet on Sundays at 10:30am, but we will be starting in service and head to the youth room together! Thank you again for all your continuous love and support for the youth ministries!

God Bless,
Darrell Mark
Faith UMC Youth Director















#### 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 <a href="mailto:Faithumc.garden@gmail.com">Faithumc.garden@gmail.com</a>.

#### **Nursery leads:**

Kristin Katayama Tam Kobayashi

#### **Garden Teachers:**

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

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

Leslie Kuwabara Courtney Shibuya

#### **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





Dress up in your BOOjiest costume and invite your frier for some fun game prizes, food and bake sale!

Please no scary masks or weapon accessories.

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.



September

## Marketplace \*\*

#### 9 am to 2 pm

Invite your friends and join us for our first ReHome Goods Sale!

If you signed up for a workshift, please arrive a few minutes before your shift to get your instructions.

October

## Card Making Workshop

10 am - Fellowship Hall

Karen and the cardmaking team will come show us how to make beautiful handmade cards for the holidays.



November

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#### Service Project Meeting

10 am - Fellowship Hall

Fellowship and help us pack care kits for our friends in need.



December 13

#### **Annual Christmas Bash!**

12 noon - Fellowship Hall

End of Year... Christmas luncheon.





## Senior Hangout

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

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.

# 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 <a href="worship@faithsouthbay.org">worship@faithsouthbay.org</a>

#### **BENTO MINISTRY DRIVERS**

Drivers will deliver bentos on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

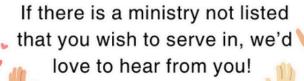
The finance committee is seeking volunteers to assist with counting once a month. If interested, please see Rev. Allison or Gary Sakaguchi.

#### 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.





#### **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 Main Course: Counting the Cost"
Week 3 - November 2 - All Saints Sunday - "The Side Dishes: 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!



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# WORSHIP T

8:30AM

REBROADCAST OF LAST WEEK'S SERVICE

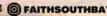
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NIHONGOBU JAPANESE LANGUAGE WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30AM

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**Lectionary Readings** Grow deeper in Christ by opening yourself to God's Word, through the study of the Holy Bible. Listed below are the lectionary scripture readings for the month of 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.

#### October 5 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 15:5-10 World Communion
Sunday
Clergy & Staff
Appreciation
Month

#### October 12 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 26:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

Change the World Sunday

#### October 19 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:37-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5 Luke 18:1-8 Stewardship 1

#### October 26 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

Stewardship 2

## **5 World Communion Sunday** 9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship

10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
10:30a (S) Worship
10:30a Garden Sunday School
12:15p (22/23) UMW Meeting
1:00p (F) Hula
2:00p Ted Hirayama Memorial
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong
12 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

1:00p (F) Hula 2:00p (F) Keiki Hula 2:30p (F) GS Troop 5365 5:00p (A,P) Karate Class 6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

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#### 26

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

#### 6 OFFICE CLOSED

9:00a (online) Faithful Healing 5:30p (F) KKHS Hula 7:00p (F) Troop 719 7:00p (online) Youth Parent Meeting 7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

#### 13 OFFICE CLOSED

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

#### 20 OFFICE CLOSED

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

#### **27 OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

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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

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30a (F,A) Senior Hangout 4:30p (A) Music Lessons 7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble 7:00p (F) Hula 7:00p (online) Bible Study	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	<b>3</b> 4:30p (K) Blessed Bento Prep 6:30p (F,16-18) Cub Scouts 862	4 8:00a (A,K) Blessed Bento 8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM) 2:00p Mary Tokuhara Memorial
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10:30a (F) Women in Transition 11:30a (K) MSG 4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM) 7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble 7:00p (F) Hula 7:00p (online) Bible Study	6:30p (Chen) Simple Church: Fellowship 6:30p (S) Choir Practice 7:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong 7:00p (S) Crossroads	8:00a (offsite) Men's Breakfast 7:00p (Chen) TGIF/MYF Fellowship 7:00p (F,A,P,16-18) Cub Scout 862	8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM) 8:00a (Chen) Social Action/ Sandwich Ministry 10:00a (F) Prime Timers
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## We lift up prayers for all of God's Creation. Lord Hear our Prayers.

#### continued prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Alice Kajiya Alvena Fukuhara Amy Higa Anthony Anderson, Sr. Apolosi Lokotui Arthur Kobashi Audrey Goto Austin Maeda Barbara Tamura Betty Kobata Bill Morris Brian Okumura Cami Bruns Carolyn Hyatt Chic Miyake Christine Keim Claretta Foster Dan Segawa Danny Tokudomi Dan Yamashita Derek Troester Deron Tokishi

Diane & Destiny Ueda-Banda Dr. DoAnn Tsuneo Kaneko Dr. Nguyen Elaine Yoshida Eleanor Ngai Emi Hino Ernie Santiago Faith Tanaka Florence Nakakura Fred Oshiro Geri Shiraki Glenn and Millie Shimizu Grace Tochihara Grant Hanada Harriet Tateyama Haru Yasunaga Hisako Shohara Ingrid Peterson Irene Munesato Jack Honda Jayne Watanabe Jehiel Vinluan Jerry Osaka Joanne Sato

Jordan Sasaki Jove Barker Juliet Koyanagi Juno Uyematsu Kaitlyn Sabedra Karlynn Fernandez Kay Saxton Kian Tehrani Kiki Hashimoto Kim Foster Rev. Kim Montenegro Kelsey DeGracia Kraig Nakano Kyle Ichikawa Larry Takumi Layne Nakasone Linda Jung Lori Conti Lucas Yniquez Marion Antoku Mary Jung Mary Marchand Mary Tamura Maxine Butcher Mutsuko Nishi

Nancy Matsushima Noah Miyagawa-Sue Oscar Philip Bland, Jr. Pearl lizuka Priscilla Kandel Raquel M.Martinez Richard Ueyuenten Ruth Hirata Ruth Taira Sandra Minjarez-Grange Scarlett Bone Steph Matsunaga Sue Hamada Sue Hasegawa Susan Mizuki Susan Slade Tam Kobayashi Theresa Apicella Tommy Sakaguchi Tseyli Mantooth Victoria DelaTorre Walker Wilkerson Wayne Shimizu Winnie Osaki

#### 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

Keith Tokuhara and family, on the passing of his wife, Mary Sutton Tokuhara. A Celebration of Life is scheduled for October 4, 2025 at 2:00pm. RSVP with Church Office.

The Hirayama family, on the passing of Ted Hirayama. A Celebration of Life will be held for Ted on Sunday, October 5, 2025. Private family service.

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 Hirano family, on the passing of Helen Hirano. (8/10/25)

Carol Tondo and family, on the passing of her mother, Yoko Murakami (7/14/25).

Amanda Taketa-Mark and family, on the passing of her grandmother, Llynda Taketa (7/21/25).

The Kawamura family, on the passing of Bess Kawamura.

The Kato family, on the passing of Tak Kato.

The Akiyama family, on the passing of Masako Akiyama.

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## 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 Tam Kobayashi, Pearl lizuka, Lani Walker, Dan Yamashita, Juno Uyematsu, and Audrey Goto for healing and recovery following procedures (both post and upcoming).

Payers for the family of Tam Kobayashi, during this time, as his wife and children, Liz, Veda, and Crystal Kobayashi are making the difficult decision in caring for Tam's brother Kory after his hospitalization at the end of September.

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

A successful Faith Marketplace held on September 27, 2025! (Which at current accounting, we have raised over \$18K, with pending expenses to be calculated.) Gratitude for our Faith Fundraising Team and all of our Leads, and a special thanks to **Fundraiser Co-Chairs**, **Glenn Murakami and Pearl lizuka** (who recruited her niece and nephew-in-law, **Gena and Derek**, to help us professionally price our items!) --more details about the Marketplace to come!







October is Clergy Appreciation Month and we are also recognizing all of our Staff on Sunday, October 5, 2025 during Worship.

**Doris Shigihara** 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)** 

## 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.

#### **DEDICATED TO THE FAITH UMC MINISTRY**

Alice Yee Mark
in memory of Bess Kawamura

Alvin + Janet Yamada
Barbara Tamura
Barbara Ueda
Daniel Yamashita
Grace Tochihara
Jayne Watanabe
Joyce Matsubara
Keith + Sue Hamada
Lily Kvitky
Nancy Matsushima
Ralph Ichikawa
Suenyo Kunisaki
Victoria De La Torre
in appreciation of Bento Ministries

Halau Hula Kealii O Nalani in appreciation of Faith UMC

Jane Shimatsu
in memory of Florence Uchida

Alice Yee Mark
Don + Pearl Shoho
Haru Watanabe
Jean Seki
Joyce Matsubara
Juno + Ethel Uyematsu
Karen + Bryan Fujimori
Lorraine Fong
Lorraine Nakama
Norma Ishigo
Sumiko + Jamie Watanabe
Victoria + Edward Tani
Wayne + Max Saito
in memory of Helen Hirano

Karen + Brian Fujimori Richard + Sandy Uyeunten in memory of Jack Hamada

Ned Morioka
in memory of Kenny Yamanaka

Karen + Bryan Fujimori in memory of Koichi Ono

May Tsuhako in appreciation of Lahaina Mission Trip

Anonymous Giver

Alice Yee Mark
David Yokota
Glenn + Karen Murakami
Joyce Ashimine
Kenneth + Arlene Hayashida
Pearl Iizuka
Robert + Christine Khulmann
Terrence Terauchi
in appreication of Marketplace

Brian + Karen Fujimori
Douglas + Geraldine Mizukami
Geoff + Rhonda Kai
Ken + Sally Sasaki
Stanley + Edith Pang
in memory of Mike Hashiro

Karen + Brian Fujimori in memory of Mitsuko Saruwatari

Don + Pearl Shoho **Prayers + Health Concerns** 

Karen + Brian Fujimori
in memory of Preston + Masako Akiyama

Joyce Matsubara in appreciation of Prime Timers

Paul Mito
in memory of Sam + Barbara Kobayashi

Joyce Matsubara in memory of Senior Hangout

Paul Mito in memory of Sumie Horii

Victoria + Edward Tani in appreciation of the Stephen Bullard Fund Norma Ishigo
in memory of Tadanori + Michiko Ito

Barbara Ueda Jane Shimatsu Lorraine Fong in memory of Tak Kato

Karen + Brian Fujimori Paul Mito in memory of Yoshi Yamasaki

Brian + Karen Fujimori
in appreciation of Youth Ministry

Norma Ishigo **15lb bag of Calrose Botan rice for Bento Ministries** 

Diane Fujimori

Donation for Japan Mission Craft

Projects and Giveaway

Eva Nishi

15 socks for Master's Kitchen
donated with compassion

Susan DeGracia
9 hats and 3 scarves crocheted with
compassion

Ryuko Funakoshi electric kettle, laundry hangers, handbag, phone stand, exercise equipment





#### Scouts BSA Troop 310G

Open House

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

op 310G in our Annual Open House! The Scouts will be available to a

Please join Troop 310G in our Annual Open House! The Scouts will be available to answer questions and have exhibits set up to browse through. Scouts will be sharing about their experiences as they strive to reach the rank of Eagle Scout. Current Troop leaders and parents will share their perspectives about the commitment and value of being part of the T310G family.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
WHERE: Gardena Valley Baptist Church

1630 W 158th St, Gardena, CA 90247 RSVP: https://forms.gle/JwSBZCEIYzaSG7cR9 VISITING SCOUTS: Please wear your scouting

















for the World War II Camp Wall
October 15, 2025
7:00 pm
Torrance Cultural Arts Center

Followed by a MEET & GREET DANCE featuring the sounds of



The George and Sakaye Aratani CARE Award and UCLA's Asian American Studies Center co-sponsor this project





## NO KINGS South Bay LA

Rally · Volunteer organized for No Kings

Saturday, October 18 10am – 12pm PDT

Torrance City Hall 3031 Torrance Blvd Torrance, CA 90503





## 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:**

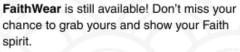
- New Members & Confirmation Meeting for 2025 (Oct / Nov / Dec)
- Leadership & Nominations Development Committee (Oct / Nov dates TBD for committee members)
- Faith Vision Report Back (See Stewardship, p. 15)
- Nehemiah Project: Capital Campaign (TBD, post Vision Report Back)
- Charge Conference 2025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

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Faith Marketplace a beautiful success! Your support, energy, and love made this day possible—and such a blessing to our community. We are truly grateful for each of you.















If you're interested in joining a Hawai'i Mission Rebuild trip to Lahaina, please connect with Rev. Allison. We will be helping Lahaina UMC rebuild their community again.

On September 2, Rev. Allison met with Pastor John Crewe of Lahaina UMC for a site visit.

She will report back the details for the trip on: NOVEMBER 2 at 2pm for those interested in planning for the 2026 Mission Teams.

In her meeting with Pastor John, she learned about the service work, accomodations, and support we will be preparing for as we create teams to help with the rebuild work two years after the devastating fires.

Currently, we are collecting interest forms from those who would like to participate in a Mission Team and will begin holding preparation meeting in the Fall.

For those curious what this trip will entail, we will discuss the following for a Cross-Cultural Engagement and Rebuild Trip to Lahaina:

- Dates that make sense for the participants wanting to attend; currently we are looking at a Spring (March/April 2026) and late summer/early Fall (August/September 2026) trip. If the group interest is large, we may add a group as early as Winter 2026 (January/February 2026)
- Factoring into the trip: Mobility, Costs ("Economic Stimulus Mode" staying in local hotels/Air bnb, "Work Camp Mode" - staying in the bunk house being built for volunteers; also flight fares and meals to be factored in), Work needed, Skillsets to be assessed.
- Identifying Team Leaders to work with Rev. Allison and getting the crews prepared, trained, and ready to go. (Rev. Allison will not lead all the groups if multiple are needed)
- Fundraising within the community both for the trip and for support of the Lahaina community.

## 2026 JAPAN MISSION TRIP MEETING

The Social Action Committee is sponsoring its annual Japan mission trip in May, 2026. We have an older adult and younger adult groups going to Ishinomaki. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. in the Activity Room. For more information, please contact Pastor Becky or Gary Nakata.

#### **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



## OCTOBER 18, 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 your are interested in joining, please contact the pastors, or DEEP ROOTS, communications@faithsouthbay.org

## Altar Flower Dedications



Celebrate and remember loved ones by dedicatingaltar 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



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** 

October 5 & 19, 2025

To arrange a ride please call the chruch 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

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 irrelevent 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

#### **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.



## 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 environmenet, 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

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: commmunications@faithsouthbay.org or call (310) 217-7000.



















# 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.



#### October 10, 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



#### Next meeting: October 1 &15, 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, OCTOBER 8

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.



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: October 8 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 Mas Oshiro or contact the church office, communications@faithsouthbay.org

## **FAITH STAFF**

## Growing deeper in Christ Going farther for Christ

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