



FAITH



 FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SOUTHBAY

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



# What do you fear?

LET FEAR FUEL A FIRE FOR JUSTICE  
SUNDAY | DECEMBER 28, 2025 | 9:00AM



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We invite you to share your Christmas Nativity Creche in our display in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring them NEXT Sunday. Displays will be set up for DECEMBER.

To Sign-up, please complete online form:

<https://tinyurl.com/whosecrecheisthis>





# Toys for Kids

Please help to brighten Christmas for South Bay families facing challenges by participating in Faith's annual **Toy Drive**.

You can bring joy to children by contributing **toys in the \$10 to \$15 range**.

Also for the teens, **\$15 to \$20 gift cards** will be gratefully appreciated.

Cash, checks or Venmo donations will also be graciously accepted.

Please indicate "Toy Drive" with your gift.

Please submit your contributions between December 7<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>.

All of your donations will benefit **Love INC, In the Name of Christ**, supporting families in need in the South Bay Area.

Thank you for your kind and generous support in spreading love to kids in our community.



*Loving God...*  
*Loving Kids*



**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.**

**Paid signups due November 30.**

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# PRIME TIMERS



## Prime Timers Christmas Bash

**Saturday, December 13, 2025**

**12 noon, Faith Fellowship Hall**

**\$20 per person**

Please sign up during fellowship time,  
or call the church office (310) 217-7000.



**Please bring 2-3 non-perishable food items for our holiday food drive!**  
**No glass, expired or opened items.**



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# What do you fear?

INSISTING ON HOPE THIS ADVENT

JOIN US THIS ADVENT-CHRISTMAS SEASON!



# 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](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org) • Church office (310) 217-7000**

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## THE LONGEST NIGHT GATHERING

**A Blue Christmas Service of  
Remembrance and Grief**

**December 21, 2025 | 5:00pm**



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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



# What do you fear?

GOOD NEWS IS LOUDER THAN FEAR  
WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 24, 2025 | 3:00PM



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FAITH UMC GARDEN MINISTRY PRESENTS

# UNREHEARSED CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

SUNDAY | DEC. 14TH | THIRD ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE | 10:30 AM





# 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](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)



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EPIPHANY SUNDAY



What do  
you fear?

FEAR DOESN'T STOP US

SUNDAY | JANUARY 4, 2026 | 10:30AM



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**WHAT IT MEANS TO BE  
UNITED METHODIST**

# **METHODISM 101:**

A class for curious &  
inquiring people of Faith & a  
refresher course  
for Members

Are you interested in joining 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!



# Master's Kitchen



**Every 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

**January 31, 2026**

**May 30, 2026**

**August 29, 2026**

**October 31, 2026**

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

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

For more information,  
contact the Church Office.



## 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.





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## FUNDRAISERS ON DECEMBER 11

## VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS

### ONLINE ORDERS ONLY

FUNDRAISER CODES NOT VALID FOR IN-PERSON PURCHASES.



#### When

Thurs., Dec. 11, 2025  
Place your order for pickup or  
delivery on Thurs., Dec. 11th!

#### Where

Available at Panda Express  
locations nationwide  
[www.pandaexpress.com](http://www.pandaexpress.com)

#### How

Online orders only  
Apply code **9008833** in the  
Fundraiser Code box during online  
checkout at  
[www.pandaexpress.com](http://www.pandaexpress.com) or via App

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





*Thank you for giving!*

**YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR  
PLEDGE CARDS 2026** *Online!*

**DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP  
YOUR PLEDGE PACKETS!**







Faith United  
Methodist Church

shepherds  
ministry

**Are you interested in serving  
your Faith community  
through Visitations, Phone  
Calls, or Letter Writing?**

Contact Tam Kobayashi to train as a  
Faith Shepherd to offer congregational  
care and support to our members and  
constituents in our beloved  
community!

**Are you in NEED of a Shepherd  
and would appreciate a visit, phone call, or card?**

Contact the Church Office to let us know how we can best support you!  
310.217.7000 or [communications@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)



# Faith Van and Ride Share

are offering pick-ups and drop-offs

**1st and 3rd Sundays**

**December 7 & 21, 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.

# Faith Hula

**1:00pm - 2:00pm for everyone**

**2:00pm - 2:30pm for children**

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

Teacher: Kevin Tsutsui

Coordinator: Amanda Taketa Mark





# 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](mailto:worship@faithsouthbay.org)

## 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.

## 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.

## GARDEN SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Seeking dedicated Sunday School and Nursery Teachers from ages Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Contact Garden Directors: Kelley Mizukami, Traci Saruwatari, and Amanda Taketa Mark for details.

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

