

JANUARY 2026

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SOUTH BAY

GOOD NEWS

happy new year 2026

Jan

04 sun

Epiphany Sunday: ALL Faith Bible Study
Epiphany Party & Potluck after Worship
(Everyone is welcome! Bring a dish to share!)

Jan

06 tue

Church Office opens
Meetings, Services, Events, Bible Studies &
Small Groups resume as scheduled

Jan

17 sat

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade (Gardena)
Faith will be marching in the parade! Walk with
us or cheer our church on as we march for
peace!

Jan

25 sun

All Church Oshogatsu:
Ozoni Lunch after Worship

Office Closed December 25, 2025 to January 5, 2026

New Wineskins: Taking the Next Faithful Step

"No one pours new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins... But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins."—Luke 5:37–38

The beginning of a new year invites us to pause, to reflect, and to ask again who we are becoming—individually and as a community of faith. Scripture reminds us that God is always doing something new, not by discarding what has come before, but by inviting us to make room for what is emerging.

As we step into 2026, I find myself returning to Jesus' words about new wineskins. This is not a call to abandon tradition, wisdom, or memory. Rather, it is an invitation to carry the same life-giving faith into forms that can hold what God is doing now. In many ways, this feels like the natural continuation of our Advent journey. Throughout December, we asked one another a courageous question: ***"What do you fear?"*** We named fear honestly—fear of change, fear of loss, fear of the unknown. And now, as the calendar turns, the Spirit gently asks a follow-up question: ***Now What??***

Sacred Beginnings: New, and Yet Rooted

At Faith, we understand that beginnings are sacred. We celebrate Epiphany with joy and curiosity, remembering the Magi who took risks, followed signs they did not fully understand, and discovered God in unexpected places. We also honor Oshōgatsu, the Japanese New Year tradition, a time of renewal, gratitude, and remembrance. Gathering around bowls of ozōni, we taste comfort and continuity—flavors that remind us of where we've been, even as we step forward into a new year.

These traditions teach us something essential: starting fresh does not mean starting from scratch. We carry wisdom with us. We bring stories, scars, joy, resilience, and faith that has been tested and strengthened over time. That, I believe, is exactly what Jesus means by new wineskins.

A Personal Word: Faith Takes a Next Step

I'll be honest: taking the next step of faith is rarely comfortable. There have been seasons in my own life and ministry where I knew God was nudging me forward, even while fear whispered reasons to stay put. Fear of getting it wrong. Fear of disappointing others. Fear of not knowing what comes next. But again and again, I've discovered this truth: faith does not require certainty—only willingness.

Each step has shaped me. Each leap—small or bold—has stretched my trust and deepened my relationship with God. Looking back, I can see that those moments of hesitation were often holy thresholds, inviting me into growth I couldn't yet imagine.

I am so grateful to have been appointed to Faith because not only have I grown, but you have nurtured my children and helped them grow in their faith as well. Your kindness, support, generosity have meant so much to all of us.

Going Deeper: An Invitation for All of Us

I love our tradition of “Star Words.” Last year, our guiding word for Faith was **INTENTIONAL**—and many of you embraced it beautifully. This year, I believe God is calling us to build on that intention with commitment. So what might it look like for you to take a next **FAITHFUL STEP** in 2026?

- Joining a Bible study
- Committing to a spiritual discipline—prayer, journaling, Sabbath, Scripture
- Participating in one of Faith’s small groups, Age-level ministries, or affinity groups
- Deepening your worship life
- Finding ways to be of service to the community through Social Action or Faith in Action to remind us that love belongs in the public square and in the beloved community.
- Saying yes to community when it would be easier to remain on the sidelines

These are not obligations; they are opportunities—new wineskins for a faith that is alive and growing.

Vision, Justice, and Legacy

As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude for those who have shaped us. This year, we continue to feel the absence—and the profound legacy—of Pearl Iizuka. Pearl was a visionary leader who helped Faith think beyond itself, beyond comfort, beyond fear. She believed that faith must be lived boldly and faithfully. If that means for our church to stand up for justice, marching in MLK parades, waving signs of hope from sidewalks, creating an ecologically friendly church for all of God’s creation, and/or supporting our missions and ministries of faith.

Building Beyond Today

To honor Pearl’s legacy is not simply to remember her—but to continue her work. Through our Visioning, Fundraising, and Nehemiah Project (Capital Campaign) that we will be expanding and expounding upon in 2026 through 2030.

In the year ahead, we will also continue dreaming about what legacy-building looks like. We are not just thinking not just about tomorrow, but about the future of Faith for generations to come and creating strategic steps to build God’s kin-dom. Visioning is holy work. It asks us to imagine what God might do through us when we trust boldly, plan prayerfully, and act courageously.

A Hopeful Charge for 2026

Friends, new wine is being poured among us. God is not finished with Faith. The Spirit is moving—sometimes gently, sometimes persistently—inviting us into deeper trust, wider love, and braver faith. As we begin this new year, may we honor the wisdom we’ve gained, face our fears with honesty, and take the next faithful step—together.

With gratitude and hope,



Rev. Allison Mark



The Journey Continues

As we step into a new year, we carry with us the final echoes of our Advent journey—a journey shaped by stars, courage, and a hope that refuses to be silenced. Our Advent series ended with the story of the magi in Matthew 2:1–12, 16–18. It is a beautiful story, but also an honest one. Christ is born, yet Herod is still in power. The world does not suddenly become safe or just. Fear still looms large. Violence still threatens life. In this way, the story feels uncomfortably familiar.

And yet, the magi show us another way.

They see the fear. They recognize the danger. They encounter Herod's manipulation and control. But they do not let fear dictate their faith. Instead, they persist. They worship. And when the time comes, they return home by another way—choosing courage, discernment, and hope over compliance and despair.

This is where our Advent journey meets the New Year.

As a community, we were invited to receive Star Words—simple yet sacred reminders meant to guide us into the year ahead. Star Words are not resolutions; they are companions. They don't promise an easy path, but they invite us to pay attention to how God might be leading us forward, especially when the way feels uncertain. Like the star that guided the magi, these words remind us that God's light still shines, even when fear tries to overshadow it.

As we begin 2026, Polyana and I find ourselves holding this hope closely. Like many of you, we know what it means to carry grief, questions, and concern for the world our children are growing up in. We also know what it means to keep going anyway—to trust that love still leads us forward. We truly look forward to what this New Year will bring for Faith UMC: deeper connection, renewed courage, and a community committed to choosing hope again and again.

The Herods of the world have not disappeared. Scripture does not pretend otherwise. But neither does our faith. The story of Epiphany reminds us that fear does not get the final word. Hope does. Love does. God does.

As we move into this New Year together, may we keep following the star—listening for God's guidance, honoring Christ with our lives, and trusting that even when the road changes, our journey continues.

With hope for the year ahead, 'Ainise | Lay Person Assigned | Faith UMC

Nihongobu News

Akemashite Omedetoo
Gozaimasu!(Happy New Year!) We
look forward to another blessed
year with Minasan!(all of you)
This year is the Year of the Horse.
One passage in the Bible where
horses appear is Revelation
chapter 6. The Lord describes the
scene of the end of the world by
the colors of the horses (white,
red, black, and blue). The world
becomes increasingly difficult,
with wars and famines occurring.
In such times, we must stay
connected strongly to the body of
Christ, encouraging one another,
and eagerly awaiting the return of
Jesus. I truly pray for a blessed
year for Minasan, staying closely
within the fellowship of the
church.

January 25th (Sunday) is our
annual All-Church-Ozoni Day. We
will celebrate the New Year
together as a whole church. May
the Lord bless us, both Nichigo
and Eigo congregations. Amen.
平田

「新年」

明けましておめでとうございます！今年もよろしくお願ひします。主に大きな期待をもって、新しい年を迎えたいと思います。

今年は馬年。聖書に馬が登場する箇所にはヨハネの黙示録6章があります。世界が終わる時の光景を馬の色（白、赤、黒、青）を見ながら主が説明しています。この世界がだんだんと厳しくなり、戦争や飢饉が起こります。こんな時、私たちは、救い主イエス様の体である教会という群れから離れず、信仰を持ち、励まし合い、再臨されるイエス様を待ち望み生きます。最後の日が近づいている事を覚え、聖霊の神様に導かれるように歩む必要があるからです。今年は、教会の群れから離れないように、主を恐れ生きる一年を願ひます。

1月25日（日）毎年恒例お雑煮の日。全教会をあげての新年をお祝ひします。日本語部も英語部も主に祝われますようにと願ひています。アーメン。

Pastor
Becky Hirata

Youth Ministry



Hi Friends and Families,

We want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! We hope you and your families are having a special holiday season with one another. As we head into the New Year, we are excited for all that God has in store for us in 2026! To recap our month of December, the Linx Ministry held their annual Christmas Lock In! We had a total of 16 Youth and 8 Leaders to help!

We were able to do our target gift project and raised funds to help support a family of 5. The Youth picked out and wrapped gifts for the 3 children of the family! It was a great turnout and a great event to spend with one another. Also during December the Asian Camp Bridge Team consisting of Young Adults and College age Students, held a 3 day Lock In at Centenary UMC to host the youth from the So Cal region. They had a great time together and we hope that all the youth are excited for next year's week of camp!

As we wrap up the end of 2025, we want to say thank you to the church and congregation for your continuous love, support and prayers for our youth ministry. We wouldn't be able to provide the space and events if it wasn't for you all! We hope to continue to keep growing and moving forward as we head into the new year. Thank You!

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 Faihumc.garden@gmail.com.

Nursery leads:

Kristin Katayama
Tam Kobayashi

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

Leslie Kuwabara
Courtney Shibuya

Garden Teachers:

PK-1st grade
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

The National Japanese American Caucus of the United
Methodist Church invites you to:

REST & RENEW

*A weekend retreat
for college students & young adults*

FEB 13-16, 2026

Camp Whittier,
Santa Barbara CA



"Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden
and I will give you rest." Matt 11:28

PRAISE • PRAYER • WORKSHOPS • FOOD • COMMUNITY

If you are a College-aged Student or Young Adult, **SAVE THE DATE** for this weekend and meet other like-minded Young people from across our Japanese American Caucus network!
Bring friends! Stay tuned for more information.

See Kelvin Matsumoto or Rev. Allison Mark for more details.

COMMITTEES & LEADERSHIP 2025

Nominations & Leadership Development Report

Administrative Council (members of charge conference)		Meets every month on the 4th Tuesdays at 7:00pm
Leader	Position	Class
Nomination: Jane Matsumoto (Outgoing: Karen Murakami)	Chairperson (1 year terms)	Year 1 (2026)
Nomination: Scott Fujita	Vice-Chairperson	Year 1 (2026)
Karen Fujimori	Secretary	Year 3 (2022)
Chris Kamatani	Lay Leader	Year 6
Danny Hirata	Lay Leader	Year 4
Nomination: Kelvin Matsumoto	Lay Leader	Year 1
Nomination: Monica Matsushima	Lay Leader	Year 1
Mike Kuwabara	Nichigobu Lay Leader	Year 16
Nomination: Ken Ito (Outgoing: Andrew Tani)	Finance	Year 1 (2026)
Gary Sakaguchi	Treasurer	Year 6
Elected by BOT: Derek Taira (Outgoing: Geoff Kai)	Trustees (self-elected)	Year 1 (2026)
Nomination: Derek Murakami (Outgoing/Passed: Pearl Iizuka)	SPRC	Year 1 (2027)
Stanley Pang	At-large (Stewardship)	
Miki Hayashida	At-large	2028 (re-up 2025)
Nomination: Tam Kobayashi (Outgoing: Shari Chang Yamamoto & Karen Fujimori)	Council on Ministries Co-Chair	Year 1 (2028)
Andie Montoya (Staff)	Membership Secretary	STAFF
Darrell Mark (Staff)	Youth / Young Adult Representative	STAFF
EX-OFFICIOS: Rev. Allison Mark, Pastor Becky Hirata, Minister 'Ainise Isama'u		

Ratification & Confirmation of 2026 Leadership will happen at an In-Person Leadership Training and Ad Council Meeting on 1/27. Details to be announced shortly.



What a year 2025 has been. So many ups and downs, and God has been good and provided everything we needed to get through. The music department has had some great moments, including all the instrumental additions at Easter, the visit of Jesus on Palm Sunday, the summer music “A Million Dreams” show, and many opportunities for great performances by all of our active Faith musicians.

We are starting the year with a choir retreat for everyone involved (Jan 10th), to get to know each other better, set goals, and learn music that will be every changing and evolving for the services. We are also starting to look for a date for the summer music revue and hope more people will be able to get involved.

After a year and a half, I have really felt like a part of the music and worship experience of Faith, and I am grateful to all of you for your support and involvement.

If you have any questions, or ideas for the new year, please let me know. The choir will take a 3 week break after Christmas, and we will have special music from Karen Evans and others to start the new year.

Let's have a great 2026!

Ron Troester

Faith UMC Music Director



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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PLEDGE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE TO SUBMIT ONLINE

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

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.

January 4 – Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Happy New Year!
First Sunday of the
Year

January 11 – Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

“Remember Your
Baptism and Be
Thankful”

January 18 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

UMC Human
Relations Day /
MLK Sunday

January 25 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

Oshogatsu - Ozoni
Sunday



JOIN THE HAWAI'I MISSION REBUILD TRIP TO LAHAINA

We're finally in the works with helping Lahaina UMC rebuild their community after the devastating fires after 2.5 years of waiting. Please contact Rev. Allison to learn how you can be part of this meaningful mission experience.



- Trip Dates: Possible travel times – We are looking at blocking a WEEK IN AUGUST 2026, with rotating teams that are interested (Youth/Young Adult, Adult, etc.)
- 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. Share with us how you are interested in volunteering.
- Team Leadership: Help lead and prepare with Rev. Allison and co-organizer, Karen Matsuyama
- 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.

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.

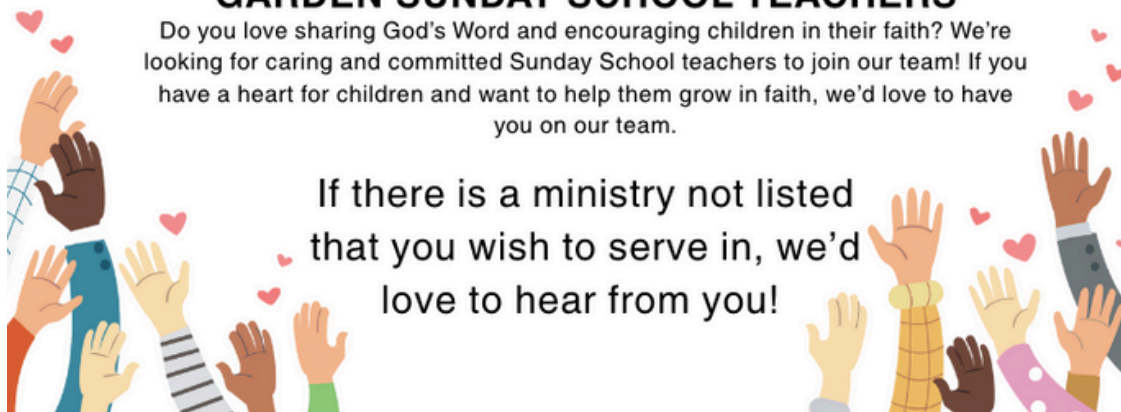
SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

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!



The Quevedo Family

*Thank you for your kindness and generous support
for the Quevedo family.*

*Meeting Mrs. Quevedo and her three children at
Thanksgiving along with delivering their meal was a
pleasure and a real blessing.*

*In December, Christmas gifts of clothing, toys, gift
cards and other gifts were received by the family with
heartfelt excitement and gratitude. One of the special
gifts was a Nativity set with a book,*

The Story of the First Christmas

*A special thank you goes out to Darrell and the youth,
for their efforts in selecting, purchasing and wrapping
the toys for Fernando, Matthew and Dilan.*



Loving God..
Loving The Quevedo Family



Toys for Kids

You made Christmas a little brighter for so many children whose parents face financial challenges. Numerous gift cards and toys were donated by you and delivered to Love INC.

From there, these gifts were distributed to children from impacted families in the surrounding area. They were certainly received with excitement and appreciation.

Thank you Faith Ohana for your generous donations.



*Loving God..
Loving Kids*

JANUARY CALENDAR

4

9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
10:30a (S) Worship
10:30a Garden Sunday School
12:15p (A) UMW Meeting
1:00p (F) Hula
2:00p (F) Keiki Hula
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

11

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 (S,F) GS Troop 5365
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

18

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,S) Japanese Movie Night
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

25 All Church Ozoni

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) GS Troop 5365
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

5 OFFICE CLOSED

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

12 OFFICE CLOSED

7:00p (F) Troop 310G
7:00p (online) Youth Parent Meeting
7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

19 OFFICE CLOSED

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

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7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

6

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

13

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

20

9:45a (S) Sakura Chorus
10:30a (online) Bible Study
11:00a (F) Sakura Gathering
6:00p (S,F,A,P,16-18) Troop 719
6:30p (online) Heretics Anonymous

27

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

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 1:00P (F,A,P) Ping Pong	2 4:30p (K) Blessed Bento Prep	3 8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM) 8:00a (A,K) Blessed Bento 5:00p (A) Heretics Anonymous
7 8:30a (A,F) Senior Hangout 4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM) 7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble 7:00p (online) Bible Study	8 6:30p (Chen) Simple Church: Bible Study 6:30p (S) Choir Practice 7:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong	9 8:00a (offsite) Men's Breakfast 7:00p (Chen) TGIF/MYF Fellowship 7:00p (F,A,P,16-18) Pack 862	10 8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM) 8:00a (Chen) Social Action/Sandwich Ministry 10:00a (F,A,K) Prime Timers
14 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	15 9:30a (Nursery) Baby & Me 10:30a (F) Logos Bible Study 7:00p (online) Blessed Are You 7:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong 7:00p (S) Choir Practice 7:30p (online) Simple Church: Bible Study	16 7:00p (F,A,P,16-18) Pack 862	17 8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM) 9:00a (A) Bento Ministry Prep 11:30a Bento Ministry Drive Thru 5:00p (A) Deep Roots
21 8:30a (F,A) Senior Hangout 4:30p (A) Music Lessons 7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble 7:00p (online) Bible Study	22 6:30p (Chen) Simple Church: Fellowship 7:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong 7:00p (S) Choir Practice	23 7:00p (F,A,P, 16-18) Pack 862	24 8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)
28 Shared Bread 4:30p (A) Music Lessons 7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble 7:00p (online) Bible Study	29 7:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong 7:00p (S) Choir Practice	30	31 8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)

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.

THANK YOU all for the blessings that you offered to others during the past year. We are especially grateful for your hands of service as you helped to assemble blessing bags, and your generous gifts of canned and non-perishable food to the El Camino Warrior Pantry.

Thank you, also, for many gifts of support and love you share with us throughout the year. We are honored, humbled, and filled with gratitude to be part of the Prime Timers ministry.

May the new year bring you good health, much joy, peace, love, and God's abundant blessings.

♥ Chris, Peg, Karen and Shari



Saturday, January 10, 2026

10:00 am

Faith Fellowship Hall

Come stretch and relax
as we kick off the new year
with some gentle

TAI CHI

led by Chris Riccardi

2026



Happy New Year



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

continued prayers for Healing and Wholeness

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

for All Our Saints

The Family of Dorothy Otsubo, on the passing of Asako Dorothy Otsubo. (11/18/25).
Private services were held at Green Hills.

Rev. John Miyahara and the Ishihara family, on the passing of John's cousin, Tim Ishihara (12/13/25).

Nancy Harada and family, on the passing of Jack Harada.

The Furuta Family, on the passing of June Furuta. (11/12/25).

Joy Kobashi-Yoneda and family, on the passing of her father, Arthur Kobashi.

Iizuka Family, on the passing of Pearl Iizuka (11/4/25).

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)

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

DEDICATED TO THE FAITH UMC MINISTRY



Halau Hula Kealii O Nalani
in appreciation of Faith UMC

Carol Hamamura
Elizabeth Tokunaga
Kirk & Kathy Miya
Alan & Christine Bone
Florence Mizuno
Richard & Sandy Uyeunten
in appreciation of Adopt-A-Family

Jack Honda
Joyce Ashimine
Steve Hara
in appreciation of Senior Hangout

Jane Tsuda
in memory of Mike Takamatsu

Elizabeth Tokunaga
Linda Jung
Anonymous
Karen Kato
Ken & Flora Lee
Kirk & Kathy Miya
Gary & Mari Sakaguchi
Jerry & Carol Tondo
May Tsuhako
in appreciation of Love INC. Toy Drive

Henry & Eva Nishi
Ken & Sally Sasaki
Alan & Nancy Honda
in memory of June Furuta

Shirley Shishido
Eugene & Gladys Sunada
in memory of Tak Kato

Shirley Shishido
Juno & Ethel Uyematsu
Barbara Matsukane
in memory of Helen Hirano

Mai Hayakawa
Sakura Chorus
in appreciation of Nihongobu Ministries

Peggy Otsubo
in memory of Dorothy Otsubo

Wendy Arima
in appreciation of Faith UMC Garden Ministry

Jon & Miki Hayashida
in support of Faith UMC Music Ministry
in memory of June Furuta

Tokuji Matsuoka
in memory of Mildred Murakami Matsuoka

Carol Hashiro
in memory of Florence Uchida

David & Nancy Klinger
Barbara Matsukane
in memory of Derek Troester

Grace Tochiara
Donald & Elaine Yoshida
in appreciation of Masters Kitchen

Norma Ishigo
Douglas & Geraldine Mizukami
Sumiko Watanabe
Donald & Elaine Yoshida
in memory of Ken Ichikawa

Alice Yee Mark
Henry & Eva Nishi
Sumiko Watanabe
Linda Jung
Grace Tochiara
Emi Hamada
Curtis & Shari Nishihara
Ken & Sally Sasaki
Gary & Mari Sakaguchi
Ray & Frances Chun
Brian & Diane Fujimori
Barbara Ueda
Norma Ishigo
Ray & Janice Iwamoto
Victoria Tani
David & Joanne Sato
Stanley & Edith Pang
Geoff & Rhonda Kai
in memory of Pearl Iizuka

Glenn & Linda Sakurai
in support of Faith UMC Garden Ministry
in memory of Pearl Iizuka

Peggy Tadakuma
Lani Walker
in support of Faith UMC Fundraising
in memory of Pearl Iizuka

Jon & Miki Hayashida
in support of Faith UMC Day Camp
in memory of Pearl Iizuka

Charlotte Watanabe
Jerry & Carol Tondo
in appreciation of Faith UMC Music Ministry
in memory of Derek Troester

Sumiko Watanabe
in celebration of Doris Shighihara
(Bishop's Honor)

Alice Sasaki
in celebration of blessings & joy to all

Frank Sato
Special Donation

Henry & Eva Nishi
Barbara Matsukane
in memory of Kory Kobayashi

Ned Morioka
40 STEM Robots

Ned Morioka
in memory of June Morioka

Henry & Eva Nishi
Sumiko Watanabe
in memory of Arthur Kobashi

Kubota Nikkei Mortuary
2025 Year End Donation

June Yoshimi
in appreciation of Faith UMC's
Music Ministry

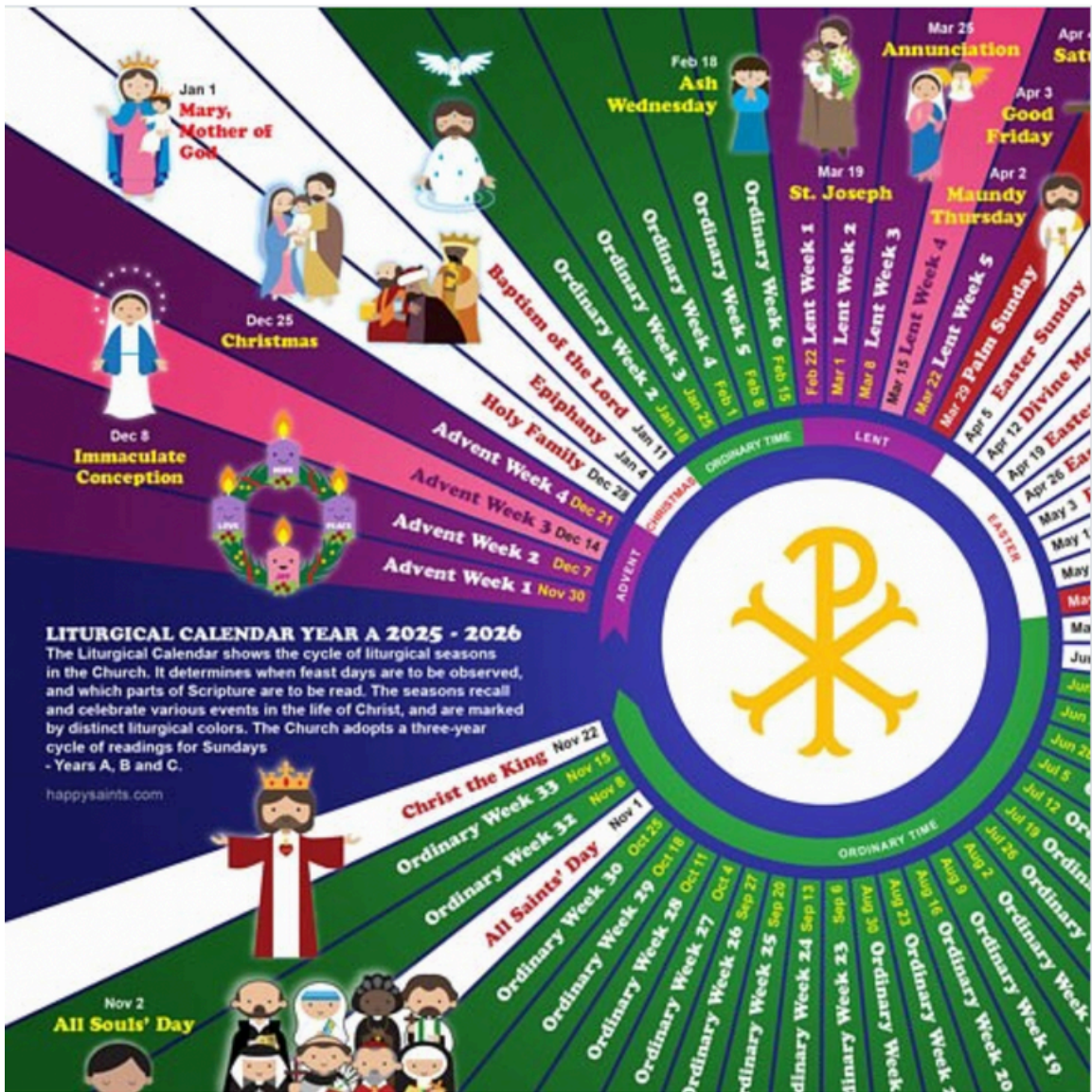
Jean Seki
Ivy Toma
Momoyo Wada
in appreciation of Prime Timers

Donald & Elaine Yoshida
Don & Pearl Shoho
in memory of Sadao Larry Sakai

Winnie Osaki
in memory of Mom, Dad and Reed

Norma Ishigo
Grace Tochiara
Daniel Yamashita
Winnie Osaki
Susan DeGracia
Sam Hatanaka
Ken & Chris Medeiros
Ralph Ichikawa
Raymond Isa
Grace Tochiara
George & Florence Nakakura
Reiko Tarui
Dale & Christine Keim
Teruaki Ebihara
Barbara Ueda
Suyeno Kunisaki
Keith Hamada
Kaoru Tanimoto
Richard & Sandy Uyenten
Alvin & Janet K. Yamada
Arlene Santiago
in appreciation of Bento Ministries
Eugene & Gladys Sunada
in memory of Ted Hirayama
Itsuo & Elizabeth Yokota
Special Donation in appreciation of
Ministry & Prayer Blankets





STAY TUNED FOR:

- FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES
- WORSHIP & FAITH OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS
- SOCIAL ACTION & MISSION DATES
- LITURGICAL SERVICES (ASH WEDNESDAY IS 2/18!)
- COMMITTEE & MINISTRY MEETINGS



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!

INC: Young Professionals

February 28th in Little Tokyo @JANM

Young Adult, Brennan Wong (college student at Cal State Fullerton, and a member of our sister church, Wesley UMC in San Jose) has asked Faith if there are any “working professionals*” who might be interested in participating in an event fair to connect with and support college students.

If you would like to share your wisdom, connections, or business with young people, please let Rev. Allison or Brennan Wong know that you are interested!



*Working Professionals: Business, STEM, etc.



City of Gardena
Recreation & Human Services

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE & CELEBRATION

SATURDAY
JANUARY 17, 2026
10AM-3PM



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
COMMEMORATION & BATTLE OF
THE BANDS COMPETITION:**

- FAITH UMC INVITED TO MARCH IN PARADE
- BATTLE OF THE BANDS
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RESOURCE & RETAIL BOOTHS
- FOOD TRUCKS

PARADE BEGINS AT SERRA HIGH SCHOOL & ENDS AT ROWLEY PARK



MLK PARADE - GARDENA

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Presents

日本映画

FREE ADMISSION
& POPCORN!

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EVERY THIRD
SUNDAY OF
THE MONTH

JAPANESE MOVIE NIGHT

JAPANESE AUDIO/ENGLISH SUBTITLES

Red, the beautifully spun and splendidly acted tale of a young model's decisive encounter with a retired judge, is another deft, deeply affecting variation on Krzysztof Kieslowski's recurring theme that people are interconnected.



Roger Ebert

This is the kind of film that makes you feel intensely alive while you're watching it

Geoff Andrew

Time Out

Stunningly beautiful, powerfully scored and immaculately performed, the film is virtually flawless, and one of the very greatest cinematic achievements of the last few decades. A masterpiece.

Red, one of a trilogy of films by Kieslowski, in Polish with English subtitles

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
SUNDAY,
JAN 18th, 2026
@ 2:30 PM

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FEATURING
KIESLOWSKI'S Red

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



On **February 22, 2026**, join us in worship and Day of Remembrance with guest preacher, Palestinian Pastor, Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb.

83 years ago, President FDR signed the criminal Executive Order 9066 that resulted in the incarceration of nearly all Japanese Americans on the West Coast. As Christians, we uphold the belief that remembrance of this injustice demands struggle in the here and now. Our duty as Christians to each other and for a better world for all of God's children remains the same as it was 83 years ago.

Through God's unconditional love, we can tear down every brutal fence, prison, and cage from Adelanto to Palestine.

This Worship Event & Conversation with Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb is co-sponsored by Faith, Palestinian Christians for Justice, and the Asian Youth Collective, led by Young Adult TJ Suh.



Rev. Prof. Mitri Raheb is the Founder and President of Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem and the most widely published Palestinian theologian to date. He is the author or editor of 50 books—translated into 13 languages—including *Decolonizing Palestine*, *Faith in the Face of Empire*, and *The Cross in Contexts*.

He served as senior pastor of the Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem (1987–2017) and as President of the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (2011–2016). A social entrepreneur, he has founded and led several NGOs, serves on the board of the National Library of Palestine, and is a founding member of Bright Stars of Bethlehem. He is also an elected member of the Palestinian National and Central Councils.

Dr. Raheb's work has been featured by major international media, including CNN, BBC, Al Jazeera, and The Economist. He holds a Doctorate in Theology from Philipps University of Marburg, Germany. He is married to Najwa Khoury and has two daughters. More at www.mitriraheb.org.



Ohana of Faith Torrance Relay for Life, American Cancer Society

Thank you to all who participated in our events for 2025. Our team, Ohana of Faith was in the top 10 of teams from Torrance. We appreciate everyone's help, prayers and support.

For 2026, Relay for Life will be on Saturday, May 9, 2026 in Downtown Old Torrance. The theme is "Curechella, A Music Festival for the Soul". A Survivor Brunch will kick off the day and then the Opening Ceremony will be at 11:00am. The Relay for Life Event will run until 8:00 pm.

(See flyer for more details)



We will be having fundraisers for our team (which I will let you know about) and I would like to have a few days of making Luminarias bags. We would love to have you on our team. Go to secure.acsevents.org and then search for Ohana of Faith. You can register for our team there.

If you have any questions, please ask.
(Either Linda or Glenn Sakurai)
Happy Holidays!

More information will be coming out soon.





CURECHELLA

"A MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR THE SOUL"

MAY 9, 2026

9:30 Survivor Brunch

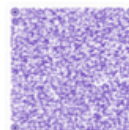
11:00 Opening Ceremony

3:00 Puppy Parade - Bark For Life

7:30 Luminaria Ceremony

Entertainment, Teams Fundraising, Vendors, Hospital
Partners, Downtown Business Partners

On the streets of Sartori & El Prado



Sign Up Today

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.

Keiro. 

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! **2026 is looking forward to reinvigorating Mochi Club with a time for "Sticky Faith" worship, food, fellowship, and "Messy Church" activities this new year! Fun and new growth for family members of all ages!**

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



January 17, 2026

**Join us at 1pm for the MLK Parade in
Gardena**

**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

READY 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**

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING: SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026,
12:30 - 1:30PM - ROOMS 22 - 23**

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

Faith Van and Ride Share

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

January 4 & 18, 2026

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



Every 5th Saturday

January 31, 2026

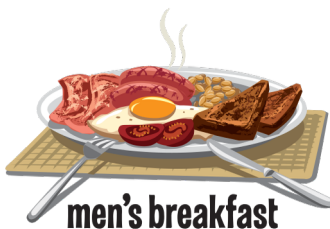
May 30, 2026

August 29, 2026

October 31, 2026

We are in need of socks, hats & scarves - please leave in bins in Narthex labeled "MK"

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



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

men's breakfast

January 9, 2026

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: January 7 & 21, 2026

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, January 14

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: January 14 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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