



FAITH



Grounding ourselves in  
the good news this Lent

This Lent, join us in the sanctuary for Tell Me Something Good, a Sanctified Art series exploring the radical heart of Jesus' ministry. Together, we'll discover what it means to be "good news" people—rooted in love, mercy, grace, and joy.

Lenten devotional booklets & cards available after Ash Wednesday

# **Lenten Sound Bath in Worship**

**February 15, 2026 at 1:00pm (Sanctuary)**

**and**

**March 22, 2026, during worship (mini-Sound Bath)**

*Relax. Meditate. Dream*



( Sound Baths at Sea )

Please bring a mat to lay down on

Optional items to enhance your experience:  
pillow/cushion, blanket, eye covering & water

Looking forward to a blissful hour with you! Please  
share with anyone who could use a little extra TLC this  
week!

A love offering will be collected on 2/15 to show our  
gratitude for Susan's generosity.

# SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE



OKAGESAMA DE

Celebrate and honor our seniors  
whose vision and dedication have sustained  
our church for more than six decades.

Fellowship reception to follow.

Join us for a special **Legacy Worship Service**

Hosted by Faith UMC, United Women of Faith (UWF)

The service will include special messages from  
laity and clergy. Guest artist Michael Murata,  
will perform his original composition,

*Okagesama de* - “Because of You”, written in  
gratitude for ancestors who came before us.



BECAUSE OF YOU

**Sunday, March 15, 2026 10:30 am**

# HOLY HELPING HANDS: LENTEN ART WORKSHOP SERIES

Throughout the month of **March**, join us after each Sunday worship for a special Lenten art workshop. Together, we will create an ongoing collaborative art piece — a beautiful expression of our shared faith journey — to be revealed on Easter Sunday.

**All ages are welcome** as we pray, create, and reflect together.

For more information, please contact Solange Iseri.

# UPDATE: BOTTLE CAPS FOR BUDDY BENCHES

Gratitude goes out to everyone who faithfully collected and donated bottle caps for the Buddy Bench ministry. Your care and commitment truly reflect the generous spirit of our congregation.

At this time, we have been informed that bottle caps are **no longer being accepted**, and as a result, **Faith UMC will discontinue participation in this collection effort**. We kindly ask that members no longer bring bottle caps to the church. Please continue to recycle them appropriately through regular recycling channels.

A special and heartfelt thank you to Louise Sakamoto, Jan Tanabe & Friends for their dedication in sorting and delivering the bottle caps over this past season. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.



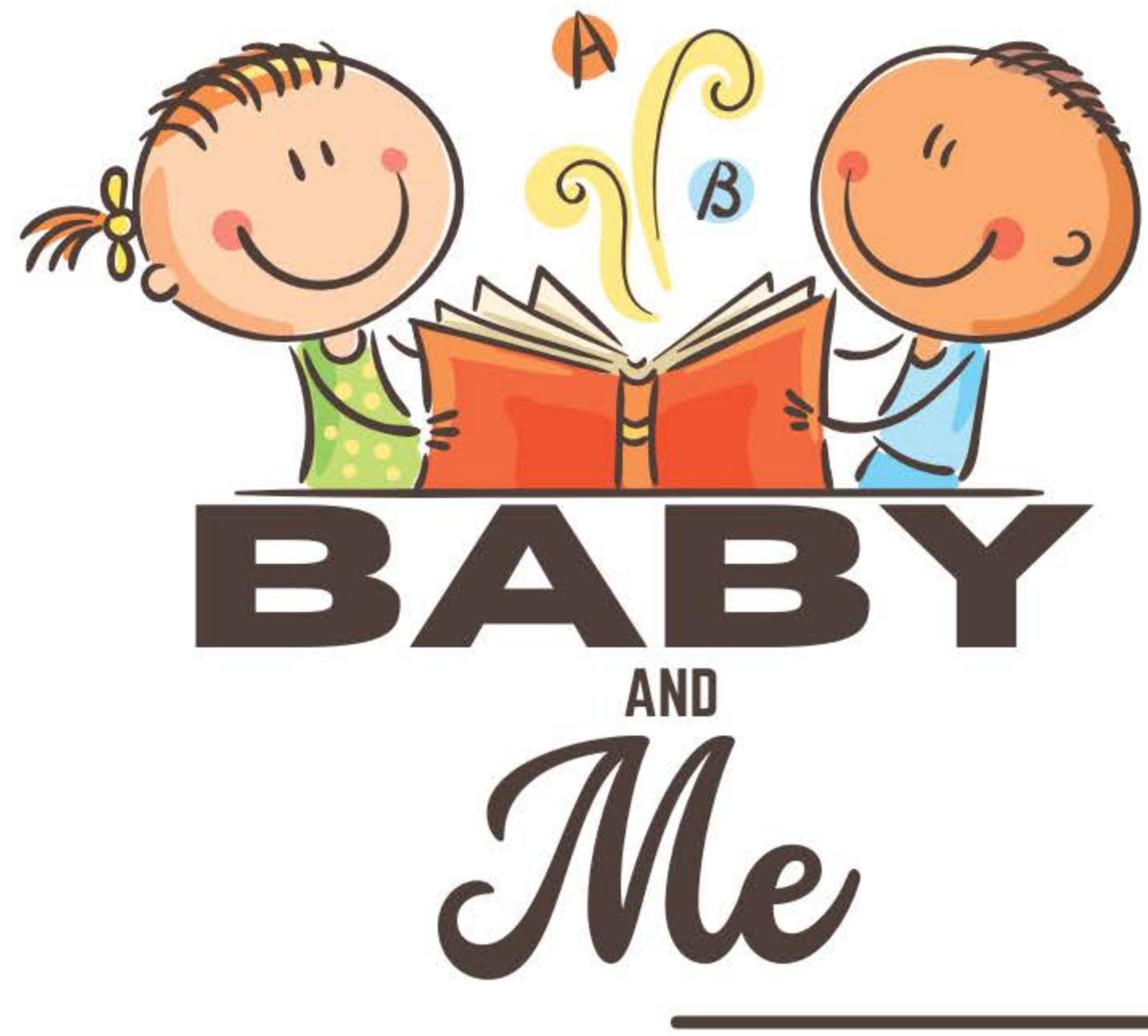
Thank you again for your generosity and understanding.

# ashes on the Go!

Join us at Faith UMC on Wednesday, **February 18th** from **9:30am-3:00pm** for Ashes on the Go. Stop by to receive ashes and a brief prayer as we begin the sacred season of Lent.

Senior Hangout will be going on from 8:30am-11:30am, and all participants are warmly welcome to receive ashes as well.

***Come as you are and begin this holy season with us.***



**Bible Story Time  
for Infants-Preschoolers &  
their Caregivers**  
**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays**  
**9:30 - 10:15am**  
**NURSERY - ROOM 15**

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Caregivers & Guardians and Newborns to age-5 are invited to Faith Baby Talk, Story Time, Prayer, Play and Singing!

*NOTE: The nursery is available to families for fellowship & free play every Thursday. Please check in with Andie in the office when you arrive. Due to allergies, you are welcome to bring your own snacks!*

For more information or to sign up, please contact: Rev. Allison or Andie

# 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**

**CLASSES EVERY OTHER WEEK  
BEGINNING ON MAR 1, 2026 AT 2PM**

**Sign up with Rev. Allison: [communications@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)**



## WHAT IT MEANS TO BE UNITED METHODIST

Lent was originally a season for new converts to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. During that time, they would study what was central to Christianity. During the season of Lent, we will be studying in worship and in our Bible Studies, what was central to Jesus' life and ministry: radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment for the hungry, nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace—all of which are meant to be very good news for us all.

This Lent, if you have been discerning your calling to learn more and to follow Jesus, consider joining a Methodism 101 / Membership Class to connect (or even RE-connect for members) with your personal faith, your community OF Faith, and the wider United Methodist Church family. **Classes will meet every other Sunday through the Season of Lent beginning on March 1 at 2pm with Membership Sundays culminating on Easter, April 5 or Pentecost, May 24.**

We hope this series will provide fertile ground for conversation and worship, rooting our hearts and lives in the expansive goodness of God. This Lent, let the teachings of Jesus lead us forward. May the good news inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good. Please contact Rev. Allison or Minister 'Ainise so we can build a cohort group together!

# METHODISM 101:

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

# 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.

# Master's Kitchen



**Every 5th Saturday**  
**May 30, 2026**

**August 29, 2026**  
**October 31, 2026**

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

Master's Kitchen Ministry is in **need of new socks, hats, and scarves** to help keep our neighbors warm and cared for.

Please leave donations in the bins in the narthex labeled "MK."

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

For more information, contact the Church Office.

Thank you for being a blessing to our community. ❤



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 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)

**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!

# 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](mailto: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!

