

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SOUTHBAY

MARCH 2026

GOOD NEWS

- March 01** Communion Sunday
- March 14** PrimeTimers Mini Lenten Retreat 10am - 12pm Fellowship Hall
- March 15** Special Legacy Service: OKAGESAMA DE (details below)
- March 18** **NEW!** Women in Transition (Evening Group) 6pm - 7pm Room 22/23, Panda Express Fundraiser
- March 26** Interfaith Worker Justice Passover Seder (offsite)
- March 28** No Kings Day (offsite) | Scout of Court of Honor | Okaeri Benefit Fundraiser (offsite)
- March 29** Palm Sunday: Celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem
- April 02** Maundy Thursday: Remember the Last Supper with us
- April 03** Good Friday: Joint service for the El Tordondo Mission Area at Faith UMC - 7pm
- April 04** Holy Saturday: Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic - more details to come
- April 05** Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service at 7:00am. Nichigo Service at 9:00am. Easter Celebration Service at 10:30am – Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ together!

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

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OKAGESAMA DE

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.

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

Fellowship reception to follow.



Sunday, March 15, 2026 10:30 am

BECAUSE OF YOU

Tell Me Something Good...

Ever since we chose Sanctified Art's Lenten theme, "Tell Me Something Good," those guitar licks have been running through my head almost non-stop. You know the ones.

That unmistakable opening riff from Rufus and Chaka Khan that feels like sunshine breaking through the clouds. And then the lyrics:

"Tell me something good. Tell me that you love me, yeah. Tell me something good..."

It's catchy. It's playful. It's a little flirtatious. But this year, it also feels deeply spiritual.

Because if we're honest, we are not short on bad news. Every day we scroll past headlines that tighten our chests. We carry personal worries, communal grief, global heartbreak. The world can feel loud with fear, outrage, and despair. Sometimes it feels almost naïve to ask for something good. And yet...

Lent is not a season of denial. It is not a season where we pretend suffering doesn't exist. Quite the opposite. Lent invites us to tell the truth — about our mortality, our brokenness, our complicity, our need for grace. We walk with Jesus toward the cross. We sit with ashes. We confess what has fractured our relationships with God and one another. But Lent is also a season of clarity.

When we strip away distraction and excess, when we fast from whatever numbs us, we begin to see differently. We notice mercy in small places. We recognize courage in unlikely people. We remember that repentance is not about shame --

it is about turning toward life. So what if this Lent, alongside our prayers and practices, we made space for a holy question: Tell me something good.

Not as escapism. Not as toxic positivity. But as resistance.

What if we practiced telling each other about the kindness we witnessed? The reconciliation that surprised us. The community that showed up. The neighbor who checked in. The moment when God felt close.

What if in our homes, in our small groups, in worship, and in the fellowship hall, we asked one another to name goodness — not because suffering isn't real, but because God's goodness is just as real?

Scripture tells us that even in the wilderness, God provides manna. Even in exile, God plants gardens. Even on the way to the cross, Jesus speaks of love.

Lent prepares us for Easter, yes — but it also trains our eyes. It teaches us to look for resurrection seeds before the stone is rolled away.

So this March, when the headlines feel heavy, when the nights feel long, maybe let that funky refrain echo in your spirit: Tell me something good.

And then — be brave enough to answer.

Grace and peace,

Allison

Rev. Allison Mark

What is God inviting you to experience, focus on, or let go of this Lenten season?





Grounding ourselves in
the good news this Lent

This Lent, join us in the sanctuary for Tell Me Something Good, a series from Sanctified Art exploring the radical heart of Jesus' ministry. Together, we'll root ourselves in God's love, mercy, and grace, discovering what it means to be "good news" people—caring for the vulnerable, practicing radical welcome, and embodying joy in a world too often weighed down by bad news.

Worshipping side by side in the sanctuary, our enhanced worship experiences together will help us embrace the good news as living, breathing, and active in our midst—joyful as laughter, nourishing as bread shared, and freeing as mercy poured out. Let the teachings of Jesus guide us this season, inspire our hearts, and move us to action as we share God's abundant love with a world longing for hope.

Lenten Devotional booklets and Prayer Cards will be available for pick up!

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.

Grounded in Good News: Practicing Lent Together

March carries us deeper into the Lenten journey. If February invited us to pause, March invites us to practice. The ashes have been placed, the prayers have begun, and now we ask: How will we live differently because of the good news?

As we continue our Tell Me Something Good series, we will lean more intentionally into the ways Jesus embodied mercy in everyday encounters. The good news is not abstract—it is relational. It looks like tables where everyone has a seat. It sounds like words that restore dignity. It feels like courage to choose compassion when indifference would be easier. Each week, we will listen for how Christ is grounding us again in love that is active, justice that is tender, and hope that refuses to give up.

March also brings opportunities to live that good news beyond Sunday morning. Through our ministries of care, service, and fellowship, we will continue practicing what it means to be a church that shows up—for our seniors, our children and youth, our families navigating grief, and our neighbors in need. Lent reminds us that faith is formed not only in sanctuaries, but in kitchens, hospital rooms, classrooms, and quiet conversations.

For Polyana and me, our social media fast has already revealed how much noise we carry without noticing. In its place, we are rediscovering small rituals—shared meals without distraction, evening walks, laughter at the table. These ordinary moments are becoming sacred ground. Lent is teaching us that grounding ourselves in good news often begins with simply being present.

As we approach Holy Week later this season, may we not rush past the slow work of transformation. May we allow God to soften what has hardened, steady what feels anxious, and awaken what has grown tired. The cross is not the end of the story—and even now, resurrection life is quietly taking root among us.

Thank you for continuing to serve, pray, give, and lead with such faithfulness. Your presence in this community is itself good news.

May March deepen our roots and widen our welcome.

Grace and Peace, 'Ainise | Lay Person Assigned | Faith UMC

The film "Kokuho(National Treasure)" is currently being screened in the United States. It is about the story of Kikuo, a kabuki actor who becomes a national treasure who impresses even his enemies. There are universal laws/rules in the world. Just as a country has laws, the natural world also operates under certain principles. For example, the law of gravity causes objects to fall when released from the hand. Kikuo suffers within the strict rules of the kabuki society rules. Although he is extremely talented, his best friend, who is the heir to the Kabuki family, is favored. What does Kikuo lack? "Chi"(Blood), "Chisuji"(lineage), and "Ie"(family)-these are the laws of the kabuki world. However, if there is someone with the power to extend a helping hand, he can be saved. He needs someone powerful than the Kabuki rules to help him! That person is Hanjiro Hanai, his best friend's father and the head of the kabuki troupe. He chooses Kikuo as a substitute and saves him. Hanjiro has the power to silence anyone's complaints.

Just as nations, nature, and society have laws, there are also laws of sin and death. When you do something wrong, there is punishment. Whether laws are in place or not, sin and death exist. Even if you think, "I won't do bad things," you still commit sins. Through Adam's sin, sin and death entered the world and spread to all mankind (Romans 5:12). Since then, people have been subject to the "law of sin." Can we be saved from the punishment of sin & death? Even if we try to avoid death by resting or taking medicine, we may feel better temporarily, but death approaches day by day. Neither determination nor medicine can counter the "law of sin and death." We need someone powerful to extend a helping hand and stop death. The Lord God, in His love and mercy, reached out to us. He sent His Son, Jesus, to stop the law of sin and death. Although the law of sin and death still exists, a stronger law, "the principle of Life in Christ," is at work. Through Jesus, we can be free from the law of sin and death. Because He established the blood covenant at the cross already, all we need to do is believe in and to accept His covenant. Through this blood covenant, those who believe receive the grace of becoming part of God's family. Believers are encouraged to strive in faith as precious heirs to God's family and flourish as "Kokuho" – so inspiring that even the enemies will be impressed by watching us, God's children.

「受難節Lent: 血が救う」
映画「国宝」がアメリカで上映されている。主人公の喜久雄が、歌舞伎役者として国宝になる話である。世には法則がある。国に法律があるように、自然界にも法則が存在する。物を手から離すと落下する重力の法則等である。喜久雄は、歌舞伎社会の法則の中で苦しむのである。才能があるが、家の後継ぎの親友が優遇される。彼に何が足りないのか？ 血、血筋、家である。歌舞伎社会の法則である。ただ、手を差し伸べる力ある人がいれば救われる。それが、親友の父、歌舞伎当主、花井半次郎。喜久雄を代役として抜擢し、助けるのである。半次郎は誰にも文句を言わせない力を持つ。

国、自然や社会の法則があるように、罪と死の法則もある。悪いことをしたら罰がある。世界どこでも人の社会は変わらない。法律が整っていてもなくても罪も死も存在する。「悪いことはしない」と思っても、罪を犯してしまう。アダムの罪により、罪と死が世界に入り、死が全人類に広がったのである。(ローマ5:12) それ以来、人は「罪の法則」に支配されている。罪の罰、死から救われることができるのか？ 死なないように、休み、薬を飲んでも、短時間良くなるが、死は一日一日と近づく。「罪と死の法則」には、決心も薬も役に立たない。私たちには、手を差し伸べ、死を食い止める力ある人が必要である。そんな時、主なる神様は、憐みと愛の手をさしのべた。御子イエスを送り、罪と死の法則を食い止めて下さった。罪と死の法則は存在しても、それより強い法則「キリストにあるいのちの法則原理」が働く。そして、イエス様にあって、罪と死の法則から自由な者とされる。十字架の血の契約をたてて下さったので、主の契約を信じ受け入れるだけでよい。主を信じる者は血の契約により、神の家の一員になれる恵みを受ける。さあ、主を信じる者は、神の家の大事な後継ぎとして、信仰に励み、敵をも感動させるような神の国の「国宝」になってほしい。

Pastor
Becky Hirata

Youth Ministry



Hi Friends and Families,

As we head into March, we're grateful for all that God did in our youth ministry during February! We had great turnouts for our Friday Night Fellowship Events. We hope you all had a great start to Lent! This season invites us to slow down, reflect, and draw closer to Christ through prayer, fasting, and acts of love. As a youth group, we want to encourage one another to stay committed and intentional during these 40 days, remembering that even small steps of faith can lead to big transformation.

This month we have a lot to look forward to! We'll continue gathering on Sundays at 10:30am to dive into God's Word, grow in our faith, and support one another in community. Don't forget that Friday Night Fellowship will take place on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month—these evenings are always a highlight, filled with games, worship, real conversations, and plenty of fun. Bring a friend and come ready to connect! Please keep a look out as we hope to hold our first Linx event this month, more details to come as we confirm with the other churches. Thank you for all your continuous love and support for the youth ministries!

God Bless,
Darrell Mark
 Faith UMC Youth Director

TGIF

JR HIGH | 6TH - 8TH

MYF

HIGH SCHOOL | 9TH -12TH



WHAT IS GYPC 2026?

The 2026 Global Young People's Convocation (GYPC) takes place every four years, is worldwide in nature, and is required by the United Methodist Book of Discipline. GYPC is primarily organized by and for United Methodist Young People. GYPC is an event that focuses on young people between the ages of 12-35; adult chaperones and those who serve young people are also encouraged to attend.

WHERE IS GYPC 2026: Dublin, Ireland, at the Crowne Plaza Dublin Airport Hotel.

WHEN IS IT: July 7-11, 2026.

WHO CAN COME?

Young people and leaders from every Episcopal Area of the UMC are invited to be present at the event. GYPC 2026 is a United Methodist denominational event designed to help young United Methodists connect with and better understand their denomination's connectional nature and learn how to advocate and lead in decision-making systems used by the UMC. All denominations, including churches in the Methodist family tree with whom the UMC has partnerships, are welcome, and our worship time will be ecumenical. Most of the workshops and learning opportunities will be specifically United Methodist.

- Young People. This means youth and young adults. Age ranges for those labels change based on geographic location and culture. Our understandings of these age ranges are as follows:
- Youth (Mainly 12-18 years of age, but can be up to 24 years of age)
- Young Adults (19-35 years of age)
- Adult Ministers focused on youth and young adult age ranges. Pastors, ministers, or volunteers with a heart for serving young people and creating ministry opportunities.
- Denominational Leaders. Those who serve in a capacity that is connectional beyond a local church.
- Adult Chaperones. Individuals under eighteen years as of July 7, 2026 (as well as groups with individuals under 18) require an adult chaperone to attend and support their attendance. If traveling with a group, groups are encouraged to have a ratio of one chaperone for every seven participants. Groups that include multiple sex attendees are encouraged to have chaperones who correspond to the demographics of their group. (e.g., if your group includes male and female youth, please have both a male and female adult chaperone)

WHY SHOULD I COME?

Lots of reasons, of course. The Global Young People's Convocation, or GYPC, only happens every four years. For many, attending can be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

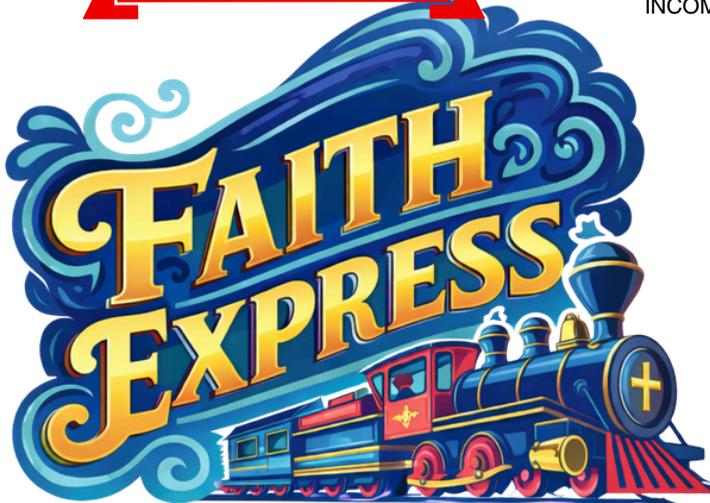
GYPC will be organized around four central concepts:

- Training: The United Methodist Church has systems and processes to decide how the church organizes, where it focuses its resources, initiatives and justice work, and so on. We provide opportunities for young people to learn how the systems and processes of the United Methodist Church work so that they, as young leaders, can be advocates and visionaries who can engage in legislative, plenary, and conference sessions at all levels of the church. This is especially important as the UMC envisions its future.
- Networking: Our worldwide denomination is wealthy with experiences and stories of young leaders making a difference and growing in their discipleship. GYPC will provide opportunities to meet young United Methodist leaders around the connection and ecumenical partners who share the desire to make a difference. We believe that by building up familiarity and relationships, incoming church leaders can develop friendships and trust.
- Creating: The GYPC in 2026 can create statements and legislative proposals for submission to the United Methodist General Conference. There will be opportunities to share items that participants might like to address with the church, practice legislative sessions, perfect statements, and build coalitions to support proposals going forward.
- Experiencing: GYPC rotates to different locations around the world, and the event is designed to help participants learn about and experience the local culture and church. Local faith leaders, storytellers, and leaders in the European region will be involved in the main room worship and keynote times. This GYPC promises to be an ecumenical event thanks to our siblings of the Irish Methodist Church and other partners.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN GYPC 2026,
PLEASE SEE REV. ALLISON TO START YOUR FUNDRAISING TODAY!
Deadline is April 30, 2026.**

DAY CAMP 2026

SAVE THE DATE



Discover Jesus. Live Out Your Faith.

DAY CAMP DATES:

JULY 20-24, 2026

INCOMING 1ST GRADE - INCOMING 8TH GRADE

TIME:

9:00AM - 3:00PM

LOCATION:

FAITH UMC

2115 W. 182ND STREET
TORRANCE, CA 90504

FOR MORE INFO:
FAITHUMC.DAYCAMP@GMAIL.COM

Easter EGG HUNT

SATURDAY | APRIL 4TH
12:00PM TO 2:00PM

PRE-FILLED EGGS ARE
APPRECIATED!

LOVE OFFERING ACCEPTED

MORE DETAILS TO COME!





FAITH UMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Nursery to Grade 5



Please join us for Sunday School every Sunday at 10:30am

The Garden (Sunday School) classes are offered for children ages 3 (must turn 3 before September 1) through 5th grade during the 10:30am service.

Child care for children under 3 is available in the nursery located in Room 15. For more information please contact our nursery director Kristen Hayashida at Faithumbc.garden@gmail.com.

Nursery leads:

Kristin Katayama
Tam Kobayashi

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

Leslie Kuwabara
Courtney Shibuya

Garden Teachers:

PK-1st grade
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.



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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 Good News is...

...alive in our services! The choir prepared a song to help remember to get our printing each month, and enjoyed sharing that with you.

We had an opportunity to celebrate a Mardi Gras Sunday experience with the music this February, and also sang with the mass choir for the combined service on Ash Wednesday. Both of these were great experiences! Cameron Ito and band presented a song "1942" for Day of Remembrance this past week, and we appreciated the music and our special guest on Feb 22.

For Lent, in March we are doing a piece called "Blessings" that shares finding the blessing in the rough times and challenging experiences of daily life, "I Surrender All" with the Instrumental Ensemble, a Sound Wave bowl experience in service, a guest soloist, and Holy Week special music.

Holy Week has a special number with the Instrumental Ensemble for Palm Sunday, Easter brass and special music, and Faith hosting the area Good Friday service. We will be doing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. by Martin with the organ and Instrumental Ensemble for this evening, and the mass choir will do a great job on this exciting and powerful arrangement. You will want to experience this! Thanks to all who are willing to be involved and giving in this area. We appreciate all!

Ron Troester

Faith UMC Music Director





FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP TIMES

8:30 AM

REBROADCAST OF LAST WEEK'S SERVICE

9:00 AM

NIHONGOBU JAPANESE LANGUAGE
WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 AM

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE AND
BROADCAST LIVE STREAM FB | YOUTUBE



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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.

March 1 – Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 8 – Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 15 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

OKAGESAMA DE:
Legacy Worship
Service

March 22 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

March 29 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66
(27:11-54)

If you have palm
branches, please
bring some
cuttings to wave!



Make a meaningful difference in a family's life in just one day by helping provide a safe, dry home for a family in need.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring basic tools such as hammer, nail belt or apron, pencils, and a measuring tape. Please also come prepared with sunscreen, a hat for shade, and water or a sports drink to stay hydrated. For additional detail about the organization and build process, visit corazon.org.

To participate, please sign up with Solange Morikoshi and also register for the April 11 Faith UMC Build on the Corazon website.

We will meet at 6:00a at the Terra Nova Shopping Center in Chula Vista, located just east of the 805 freeway on H Street. From there, a bus will transport the group across the Mexico border to the build site. Some participants may wish to arrive on Friday evening and stay overnight in the San Diego area for convenience.

As we move beyond the celebration of Easter, this is a meaningful opportunity to live out our faith through service and fellowship. As John Wesley reminded us, "Do all the good you can, by all the

means you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can,

as long as ever you can."

Together we can serve with purpose – and share in the joy that comes from making a lasting difference.



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.

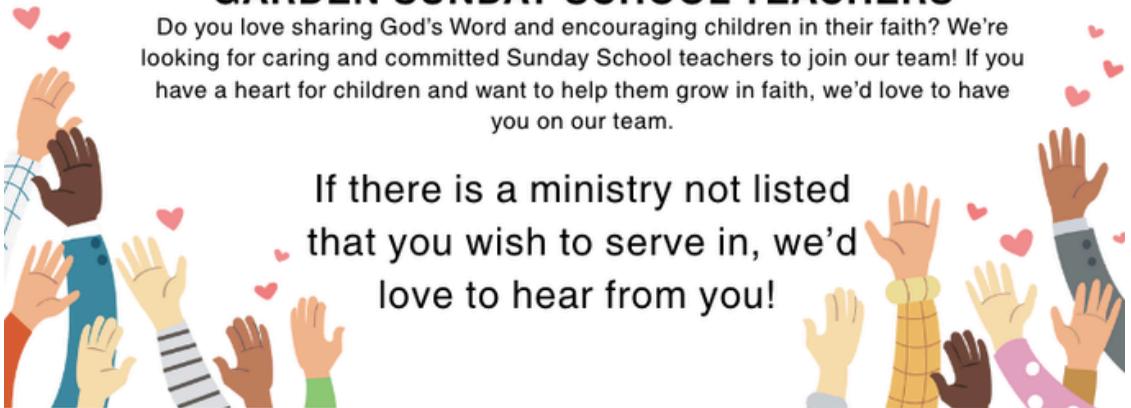
SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

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!



PRIME TIMERS

MINI LENTEN RETREAT



PRIME TIMERS' IN-PERSON LENTEN GATHERING

Saturday, March 14, 2026 10 am to 12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Let us prepare for the Easter season by participating in some of our favorite Prime Timers' Lenten spiritual practices. Please join us as we gather for our **mini lenten retreat** – to sing, participate in devotional teachings, celebrate Communion, and fellowship together.

A light lunch will be provided.
Please call the church office (310) 217-7000,
to confirm your attendance.

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: Chris Kamatani (310) 217-7000.

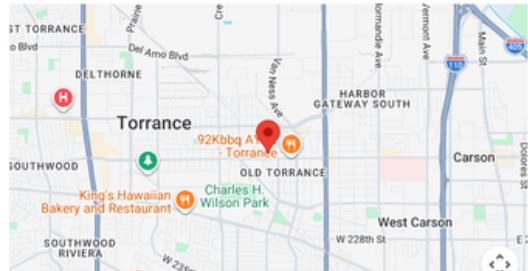


Time

Saturday, March 28
9 – 10am PDT

Location

El Prado Park (Directly across
from Torrance High)
1563-1599 Arlington Ave
Torrance, CA 90501



About this event

Join Indivisible South Bay LA as we march from Torrance High School to Torrance City Hall to stand for democracy!

📍 Meet at 8:50 AM at the southernmost end of El Prado Park (across from Torrance High School, on Carson St.)

👤 We'll march together to Torrance City Hall, arriving by 10:30 AM for the main “No Kings” rally.

Bring signs, friends, and your voice. Together, we'll show that the people — not kings or billionaires — decide the future of this country.

By choosing to attend this event, you are acknowledging the risks involved, and you are committing to participate non-violently and in accordance with the law, and to work to de-

escalate confrontations with opposing persons or others. You agree (i) not to engage in any act of violence or violation of any applicable law and (ii) that you are solely responsible for any injury or damage to your person or property resulting from or occurring in the course of your participating in the Event.

For more information:

<https://www.mobilize.us/indivisiblesouthbayla/event/901076/>

MARCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

1

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

8

9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
10:30a (S) Worship
10:30a Garden Sunday School
12:00p (online) Youth Advisor
2:00p (UpstairsChen) Asian Youth Collective
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

15 OKAGESAMA CELEBRATION

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

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9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
10:30a (S) Worship
10:30a Garden Sunday School
12:00p (22/23) Shepherd's Ministry Training
2:30p (F) GS Troop 5365
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

29

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

2 OFFICE CLOSED

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

9 OFFICE CLOSED

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

16 OFFICE CLOSED

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

23 OFFICE CLOSED

7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study
7:00p (F) Troop 719

30 OFFICE CLOSED

7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

3

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

10

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

17

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

24

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

31

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

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

4

8:30a (A,F) Senior Hangout
4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM)
7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble
7:00p (online) Bible Study

5

9:30a (Nursery) Baby & Me
10:30a (F) Logos Bible Study
7:00p (F) Troop 310G Leadership
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

6

4:30p (K) Blessed Bento Prep
6:30p (S,F,A,P,16-18) Cub Scout Pack 862

7

8:00a (A,K) Blessed Bento
12:00p (S,F,A,P,16-9) Cub Scout Pack 862
Pinewood Derby

11

10:30a (F) Women In Transition
11:30a (K) MSG
7:00p (online) Bible Study

12

6:30p (Chen) Simple Church:
Fellowship
7:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong
7:00p (S) Choir Practice

13

8:00a (offsite) Men's Breakfast
7:00p (Chen) TGIF/MYF Fellowship
7:00p (F,A,P,16-18) Cub Scout Pack 862

14

8:00a (Chen) Social Action/Sandwich
Ministry
8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)
10:00a (F) Prime Timers

18

8:30a (F,A) Senior Hangout
4:30p (A) Music Lessons
6:00p (22/23) Women In Transition
Evening
7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble
7:00p (online) Bible Study

19

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

20

7:00p (F,A,P,16-18) Cub Scout Pack 862

21

8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)
9:00a (A) Bento Ministry Prep
11:30a Bento Ministry Drive Thru
5:00p (A) Deep Roots

25 SHARED BREAD

4:30p (A) Music Lessons
7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble
7:00p (online) Bible Study

26

6:30p (Chen) Simple Church:
Fellowship
7:00p (S,K) Eagle Court of Honor
7:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong
7:00p (S) Choir Practice

27

7:00p (F,A,P,16-18) Cub Scout Pack 862

28

8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)
9:00a (S,F,A,P,K) Troop 719 Eagle
Court

Ellen Hokama
Alan & Nancy Honda
Dennis & Jenny Harada
Gayle Miyake
Jane Shimatsu
Edward & Beverly Kambe
Richard & Sandy Dyeunten
Henry & Eva Nishi
Dennis & Karen Sakoda
Curtis & Shari Nishihara
in memory of Kraig Nakano

Henry & Eva Nishi
in memory of Miyoko Ahn

Henry & Eva Nishi
in memory of Fred Matsuyama

Ruth Sakamoto
in memory of Ken Sakamoto

Robert & Helen Yamamoto
*in support of Prime Timers,
in memory of Hannah Yamamoto*

Sumiko Watanabe
in memory of Mas Watanabe

Wendy Tarao
*61 Greeting Cards in support
of Cardmaking Ministry*

Ned Morioka
*in celebration of Auntie Midori's
99 years of life*

Rev. Claudia Genung
Reverend Toshimasa Yamamoto
*in celebration of Kai & Grace's
Marriage*

Kai & Grace Yamamoto
*in support of Bento Ministries,
in celebration of their Marriage
on February 6, 2026.*



Stanley & Edith Pang
Anonymous
SuperBowl Donation

Wendy Arima
Scout Sunday Donation

Alice Kajiya
in support of UWF

Halau Hula Kealii O Nalani
Boy Scout Troop #710
BSA Troop 310G
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Facility Usage Donation

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Rose Omoto
Jello Snacks

Harry & Ruth Takaki
Folgers Coffee

Lorraine Fong
*in support of Prime Timers,
in memory of Yoshi Yamasaki*

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Barbara Ueda
Louise Sakamoto
Nancy Matsushima
in support of Bento Ministries

Thank  You



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

continued prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Rev. Alan Mark	Emi Hino	Kay Saxton	Patty Kobayashi
Alice Kajiya	Ernie Santiago	Kian Tehrani	Priscilla Kandel
Alvena & Tom Fukuhara	Faith Tanaka	Kiki Hashimoto	Raquel M. Martinez
Amy Higa	Florence Nakakura	Rev. Kim Montenegro	Rev. Mike Hiranuma
Anthony Anderson, Sr.	Frank Sato	Kelsey DeGracia	Ron Hamaguchi
Apolosi Lokotui	Fred Oshiro	Kenny Medeiros	Rick Katsuki
Audrey Goto	Geru Shiraki	Kyle Ichikawa	Ruth Hirata
Austin Maeda	Glenn & Millie	Larry Takumi	Ruth Taira
Barbara Tamura	Shimizu	Layne Nakasone	Sandra Minjarez-Grange
Betty Kobata	Grace Tochiara	Linda Jung	Sansei Rocker
Bill Morris	Grant Hanada	Liz Harner	Stan Miyasato
Brian Okumura	Harriet Tateyama	Lucas Yniguez	Steph Matsunaga
Cami Bruns	Haru Yasunaga	Marisa Senzaki	Sue Hamada
Chic Miyake	Harry Manaka	Marion Antoku	Sue Hasegawa
Christine Keim	Hisako Shohara	Mae Nakakahara	Susan DeGracia
Claretta Foster	Ingrid Peterson	Mary Jung	Susan Mizuki
Dan Segawa	Irene Munesato	Mary & Bob Keily (siblings)	Susan Slade
Danny Tokudomi	Jack Honda	Mary Marchand	Takai Finau
Dan Yamashita	Jayne Watanabe	Mary Tamura	Theresa Apicella
Deron Tokishi	Jehiel Vinluan	Mary Tamura (Tsutsui)	Tommy Sakaguchi
Diane & Destiny Ueda-Banda	Jennie Shitakubo	Maxine Butcher	Tseyli Mantooth
Dr. DoAnn Tsuneko	Joanne Sato	Mitchell Okumura	V'hraniku & Shaun Haynes
Kaneko	Joelle Peelgreen	Miyoko Ahn	Victoria DelaTorre
Douglas Higa	Jordan Sasaki	Mutsuko Nishi	Walker Wilkerson
Elaine Yoshida	Joye Barker	Nancy Matsushima	Wayne Shimizu
Eleanor Nagai	Juliet Koyanagi	Noah Miyagawa-Sue	Whitney Nakayama
	Kaitlyn Sabedra	Oscar Phillip Bland Jr.	Winnie Osaki
	Karlynn Fernandez	Pam Fink	Yukio Inouye

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

Lynne, Gilbert, and Erica Vinluan and family on the passing of Lynne's mother, Corinne Higa, (2/14/26).

Stephanie & Darrel Inouye and family on the passing of Darrel's mother, Lorraine Inouye, (2/14/26).

Alice & Darrell Mark, on the passing of Nelson's sister, MalPina Chan (2/14/26).

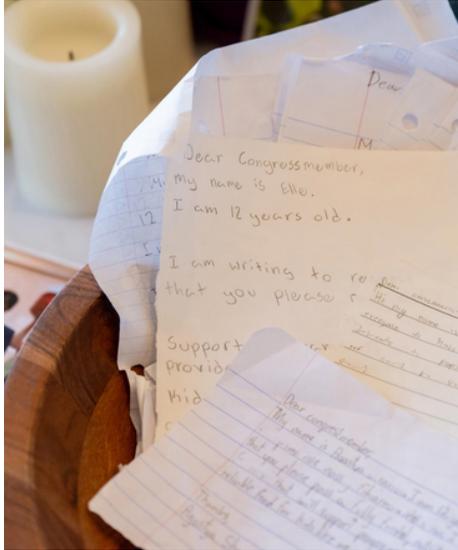
Karen Matsuyama & Shitakubo families, on the passing of Fred Matsuyama (1/24/2026).

Keith Tokuhara and family on the passing of Keith's aunt, Helen Nozaki (1/6/26). **A Celebration of Life will be held on March 7, 2026, 2pm at Faith UMC.**

Trish Ulrickson and family on the passing of Rev. Mark Ulrickson (2/25/26).



Offering of Letters



Hunger is rising. Children are at risk.
And God calls us to respond.

As people of faith, we are called to care for our neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable. We must come together to claim our collective power, to speak with one moral voice, and to join in the sacred work of ending hunger and nourishing our shared future. This is a moment for faithful action.

Faith will hold an Offering of Letters – a letter-writing event after worship on Palm Sunday, March 29.

Join the many faithful advocates across our nation who have pledged to hold an Offering of Letters in 2026. Together, through prayer, personal responsibility, and collective action, we can move closer to a world where all God's children are fed.

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.



CURECHELLA

"A MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR THE SOUL"

MAY 9, 2026

9:30 Survivor Brunch

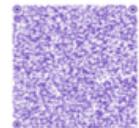
11:00 Opening Ceremony

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



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



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WOMEN IN TRANSITION evening group

You are not alone. ♥

Join our second Women in Transition evening group—a sacred, supportive space for women navigating change, grief, new beginnings, or life’s unexpected turns. Whether you are in a season of loss, growth, waiting, or rediscovery, this circle is for you.

We will meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month, beginning Wednesday, March 18, from 6:00–7:00 PM in Room 22/23.

All women of all walks of life are warmly invited.
Come as you are.

Please **RSVP** at this link:
<https://tinyurl.com/witeveninggrp> or
via QR code.



For more information,
contact Shari Yamamoto or Cathie Tani.



COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES COM MEETINGS

Calling All Ministry Leaders!

Thank you for your dedication to Faith Ministries! Your gifts bring life and richness to our church community. Please mark your calendars for upcoming COM meetings (in-person only, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall):

FEB 28 | MAY 30 | AUG 29 | NOV 21

Can't attend? Send a substitute. Ministry announcements should be submitted a week before each meeting. Stay connected and help us keep everyone informed—here's to a faithful 2026! —Tam Kobayashi, COM Chair

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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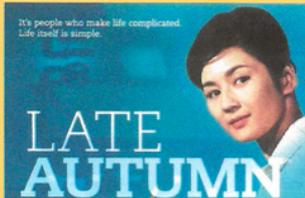
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EVERY THIRD
SUNDAY OF
THE MONTH

JAPANESE MOVIE NIGHT

JAPANESE AUDIO/ENGLISH SUBTITLES



[Peter Bradshaw](#)
[Guardian](#)

02/02/2010

Fresh score.5/5

Another gem from the Ozu canon, a masterpiece of tenderness and serio-comic charm, as tonally ambiguous and morally complex as anything he ever made.

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**SUNDAY,
MARCH 15, 2026**

@ 2:30 PM

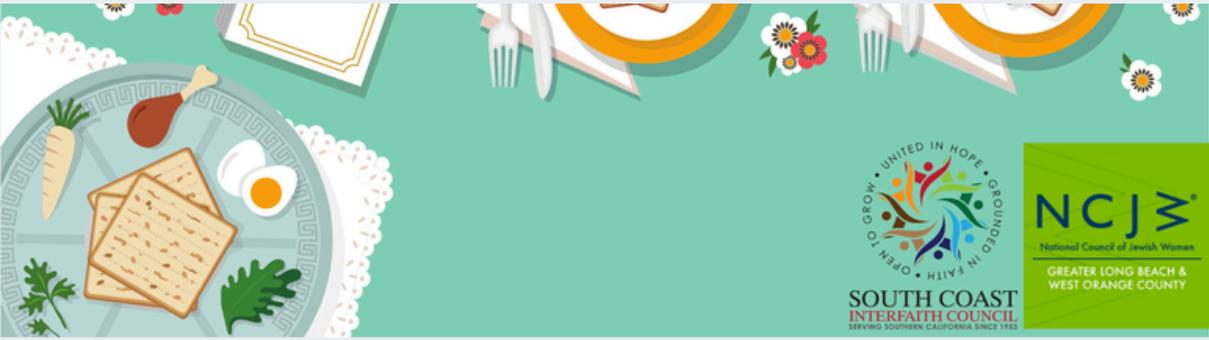
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FEATURING
Ozu's Late Autumn

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



Temple Israel's Social Action Committee &
Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE)
present

Interfaith Worker Justice
Passover Seder

Wednesday, March 26, 2026
6pm-8pm

Please join

Cantor Kelly Cooper and Rabbi Neil-Comess Daniels

as we relate the Passover story of Jewish people's Exodus from
their oppression in ancient Egypt
to the current context of hospitality workers seeking an end to
the suffering and injustice they experience.

Temple Israel Long Beach

269 Loma Avenue Long Beach, CA 90803

RSVP with Rev. Allison Mark for headcount and carpool

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! **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



March 21, 2026
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

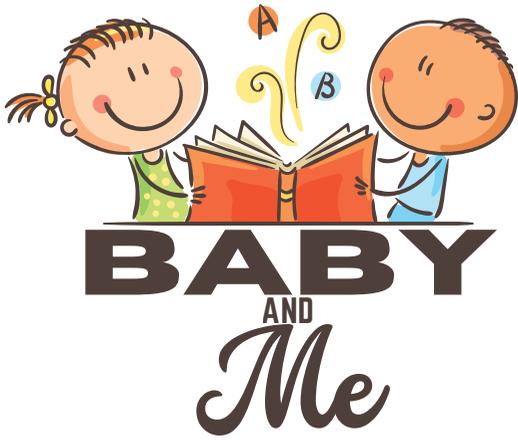
Faith United Methodist Church
Team Ohana of Faith



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





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

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

Faith Van and Ride Share

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

March 1st & March 15th, 2026

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



If you **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
 (No classes in March)**



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

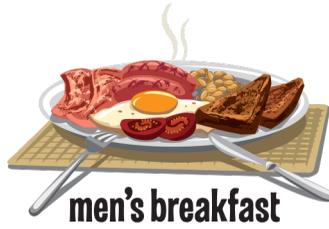
May 30, 2026

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

March 13, 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: March 4th & March 18th, 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: April 8, 2026
(NO MARCH MEETING)

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



men’s support group

2nd Wednesday
11:30 am
Faith UMC

Next meeting: March 11 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

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