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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

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.

PRIME TIMERS

Saturday, March 14, 2026

10 am to 12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

A light lunch will be provided.

Please call the church office (310) 217-7000,
to confirm your attendance.

LENTEN RETREAT



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.

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

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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.

Sunday, March 15, 2026 10:30 am

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

Fellowship reception to follow.



BECAUSE OF YOU

 FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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!





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



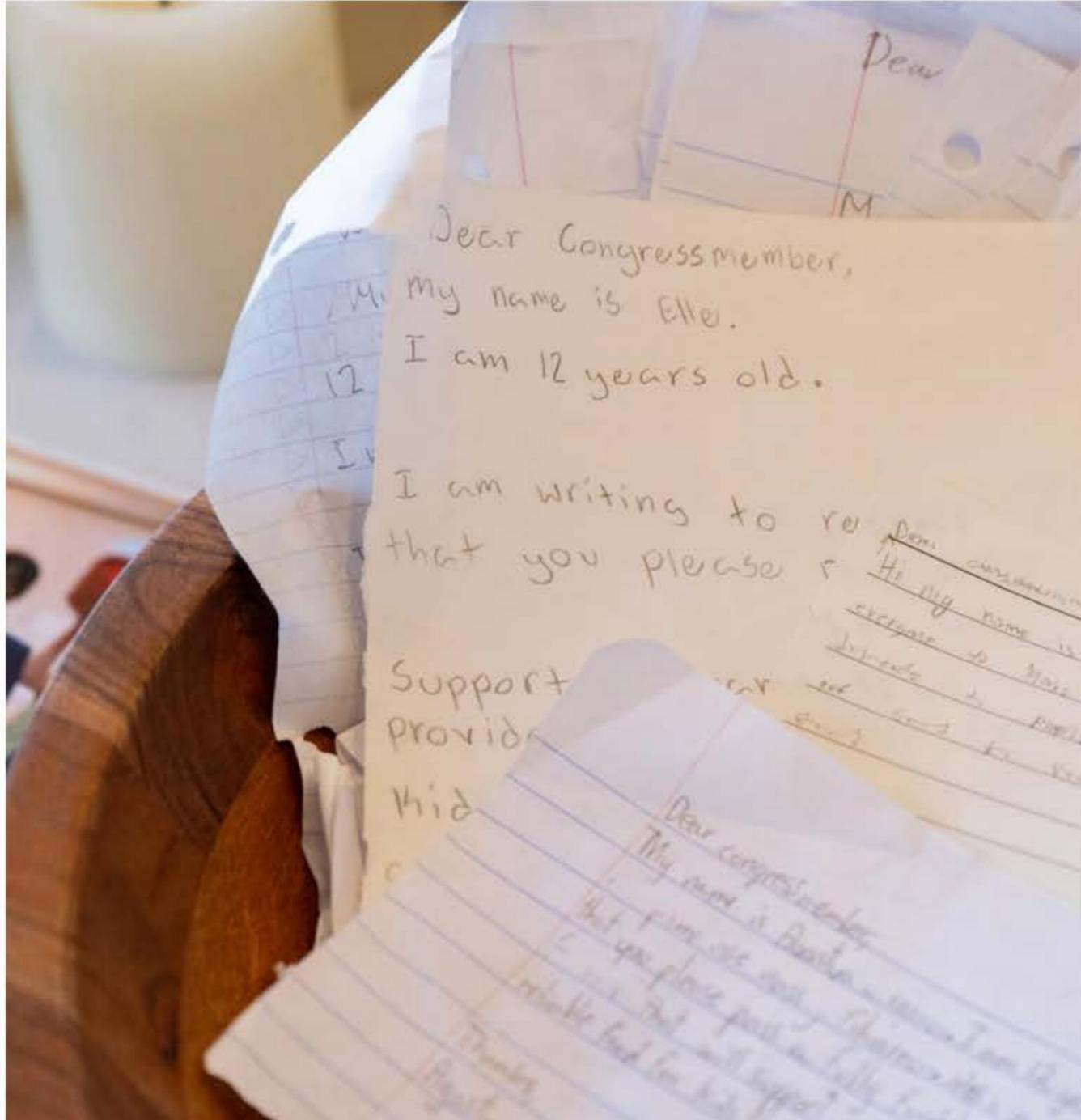
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NO KINGS.

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**FOR MORE DETAILED INFO -
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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.



FAITH UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



**FUNDRAISERS ON
MARCH 18 &
JUNE 25**

**VIRTUAL COMMUNITY
FUNDRAISERS**

ONLINE ORDERS ONLY

FUNDRAISER CODES NOT VALID FOR IN-PERSON PURCHASES.



When

Wed., March 18, 2026

Place your order for pickup or delivery on Wed., March 18th!

Where

Available at Panda Express locations nationwide
www.pandaexpress.com

How

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Apply code **9012985** in the

When

Thurs., June 25, 2026

Place your order for pickup or delivery on Thurs., June 25th!

Where

Available at Panda Express locations nationwide
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How

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

NEW 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.



UPDATE: BOTTLE CAPS FOR BUDDY BENCHES

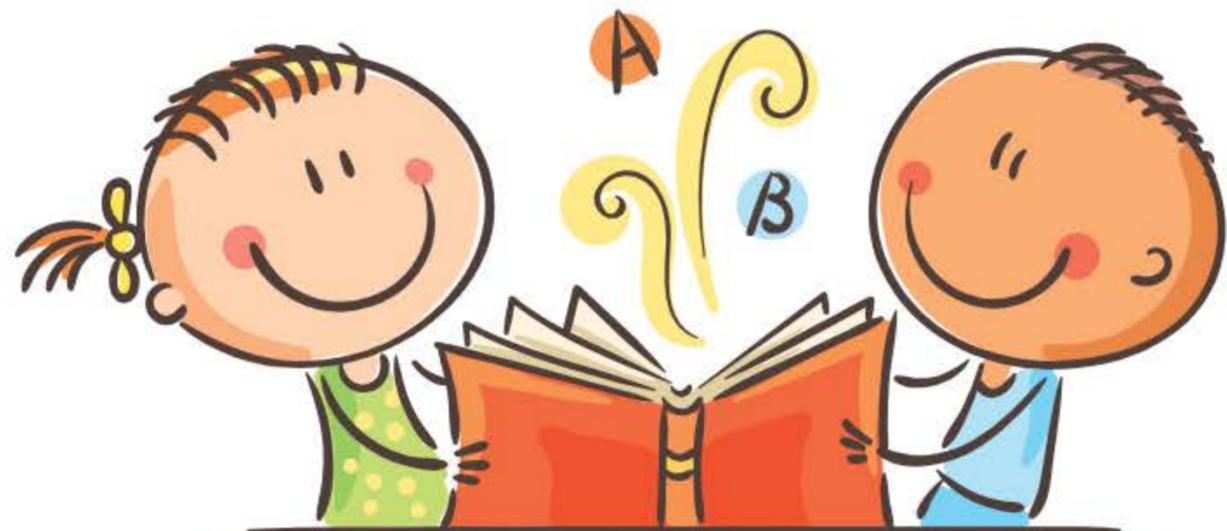
Gratitude goes out to everyone who faithfully collected and donated bottle caps for the Buddy Bench ministry. Your care and commitment truly reflect the generous spirit of our congregation.

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.



BABY

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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



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE UNITED METHODIST

METHODISM 101:

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

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!

Master's Kitchen



Every 5th 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 interested in serving
your Faith community
through Visitations, Phone
Calls, or Letter Writing?**

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

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

Contact the Church Office to let us know how we can best support you!
310.217.7000 or communications@faithsouthbay.org

Faith Van and Ride Share

are offering pick-ups and drop-offs

1st and 3rd Sundays

December 7 & 21, 2025

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



If you are in NEED A RIDE to church, please call
the church office at (310) 217-7000, or contact
Glenn Sakurai at communications@
faithsouthbay.org to arrange for a ride.

Ride Share. If you are able to **OFFER A RIDE**
to seniors in your neighborhood, or be part of the
van pool driver rotation please contact Glenn.

Faith Hula

1:00pm - 2:00pm for everyone

2:00pm - 2:30pm for children

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

Teacher: Kevin Tsutsui

Coordinator: Amanda Taketa Mark



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ready to take the next step in your faith?

Faith UMC is looking for volunteers for the following ministries:

USHERS & GREETERS

Greeters begin at 10am and stand outside the church and greet visitors and members as they arrive.

Ushers begin at 10am and stand at the sanctuary doors and greet visitors and members as they arrive. If needed, they help distribute candles, bulletins, and gifts.

If interested, please email your contact information to worship@faithsouthbay.org

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 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.

GARDEN SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Seeking dedicated Sunday School and Nursery Teachers from ages Preschool through 5th 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!

