

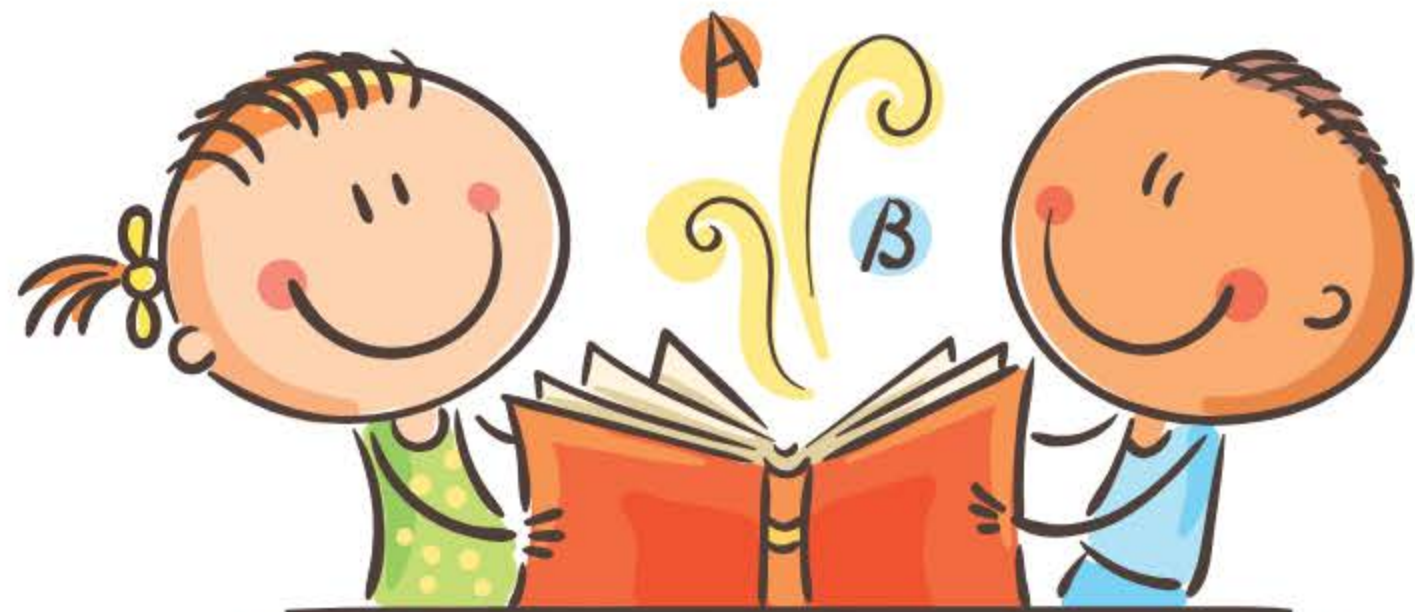
ASIAN CAMP  
2026  
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# Save the Date

June 28 - July 3

Location:  
Camp Wrightwood  
Wrightwood, CA





**BABY**

AND

*Me*

**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

# **UPDATE: BOTTLE CAPS FOR BUDDY BENCHES**

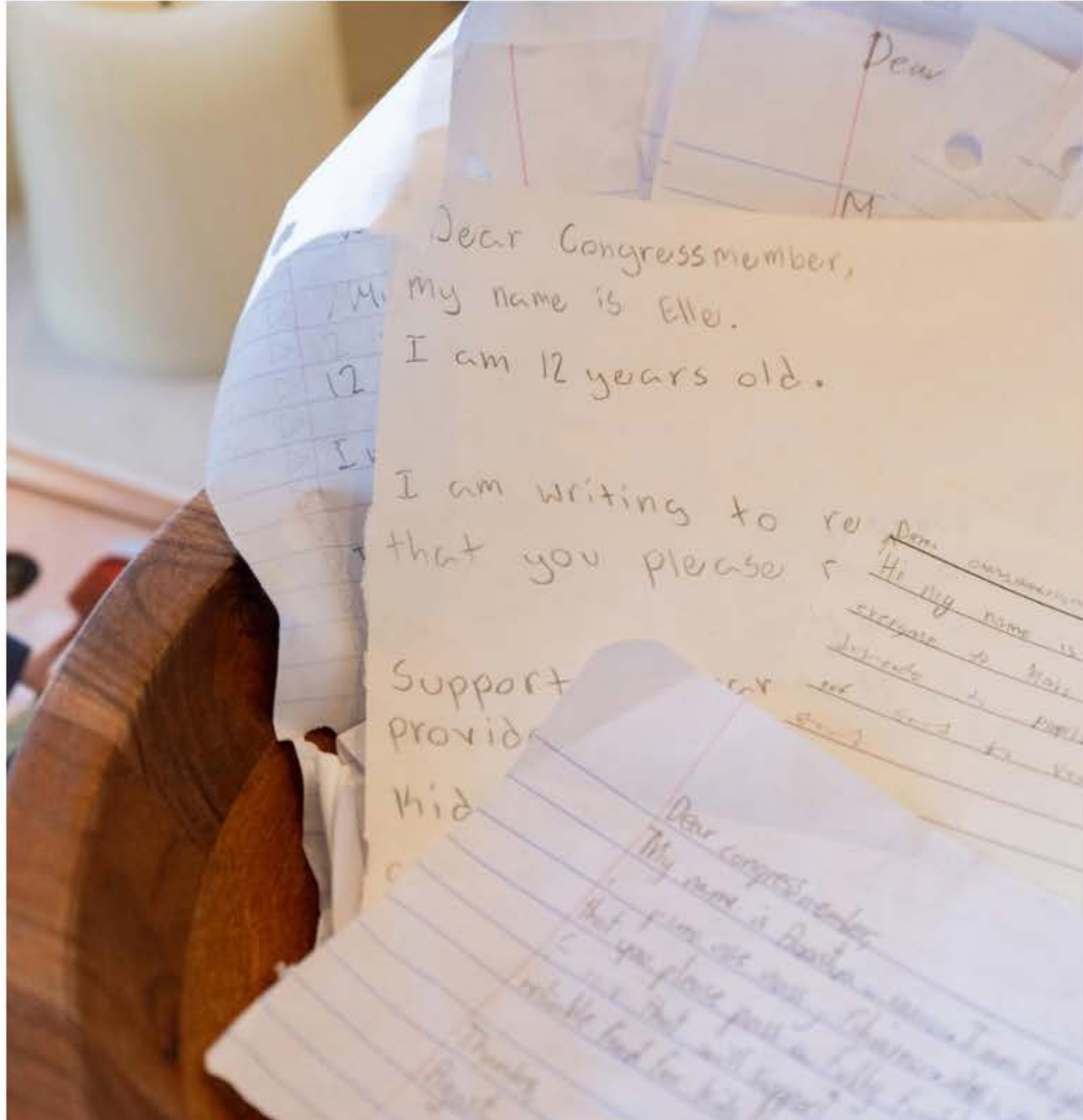
Gratitude goes out to everyone who faithfully collected and donated bottle caps for the Buddy Bench ministry. Your care and commitment truly reflect the generous spirit of our congregation.

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.



# 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.

# 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)

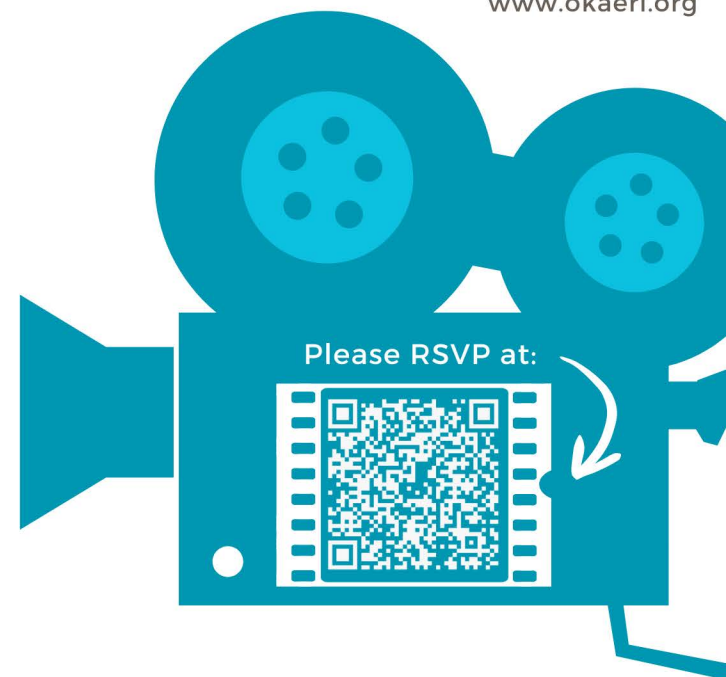


Okaeri  
Community

A Program of  
Little Tokyo  
Service Center

www.okaeri.org

# OKAERI VOICES: WE CHOOSE LOVE



## JOIN US FOR:

The premiere screening of Glenn & Karen Murakami's journey as parents of gay sons.

Panel discussion to follow to include the Murakami Family:  
Glenn, Karen, Derek, Kyle and Zach



**SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026**  
@ 1:00PM - 3:30PM

**Faith United Methodist Church**  
2115 W 182nd St, Torrance, CA 90504



# DAY CAMP 2026

**REGISTER NOW**



*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. 182<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
TORRANCE, CA 90504



SCAN THE QR CODE OR LINK  
BELOW TO REGISTER:  
[VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/FAITHEXPRESS2026](https://vbipro.events/p/faithexpress2026)

**DEADLINE: JUNE 22, 2026**



## BE A KITCHEN ANGEL!

Cookie donations for the  
Easter Worship Services!

Please drop off your cookies  
to the Church Kitchen on or  
before April 5th

Thank you!!

# FEATHR





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



## 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 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. ❤️



FAITH UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH



# FUNDRAISERS ON JUNE 25

## VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS

# ONLINE ORDERS ONLY

FUNDRAISER CODES NOT VALID FOR IN-PERSON PURCHASES.



### When

**Thurs., June 25, 2026**

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

### Where

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

### How

**Online orders only!**

**Apply code**

**9012986**

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



*Thank you for giving!*

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

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



# PRIME TIMERS

...All are welcome!



Saturday, April 11, 2026

10 am

Fellowship Hall

Join us for some **senior chair yoga**

Led by Glenna Yip Stroh

“Yoga is an activity that can be practiced from birth, all the way into our final days. It’s not only for seniors, but also for kids, people recovering from injuries or limited mobility, and also when there is limited space, like on an airplane when we just need to move a little.”

**Please RSVP your attendance** so we can set up our space accordingly.

Call the church office (310) 217-7000 or let Chris or Peg know.





Faith United  
Methodist Church

shepherds  
ministry

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

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

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

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

## Faith Van and Ride Share

are offering pick-ups and drop-offs

**1st and 3rd Sundays**

**December 7 & 21, 2025**

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



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

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

## Faith Hula

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

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

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

Teacher: Kevin Tsutsui

Coordinator: Amanda Taketa Mark



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ready to take the next step in your faith?

Faith UMC is looking for volunteers for the following ministries:

## USHERS & GREETERS

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

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

If interested, please email your contact information to [worship@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:worship@faithsouthbay.org)

## SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

Do you enjoy visiting others, writing greeting cards, or making phone calls? Become a Shepherd at Faith UMC! Please contact Tam Kobayashi for more information.

## BENTO MINISTRY DRIVERS

Drivers will deliver bentos on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. Deliveries are within the Gardena and Torrance area. With pick-up at the church at 11:30am. If interested, please contact Eva Nishi through the church office.

## FINANCE COUNTERS

The finance committee is seeking volunteers to assist with counting once a month. If interested, please see Rev. Allison or Gary Sakaguchi.

## GARDEN SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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

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



**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, 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 **SIGN UP** at this link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/witeveninggrp> or  
via QR code.



For more information,  
contact Shari Yamamoto or Cathie Tani.

