



**ASIAN YOUTH COLLECTIVE (AYC)
& FAITH ~ AANHPI HERITAGE MONTH**



**OUR MIGRANT STORY:
OUR CALL TO ACTION**

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

10:30AM WORSHIP

LUNCH (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

**1:00PM DIALOGUE & DISCUSSION
(SANCTUARY)**



All Church Ministry Clean Up

May 30, 2026 – 10am–3pm

It's been a while... so let's refresh our shared spaces together!

Schedule:

10:00AM–12:00PM – Cleaning & organizing / COM Meeting

12:00–1:00PM – Lunch & fellowship

1:00–3:00PM – Continue projects

While the Council on Ministry chairs meet from 10:00AM–12:00PM, all ministry teams are invited to clean, organize, and reset their ministry areas.

Not part of a ministry team? No problem—there will be plenty of all-church projects, including dusting, sweeping, organizing supplies, inventory, and light grounds care. There's something for everyone!

As we care for our church home, we live out our call to serve joyfully—making space for ministry, welcome, and the work God is doing among us.

Bonus: Being there in person helps ensure important items are kept and returned to the right places—your presence truly makes a difference.

Come for an hour or stay the whole day—every helping hand matters!

It's Graduation Time!

We will be honoring our 6th, 8th, and 12th Grade Promotions and Graduates on Sunday, June 14th! We'll also lift up our college and graduate students who are graduating too!

Please send your GRADUATION photos to the church office at communications@faithsouthbay.org by May 15, 2026 so we can share them in the June 2026 Good News!



Prayer Blanket Angels

For more than a decade, Faith Prayer Blanket Angels have crocheted and knitted their way into the hearts and lives of hundreds of prayer recipients. Gratitude and thanksgivings have come from so many who have received the warm embrace from our church community.

If you like to knit or crochet blankets or shawls, we would joyfully restock our blanket closet so we can continue to pass on the love and care for our community.

For more information, please see Barbara Takumi!



ASIAN CAMP
2026
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Save the Date

June 28 - July 3

Location:
Camp Wrightwood
Wrightwood, CA



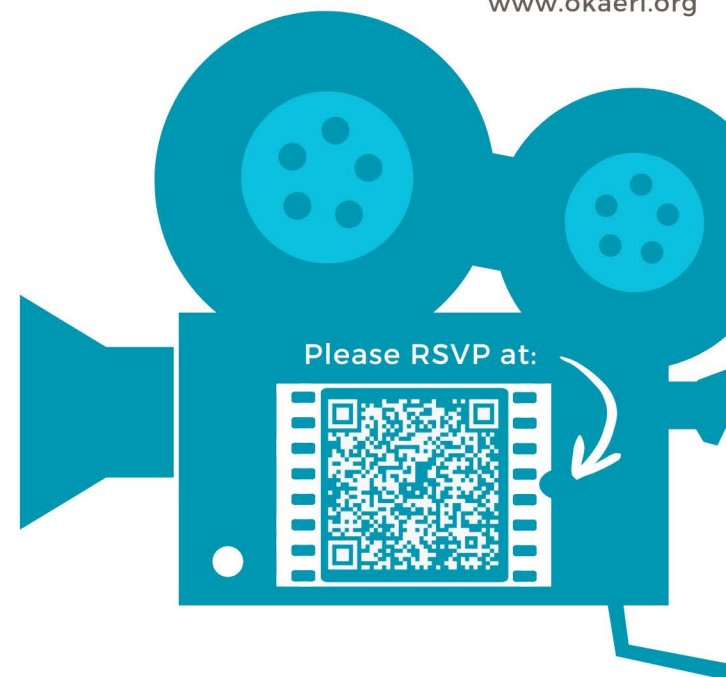


Okaeri
Community

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



UMC NIGHT AT DODGER STADIUM

BLACK HERITAGE NIGHT

SPONSORED BY BLACK METHODISTS FOR CLERGY RENEWAL (BMCR)

LA DODGERS VS. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS

DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026

TIME: 7:10 PM GAME TIME



DETAILS FORTHCOMING TO RESERVE A TICKET!
EARLY ATTENDERS RECEIVE A BLACK HERITAGE NIGHT JERSEY!



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:

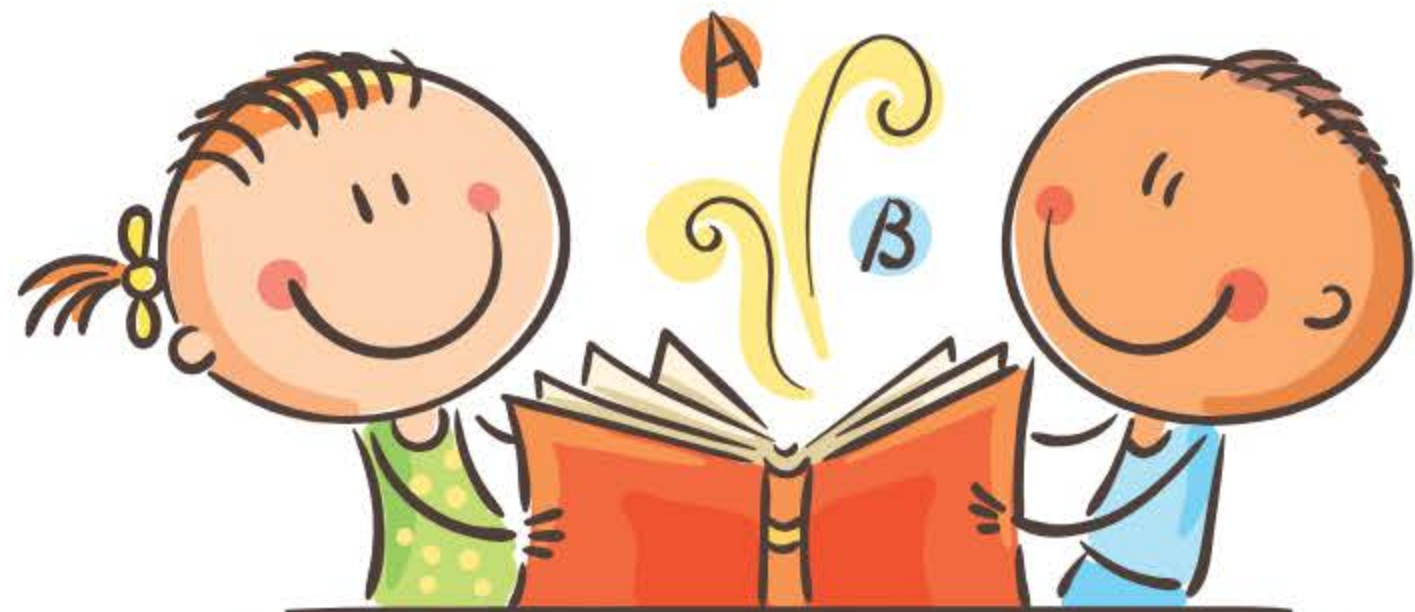
FAITH UMC

2115 W. 182ND 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



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

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.

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

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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. ❤️



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

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!**





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!



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.

