

# GOOD NEWS

**MAY 02**

Centenary UMC: Arigato Bazaar 10am - 4pm

**MAY 03**

Communion Sunday – Rev. Mark Nakagawa will be preaching

**MAY 09**

Relay for Life 9:30am, Primetimers 10am, West District Conference 3pm

**MAY 10**

*HAPPY Mother's Day* 🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸

**MAY 17**

AANHPI Month Celebration & Social Action  
**New Members**

**MAY 24**

Pentecost Sunday – **Wear RED! New Members!**



## 🌸 May Day and the Call to a Living Faith 🌸

*“Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” – Amos 5:24*

The month of May begins, for me, not just with celebration—but with remembrance, resistance, and resolve. In Hawai‘i, May Day is “Lei Day”—a day when we honor beauty, story, and the deep roots that hold us together. This year, I return home for my 30th high school reunion (*how in the world did THAT happen?!*), and for the world premiere of ***Kamalehua: The Sheltering Tree***, the first opera sung in ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i, native Hawaiian. My classmate, Quinn Kelsey, and his family will help bring this work to life—a bold act of cultural reclamation in a world that too often erases what it does not understand. Even that feels prophetic.

Because to sing in a language once suppressed is to declare: we are still here. And that is what Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month calls us to remember—not just through celebration, but through truth-telling. Through naming histories of exclusion, resilience, and ongoing struggle.

Here at Faith, we don’t just acknowledge that story—we step into it. Recently, our congregation was seen at the “No Kings” rally, a moment captured by the Rafu Shimpo. That witness matters. Not because it was photographed, but because it reflects who we are becoming: a people unwilling to separate our worship from our public lives. Because faith that stays silent in the face of injustice is not faithfulness. It is avoidance.

On April 29, Faith co-hosted an amazing witness with the AADAP and LTSC (Asian American Drug Abuse Program & Little Tokyo Service Center), addressing the root, assistance and aid and systematic change needed to support the hidden shame of Drug Abuse in our AANHPI communities. It was a powerful day.

That’s why this season of Embracing an Adverbial Faith matters so deeply for all of us. Because the gospel was never meant to be admired from a distance—it is meant to be lived with urgency. Not just believing in love, but loving boldly. Not just valuing service, but serving joyfully. Not just admiring courage, but leading courageously.

On May 17, our Asian Youth Collective will lead us in a call to action—grounded in the journey from migrant roots to justice for today’s immigrants. This is not simply a cultural reflection. It is a moral one. It asks us: Will we remember only the parts of our story that are comfortable? Or will we stand in solidarity with those whose stories are still unfolding under systems that exclude and harm?

The prophets never let God’s people off the hook. And neither does Jesus. In John 13:34–35, he does not suggest love as a feeling—he commands it as a way of life. A visible, disruptive, unmistakable way of being in the world. So this May, as we celebrate heritage and community, let us also confront the question beneath it all: What kind of church are we becoming? A church that remembers—or a church that responds? A church that gathers—or a church that goes? A church that speaks—or a church that risks being changed by what it says?

Church, the Spirit is moving. The question is whether we will move with it. May we be a people who do not simply hold faith as an idea, but practice it as a witness—loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously.

With Grace and Holy Resolve, Aloha Pumehana,

*Allison K. Mark*

Rev. Allison Kanani Ling Tsin Ai Mark-Schwiebert  
(because it’s AANHPI Heritage month!)



# 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](mailto: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!



# A People of Resurrection and 'Ofa

Alleluia! Christ is risen. In this Easter season, we live as a people of resurrection—people who believe that life can emerge from loss, hope can rise from uncertainty, and love will always have the final word. Easter is not just a day we celebrated—it is a way of living. It is the daily practice of choosing hope, embodying grace, and trusting that God is still at work among us.

As we move through this joyful season, we also step into **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month**—a time that invites us to honor stories, cultures, and communities that have shaped who we are. For many of us who are Tongan-Americans living in California, this month holds deep meaning. We carry the richness of our heritage—our language, our faith, our values of **'ofa** (love), **faka'apa'apa** (respect), and **tauhi vā** (nurturing relationships)—while also navigating life in a diverse and ever-changing world.

There is a Tongan proverb that reminds us of this calling:

**“'Oku 'ikai ko e lahi 'o e kakai, ka ko e lahi 'o e 'ofa.”**

It is not the number of people, but the depth of love that matters.

That is who we are called to be as a church—not measured by size, but by the depth of our love, our welcome, and our willingness to show up for one another.

This season invites us to live out that love in tangible ways. There are so many opportunities to be part of the life of our church—whether

you're looking to connect, serve, or simply show up and be present.

One of the most exciting ways to do that is through our Day Camp 2026. This is more than just a summer program—it is a space where children encounter joy, faith, friendship, and belonging. It takes a village to create that kind of experience, and there is a place for everyone to be part of it.

You can:

- **Share the event** with friends, neighbors, and families in your circles
- **Invite children to attend and experience** a week filled with faith and fun
- **Volunteer your time**—whether in preparation behind the scenes or during the week of Day Camp itself

Every act of participation—big or small—helps create a space where children can grow, feel loved, and encounter God.

As we continue in this Easter season and honor AANHPI Heritage Month, may we remember who we are: a resurrection people, a people rooted in love, a people called to build community across generations and cultures.

May we live our faith boldly, serve joyfully, and love deeply—because it is not the number, but the love we share that truly matters.

With gratitude for this community and all the ways you show up. We are better—together.

**'Ofa mo e Lotu** (Love & Prayers), 'Ainise

The joy of Easter continues in our heart! During Nichigo Easter service, the Sakura Chorus and the Kodomo Handbell Choir were truly magnificent! We were able to hold a service filled with the joy and gratitude of praising the Lord's resurrection. Furthermore, on April 12th, the Senior Hangout Ukulele Group led the worship music, making for a service filled with joy and laughter.

May is a month filled with celebrations. May 3rd is Children's Day; May 10th is Mother's Day; and May 24th is the Pentecostal Service. We look forward to worshipping the Lord with hearts full of gratitude, knowing God's blessings.

Meanwhile, the Japan Mission Trip begins on Monday, May 18th. In Hiratsuka, we are organizing a career seminar for university students and working young adults at the Lodge Christian Café located near Tokai University. We are doing this because so many young people today are grappling with uncertainty about their future paths. They are weighed down by anxieties regarding their studies and their careers. We hope to share a vision of living a life that may be difficult but God's wisdom and courage will help them. Faith matters! Additionally, in Ishinomaki, we have scheduled a special Mother's Day Concert. As this event will take place in a region where many families have suffered the loss of a child, our earnest prayer is that we may be able to convey our heartfelt gratitude to the mothers there.

May God, the Holy Spirit, pour His strength into us all.

## 「お祝い月」

まだまだイースターの喜びが続く今日である。復活祭の日本語礼拝では、さくらコーラスと子どもハンドベルの賛美が素晴らしく、皆で一緒に主の復活を讃える喜びと感謝の礼拝がもてた

。そして、4月12日はシニアハングアウトのウクレレグループが賛美をリードし、喜びと笑いのある礼拝であった。

5月はお祝い続きの月である。5月3日は子どもの日。5月10日は母の日。5月24日はペンテコステ礼拝。神様の祝福と感謝を込めて礼拝にのぞみたいと思う。

一方、5月18日（月）からJapan Mission Tripが始まる。平塚では東海大学前キャンパスでJ-Lodge クリスマンCaféで大学生青年にキャリアトークセミナーを企画している。将来どうしようかと悩む若者が多いからである。勉強も仕事も心配で悩む若者が多い現在、雄々しく強く知恵深く生きる人生をシェアしたいと思う。また、石巻では母の日コンサートを予定している。子どもをなくした家族が多い地域で行うので、お母さんたちに日頃の感謝の心を伝えられるようにと祈るばかりである。

聖霊の神様が私たちに力を注いでくださる。さあ、心を尽くして主に感謝する月を持つとう！

Pastor  
Becky Hirata

# Youth Ministry



Hi Friends and Family

April was a busy and meaningful month, and I'm so grateful we were able to journey through Lent together and celebrate Easter as a community. Thank you all for your incredible support and participation throughout the month!

A special thank you to everyone who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt and the Curry Rice Fundraiser such a success. It was wonderful to see our youth and families come together—not only in fellowship, but also in support of raising funds for our ministry and upcoming summer programs.

Our youth who are preparing to serve as Day Camp counselors this summer had a great opportunity to give back as well. They partnered with the Deep Roots Ministry for a Parents' Night Out and spent quality time connecting with the garden children. It was such a fun night and excited for our week of Day Camp together this summer!

As we move into May, we're excited for what's ahead! Be sure to keep an eye out for our Friday Night Fellowships on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. We'll also be hosting our May Linx Event—more details on the date and time will be shared soon.

Thank you again for all your continuous love and support and being such an important part of our youth ministry. We look forward to another great month together!

God Bless,  
*Darrell Mark*  
Faith UMC Youth Director

# TGIF

JR HIGH | 6TH - 8TH

# MYF

HIGH SCHOOL | 9TH -12TH

# From Easter Joy to Summer Preparations



Well, it has been a fun April with the start of Holy Week and special musicians to complete the services. A special thank you to all the churches who participated in the

Good Friday service, the special musicians on Easter Sunday, Justin Klunk, our choir and instrumental ensemble and our special guest soloist on April 12<sup>th</sup>, Ray Sidney!

We appreciate all the work everyone has done to make Holy Week and our services special. This month is otherwise calm, with is getting ready for our special May services: Mother's Day and Pentecost Sunday. The kids will be singing on Mother's Day, and we will be having other special guests throughout the month.

We are also so excited to begin working on "We Are Family" – our summer show to be held on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. We are welcoming any ideas as well as volunteers for our summer show!

*Ron Troester*  
Faith UMC Music Director



# simple church

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



**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 [Faihumc.garden@gmail.com](mailto:Faihumc.garden@gmail.com).

**Nursery leads:**

Kristen Katayama  
Tammi Kobayashi  
Tam Kobayashi

**Garden Teachers:**

PK-1st grade  
Jolie Miyake  
Kelley Mizukami  
teacher helper- Alyssa Maracha

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

Leslie Kuwabara  
Courtney Shibuya

**Garden Directors:**

Amanda Taketa Mark  
Kelley Mizukami  
Traci Saruwatari



We can't wait to grow together with you.



**DAY CAMP REGISTRATION: Page 19**  
**Keiki Camp Registration to be published shortly**


**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**WORSHIP TIMES**

<b>8:30 AM</b>	REBROADCAST OF LAST WEEK'S SERVICE
<b>9:00 AM</b>	NIHONGOBU JAPANESE LANGUAGE WORSHIP SERVICE
<b>10:30 AM</b>	IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE AND BROADCAST LIVE STREAM FB   YOUTUBE

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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.

**May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

Communion Sunday/ Boy's Day/ Native American Ministries Sunday/AANHPI Month

**May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

Festival of the Christian Home/Mothers Day/Children's Day

**May 17 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

Ascension Sunday/ Heritage Sunday/ AANHPI Social Action; New Members

**May 24 – Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 7:37-39

Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday; New Members/Memorial Day Weekend

**May 31 – Trinity Sunday**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20



FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# 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

**AMOUNT: \$175** PER PARTICIPANT

INCLUDES: T-SHIRT, SNACKS, CRAFTS AND FIELD TRIPS!

### LOCATION:

FAITH UMC

ADDRESS: 2115 W. 182ND STREET | TORRANCE, CA | 90504



SCAN THE QR CODE OR LINK BELOW TO REGISTER:

[VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/FAITHEXPRESS2026](https://vbspro.events/p/faithexpress2026)

### DEADLINE:

**JUNE 22, 2026**

RELAY FOR LIFE, CURECHELLA | FAITH DAY CAMP

Our Annual **Torrance Relay for Life** is coming on **Saturday, May 9, 2026.**

If you would like to join our team or donate to our team, **Ohana of Faith**, you can visit this website: [https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?fr\\_id=111614&pg=team&team\\_id=2819264](https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?fr_id=111614&pg=team&team_id=2819264)



The schedule for that day is as follows:

**9:30A** – Survivor Brunch

**11:00A** – Opening Ceremony!

**3:00P** – Puppy Parade (Bark for Life)

*Bring your fur baby to join the parade!*

**8:00P** – Luminaria Ceremony

Come by our **Ohana of Faith booth** near the 360 Tumble and Cheer Studio on Satori. *We will be selling tattoos and dream catchers to celebrate, support, or remember someone whose life has been affected by cancer.* If you would like to purchase a Luminaria bag or Flower, we can help with that too! All day long we will have entertainment, teams fundraising, vendors, hospital partners, and downtown business partners!

**Come and join us to celebrate, remember, and fight back!**

*– Team Ohana of Faith*

# 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)

## 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.

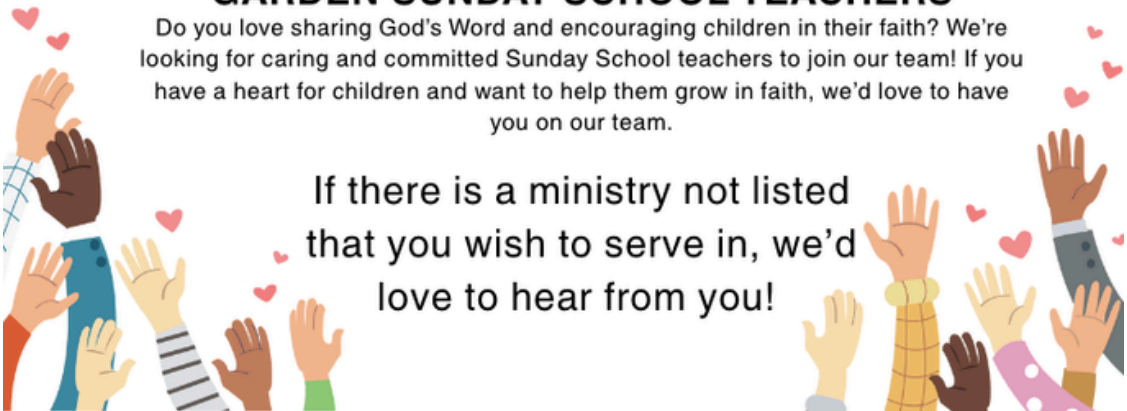
## SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

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

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 the church office (310) 217-7000.



**May is  
Asian American  
Native Hawaiian  
Pacific Islander  
Heritage Month**

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

**10:00 am**

**Faith Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we celebrate AANHPI month  
with some cultural snacks and entertainment!



## Play a-round with Faith UMC!

Please join us on **Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>** (6 pm to 9 pm) for an evening of **fun, food, and fellowship** at Topgolf in El Segundo.

### ***What is Topgolf?***

Topgolf is a large sports complex where players hit microchipped golf balls into huge dartboard-like targets on an open-air field. The technology, known as Toptracer, instantly scores every shot based on accuracy and distance.

### ***Do I have to be a good golfer to participate?***

No, you do not need to be a good golfer to participate! Topgolf is designed for all skill levels!

### ***But aren't you competing for prizes?***

Yes, there is an element of competition to this fundraiser. Teams (of 6) will compete against each other for the ultimate TOPGOLF title. But the games are unique and fun... and you are guaranteed to have a good time!

### ***What if I don't want to participate in the game play?***

That's fine, too! You can be a spectator if you'd like. We will have a private room with food and plenty of seating to just hang out and enjoy the fun and energetic atmosphere. If you're feeling lucky, there will also be a "Leap of Faith" opportunity drawing!

### ***How much does it cost for the 3-hour event?***

- \$125/person for game play\*
- \$50/person for food only

\*More detailed information will be available when registration opens on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ned Morioka  
*in celebration of Maya  
and Makena*

Ellen Hokama  
Bev Kambe  
*in memory of Fred Matsuyama*

Ellen Hokama  
Bev Kambe  
Victoria Tani  
Sally Sasaki  
*in memory of Corinne Higa*

Richard & Sandy Uyeunten  
Makoto Nakayama  
Karen Matsuyama  
Donald & Lee Carlile  
Bev Kambe  
Rev. Keith & Viki Inouye  
Rodney & Lisa Eileen Telomen  
Stanley & Edith Pang  
Emily Yu  
Glenn & Linda Sakurai  
Alan & Christine Bone  
Mark Van Norman  
Gracie Currie  
Henry & Eva Nishi  
Kristin Harper  
Neal & Miki Miyake  
*in support of Good Friday  
UMCOR Flood & Fire*

Takashi & Irene Royno  
Victoria De La Torre  
Daniel Yamashita  
Barbara Ueda  
Lawrence & Barbara Takumi  
Arlene Santiago  
Frances Mitoma  
Mieko Kadowaki  
Ralph Ichikawa  
Misuzu Nakai  
Winifred Osaki  
Louise Sakamoto  
Keith Hamada  
George & Florence Nakakura  
Reiko Fujitani  
*in support of Bento Ministries*

George & Peggy Mercer  
*in support of Corazon House Build*

Ellen Hokama  
*in memory of Miyoko Ahn*

Sakura Chorus  
*in support of Nihongobu Ministry*

Henry & Eva Nishi  
Darlene Azzam  
Wally Shigihara  
Emi Hamada  
Louise Sakamoto  
May Tshako  
Norma Ishigo  
Sally Sasaki  
*Corazon House Build Supplies*

Norma Ishigo  
*in memory of son, Todd Ishigo*

Norma Ishigo  
*in memory of niece, Sheri Koga*

Norma Ishigo  
*in support of Day Camp*

Norma Ishigo  
*in support of Relay for Life*

Glenn Sakurai  
*in memory of Rev. Kenneth Hong*

Glenn Sakurai  
*in memory of Lorraine Inouye*

George & Florence Nakakura  
*in appreciation of Shepherd's Ministry*

Nancy Matsushima  
Takashi & Irene Royno  
*in support of Blessed Bento*

Raymond Isa  
*in support of Bento Ministries,  
in memory of Eleanor Isa*

Raymond Isa  
*in memory of Eleanor Isa*

Takashi & Irene Royno  
*in support of Prime Timers*

Ned Morioka  
*in memory of June Morioka*

Jan Tanabe  
Grace Tochihara  
Terry Ebihara  
*in support of Keiro Senior  
Bento Ministries*

Hideko Hamada  
*in support of Japan Missions Trip,  
in honor of Gary Nakata*

Don & Pearl Shoho  
Jack Honda  
*in support of Senior Hangout*





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

**continued prayers for Healing and Wholeness**

Aidan Uyeunten  
Rev. Alan Mark  
Alice Kajiya  
Ally Kubo  
Alvena & Tom Fukuhara  
Amy Higa  
Anthony Anderson, Sr.  
Apolosi Lokotui  
Austin Maeda  
Barbara Tamura  
Betty Kobata  
Bill Morris  
Brian Okumura  
Cami Bruns  
Chic Miyake  
Christine Keim  
Claretta Foster  
Dan Segawa  
Dan Yamashita  
Deron Tokishi  
Diane & Destiny  
Ueda-Banda  
Dr. DoAnn Tsuneo  
Kaneko  
Douglas Higa  
Elaine Yoshida  
Eleanor Nagai  
Ernie Santiago

Faith Tanaka  
Florence Nakakura  
Frank Sato  
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Glenn & Millie  
Shimizu  
Gordon Mark  
Grace Tochihara  
Grant Hanada  
Harriet Tateyama  
Haru Yasunaga  
Harry Manaka,  
Sansei Rocker  
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Takaki  
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Jan Tanabe  
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Joelle Peelgreen  
Jordan Sasaki  
Joye Barker  
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Kian Tehrani  
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Layne Nakasone  
Linda Jung  
Liz Harner  
Lucas Yniguez  
Marion Antoku  
Maddie Sakurai-Lopez  
Mae Nakakihara  
Mary Jung  
Mary & Bob Keily  
(siblings)  
Mary Marchand  
Mary Tamura  
Maxine Butcher  
Rev. Mike Hiranuma  
Mitchell Okumura  
Miyoko Ahn  
Mutsuko Nishi  
Nancy Matsushima  
Noah Miyagawa-Sue  
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Ron Hamaguchi  
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Ruth Hirata  
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Grange  
Stan Miyasato  
Steph Matsunaga  
Sue Hamada  
Sue Hasegawa  
Susan Mizuki  
Susan Slade  
Takai Finau  
Tina Arguello  
Tommy Sakaguchi  
Tseyli Mantooth  
V'hraniku & Shaun  
Haynes  
Victoria DelaTorre  
Walker Wilkerson  
Wayne Shimizu  
Whitney Nakayama  
Winnie Osaki  
Yukio Inouye

**those in Community  
Living & Homecare**

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Emma Horiuchi  
Faith Tanaka  
Rev. Harry Fujimoto  
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Marion Antoku  
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Nobie Shiokari  
Ruth Hirata  
Sets Asano  
Sue Hasegawa  
Jennie Shitakubo  
Fred Oshiro  
Audrey Goto

**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**

The Osaka family and friends, on the passing of Jerry Osaka (4/16/26).

Rev. Derek & Pam Nakano and family, on the passing of Rev. Derek's uncle, Ted Nakano

Dave & Helen Wada and family, on the passing of Helen's mother, Kazuko Maruyama (4/10/26)

# MAY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

**3**

9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship  
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF  
10:30a (S) Worship  
12:15p (22/23) UWM Meeting  
2:00p (A) Keiki Hula  
2:30p (F) Girl Scout Troop 5365  
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

**10**

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

**17**

9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship  
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF  
10:30a (S) Worship  
10:30a Garden Sunday School  
2:00p (A) Keiki Hula  
2:30p (16-17) Girl Scout Troop 5365  
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

**24**

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

**31**

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

**4 OFFICE CLOSED**

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

**13 OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

**18 OFFICE CLOSED**

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

**25 OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

**5**

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

**12**

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

**19**

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

**26**

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

**1**

4:30p (K) Blessed Bento Prep

**2**8:00a (A,K) Blessed Bento  
9:30a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)**6**8:30a (F,A) Senior Hangout  
4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM)  
7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble  
7:00p (online) Bible Study**7**9:30a (Nursery) Baby & Me  
10:30a (F) Logos Bible Study  
7:00p (F) Troop 310G Leadership  
7:00p (F) Ping Pong  
7:00p (S) Choir Practice  
7:00p (online) Blessed Are You  
7:00p (online) Simple Church:  
Bible Study**8**8:00a (offsite) Men's Breakfast  
7:00p (Chen) TGIF/MYF Fellowship  
7:00p (F,A,P,16-18) Cub Scout Pack 862**9**8:00a (Chen) Social Action/Sandwich  
Ministry  
9:30a (offsite) Relay for Life  
9:30a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)  
10:00a (F,S) Prime Timers**13**10:30a (F) Women In Transition  
11:30a (K) MSG  
4:30p (A) Music Lessons  
7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble  
7:00p (online) Bible Study**14**7:30p (online) Simple Church:  
Bible Study  
7:00p (F) Ping Pong  
7:00p (S) Choir Practice**15**

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

**16**9:00a (A) Bento Ministry Prep  
9:30a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)  
11:30a Bento Ministry Drive Thru  
5:00p (A) Deep Roots**20**8:30a (F,A) Senior Hangout  
4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM)  
6:00p (22/23) Women in Transition  
7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble  
7:00p (online) Bible Study**21**9:30a (Nursery) Baby & Me  
10:30a (F) Logos Bible Study  
7:00p (F) Ping Pong  
7:00p (S) Choir Practice  
7:00p (online) Blessed Are You  
7:00p (online) Simple Church:  
Bible Study**22**

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

**23**

8:00a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)

**27 SHARED BREAD**4:30p (A) Music Lessons  
7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble  
7:00p (online) Bible Study**28**6:30p (Chen) Simple Church:  
Fellowship  
7:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong  
7:00p (S) Choir Practice**29**4:30p (K) Blessed Bento Prep  
10:00a (K) Masters Kitchen**30**8:30a (K) Masters Kitchen  
9:00a (F) COM Meeting  
9:30a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)



**WHAT IT MEANS TO BE UNITED METHODIST**

**METHODISM 101:**

A class for those curious & inquiring, who may be interested in joining Faith, as well as 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 May 17 and 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!



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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):

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

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SUNDAY OF  
THE MONTH

# JAPANESE MOVIE NIGHT

JAPANESE AUDIO/ENGLISH SUBTITLES

Rental Family (2025) is a dramedy starring Brendan Fraser as a struggling American actor in Tokyo who joins a company that rents out actors to act as family members, friends, or coworkers. While playing various roles, he finds purpose and genuine human connection, helping clients navigate societal pressures, while questioning the boundaries between performance and reality.



**Note**

Japanese movie will be shown not on the third Sunday but in May on the fourth Sunday, May 24th

SPECIAL INVITATION:  
Shepherds Ministry  
Women in Transition  
Men's Support Group  
and all interested in  
the topics of  
relationships and  
social isolation.



**RENTAL FAMILY**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**At 2:30 pm**



FEATURING

**Movie will be shown May 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

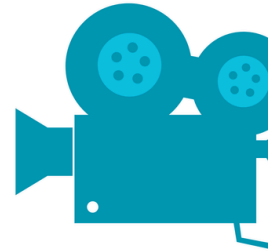


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## JOIN US FOR:

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

Please RSVP at:



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# MANZANAR FISHING CLUB

PRESENTS

## AAPI MONTH DOUBLEHEADER

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER  
HERITAGE MONTH

TWO FILMS. ONE STORY.

HONORING HISTORY. PRESERVING STORIES. BUILDING COMMUNITY.

ENCORE PRESENTATION

### THE MANZANAR FISHING CLUB

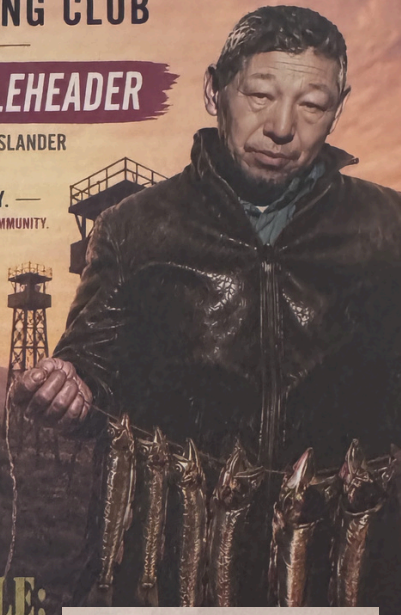
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**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026**  
AT 12:00 PM

**\$20**

GENERAL ADMISSION

**\$30**

ADMISSION +  
8-PIECE INARI/NORIMAKI  
SUSHI BOX

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**& 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)



# !! EMERGENCY !! !! PHONE BARRAGE !!

## CALL TO PREVENT TOM'S TRANSFER TO LOUISIANA AND TO DEMAND HIS IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TOM, A HARD-WORKING SINGLE FATHER TO TWO DAUGHTERS, A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE WHO HAS LIVED IN THE US SINCE HE WAS 6 YEARS OLD, HAS BEEN WRONGFULLY DETAINED IN ADELANTO FOR THE PAST 5 MONTHS. WE RECEIVED NEWS THAT ICE NOW PLANS TO TRANSFER HIM TO A LOUISIANA DETENTION CENTER, KNOWN FOR BLATANT MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE, AND TORTURE, AND SHORTLY AFTER, TO BE DEPORTED.

WE ARE CALLING TO DEMAND THAT TOM IS NOT TRANSFERRED! LIKE MANY OTHERS, TOM HAS BRAVELY WITHSTOOD THE CONDITIONS OF DETENTION, HIS FAMILY IS FIGHTING FOR HIS RELEASE BY EVERY SINGLE LEGAL MEANS POSSIBLE. DESPITE THIS, ICE IS TRYING TO DEPORT HIM EVEN AS HIS LAWYERS ARE ACTIVELY WORKING ON HIS CASE. HELP PREVENT HIS TRANSFER BY PHONE ZAPPING!

HELP PREVENT HIS TRANSFER BY PHONE ZAPPING!



Swipe for  
Call Script!!



# FREE TOM NOW

Who to Call: Vietnamese Consulate  
(415)-922-1707

HELLO, [I'M A CONCERNED FRIEND OF TOM'S FAMILY] AND A MEMBER OF TOM'S COMMUNITY. I AM CALLING ON BEHALF OF HUNG(TOM) PHI HOANG, (A#: 027350339) A BELOVED FATHER OF TWO DAUGHTERS TO ASSERT TOM'S RIGHT TO REMAIN WHILE HIS FAMILY AND LAWYERS RESOLVE HIS IMMIGRATION CASE. AS HE IS FACING AN ILLEGAL AND RUSHED TRANSFER TO THE LOUISIANA DETENTION CENTER, WHICH IS NOTORIOUS FOR ITS GRUELING AND HARSH CONDITIONS.

WE REQUEST THAT THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT TOM, A VIETNAMESE CITIZEN, WHO IS BEING DENIED THE RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS TO FIGHT FOR HIS RELEASE FROM THE ADELANTO DETENTION CENTER.

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOU TO PLEASE:

SEND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL CONSULATE OF VIETNAM TO IMMEDIATELY SCHEDULE A VISIT TO PROVIDE TOM WITH COUNSEL AND ENSURE TOM'S WELL-BEING AND USE ALL AVAILABLE DIPLOMATIC MEANS TO SECURE HIS UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE AND RETURN TO HIS FAMILY.

INVESTIGATE THE HARSH CONDITIONS FACED BY TOM AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT'S ILLEGAL ATTEMPT TO TRANSFER TOM TO LOUISIANA.

Who to Call: Derek Tran  
(714) 960-6483

Who to Call: Gil Cisneros  
(626) 646-0369

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I WANT REPRESENTATIVE TRAN TO KNOW THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE IMPORTANT TO MANY OF HIS CONSTITUENTS, AND MANY PEOPLE IN THE ASIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING WHAT IS HAPPENING TO TOM. EVER SINCE HIS KIDNAPPING SIX MONTHS AGO, AND WE MUST SEE ACTION FROM THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS.

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOU TO PLEASE:

PUBLISH A STATEMENT SUPPORTING TOM'S RIGHT TO REMAIN AND NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR DEPORTED WHILE HIS FAMILY AND LAWYERS RESOLVE HIS IMMIGRATION CASE.

CONTACT AND SUPPORT TOM'S FAMILY, (714) 473 2888, IN THEIR FIGHT TO RELEASE TOM FROM ICE DETENTION.

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TEACH-IN & DAY OF ACTION

## RAGE TO RIGHTEOUS ACTION

JUNE 13 | 10:00AM-12PM

EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES  
1255 SAN GABRIEL BLVD. ROSEMEAD, CA 91770

10:00 AM - TEACH-IN: AAPI FAITH-ROOTED ORGANIZING  
(REV. ALLISON MARK)  
10:20 AM - STORY & WITNESS  
10:40 AM - BREAKOUT 1  
11:20 AM - BREAKOUT 2  
11:50 AM - CLOSING/GROUNDING

BREAKOUT OPTIONS:  
IMMIGRATION ISSUES: BOND FUND, ADELANTO (PASTOR SITHY BIN)  
LABOR ISSUES: 2028 OLYMPICS (REV. MARY DUONG)

Join CAAPIC\* & CLUE LA\* as we learn faith-rooted principles of nonviolent organizing and taking the steps from personal rage to communal action as we faithfully love God and love our neighbors!

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*More details to come.*

\*CAAPIC: Coalition for Asian Pacific Islander Churches

• CLUE LA: Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice, Los Angeles



# UMC NIGHT AT DODGER STADIUM



**BLACK HERITAGE NIGHT  
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**LA DODGERS  
VS.  
ARIZONA  
DIAMONDBACKS**

**DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 10,  
2026**

**TIME: 7:10 PM GAME TIME**

**DETAILS  
FORTHCOMING TO  
RESERVE A  
TICKET!**



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:akisamau@faithsouthbay.org) or Rev. Allison Mark, [communications@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)



**May 16, 2026**  
**5:00 - 7:00p.m.**

### 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 your are interested in joining, please contact the pastors, or DEEP ROOTS, [communications@faithsouthbay.org](mailto: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](mailto: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**



Over the last 20+ years, Relay for Life of Torrance has raised over \$4.5 million thanks to generous supporters.

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





**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**

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



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

## Faith Van and Ride Share

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

**May 3rd & May 17th, 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  
2:00 pm every Sunday  
(unless otherwise noted)**



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)



# Master's Kitchen



**Every 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

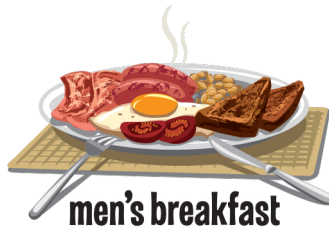
**May 30, 2026**

**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**

**May 8, 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](mailto: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: May 6th & May 20th, 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](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)



## SANDWICH MINISTRY

**Every 2nd and 3rd(!) 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.

**We've added a SECOND Team if you'd like to help on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays!  
See Barbara Takumi or TJ Suh**



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](mailto:communications@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](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)

## Women in Transition

2nd Wednesday, 10:30 am, Faith UMC

Next meeting: May 13, 2026

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](mailto:revallison@faithsouthbay.org).



men's support group

2nd Wednesday  
11:30 am  
Faith UMC

Next meeting: May 13 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](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)

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Going farther for Christ

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