

AUGUST 2026

 FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SOUTHBAY

GOOD NEWS

Summer Sabbath

SUNDAY | AUGUST 2, 2026

Communion Sunday

FRIDAY + SATURDAY | AUGUST 7-8, 2026

"We are Family" - A Music Revue

SUNDAY | AUGUST 9, 2026

Asian American Summer Camp Reflection Sunday

SUNDAY | AUGUST 16, 2026

Japan Mission Sunday

SUNDAY | AUGUST 23, 2026

Takumi Celebration of Love and Faith

SUNDAY | AUGUST 30, 2026

Rally Sunday + Ministry Fair

NOTE: Pastor led Bible Studies and Small Groups are on hiatus for the month of August. Ministries are always welcome to meet in August, but are scheduled accordingly by your leadership.

Beholding God in the Summer Sabbath

There is something sacred about August.

At Faith, we have come to cherish this month as our Summer Sabbath—a season when the calendar quiets just enough for us to catch our breath, finish what has been left undone, prepare for the ministries ahead, and remember that God never intended for us to live at a constant sprint.

In worship this past Sunday, we reflected on David's words in Psalm 17: *"As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness."* (Psalm 17:15) What a beautiful prayer.

If we're honest, many of us spend our lives looking for God in the extraordinary. We hope for the mountaintop experience, the unmistakable answer to prayer, or the miraculous moment that leaves no doubt God is near. But Scripture tells a different story.

More often than not, God is found in the ordinary—in daily bread, shared meals, quiet mornings, unexpected conversations, laughter around the table, and communities learning to love one another. God has been present all along. The invitation is simply to notice.

During our children's message, I rang a small bell. Even off script, when I noticed I was losing the kids' attention, I would ring the bell and it would call them back to the center. But a bell doesn't create God's presence. It simply calls our attention to something already happening. In many ways, I think Summer Sabbath is like that bell. It gently rings amid the busyness of our lives and reminds us to pause...to breathe...to listen...and to behold the face of God that has been before us all along.

One of the most beautiful truths of our faith is that we don't only behold God's face in moments of private prayer or peaceful walks through nature. We also behold God's face in one another.

Every act of kindness. Every shared story. Every hug during fellowship hour. Every volunteer who serves with quiet faithfulness. Every child who asks a thoughtful question. Every senior who reminds us what perseverance looks like. Every meal prepared with love. Every prayer whispered for someone else's needs.

These are glimpses of Christ.

When we truly begin to see one another through God's eyes, we discover that every person bears the image of the One who created them. We are reminded that church is not simply a place we attend—it is a beloved community where we help one another behold the face of God.

That is why Sabbath matters.

Sabbath is not about doing nothing. It is about making room to remember what matters most. We rest not because the work is finished, but because God is still God even when we stop working. We pause not to escape our calling, but to be renewed for it. We take time to behold God's face so that, when the busy seasons return, we are better able to recognize Christ in the people we are called to love and serve.

As summer begins to wind down, I find myself filled with gratitude for this church. Thank you for being a community that continually reflects God's love through your generosity, your compassion, your laughter, your prayers, and your faithful witness. It is a privilege to behold God's face in each of you.

So wherever August takes you—a family vacation, a quiet morning on your porch, time with children or grandchildren, a walk through the neighborhood, or simply another ordinary day—I invite you to listen for the gentle bell of God's Spirit.

Pause. Look around. Behold God's face in creation.

Behold God's face in moments of stillness.

And perhaps most importantly, behold God's face in one another.

May this Summer Sabbath restore your spirit, renew your joy, and prepare us all for the beautiful work God has waiting for us in the seasons ahead.



Grace and peace,

Allison K Mark

Pastor Allison



A & K enjoying their
Summer Sabbath 2026.

The Mark-Schwiebert family with
the Hawaiian Acts of Repentance
Task-Force in Makua Valley, O'ahu
(July 2026)

A Season to Reset, Recharge, and Reconnect

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." — **Matthew 11:28**

If you're anything like me, this summer has been full! Between moving into the parsonage, preparing for ministry in a new season, helping Polyana get ready to begin high school, and all the excitement of Day Camp, Topgolf, and church events, life has been moving at a fast pace. Perhaps your summer has felt just as full.

That is why Summer Sabbath for the month of August has been such a meaningful reminder that God invites us to pause, breathe, and be renewed. Sabbath is a gift—a chance to reset our hearts, recharge our spirits, and reconnect with God.

As we continue through August, I encourage you to join us every Sunday for our Reflection Sundays, where we will continue discovering God's invitation to rest and renewal. We also look forward to celebrating the enduring love and faithful witness of Barbara and Larry Takumi, and ending the month with the joy and excitement of Rally Sunday & Ministry Fair as we begin a new season of ministry together.

As summer gives way to fall and our schedules begin to fill once again, may we remember that true renewal begins by spending time in God's presence. I look forward to worshiping with you this August as we continue growing deeper in Christ and going farther for Christ—together.

「暑中お見舞い申し上げます」

今年の夏も暑い！日本では猛暑が続いている。食欲がなくても栄養ある食事を取り、スタミナをつけてほしいと思う。

8月10&11（月火）は子どもクッキングクラスを予定している。月曜日はカレーライス。ある時、アメリカのお友達にご飯を出してくれた。米を洗わず、水にもつけず、そのまま炊いていた。今でもそれが忘れられないのである。だから、今回はお米を洗って、水につけてから炊く方法を学ぼうと思う。火曜日はコロッケを作り、煮詰めたカレーをかけて食べる。スープが濃縮されたら美味しい。その違いを覚え感じるように試食もエンジョイしたいと思う。

8月16日（日）は石巻ミSSIONの証が9時日語礼拝と10時半英語部礼拝で準備されている。一緒に主の恵みを分かち合いたいと思う。

夏は素晴らしい恵みの時。主が与える素晴らしい夏を感謝し、8月を過ごそう。
さあ、皆さんも、ゆっくりと休み、夏をエンジョイしよう！主に感謝して。

It is hot in LA! Japan is super humid and hot. I hope you will eat nutritious meals to keep your energy up, even if you lose an appetite from this heat.

We have a Kodomo cooking class scheduled for August 10th and 11th (Monday and Tuesday). On Monday, we will make curry rice. I remember a time when my friend served me rice. He did not wash rice! He did not soak rice in water for 30 minutes! He just cooked it straight from the rice bag. I still recall this experience vividly. Of course, I ate it without Monku-ing! Learning from this experience, we will learn to cook rice by first washing and soaking rice. On Tuesday, we will make croquettes and serve them topped with a rich curry sauce. Curry tastes delicious when the flavors are concentrated like that, and I hope the children will enjoy tasting it and noticing the difference.

On August 16th at 9:00 & 10:30am, we will have Japan Mission worship services. Please come and listen as we share the testimonies from the team members on how Jesus really touched them and how they grew spiritually by sharing God's love in Japan.

May the Lord be with you and bless you physically and spiritually!

Pastor
Becky Hirata

6 KEIKI CAMP





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.

Nursery leads:

Kristen 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.



Youth Ministry



Dear Friends and Families,

What an incredible summer it has been! We just wrapped up another wonderful week of Summer Day Camp, and we are so thankful for all that God did throughout the week. Our 12 youth counselors did an amazing job serving the campers with energy, compassion, and Christ's love. It was also a blessing to hear several of our counselors share their experiences and God moments during our Day Camp Reflection Service.

As we enter August, our youth ministry will begin our annual Summer Sabbath through Rally Sunday. During this time, we are excited to partner with Centenary UMC and WLA UMC for our Asian Camp Reflection Services. We will be attending each church to support the campers and counselors as they share how God worked in their lives during camp.

We invite everyone to join us for Faith's Asian Camp Reflection Service on August 9, where our campers and counselors will share stories, memories, and the ways they encountered God during their week at camp.

Thank you for your continued love, prayers, and support of our youth ministry, especially throughout our summer programs.

We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer! We are looking forward to the start of a new school year and are excited to welcome our new sixth graders into the youth ministry. We can't wait to see everyone on Rally Sunday as we begin another exciting year together!

God Bless,

Darrell Mark
Faith UMC Youth Director

TGIF **MYF**
JR HIGH | 6TH - 8TH HIGH SCHOOL | 9TH -12TH

Rally Sunday

Spirit Sunday and Ministry Fair



Sunday, August 30, 2026



10:30 Worship

Celebrate grade level changes, teacher dedications, and 3rd grade Bible presentations!



Lunch

Peruse the Ministry Fair, then join us for lunch hosted by our Youth!



Ministry Fair

Come and learn about all that Faith has to offer... there's something for everyone!



Ministry Fair: to register your ministry table, please email akisamau@faithsouthbay.org

Let's come together to celebrate, connect, and grow in faith!





DEEP ROOTS FAMILY MINISTRY BACK 2 SCHOOL BEACH DAY!



Saturday, August 22, 2026

Dockweiler Beach

Join us for a fun day of sun, sand, and fellowship!

Contact: Rev. Allison Mark or Monica Matsushima for details



Exploring & New Members *Open House*

Rally Sunday • August 30, 2026

Rooms 22-23, during Ministry Fair

Bring your lunch!

A more in-depth exploration and Q&A for those inquiring about what it means to become members of our Faith Community. Come learn about our church family and find your place to serve!



Nominations and Leadership Development Committee Meeting

Rescheduled to September 13, 2026

(Rescheduled due to unexpected cancellation of July meeting)



Rooms 22-23, 12:30pm

Nominations & Leadership Development Committee will schedule their Fall meetings until Charge Conference. Chairs of Committees are invited to this September meeting to help with planning.

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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

Join Us for "We Are Family" – Our Summer Revue Fundraiser!

Our annual Summer Music Revue Fundraiser is almost here, and this year's theme, "We Are Family," perfectly captures what this event is all about—coming together through music, fellowship, and community. Our performers have spent the summer rehearsing and preparing a wonderful program featuring music, dance, and a variety of outstanding performances from our choir members and special guest artists. While we'll miss several familiar faces from last year's revue, including Cameron Ito, Ashley Tani, Megan O'Toole, Lester Sasaki, Justin, and Max, we're excited to introduce some incredible new talent to our stage.

This year we're pleased to welcome Chris Showerman and Christy Mauro-Cohen, whose impressive careers have included music revues, cruise ships, television, and Las Vegas performances. Joining them are Perry Hayes, Music Director at Redondo Beach Church, along with George Carson and Mari Castillo-Hansen from Long Beach. Together, they'll bring a wonderful mix of musical styles and experiences to this year's show. We're also thrilled to welcome back Karen Evans, whose beautiful voice and signature jazz style have become audience favorites. Performer biographies are available on the bulletin board in the hallway if you'd like to learn more about this talented group. You'll also enjoy performances by Rev. Keith Inouye and his friend Darryl Noda, who will share both favorite duets and original music. Representing our own church family are Ken Lee, Whitney Nakayama, Jason Sasaki, Rev. Becky, and Jason Sunada, performing everything from jazz and musical theater to a fun, costumed 1970s sing-along. Backing our performers is an outstanding live band featuring Dean Manning on guitar, Quentin Thele and Frank Hudson on drums, Ken Ito on synthesizer, and Angela Gricar on piano.

Performance Dates

Friday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Admission: \$25

Saturday, August 8

Lunch at **12:00 p.m.** followed by the performance at **1:00 p.m.**

Lunch & Show: \$35

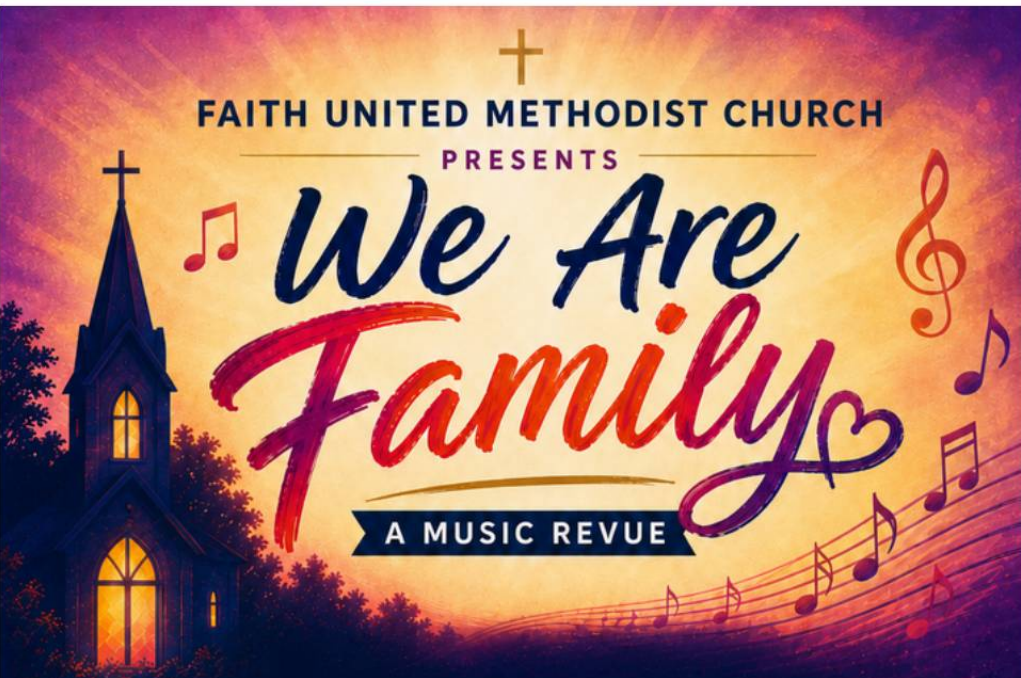
This event is much more than a performance—it's a celebration of our church family and a labor of love from everyone involved. Every ticket purchased helps support our church's ministries while celebrating the incredible gifts and talents within our community. We hope you'll join us for an afternoon or evening filled with wonderful music, joyful fellowship, and the reminder that, truly, we are family.

Ron Troester

Faith UMC Music Director

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FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PRESENTS



We Are Family

A MUSIC REVUE

TWO SHOWINGS!

Friday

AUGUST 7, 2026
7:00PM

\$25 SHOW ONLY

Saturday

AUGUST 8, 2026
12:00PM LUNCH
1:00PM SHOW

\$25 SHOW ONLY

\$35 LUNCH + SHOW

Featuring music from jazz, pop, music theater, and the 70's!

For tickets, call the church office:
310.217.7000



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Faith United Methodist Church

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.

NO Prime Timer's meeting.

We're enjoying a Summer Sabbath in August.

Enjoy your summer, and don't miss the

Faith UMC Musical "We Are Family",

Friday, August 7 - evening show,
and Saturday, August 8, matinee

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2026

CORAZON HOUSE BUILD

MEXICO MISSION

Build a House
in One Day



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Safety
- Corazon paperwork & forms; Copy of passport ID, (Participant deadline: 10/20/24)
- Skillsets needed & can be taught
- Transportation / Carpooling to San Diego
- Things to bring: i.e. A Passport is **MANDATORY**
- Meals
- Costs (personal, and group fundraising)
- Optional overnight stay



A SAMPLE DAY WITH CORAZON

- 4:00am** Leave Faith
- 6:00am** Meet at shopping center in Chula Vista (Terra Nova Shopping Center at Smart & Final; E Street and 805) Meeting with Lead Builder (safety, prayer)
- 6:30am** Leave for border/site
- 8:00am** Start Build
- 5:00pm** Finish Build
- 7:00pm** Return to Chula Vista
- 10/11pm** Return to Los Angeles



HOW ELSE YOU CAN HELP!

If you are not able to help with the in-person House Build, you can help by donating the following to the CORAZON BINS in the Narthex:

- Gifts for family
- Household items to get settled (Kitchen, cleaning, etc.)
- Donations toward Corazon build



CHANGE THE WORLD SUNDAY - OCTOBER 11, 2026

Afternoon Workshop for Corazon:
What is Corazon and what do they do?
Hands on Session: Build a roof demonstration
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP, TURN IN PAPERWORK, TRANSPORTATION COSTS, and DONATIONS (monetary and gifts for the families) October 2026



Contact Faith Church Office
or see Roger or Maxine Butcher
for more info:
communications@faithsouthbay.org

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Steeped in Fellowship

Do you enjoy tea? Want to try something new? Don't like tea and want to learn more about it?

Come join us for our first Faith UMC Tea Tasting!

Whether you're new to tea or a veteran tea-drinker, all are welcome. Join the von Bibras around the tea table to chat, discover new teas, and sip slowly with friendly company.

At this tasting, we'll be learning about Gongfu brewing with a variety of Chinese teas, including:
Black, White, Oolong, Puerh

Seats are limited, so sign up today with the front office or contact Sam von Bibra at 612-702-7797 or at sam.pauly526@gmail.com.

**If there is sufficient interest, additional tastings will be planned in the future.*

Saturday, 15th August, 2026

10:00AM

Activity Room at Faith UMC

Scan to RSVP





FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP TIMES

8:30AM

REBROADCAST OF LAST WEEKS SERVICE

9:00AM

NIHONGOBU JAPANESE LANGUAGE
WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30AM

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



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your first name, last
name, and the purpose
of the donation.



PLEDGE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE TO SUBMIT ONLINE

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.

August 2 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Communion Sunday

August 9 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

AC/JHC Reflection
Sunday

August 16 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28

Japan Mission
Reflection Sunday

August 23 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Annual Conference
Reflection Sunday

August 30 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Rally Sunday +
Ministry Fair

Joyce Matsubara
Lorraine Nakama
Harry & Ruth Takaki
Larry & Barbara Takumi
Grace Tochihiro
Barbara Ueda
Keith Hamada
Victoria De La Torre
Harold Hirashima
Jayne Watanabe
Ralph Ichikawa
Lorraine Fong
in support of Bento Ministries

Joyce Matsubara
Sue Watanabe - in gratitude
for Chris, Karen, Peggy,
Shari, & Glenn
Peggy Tadakuma - in
memory of Chieko Miyake
in support of Prime Timers

Don & Pearl Shoho
in support of Holy Helping Hands

Louise Sakamoto
Bryan & Kathy Hori
Soo Tenn
Linda Jung
Ruth Sakamoto
Kirk & Kathy Miya
Prayers & Backpacks

Darlene Azzam
Suyeno Kunisaki
Tam Kobayashi (COM)
Roger & Maxine Butcher
Chris Furuya
Anonymous
Kelli Tani Foundation
in support of TopGolf Fundraiser

Keith S. Inouye
Lorraine Fong
Joyce Matsubara
Henry & Eva Nishi
Ed & Victoria Tani
Dave & Joanne Sato
Jane Shimatsu
Lorraine Nakama
Alice Yee Mark
Ruth Taira
Richard & Sandy Uyeunten
Linda Jung
Don & Elaine Yoshida
Rose Omoto
Curtis & Shari Nishihara
Dennis & Karen Sakoda
Stanley & Edith Pang
Lori Matsuno
Jeremy & Kelly De Gracia
in memory of Chieko Miyake

Ned Morioka
in memory of June Morioka

Joyce Matsubara
Brian & Karen Fujimori - in
memory of Chieko Miyake
in support of Senior Hangout

Harry & Ruth Takaki -
Coffee for Fellowship
in kind donation

Kanani Kalama Hula Studio
facility usage donation

Jack Honda (Summer)
Greg Sasaki DDS
Marcus Carrillo Mondragon
Special Donations

Henry & Eva Nishi
Ed & Victoria Tani
Alice Yee Mark
Daniel Hirata
Momoyo Wada
Curtis & Shari Nishihara
Stanley & Edith Pang
in memory of Hisako Shohara

Jane Shimatsu
Ed & Victoria Tani
Alice Yee Mark
Dave & Joanne Sato
Linda Jung
in memory of Doris Kato

Alice Yee Mark
Daniel Hirata
Lorraine Fong
Dave & Joanne Sato
Brian & Diane Fujimori
Linda Jung
Don & Elaine Yoshida
Rose Omoto
Curtis & Shari Nishihara
Ed & Victoria Tani
Henry & Eva Nishi
Stanley & Edith Pang
in memory of Ramsay Higa

Soo Tenn
Wendy Arima
Day Camp Lunchbag Mission Project

Chad Uemura
in support of Day Camp

—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	Rev. Gary Williams	Kaitlyn Sabedra
Alice Kajiya	Geri Shiraki	Karlynn Fernandez
Alvena & Tom Fukuhara	Glenn & Millie	Kay Saxton
Amy & Ramsay Higa	Shimizu	Kian Tehrani
Anthony Anderson, Sr.	Gordon Mark	Kiki Hashimoto
Apolosi Lokotui	Grace Tochiara	Rev. Kim Montenegro
Arlene & Ernie Santiago	Grant Hanada	Kelsey DeGracia
Austin Maeda	Harriet Tateyama	Kenny Medeiros
Barbara Tamura	Harry Manaka,	Kyle Ichikawa
Betty Kobata	Sansei Rocker	Larry Takumi
Bill Morris	Harry & Ruth Takaki	Layne Nakasone
Brian Okumura	Ingrid Peterson	Linda Jung
Cami Bruns	Irene Munesato	Liz Harner
Christine Keim	Jack Honda	Lucas Yniguez
Claretta Foster	Jacqueline Wong	Marion Antoku
Cory Williams	Jan Tanabe	Maddie Sakurai-Lopez
Dan Segawa	Jayne Watanabe	Mae Nakakihara
Dan Yamashita	Jehiel Vinluan	Mary Jung
Deron Tokishi	Jennie Shitakubo	Mary & Bob Keily
Debbie Uyeshima Dillard	Joanne Sato	(siblings)
Diane & Destiny	Joelle Peelgreen	Mary Marchand
Ueda-Banda	Jordan Sasaki	Mary Tamura
Dr. DoAnn Tsuneo	Joyce Matsubara	Maxine Butcher
Kaneko	Joye Barker	Rev. Mike Hiranuma
Elaine Yoshida	Julie Inouye	Mutsuko Nishi
Eleanor Nagai	Juliet Koyanagi	Nancy Matsushima
Faith Tanaka		Noah Miyagawa-Sue
Florence Nakakura		Oscar Phillip Bland Jr.
Frank Sato		Pam Fink
		Paul Mito

for All Our Saints

Amy Higa, Miki & Jon Hayashida and family, on the passing of Ramsay Higa (July 10, 2026). A private family service has been held for Mr. Higa.

Neal, Lylas, and Elaine and the Miyake family, on the passing of Chieko "Chic" Miyake (June 15, 2026). A private family service has been held for Mrs. Miyake.

The Kato family, on the passing of Doris Kato (June 28, 2026)

Jane Matsumoto and Shohara-Matsumoto family, on the passing of Hisako Shohara (June 27, 2026). Mrs. Shohara's service has been held at on August 1, 2026 at Centenary UMC.

The Yasunaga family, on the passing of Harue Yasunaga (May 29, 2026)

those in Community Living & Homecare

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
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

AUGUST CALENDAR

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SUNDAY

2

9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
10:30a (S) Worship
12:15 (22/23) UMW Meeting
2:30p (F) Girl Scout Troop 5365
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
12:00 Monthly Garden Ministry Meeting
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
2:30p (S,F) Japanese Movie Night
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

23

9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
10:30a (S) Worship
10:30a Garden Sunday School
1:00p (F,S) Takumi Celebration of Love
2:30p (F,A,P) Ping Pong Tournament

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

MONDAY

3 OFFICE CLOSED

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

10 OFFICE CLOSED

9:00a (K) Summer Kodomo Cooking Class
7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

17 OFFICE CLOSED

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

24 OFFICE CLOSED

7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

31 OFFICE CLOSED

7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

TUESDAY

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

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930a (K) Summer Kodomo Cooking Class
9:45a (S) Sakura Chorus
6:00p (S,F,A,P,16-18) Troop 719

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CHURCH MEETINGS 

 1ST TUESDAYS

Board of Trustees

 2ND TUESDAYS

Staff Parish Relations Committee

 3RD TUESDAYS

Finance Committee

 4TH TUESDAYS

Administrative Council

 4TH SATURDAYS

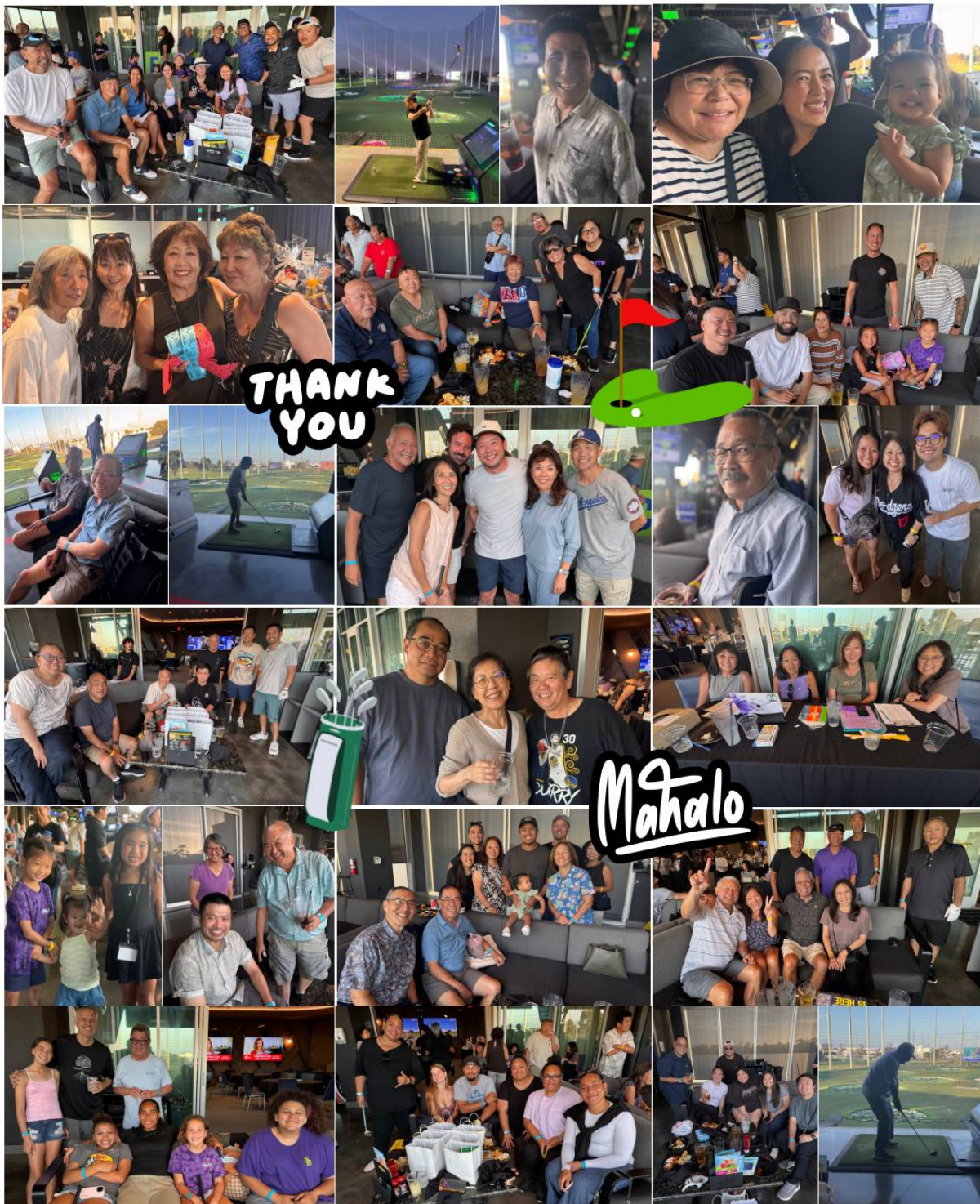
Council on Ministries
(Quarterly)



Church meetings are open to the congregation*.
Ministry meetings scheduled by committees.
Please inquire for more details.

*SPRC, by request only







TOPGOLF FUN-RAISER!



Thank You!

*Fun, Fellowship,
and Fantastic Support!*



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make Faith UMC's **Topgolf Fundraiser** such a memorable event! It was wonderful to see our church family and community come together for an evening of **fun, friendly competition**, and **great food**.



Whether you joined us as one of the **68 golfers**, one of our **35 spectators**, or supported our **Leap of Faith opportunity raffle**, your participation, generosity, and enthusiasm made the evening truly special. We are also grateful to our many volunteers and to those who donated prizes, time, and talents to bring this fundraiser to life.



Because of your generosity, we not only met—we exceeded—our fundraising goal, with a net income of approximately

\$9,650!

Thank you for making this incredible achievement possible. Your support will help us continue serving our congregation and our community in loving and meaningful ways.



With gratitude,
The Topgolf planning committee &
Faith Fundraising committee



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WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

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EVERY THIRD
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MOVIE NIGHT

JAPANESE AUDIO/ENGLISH SUBTITLES

Yasujiro Ozu's first post-World War II film takes place in an overpopulated Tokyo neighborhood that has been partly destroyed in bombing raids. Here, a hard-hearted middle-aged widow (Choko Iida) reluctantly takes in a child (Hohi Aoki) abandoned by his father.



A true masterpiece must see. An absolutely charming film, Choko Iida made me chuckle throughout the movie. An elegant little drama told with a precise comedic voice, this is just another example of Ozu's propensity for wonderfully small films about the Japanese experience. Rotten Tomatoes.

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SUNDAY,
August 16, 2026
At 2:30 pm

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Curtain after curtain is lifted as this formidable film exposes a Japan unknown to most. NY Times, J. Mellon

FEATURING
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FOR MORE INFORMATION: 310.217.7000 / FAITHSOUTHBAY.ORG

THERE WILL BE A SHORT REFLECTION AFTER THE MOVIES

Clearing Rooms 19 & 20

to prepare our spaces for ministry,
connection and growth

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

COM (Council on Ministries) Meeting
and Cleaning begins at 10am



**Many hands
make light work!**

All are welcome to help.



OUR GOAL

Ministries that have used Rooms 19 and 20 for storage are asked to clear out all items so these classrooms can be offered for use as needed in support of our ministries and community.



WHAT TO EXPECT

- We will remove, sort, donate, recycle, or dispose of all items.
- Please wear comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes
- Bring gloves if you have them.
- Water and light refreshments will be available.

*Thank you for
supporting our
shared space!* 

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SUNDAY
AUGUST 23, 2026

♥
1:00 PM

LUNCH RECEPTION

♥
2:30 PM

CELEBRATION SERVICE

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Celebrating a Lifetime of
Love, Faith & Commitment

*"A cord of three strands
is not easily broken."*

ECCLESIASTES 4:12



Please RSVP
BY AUGUST 9, 2026

♥
Scan the QR code
to RSVP or visit:
<https://bit.ly/Takumis>

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Strength That Endures

Cal-Pac MFSA Hybrid Gathering

 Saturday, August 15, 2026 10 am to 3 pm (Pacific) / 7 am to 12 noon (Hawaiian)	 La Plaza United Methodist Church 115 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012	 In-person and on Zoom
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The Cal-Pac MFSA community gathers to encourage one another to keep on keeping on by tapping into Strength That Endures in these challenging times. Rather than looking at the many ways we are being called to action, the focus will be finding the energy and strength to continue taking the positive actions that have always been our calling and our passion.

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Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Allison Mark
 will encourage us and share her grounding of activism with daily living
- 
Small group sharing, and Q&A
- 
Fellowship around a meal (in-person)
- 
Tour of the Museum of Social Justice
 with preview of new exhibit on unaccompanied minors from Mexico and Central America
- 
Presentation of the 2026 Mildred Hutchinson Award
 to Susan Gorman-Chang, leader in the Shut Down Red Hill Coalition

REGISTRATION

 In-person (includes lunch & snacks): \$30 members / \$40 non-members	 Online via Zoom: \$10 members / \$15 non-members
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Discounted rates for current MFSA members.

Register at: mfsacalpacumc.wordpress.com/give

Come together and rediscover we're not alone. ♥

YOU ARE NOT ALONE. ♥

T.I.E.S.

Together In Every Season

FORMERLY WOMEN IN TRANSITION - EVENING GROUP

Join our 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, 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.

You are seen. You are valued. You are not alone. ♥



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):

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



Marketplace

Back by popular demand... Faith Marketplace!

Saturday September 26, 2026

The Return of the *ReHome Goods* Sale!
Recycled | Repurposed | Regifted Goods



Please save your stuff, but
DO NOT bring to church
until our designated drop dates!

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.

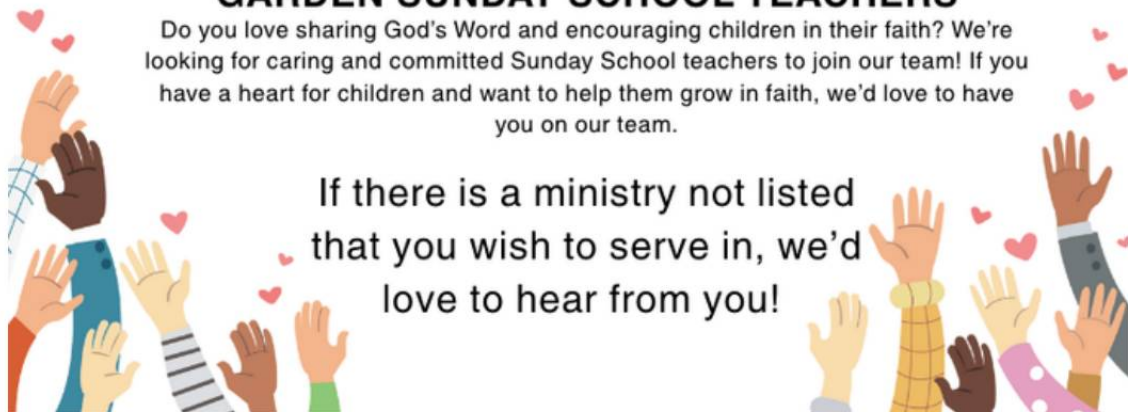
SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

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!



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.

Keiro. 

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! **Deep Roots/Mochi Club is creating an intentional time for "Sticky Faith" worship, food, fellowship, and "Messy Church" activities this year! Fun and new growth for family members of all ages!**

If you are interested and want to participate, please contact, Monica Matsushima, Minister 'Ainise 'Isama'u, akisamau@faithsouthbay.org or Rev. Allison Mark, communications@faithsouthbay.org



AUGUST 22nd
2:00 - 9:00p.m. (come & go)
Beach Gathering

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

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

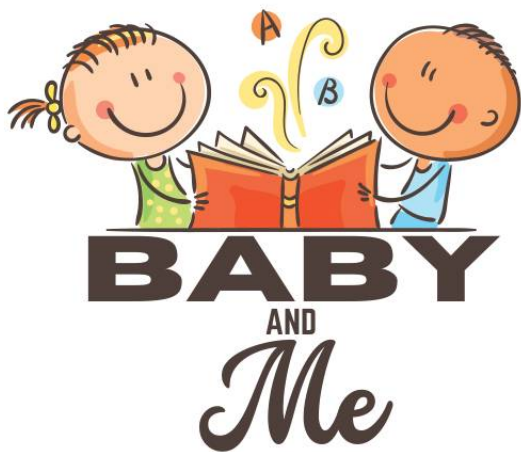
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Team Ohana of Faith
2024: Rank #7 - \$10,027





**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 AND to sign up, please contact:
Rev. Allison**

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

Faith Van and Ride Share

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

August 2 & August 16

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 & FAITH HULA
are on SUMMER SABBATH
for the month of August.**



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

THIS FALL!

(Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday Studies on Summer Sabbath during the month of August)

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

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

August 14

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: August 5 & August 19

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 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 3rd 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

Women's Support Group:
Women in Transition
No August Meeting due to
Summer Sabbath

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



2nd Wednesday
11:30 am
Faith UMC

Next meeting: August 12 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

FAITH STAFF

**Growing deeper in Christ
Going farther for Christ**

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