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METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION CAL-PAC AFFILIATE

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

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.



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**

*Discounted rates for
current MFSA members.*



Register at: mfsacalpacumc.wordpress.com/give



Come together and rediscover we're not alone. ♥

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





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.



*We hope you'll join
us for these exciting
opportunities to
connect, grow, and
serve together!*



*For more information,
please contact*



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PRESENTS

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SUNDAY
AUGUST 22, 2026

7:00PM & 9:30PM
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Lawrence Takumi*

— 1938-2026 —

Celebrating a Lifetime of
Love, Faith & Commitment

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

ECCLESIASTES 4:12

All are welcome!

SUNDAY
AUGUST 23, 2026

— 1:00 PM —

LUNCH RECEPTION

— 2:30 PM —

CELEBRATION SERVICE

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Please RSVP
BY AUGUST 9, 2026

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

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!* 



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

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

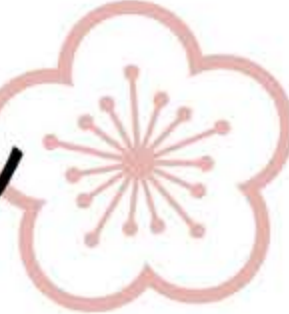


Let's come together to celebrate, connect, and grow in faith!





FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Marketplace 

**Save the Date &
Save your Stuff**

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

Saturday, September 26, 2026

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 2115 WEST 182ND STREET, TORRANCE CA

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2026

**Build a House
in One Day**



CORAZON HOUSE BUILD

MEXICO MISSION



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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METHODISM 101:



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

Lent was originally a season for new converts to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. During that time, they would study what was central to Christianity. During the season of Lent, we will be studying in worship and in our Bible Studies, what was central to Jesus' life and ministry: radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment for the hungry, nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace—all of which are meant to be very good news for us all.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE UNITED METHODIST



This Lent, if you have been discerning your calling to learn more and to follow Jesus, consider joining a Methodism 101 / Membership Class to connect (or even RE-connect for members) with your personal faith, your community OF Faith, and the wider United Methodist Church family. **Classes will meet every other Sunday through the Season of Lent beginning on March 1 at 2pm with Membership Sundays culminating on Easter, April 5 or Pentecost, May 24.**

We hope this series will provide fertile ground for conversation and worship, rooting our hearts and lives in the expansive goodness of God. This Lent, let the teachings of Jesus lead us forward. May the good news inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good. Please contact Rev. Allison or Minister 'Ainise so we can build a cohort group together!

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.



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.



FINANCE COUNTERS

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



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.



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GARDEN SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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



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



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Memo/Note includes your
first name, last name, and
the purpose of the
donation.

PLEDGE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE TO SUBMIT ONLINE

Monday Theology Book Club is now the TUESDAY 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!

<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**.



rejoice always

pray continually

give thanks

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.

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



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PRAYER



FAITH



WORSHIP



LOVE



SERVICE

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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.



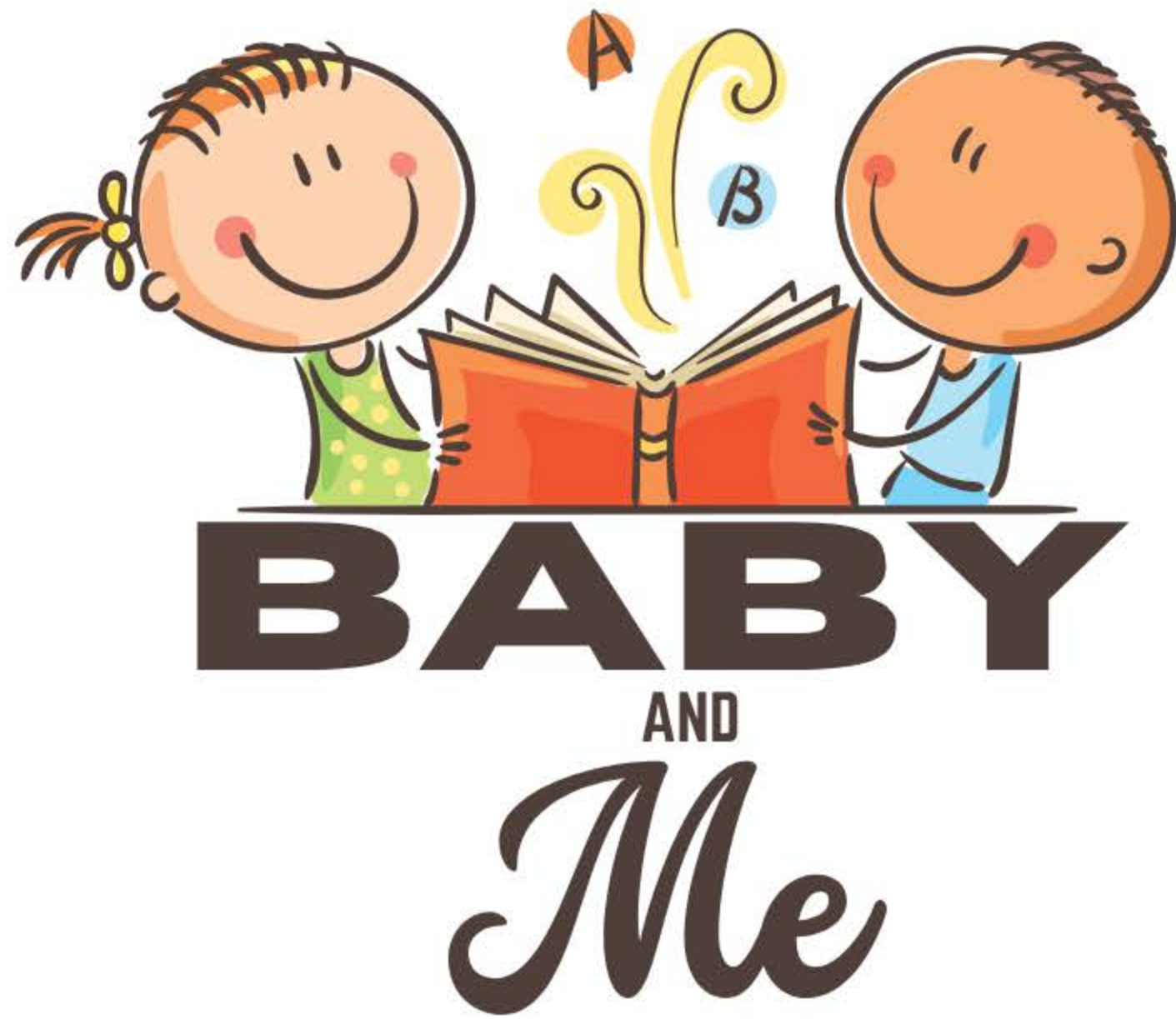
Please **RSVP** at this link:
<https://tinyurl.com/witeveninggrp>
or via QR code.



For more information,
contact Shari Yamamoto or Cathie Tani.

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





Bible Story Time
***for Infants-Preschoolers &
their Caregivers***

1st and 3rd Thursdays

9:30 - 10:15am

NURSERY - ROOM 15

Caregivers & Guardians and Newborns to age-5 are invited to Faith Baby Talk,
Story Time, Prayer, Play and Singing!

NOTE: The nursery is available to families for fellowship & free play every Thursday. Please check in with Andie in the office when you arrive. Due to allergies, you are welcome to bring your own snacks!

For more information or to sign up, please contact: Rev. Allison or Andie

UPDATE: BOTTLE CAPS FOR BUDDY BENCHES

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

At this time, we have been informed that bottle caps are **no longer being accepted**, and as a result, **Faith UMC will discontinue participation in this collection effort**. We kindly ask that members no longer bring bottle caps to the church. Please continue to recycle them appropriately through regular recycling channels.

A special and heartfelt thank you to Louise Sakamoto, Jan Tanabe & Friends for their dedication in sorting and delivering the bottle caps over this past season. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.



Thank you again for your generosity and understanding.

CONFIRMATION & MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

**WANT TO GO DEEPER IN
YOUR FAITH JOURNEY?**

**WANT TO
WALK WITH
OTHERS IN
FAITH TOO?**



FOR YOUTH,
GRADES 8
AND UP

FOR ADULTS
WANTING TO
JOIN A FAITH
COMMUNITY

FOR ANYONE
INTERESTED IN
METHODISM 101
& REAFFIRMING YOUR FAITH



Sign up with Rev. Allison: communications@faithsouthbay.org



FAITH

Master's Kitchen



Every 5th Saturday

August 29, 2026

October 31, 2026

11:00am to 11:45am Saturday

Providing 40 nourishing lunch boxes and sack lunches to our community in need.

For more information,
contact the Church Office.



SANDWICH MINISTRY

**Every 2nd Saturday
of the month!**

40 sack lunches are prepared in the
Chen Annex (8:00 am - 9:00 am)
and delivered to the day laborers
at Home Depot.



Thank you for giving!

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

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





Faith United
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shepherds
ministry

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

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

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

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

Faith Van and Ride Share

are offering pick-ups and drop-offs

1st and 3rd Sundays

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



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

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

Faith Hula

1:00pm - 2:00pm for everyone
2:00pm - 2:30pm for children

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

Teacher: Kevin Tsutsui
Coordinator: Amanda Taketa Mark

