

SEPTEMBER 2026


FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SOUTH BAY

GOOD NEWS

Marketplace

Saturday, September 26, 2026

9 AM – 2 PM

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Our ReHome Goods Sale is back for its second year, featuring an incredible selection of recycled, repurposed, and regifted treasures.

Shop for collectibles, Asian dishes and dolls, designer handbags, plants, delicious baked goods, and so much more! And while you browse, enjoy tasty favorites like musubi, kimchi, and tamales.

Invite everyone to come, shop,
and be part of this special community event!

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FALLING into a New Season

*“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.”
— Lamentations 3:22–23*

There is something about the beginning of a school year that makes everything feel new again. In our household, the start of the school year has meant new backpacks, new schedules, new teachers, new classrooms—and this year, a new twelve-year-old! Year of the Horse, at that! Kaira and Amara are both stepping into new grade levels, which means new routines, new expectations, and, inevitably, a little bit of excitement mixed with a little bit of “Wait...how is summer already over?”

I suppose I had hoped August would give me a chance to do some of that same resetting. At Faith, we call August our Summer Sabbath month—a time to regroup, catch up, breathe deeply, and prepare for the seasons ahead. I imagined getting organized, getting ahead, and perhaps even getting a little bit rested before the busy-ness of fall arrived. And then...life happened.

As we have been on the search for a new office manager, I found myself picking up more of the day-to-day administrative work. I am deeply grateful that I have not been doing it alone. Minister ‘Ainise, Karen Matsuyama, Jason Sasaki, and Susan DeGracia have stepped in with such care and time in the office, reminding me once again that ministry is never meant to be a solo endeavor.

And then there were the pastoral care needs. After a year when hospital visits and memorial planning had been relatively quiet compared with previous years, August seemed to say, “Well, we’re going to make up for lost time.” There were visits, phone calls, hospital rooms, grief, transitions, and the sacred privilege of simply being present with people in some of life’s most tender moments.

So much for my perfectly planned Sabbath.

But perhaps that is part of what Sabbath teaches us. Sabbath is not always about getting everything accomplished so that we can begin again perfectly refreshed and perfectly organized. Sometimes Sabbath is learning to receive the season we are actually given. Sometimes renewal happens not because everything went according to plan, but because God meets us right in the middle of what did. And now here we are: We just had an amazing Rally Sunday and Ministry Fair.

A new school year. A new ministry year. A new season for Faith United Methodist Church. I love the energy of this time of year—the buzz of possibilities, the return of familiar rhythms, the excitement of imagining what might be next. Rally Sunday gives us permission to begin again. And beginning again is one of the great gifts of our faith.

Our culture sometimes talks about “second chances” as though they are rare commodities. You get one chance to make the right decision. One opportunity to get it right, to learn all that you need to know. One mistake can define you. But that is not the gospel I know. How many second chances does God give us? Countless.

Like Lamentations says, God's mercies are new every morning. God's grace regenerates us again and again and again. We fall, we get back up. We wander, and God calls us home. We make mistakes, learn, grow, change, and begin again. Perhaps that is why I love the image of regeneration so much. Regeneration is not simply returning to what once was. It is being made alive again for what comes next. That feels like an especially appropriate word for this season at Faith.

This fall, there is so much into which we can step. We are preparing for another group of builders to join us through Corazón. We are welcoming an incoming class of new members and preparing for baptisms. Garden Children, Youth, Families, and Young Adults are regrouping for a new year. Our Seniors have many activities already planned for them! We have Bible studies and small groups beginning and continuing—so many opportunities to learn, connect, laugh, pray, and grow together.

There are ministries to return to and ministries still waiting to be imagined. And there is important work ahead as we continue our visioning and strategizing for the future of Faith, including preparation for the Nehemiah Project and our hope to modernize and strengthen our church for generations yet to come through the consultation of the Rev. John Woodall, the Executive Director of the United Methodist Foundation. There is a lot to be excited about. There is also a lot to do.

So as we launch into this new season, I want to offer one gentle reminder: we are running a marathon, not a sprint. The Christian life is not about doing everything, all at once, perfectly. Neither is the life of a congregation. We need to pace ourselves. We need to rest. We need to make room for one another. We need to remember that sometimes the most faithful thing we can do is say yes—and sometimes the most faithful thing we can do is say, “Not yet.”

Because the point of a new season is not to become busier. It is to become more alive. That is my hope for us this fall: May Rally Sunday be more than a kickoff to another busy church year. May it be an invitation to fall—fall into community, fall into new possibilities, fall into ministries that stretch us, fall into relationships that nourish us, fall into God's grace that catches us when we stumble.

And when we inevitably discover that our carefully laid plans have gone sideways—as they always do—may we remember that God's mercies are still new.

Every morning. Every season. Every time we begin again.
Welcome to a new season, Faith. Let's see what God is making new among us.

Allison K. Mark

Rev. Allison K. Mark



Two Backpacks and So Much Ahead

There is something about September that always feels like a fresh beginning. Summer is winding down, school is officially back in session, ministries are picking back up, calendars are filling quickly, and somehow we are already stepping into another busy fall season!

In our household, the biggest change has been watching Polyana begin her high school journey at Redondo Union High School. She was excited to start—and I'm excited for her, even if this mama is still trying to figure out how my baby got old enough to be in high school!

Polyana made the FROSH volleyball team and, because apparently one sport isn't enough, she recently tried out for wrestling and made that team too! Wrestling season begins this winter, so she has plenty to keep her busy. She also gets to go to school with four of her cousins, which makes this new chapter even more special.

Every morning she heads off carrying TWO backpacks—one for her classes and another for volleyball. Between school, practices, homework, friends, and everything else that comes with being a teenager, she seems excited about the new academic year...at least, that's what I gather from a teenager! 😊

Watching her reminds me just how quickly the seasons of our lives change. Polyana is growing up so fast, and I'm learning to appreciate these moments while I have them.

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I've also been embracing a new season personally. Lately, I have been taking my health much more seriously and doing my best to make healthier choices, eat better, and stay consistent with exercise. It is definitely a journey, but I'm learning that small choices, made faithfully and consistently, can make a difference. I'm grateful for each new day God gives us to care for ourselves, grow, and keep moving forward.

And that same sense of new beginnings is happening all around us at Faith!

There are so many wonderful things coming this fall, and I'm excited to walk through this season with all of you. One of the BIG ones is our upcoming all-church fundraiser, **Faith Marketplace!** There are so many moving parts that go into making an event like this successful, and we truly need everyone.

If you haven't signed up to volunteer yet, please do! There is a place for you, and every helping hand makes a difference. And if you have items to donate—or know family members, neighbors, coworkers, or friends who may have items they would like to donate—please share a copy of the Good News with them and help us spread the word.

Whether it is a teenager beginning high school with two backpacks, someone choosing to take better care of their health, or a church preparing for another season of ministry together, September reminds us that God is always inviting us forward.

Here's to new beginnings, new opportunities, and a new season together. See you around Faith—and especially at Faith Marketplace!

Blessings, Minister 'Ainise

「敬老の日」

今年の夏は特別に暑い。その中、神様は夏の楽しみと安息を与えて下さった。8月10&11日は子どもクッキングクラス。「料理は科学」と覚え、カレーとコロッケに挑戦。子ども達の作ったカレーは、人生で一番美味しいカレーだと思うほど大成功！また、8月23日に卓球トーナメントを行った。約40名がシングルスとダブルスの試合に参加し、家族友だちの観戦応援や美味しい食事を食べ、楽しい時間を持つことができ本当に感謝である。

「白髪の人の前では起立し、年配者を重んじなさい。あなたの神を畏れなさい。私は主である。」(レビ19:32)

9月は敬老の日をお祝いする月。神様の言葉である聖書には、シニアを敬えと教えている。シニアには、若者にはない知識知恵経験があり、家族社会教会にとって大切な宝なのである。

教会では、9月20日に敬老礼拝を守る。波多江姉が今年2世ウイーク・パイオニア・スピリット賞を受けた事を感謝し、姉妹の証を聞く。日系社会のリーダーとして多大な貢献をされた話を聞いてみたい！

主が与えて下さったシニアへの感謝と尊敬の心を忘れず敬老の日をお祝いしよう。敬老の日おめでとうございます！

September is my favorite month, because we get to celebrate “Keiro no hi.” In Japan, we celebrate Keiro (seniors) Day to appreciate seniors who worked hard for our society. “You shall rise before the aged, and defer to the old; and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.”(Leviticus 19:32)

The Bible teaches us to honor the elderly. Seniors possess knowledge, wisdom and experiences that young people lack. This is a precious treasure for the family, community, and church!

On September 20 th , we will hold a special Keiro no hi service to honor our seniors. Especially this year, we are so proud to announce that Mrs. Hatae received the “Nisei Week Pioneer Spirit Award.” We look forward to hearing her testimony on her immense contributions as a leader for the Nikkei community.

Remember to show gratitude and respect for our seniors, and fear God!
“Happy Keiro Day!” 平田

Pastor
Becky Hirata

Thank You!

Prayers and Backpacks

for Kids

Glory to God for the faithfulness and generosity of our Faith family!

Thank you very much for once again participating in the Back-to-School drive, Prayers and Backpacks for Kids. This year you have contributed by donating numerous backpacks, school supplies and also shared monetarily. Your donations will be going to **Love INC (In the Name of Christ) South Bay** and they will be distributing the backpacks and school supplies so that children from financially challenged families in the area will be assured of being ready for the new school year. Can you imagine the look on their faces when each child unzips his/her backpack!

Faith UMC contributed **63** backpacks, **\$801** and boxes of brand new school supplies. This year Love INC was able to distribute **900** backpacks to students in need.

Please continue to pray for all children, for a safe, secure and successful school year!

Love INC
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Loving God Loving Kids



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



Hi Friends and Families,

We're back after our summer sabbath! We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful summer. A special thank-you to everyone who came out and helped with our hot dog luncheon, and to all who joined us for lunch. We hope everyone enjoyed the delicious food prepared by our MYF and TGIF Youth!

As we head into a new school year, we are excited to kick things off with our first Friday Night Fellowship on September 11th! Come join us for an evening of fellowship, small-group time, and worship. We'll also be grabbing dessert together afterward!

Our regular Youth schedule for the year will be every Sunday in the Chen after the Children's Message, with the exception of Communion Sundays. On Communion Sundays, we will join together as families

and participate in the worship service. Youth Fellowship Nights will be held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Please note that dates may change around holidays, so be sure to watch for announcements and updates.

We are especially excited to welcome our new TGIFers and MYFers! We also want to send our love, prayers, and blessings to all of our incoming college freshmen as they begin this exciting new chapter of their lives. May God guide and bless you on your journey!

Thank you to our entire church family for your continued love, prayers, and support of our youth ministries. We are so grateful for each and every one of you and look forward to a wonderful year together!

God Bless,

Darrell Mark

Faith UMC Youth Director

TGIF

JR HIGH | 6TH - 8TH

MYF

HIGH SCHOOL | 9TH -12TH



FAITH YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Growing in faith. Building community. Living love.

There's a place
for *you* at Faith!

1

OUR YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

There's a place for you at Faith!



Alpha Omega

our college-aged community



Agape

our young professionals



Deep Roots

our young families, including Mommy Bible Study and Baby & Me



Simple Church

when we gather together for Young Adult worship

Our model is **house church**: building meaningful, in-person fellowship while staying connected through online Bible Study. We're about creating spaces where young adults can grow in faith, build friendships, ask honest questions, and serve together.

2

REGROUPING FOR A NEW SEASON



As we look toward a new year of Young Adult Ministry, we want to give a huge thank you to **Kelvin Matsumoto** for his leadership over the past three years!

Kelvin helped our Young Adult Ministry grow from gathering twice a month to gathering every week, creating a stronger community of faith, friendship, and fellowship.

We are grateful for all the time, energy, creativity, and love Kelvin has poured into this ministry—and we're excited to see what comes next!

3

SEPTEMBER: PAUSE • PLAN • GATHER

Our regular Bible Studies and Fellowship are on hiatus in September as we take some time to regroup and dream together about the 2026–2027 year.



SAVE THE DATE!

September 27 • 6:00 PM
Minister Ainise's Parsonage



Come help us plan the year ahead and **celebrate Kelvin** with **gratitude** for his leadership!



And don't forget—Young Adults are invited to join in all kinds of Faith opportunities throughout the year, from Bible Study and Fellowship to **Mission Trips to Mexico and Maui!**



4

WANT TO HELP LEAD?



We'd love to hear from you!

If you're interested in helping lead and shape the future of Young Adult Ministry alongside **Minister Ainise** and **Rev. Allison**, please let us know.

There's room for your ideas, your gifts, your questions, your leadership—and **you.**



COME FIND YOUR PLACE AT FAITH.



Well, the music department had a busy first of the month with the show **"We Are Family"** It was a fundraiser for the church, and a great time, with so many great performances and singers involved.

Thanks to all the extra helpers first—people backstage and behind the scenes. **Alice Mark, Darrell Iki, Mike Kambe, Ken Sasaki, Miki Hayashida, Kathy Miya, Solange Iseri, Andie Montoya, Karen Matsuyama, Rev Alison Mark, Minister Ainise Isamau, Chad Uemura,** and the **Board of Trustees**—you make it all work and worth the experience. The singers and performers from the church that put in so many hours to be the best they can be and have the most fun they can were just great.

Flip Carrillo's hats and **Moina Khan as Eliza Doolittle** added a fun change and quite some elegance to our stage. Other guests that are part of our Faith family—the **Instrumental Ensemble, Rev. Becky Hirata, Rev. Keith Inouye, Darryl Noda, Jason Sunada (and his parents!), and Cameron Ito**—you bring so much fun and positive energy to our performance. And all the guests who just add a professional touch to our 2 performances, we are so appreciative of your talents and skills on stage. Everyone was a joy, and then a great band to support us. **Ken Ito and Angela Gricar,** as well as our **Dean Manning and Quentin Thele**—you are the best. We couldn't do it without every one of you! *We are Family!*

 Making \$4000 was a plus, with larger crowds and more interest than before. Thanks to all who were a part in any way. Lots of time and energy went into making it a success, and the joy on the performers' faces, as well as the audience, makes all the work worth it!

From the start, it is always interesting to see how it will end up, and the trust you have in letting me do what I know works is also a blessing. *We definitely are a Family!*

We have had the month off, and choir will begin on Thursday at 7:00 pm following Labor Day. We sing once a month and for special Sundays. Let me know if you are interested or know of people who would do a good job at special music. We are always looking for interesting performances to add to the Sunday experience.

 What a blessing to be able to go and be a part of the Takumi celebration on Aug 23 as well. The amount of faith, commitment, devotion, and joy in Lawrence and Barb's lives was really a powerful statement of Faith—our Faith family. Stay cool and know that we are always working to make the services mean something to everyone involved through music.

To a great musical and spiritual season this fall!

— **Ron Troester,** Faith UMC Music Director

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 the next 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, September 12, 2026

12:30PM

Activity Room at Faith UMC



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.

PRIME TIMERS MEETING

Saturday, September 12, 2026

10 a.m., Faith Fellowship Hall

**Come hang out
and enjoy some
friendly rounds of...**



Saturday, September 12, 2026

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For pre-registered participants only.

Please meet at the church by 8:50 a.m.

If you are not able to attend, please contact Keiro as soon as possible, events@keiro.org or call (213) 873-5700 to allow another interested community member to attend.



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Something for everyone!



FAITH 

ALL ONSITE MINISTRIES & MEETINGS



**We still need more helping hands
to make the day a success.
Please be sure to sign up for a work shift.
Everyone's help will make a difference.**

**Donations being accepted
Monday, September 21 – Thursday, September 24
10 am – 3 pm and 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**



WHAT WE WANT

- * Collectibles
- * Designer purses and accessories
- * Asian dishes and kimonos
- * Vintage and Antique goods
- * Plants and tools
- * Sports equipment
- * Clean toys, puzzles, games
- * Pots, pans, kitchen utensils



WHAT WE DON'T WANT

- * NO Stuffed animals
- * NO Clothing, or shoes
- * NO Broken appliances
- * NO Large furniture
- * NO Books
- * NO Perfumes, lotions, soaps
- * NO linens or bedding

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Nominations and Leadership Development Committee Meeting



Rescheduled to September 27, 2026

(rescheduled due to the busy-ness of September 13th)



Rooms 22-23, 12:00pm



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.



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):

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **WORSHIP TIMES**

8:30AM

REBROADCAST OF LAST WEEK'S SERVICE

9:00AM

**NIHONGOBU JAPANESE LANGUAGE
WORSHIP SERVICE**

10:30AM

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



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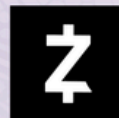
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Lectionary Readings Grow deeper in Christ by opening yourself to God’s Word, through the study of the Holy Bible. Listed below are the lectionary scripture readings for the month of March. Our Pastors, TGIF and MYF Directors generally preach from one 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.

September 6 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

Communion Sunday
LABOR DAY
WEEKEND

September 13 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 20 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Phillipians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 27 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Phillipians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Daniel Yamashita
Lily Kvitky
Victoria De La Torre
Ralph Ichikawa
Irene Munesato
Anonymous
Terry Ebihara
Suyeno Kunisaki
Nancy Matsushima
Lotus Reiko
Raymond Isa
Francis Mitoma
Norma Ishigo

in support of Bento Ministries

Alan & Nancy Honda - in
memory of Chieko Miyake
in support of Prime Timers

Gary & Cheryl Nakata
Shirley Shishido
Lorraine Fong
Glenn & Linda Sakurai & Family
Stanley & Edith Pang
Alice Yee Mark
Daniel Hirata
Glenn & Karen Murakami
Peggy Tadakuma
Lani Walker
Henry & Eva Nishi
Kirk & Kathy Miya
Ken & Sally Sasaki
Geoff & Rhonda Kai
Bryan & Kathy Hori
Ruth Taira

*in support of Master's Kitchen &
Sandwich Ministry - in celebration
of Larry & Barbara Takumi, Roger
& Maxine Butcher*

Glenn & Karen Murakami
Terrence Terauchi
Sandra Sakamoto
Gary & Valerie Tawa
Karen Matsuyama (flowers)
*in support of the We Are
Family Music Revue*

Matthew Cheung
*in support of senior &
immigrant ministries*

Jeremy & Kelly De Gracia
Grace Tochiara
Sandee Furuta
Tak & Lori Ishikawa
Jennie Shitakubo
Karen Matsuyama
Deanne Kim
Brian & Diane Fujimori
Ellen Hokama
Lynne Uyehara
Georgine Morita
Florence Mizuno
Momoyo Wada
Wade & Juliann Inouye
Elaine Jang
Ken & Sally Sasaki
Ruth Sakamoto
Nancy Matsushima
Glenn & Linda Sakurai
in memory of Chieko Miyake
Joyce Hirayama
in memory of Ted Hirayama

Jane Shimatsu
Lorraine Nakama
in memory of June Hirai

Ned Morioka
in memory of mother, Mary

Alice Yee Mark
Daniel Hirata
Ken & Flora Lee - Memorial
in memory of Harry Hayashi

Jack Honda
in support of Senior Hangout

Lotus Reiko
in support of Music Ministry

Donald & Elaine Yoshida
in support of Prayers & Backpacks

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Dennis & Karen Bugarin
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Vicky Uyemura
Nancy Matsushima
in memory of Tak & Doris Kato

Grace Tochiara
Alan & Nancy Honda
Jenny Shitakubo
Karen Matsuyama
Georgine Morita
Herb Aoyama
Chris Kamatani
Richard & Sandy Uyeunten
Florence Mizuno
Ruth Taira
Lorraine Nakama
Momoyo Wada
Francis & Jeanne Katayama
Ruth Sakamoto
Jon & Miki Hayashida
Gary & Cheryl Nakata
Ken & Sally Sasaki
Ralph Ichikawa
Shirley Shishido
Kenneth & Arlene Hayashida
Nancy Matsushima
in memory of Ramsay Higa

Faith UWF
Brett & Kim Shibata
Rev. Keith & Viki Inouye
Shawna Cullinan
in support of Asian Camp

Susan DeGracia
in support of Summer Day Camp

Rose Omoto
in Support of Crocheting Project

Shig Yonamine
in memory of Myrtle Yonamine

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
Alice Kajiya
Alvena & Tom Fukuhara
Amy Higa
Amy Holmes
Anthony Anderson, Sr.
Apolosi Lokotui
Arlene & Ernie Santiago
Austin Maeda
Barbara Tamura
Betty Kobata
Bill Morris
Brian Okumura
Cami Bruns
Christine Keim
Claretta Foster
Cory Williams
Dan Segawa
Dan Yamashita
Deron Tokishi
Debbie Uyeshima Dillard
Diane & Destiny
Ueda-Banda
Dr. DoAnn Tsuneo
Kaneko
Elaine Yoshida
Eleanor Nagai
Faith Tanaka
Florence Nakakura
Frank Sato

Rev. Gary Williams
Geri Shiraki
Glenn & Millie
Shimizu
Gordon Mark
Grace Tochihara
Grant Hanada
Harriet Tateyama
Harry Manaka,
Sansei Rocker
Harry & Ruth Takaki
Herb Aoyama
Ingrid Peterson
Irene Munesato
Jack Honda
Jacqueline Wong
Jan Tanabe
Jayne Watanabe
Jehiel Vinluan
Jennie Shitakubo
Joanne Sato
Joelle Peelgreen
Jordan Sasaki
Joyce Matsubara
Joye Barker
Julie Inouye
Juliet Koyanagi

Kaitlyn Sabedra
Karlynn Fernandez
Kay Saxton
Kian Tehrani
Kiki Hashimoto
Rev. Kim Montenegro
Kelsey DeGracia
Kenny Medeiros
Kyle Ichikawa
Larry Takumi
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
Mutsuko Nishi
Nancy Matsushima
Noah Miyagawa-Sue
Oscar Phillip Bland Jr.
Pam Fink
Paul Mito

Patty Kobayashi
Priscilla Kandel
Rachel Delgado
Raquel M. Martinez
Rose Ellison
Ron Hamaguchi
Rick Katsuki
Ruth Hirata
Ruth Taira
Sandra Minjarez-
Grange
Stan Miyasato
Steph Matsunaga
Sue Hamada
Sue Hasegawa
Susan Mizuki
Susan Slade
Takai Finau
Tina Arguello
Tommy Sakaguchi
Tseyli Mantooth
Victoria DelaTorre
Vincent Gomez
Wailana Bulkley
Walker Wilkerson
Whitney Nakayama
Winnie Osaki
Yukio Inouye

those in Community Living & Homecare

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

for All Our Saints

Flora and Ken Lee on the passing of Flora's Father, Harry Hayashi (August 2, 2026).

Harriet Tateyama and the Hiroshima family, on the passing of Harold Hiroshima (August 29, 2026).

The Hirai and Watari family, on the passing of June Hirai (August 18, 2026).

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)

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

6

9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
10:30a (S) Worship
10:30a Garden Sunday School
12:15p (22/23) UMW Meeting
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

13

9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
10:30a (S) Worship
10:30a Garden Sunday School
11:30a (A,P) Flu Shot Vaccination Onsite Clinic
12:00p (22/23) Cardmaking Ministry
12:00p (17) Monthly Garden Ministry Mtg
1:00p (A) Faith Hula
2:00p (A) Keiki Hula
2:30p (F) GS Troop 5365
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

20

9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
10:30a (S) Worship
10:30a Garden Sunday School
1:00p (A) Faith Hula
2:00p (A) Keiki Hula
2:30p (S,F) Japanese Movie Night
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong

27

9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship
10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF
10:30a (S) Worship
10:30a Garden Sunday School
12:00p Nominations & Leadership Dev.
2:00p (A) Keiki Hula
2:30p (S,F) GS Troop 5365
6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong
6:00p (offsite) Young Adult Dinner

7 OFFICE CLOSED

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

14 OFFICE CLOSED

7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

21 OFFICE CLOSED

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

28 OFFICE CLOSED

7:00p (online) Nichigo Bible Study

1

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
7:30p (online) Trustees

8

9:45a (S) Sakura Chorus
10:30a (online) Bible Study
6:00p (S,F,A,P,16-18) Troop 719
7:00p (online) SPRC

15

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
7:00p (online) Finance

22

10:30a (online) Bible Study

29

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

MARKETPLACE

- 2

8:30a (F,A) Senior Hangout
4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM)
7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble
7:00p (online) Bible Study
- 9

10:30a (F) Women in Transition (WIT)
11:30a (K) MSG
4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM)
6:30p (Chen) Simple Church: Fellowship
7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble
7:00p (online) Bible Study
- 16

8:30a (F,A) Senior Hangout
4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM)
6:00p (22/23 Women In Transition Evenings
7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble
7:00p (online) Bible Study)
- 23 SHARED BREAD

4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM)
7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble
7:00p (online) Bible Study
- 3

9:30a (Nursery) Baby & Me
10:30a (F) Logos Bible Study
6:30p (S,F) Choir Practice
7:00p (F) Troop 310G Leadership
7:00p (online) Blessed Are You
7:00p (F) Ping Pong
7:30p (online) Simple Church: Bible Study
- 10

6:30p (S,F) Choir Practice
7:00p (F) Ping Pong
- 17

9:30a (Nursery) Baby & Me
10:30a (F) Logos Bible Study
6:30p (S,F) Choir Practice
7:00p (online) Blessed Are You
7:00p (F) Ping Pong
7:30p (online) Simple Church: Bible Study
- 24

6:30p (S,F) Choir Practice
- 4

4:00p (K) Blessed Bento Prep
- 11

8:00a (offsite) Men's Breakfast
6:00p (F,A,P,16-18) Pack 862
7:00p (Chen) TGIF/MYF Fellowship
- 18

6:00p (F,A,P,16-18) Pack 862
- 25
- 5

8:00a (A,K) Blessed Bento
9:30a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)
- 12

8:00a (Chen) Social Action/
Sandwich Ministry
9:30a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)
10:00a (F) Prime Timers
12:30p (A) Steeped in Fellowship
- 19

9:00a (A) Bento Ministry Prep
9:30a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)
11:30a Bento Ministry Drive Thru
5:00p (A) Deep Roots
- 26 MARKETPLACE



PREP

- 30
- 4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM)
7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble
7:00p (online) Bible Study



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 <i>(Quarterly)</i>



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

*SPRC, by request only



Faith UMC Finances at Midyear

A note from Ken Ito, Finance Committee Chairman, June 2026

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We have reached the halfway point of 2026, and here is where Faith's finances stand.

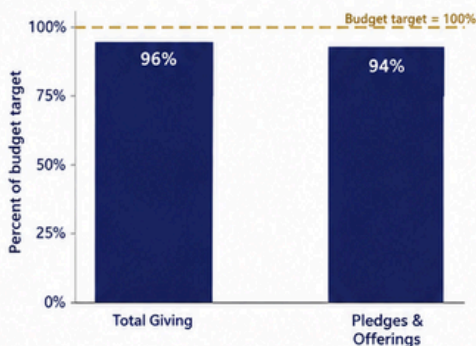
Our giving is running a little behind budget. Most of the gap sits in pledges and weekly offerings, which have come in under what we planned for this point in the year. We do not see it as a cause for worry. It is the figure the Finance Committee is watching most closely as we move toward the fall.

Everyday spending is in good shape. Staff, ministries, apportionments, and building operations are all tracking at or under budget. We also completed the parsonage renovation this spring, paid for from reserves set aside for that purpose, so it sits outside our week-to-week operating picture.

Put those together and our day-to-day operations show a small shortfall at the midpoint. Measured against this time last year we are a bit behind, mostly because the parsonage no longer brings in rental income and because pledges have softened.

The way back to balance is simple. When giving catches up to what we pledged for the year, the gap closes. If your own giving has slipped a little over a busy spring, summer is a good time to catch up, and it truly helps. Thank you for the generosity that keeps every ministry at Faith going.

Giving vs. Budget at Midyear



Giving is just under the midyear budget target.

Where Your Gifts Go



How everyday giving is used. A one-time parsonage renovation, funded from reserves, sits outside this view.

Beloved Faith community,

Thank you so much for attending our Aug. 23, Celebration of Life and Faith! The Holy Spirit was with each of you.

We were overwhelmed by your attendance and the work of so very many persons who attended to matters, small and big, and to details of presentations, serving, and cleaning up.

A great big thanks and hug are not big enough to express our appreciation for the efforts of all the helpers.

The desserts were made with such expertise and care. Not a one was left! The take home boxes were lovingly shared with others.

We know that there are many persons who have gone beyond 88 years and that those and others at our celebration are going, or have gone through challenges. In the midst of the difficulties, there are moments of gratitude to be noticed. Those moments are not just fortuitous, but God's touch and grace.

Thessalonians 5:18. "Give thanks in all circumstances."

John 13:34 "A new commandment I give unto you. Love one another as I have loved you, so that you love one another."



*Love,
Larry and Barbara Takumi*

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I send my sincerest appreciation for the beautiful blanket I was gifted by Faith United Methodist Church Women's Group. The love, prayers, and support in each every stitch touches my heart. I feel every thought and prayer that was put into my blanket. The blanket has been a warm hug to me as I go through chemo. I know you don't know me personally, which makes this gift even more special. Mahalo to Rhonda Kai for thinking of me and bringing my journey with cancer to you. Much love and prayers to the entire congregation.

Sending warm thoughts and caring wishes,

Wailana Bulkley
(August 2026)



Dear Faith Family,

I wanted to share my heartfelt thanks for your prayers during my surgery and recovery. Your kind words and prayer, support are greatly appreciated as my belief in the power of prayer is strengthened! I'm so happy to share that my surgery went very well and I'm nearly fully recovered.

Praise God!

With much love and gratitude,

Ally Kubo
(June 2026)

NEW LIFE CELEBRATIONS:

We welcome Carson Jonathan Chang, born 8/15/26 to Erin, Jon, and big sister Andi!

We welcome Chloe Wei-Lin Matsuyama-Tsai, 8/25/26 to Robert, Krystal, and big brother Rhys!

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Presents

日本映画

FREE ADMISSION
& POPCORN!

無料

EVERY THIRD
SUNDAY OF
THE MONTH

JAPANESE MOVIE NIGHT

JAPANESE AUDIO/ENGLISH SUBTITLES



[I Was Born, But . . .] is a master class -- one of the [Ozu's] earliest -- in the art of distilling emotional intensity from quiet lives.
Antony Lane, New Yorker

By popular demand we'll actually show the remake *Good Morning* (1959)



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
@ 2:30 PM**



[A.O. Scott](#) top critic
[New York Times](#)·06/25/2010
Fresh score:4.5/5

One of those silent black-and-white old movies that makes the subsequent advances in the medium look redundant.

[Dana Stevens](#) top critic
[Slate](#)·06/25/2010

Ozu's movie is also smart at levels almost too subtle to discern, perhaps not so much smart as wise.

[Combustible Celluloid](#)

A masterpiece, and one of Ozu's three or four greatest works.

FEATURING
OZU'S remake GOOD MORNING

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

Save the Date!

CHANGE THE WORLD

SUNDAY



A DAY OF FAITH IN ACTION

We do good in God's beloved community with an *outward* focus!

October
11th

JOIN US for a commissioning worship!

We commission one another to continue doing good—not just on this day, but *every day*—living our faith and changing the world together.

SCHEDULE



9:00 AM
Worship



9:30–11:30 AM
Activity Stations

Hands-on projects.
Heartfelt impact.



11:30 AM
Reconnecting Together
Prayer, Lunch,
& Movie Screening



Shaka: The Story of Aloha
followed by Panel with
Director, Steve Sue

SHAKA

— THE STORY OF ALOHA —



Producer/Writer Steve Sue's five-year quest began with a simple tip from kupuna (elders) in La'ie, O'ahu, who revealed the true story and origins of the Shaka gesture—long kept a secret and now shared so it would not be lost. What began as a mission to preserve their oral history grew into a global journey from Japan to Brazil to Hawaii, uncovering credible stories, honoring cultural truths, and revealing how the Shaka embodies aloha, unity, and the key to creating and preserving paradise. More than a film, SHAKA is a movement of hope and inspiration, inviting the world to share aloha and change attitudes for good.

Learn more at
shakafilm.org

BE INSPIRED. BE EMPOWERED. BE THE CHANGE.

Let's continue to do good in God's beloved community—together, *every day*.

ALL ARE WELCOME! ♥

Let's make a difference—one act of love at a time.



FAITH UMC SOCIAL ACTION PRESENTS

★ ★ ★ THE PREMIERE SCREENING OF ★ ★ ★

THE 100TH

SEEDS OF ALOHA

A DOCUMENTARY FILM

THE 100TH Infantry Battalion, aka "The Purple Heart Battalion" was a WWII unit made up predominantly of Americans of Japanese ancestry (AJAs) from Hawai'i who were on active duty when Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941. Along with the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, they became known as "The Hawaiians" in Europe.

From the training grounds to the battlefields of Italy and France, the 100th and the 442nd RCT fought with extraordinary courage—earning a legacy as one of the most highly decorated units in U.S. military history.

— BUT THIS ISN'T JUST A TALE OF WAR —
IT'S A STORY OF NISEI SOLDIERS WHO RAISED THE BAR ON
HEROISM AND VALOR THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF ALOHA,
BOTH DURING THE WAR AND FOR 80 YEARS AFTER.

A STORY OF COURAGE.
A LEGACY OF ALOHA.
A FUTURE INSPIRED.



A FOLLOW UP DOCUMENTARY FILM TO
STEVE SUE'S
SHAKA, THE STORY OF ALOHA.



SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 21



1:00 PM
FILM SCREENING
& PANEL DISCUSSION
in the Faith Sanctuary



FOLLOWED BY A
Reception
WITH DIRECTOR
STEVE SUE

HONORING THE 100TH INFANTRY
BATTALION, THE 442ND REGIMENTAL
COMBAT TEAM, AND ALL WHO
SERVED WITH COURAGE, UNITY,
AND THE SPIRIT OF ALOHA.



100TH INFANTRY
BATTALION



522ND FIELD ARTILLERY
BATTALION



442ND REGIMENTAL
COMBAT TEAM



442ND RCT
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★ ★ LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FILM: 100thfilm.org ★ ★

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



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



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



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CORAZON

FREEDOM FOR The Asian Youth *Collective* **Auntie Jo** FAITH, FAMILY, FREEDOM

We are calling on the **Faith United Methodist Church** to support the ongoing freedom campaign of Auntie Jo, a 71 year old Korean migrant, mother, and seamstress who has been detained for close to three months under the abusive conditions in Adelanto Detention Center.

Since June 2026, Auntie Jo has lost **more than 15 pounds** while incarcerated. After falling ill and collapsing from the poor treatment, she was chained to a hospital bed for eight days, with no notice given to her family members.

Despite doctors ordering her immediate release for medical reasons, her judge has prolonged her detention and given a final order of removal in her most recent court hearing, **denying her the right to a bond hearing** and putting her at risk of transfer to another detention facility.

While many of us are preparing to celebrate Chuseok or other Mid-Autumn holidays with our families, Auntie Jo and many others are enduring the cruel conditions inside detention centers without essential medical care.



Please support Auntie Jo and her family in their ongoing struggle in demanding her return!

See TJ Suh for ways to help!

A LIVE UPDATE *from* WADI FOQUIN

+ CONGRESSIONAL ACTION



A Live Update from Wadi Foquin + Congressional Action will keep you informed about the latest incidents taking place in Wadi Foquin, with updates from Adam, who is in daily contact with friends and partners on the ground. As events continue to unfold, we want to keep you informed about the emerging situation.



Our convenings will also provide an opportunity to engage in Congressional Advocacy through our **Save Wadi Foquin Postcard Campaign**, while building community with one another and strengthening our solidarity with Wadi Foquin.



**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3RD**

10:00 a.m. PST

&



**TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8TH**

7:00 p.m. PST



Each convening will be 30 minutes with optional open conversation following planned program.

RSVP:



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7gKLTDpzetsbiMdTrXaWM-JaoZphtGJUgrs37uWnCnMy6Yg/viewform>



*Standing in solidarity.
Raising our voices. Taking action.*

**LOVE.
JUSTICE.
FREEDOM.**





Sunday, October 4, 2026 12-5pm

Stop by the Faith United Methodist Church Booth
with your furry friend for a
Blessing of the Animals!



A fundraising event benefiting homeless animals
in the care of Infinite Love Animal Rescue.

- ✦ Furbaby Costume Contest ✦ Pet Adoptions ✦ Vendors ✦ Pet Licensing ✦
- ✦ Photo Booth ✦ Music ✦ Food Truck ✦ Raffle ✦ Silent Auction ✦
- ✦ Free and Low-Cost Animal Services ...and more! ✦



Gardena City Hall Lawn at 1700 W. 162nd St, Gardena.
Well-behaved dogs on leash, cats in secured carriers
are welcome. Free to attend. Free parking.



www.InfiniteLoveRescue.org/FurbabyLovefest



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BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBERS INQUIRY MEETING



LEARN MORE ABOUT JOINING OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY



DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2026



TIME: NOON



LOCATION: ROOM 22-23



**BRING YOUR OWN
LUNCH AND QUESTIONS**



CHILD CARE AVAILABLE



**FAITH UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
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Thank You

West District Churches for your partnership to end



The United Methodist Living into the Future Foundation

Invites you to an event celebrating its 30th Anniversary and our partnership with the churches of the West District to address spiritual and physical hunger in our communities

Saturday, September 19, 2026, 12 Noon - 3:00 P.M.

The Proud Bird

(Please note the change in venue)

11022 Aviation Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90045

Lunch, cash door prizes, grant awards, entertainment

Representatives from your food distribution ministries and any past recipients of a LITFF grant (Leadership, Seed, Sustaining, Emergency) are encouraged to attend. We want to celebrate and thank you!

(\$1,000 Fall Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry grants will be awarded at this event)



Mark your calendars and RSVP on or before September 4th¹, with name of your church and number attending at: litff@calpacumc.org or text to 323.841.035.

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.

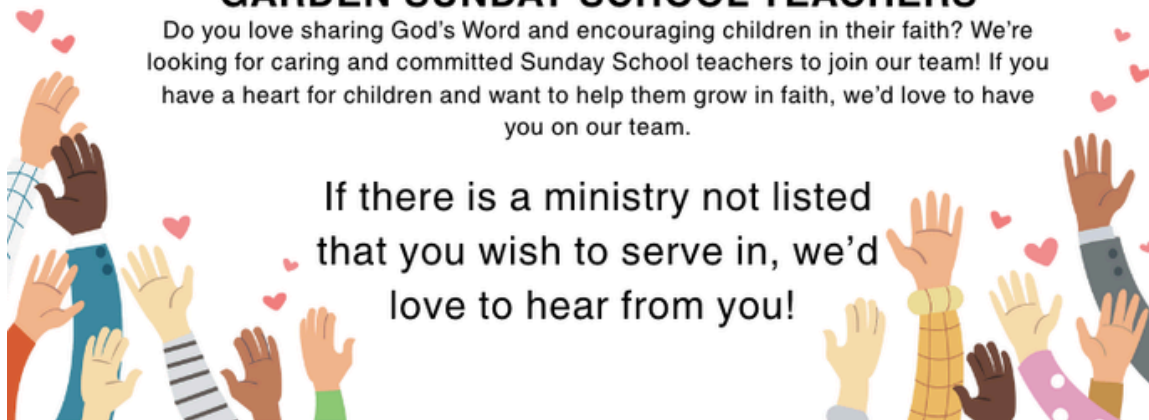
SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

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.

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.



Deep Roots Faith Family Ministry

September 19, 2026

October 17, 2026

November 21, 2026

December 2026 - Hikari Festival Tanaka Farms

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.

Mommy Bible Study meets monthly, generally on the 4th Sundays of the month after worship. Childcare is provided.

Other fun family dates & fellowship opportunities:

October 24 - Halloween Carnival

December TBA - Hikari Festival @Tanaka Farms
(Bus RSVP needed)

If you are interested in joining, please contact the pastors, or DEEP ROOTS:
communications@faithsouthbay.org

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



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



**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

September 6 & September 20

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 Beginning Sept. 13

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
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

Fall Season begins on September 1st!

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



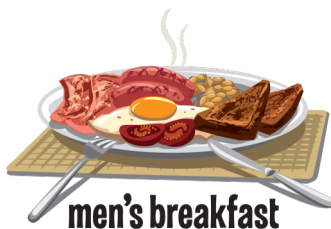
Master's Kitchen



**Every 5th
Saturday
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

September 11, 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

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: September 2 &
September 16**

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:
T.I.E.S (Together in Every Season)
Formerly Women in Transition
September 9, 2026 @ 10:30a

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: September 9, 2026 @ 11:00a

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

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

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