FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SOUTHBAY

OCTOBER 2026

GOOD NEWS

SUN | OCTOBER 04 **World Communion Sunday, Staff Appreciation Sunday & Furbaby Lovefest**: Celebrate World Communion Sunday and our wonderful staff, then visit Faith UMC's community booth at the Furbaby Lovefest, where Rev. Allison will offer a special Blessing of the Animals!

SAT | OCTOBER 10 **Showa Alley Event at JCI**: Come see Faith UMC out in the community! Our Youth will help run a carnival game booth, and Faith UMC will have a community booth—stop by and say hello!

SUN | OCTOBER 11 **Change The World Sunday**: A day of faith in action! Join us for worship at **9:00AM**, hands-on service projects, lunch, and a special screening of ***SHAKA: The Story of Aloha***, followed by a panel with director Steve Sue—as we do good in God's beloved community and recommit to changing the world together, every day.

SAT | OCTOBER 17 **United Women in Faith Cal-Pac Annual Celebration**: Join United Women in Faith from across Cal-Pac for a joyful day of fellowship, inspiration, mission, and celebration!

SUN | OCTOBER 18 **Baptism & New Members Open House:** Curious about baptism or becoming a member of Faith UMC? Come learn, ask questions, and discover your next step with us.

SAT | OCTOBER 24 **The Great Pumpkin Harvest Carnival:** Costumes, games, prizes, food, a bounce house, and plenty of fall fun—bring the whole family for a great evening at Faith!

SUN | OCTOBER 25 **Nominations & Leadership Development Meeting | 12:30 PM:** Grab lunch and help us prayerfully prepare for another year of ministry as we discern and develop Faith UMC's leaders.

SUN | NOVEMBER 01 **Communion Sunday & "What's Cooking?" Stewardship Kick-Off:** Come to the Table as we kick off "What's Cooking?" and explore the many ingredients that make ministry at Faith possible.

SUN | NOVEMBER 08 **All Saints Day:** Join us for a sacred Sunday of remembrance as we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us and whose love and faith continue to shape our lives.

JOIN US THIS FALL AS WE WORSHIP, SERVE, CONNECT, AND CELEBRATE TOGETHER!



Lovefests + Octoberfests



Last Sunday, we wrapped up another wonderful Marketplace—and what a lovefest it was! If you were there, you could feel it. People were cooking, creating, greeting, serving, buying, selling, laughing, eating, setting up, cleaning up, and doing all the many things that make Marketplace happen. But underneath all the activity was something even more important: love.

Last week, I preached from 1 Corinthians 14:16, reminding us that whatever we do, we are called to "do all things in love." Marketplace was a beautiful example of what that looks like when a whole church puts love into action as the beloved community. It isn't always complicated or dramatic. Sometimes love looks like homebaked cookies, a helping hand to carry a bag, a warm welcome, a generous donation, or simply showing up and saying, "How can I help?" And now... the lovefest continues into October!

We begin the month with World Communion Sunday, when Christians around the globe gather around tables of bread and cup. We may speak different languages, sing different songs, worship in different ways, and live in very different places—but we are one Body in Christ. Around the world, we proclaim the same good news: there is room at God's table for all of us.

And then our love extends beyond our human siblings! Join us for our Furbaby Luvfest and Blessing of the Animals at Gardena City Hall, where we will celebrate the creatures who bring companionship, joy, and—let's be honest—a whole lot of personality into our lives. (Because our pets have a way of teaching us something about unconditional love, too!) You don't have a pet or they are too wild to bring? Bring a surrogate! My mom always brought a stuffed doggie to represent our Froggie!

So perhaps October can be our month-long Lovefest Challenge. **What would it look like for each of us to intentionally do all things in love?** Love the person who is easy to love. Love the person who challenges your patience. Love your neighbor. Love a stranger. Love creation. Love those who see the world differently than you do. And maybe, just maybe, love yourself enough to receive God's love, too.

We don't have to wait for a Marketplace, a worship service, or a special event to practice love. Every day gives us another opportunity. So, Faith UMC, let's keep the lovefest going. In October, let's love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously—one small act of love at a time.

Because when we do all things in love, people don't just hear about the Good News.



They can feel it.
Aloha Pumehana, with love and affection,

Allison K.L.T. Ai Mark

Rev. Allison K.L.T. Ai Mark



SPREADING THE LOVE WITH NEW LIFE CELEBRATIONS:

We welcome Cassie Yuna Iki, born 9/14/26 to Rev. Eric Iki & Crystal Orleans Iki and big sisters Camille & Chanel!
We welcome Remi Rio Quan, 8/25/26 to Jessica (Tondo) & Derek Quan, and big brother Caden!

From Volleyballs to Pumpkins

October has arrived, and it feels like everything is changing at once.

The days are getting shorter. The air is beginning to shift. Our calendars are filling up. At Faith UMC, we are stepping into one of the busiest seasons of the year, with so many opportunities to worship, serve, celebrate, gather, and simply be together.

And personally, I feel the changing seasons too.

I am learning that change can hold many things at the same time. There can be excitement and exhaustion. Gratitude and grief. New beginnings and memories of what—and who—we wish were still here. Grief has taught me that moving forward does not mean leaving behind the people we love. Sometimes it simply means learning how to carry their love with us into whatever comes next.

Our household is experiencing another change of seasons as well. Polyana is nearing the end of her high school volleyball season, and before we can even catch our breath, she will be moving into wrestling season and club volleyball! Apparently, our family does not believe in an offseason. HA!

And I am beginning another season of my own.

On October 5, I am starting a 75 Medium Challenge—75 days of intentionally recommitting myself to my health, discipline, faith, and consistency. For those 75 days, I am committing to moving my body every day, including at least a one-mile walk; staying intentional about my nutrition and hydration; reading one chapter of Proverbs each day; and tracking my progress along the way.

I am not entering this challenge looking for perfection. I am entering it wanting consistency. I am not entering this challenge looking for perfection. I am entering it wanting consistency. I want to continue learning how to care for the body, mind, and spirit God has entrusted to me—one choice, one prayer, one mile, and one day at a time.

Maybe that is what this season is inviting all of us to do. **Keep showing up.**

This fall, there will be plenty of opportunities to do exactly that at Faith UMC. From World Communion Sunday and Staff Appreciation, Blessing of the Animals at the Furbaby Lovefest, the Showa event, Change the World Sunday, our United Women in Faith Annual Celebration, Baptism and New Members Open House, and The Great Pumpkin Harvest Carnival, to stewardship, Thanksgiving, Advent, and everything in between—there is so much life happening in our church!

I hope you will come and be part of it.

Come worship. Come serve. Bring your children and grandchildren. Invite a neighbor. Volunteer for something you have never tried before. Sit beside someone you do not know well. Laugh together. Eat together. Pray together. Make some memories.

Because through all the changing seasons of our lives, one thing remains constant:
***"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."*— Hebrews 13:8**

The season may change. Our schedules may change. Our bodies change. Our families change. Our church changes. And sometimes life changes in ways we never would have chosen. **But God remains.**

So here's to October—to new challenges, full calendars, volleyball shoes becoming wrestling shoes, pumpkins and fellowship, service and worship, laughter mixed with grief, and a church family walking through it all together. Whatever this season holds for you, I pray you will keep showing up. **God is already there.**



With Love, 'Ainise Isama'u
Lay Person Assigned

「2027年度の石巻ミッション」

来年は北米日系宣教150周年です。北米にある全日系教会、特に日語部にとっては特別な宣教をお祝いする年になります。

来年4月19日から29日まで、大人宣教チームは神奈川県にある東海大学前キャンパス街でのカフェミニストリー、石巻、そして新しく能登で奉仕する予定です。能登は震災後、人々はまだ仮設住宅での生活が続いています。そこで励ましの活動をしてほしいとお願いされました。

また、7月20日から28日まで、高校生の石巻ミッションを予定しています。150年前にパイン合同メソジスト教会で始まった小さな日本語のバイブルスタディから、今の北米日系教会があるのを4世5世たちに分かってほしいと思います。宣教の実は、4世5世の世代の子ども達だからです。

これから2027年度の日本ミッションに行く準備が始まろうとしています。ミッションとは毎年毎年、どんなに準備をしても、何をどう奉仕するのか分からない部分が多くあるので、祈りと信仰により進んでいきます。

大きな宣教の歴史を感謝し、来年のミッションの働きに期待したいと思います。

「私たちは『キリスト・イエスにおいて上に召してくださる神の栄冠を得るために、目標を目指して一心に走っているのです。』」（ピリピ3:14）

2027 Ishinomaki Mission

Next year marks the 150th anniversary of Nichigo (Japanese Language) mission in North America. It will be a special year for all Nikkei-heritage churches in North America, especially for Nichigo churches.

From April 19–29, 2027, our adult Japan mission team plans to serve at a café ministry in the Tokai University District in Kanagawa Prefecture, in Ishinomaki, and in Noto. We have been asked to provide encouragement and support in Noto, because people are still living in government temporary housing following the earthquake disaster.

Additionally, from July 20–28, 2027, we are planning a Youth mission trip to Ishinomaki. We really hope the Yonsei & Gosei generations understand that the Nikkei-heritage churches in North America today grew from a small Japanese-language Bible study that began 150 years ago at Pine United Methodist Church. Church led by Bishop Harris. After all, Yonsei & Gosei children are the very fruits of that mission work!

Preparations for the 2027 Japan mission trips are now beginning. No matter how much preparation goes into a mission each year, there are always many unknowns regarding the specific part of the ministries, so we move forward relying on prayer and faith. We give thanks for God's great history of Nikkei mission work for 150 years, and we press hard toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14).

Pastor Becky Hirata

THE GARDEN

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 Faithumc.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

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Youth Ministry



Hi Friends and Families,

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Faith Marketplace a success, and a special thank you to everyone who came out to bake with us for the bake sale! We are so grateful for all the time, energy, and support you continue to give to our youth ministry. Whether you donated, baked, volunteered, purchased something, or simply showed up to encourage our youth, you helped make the day special.

As we head into October, we have even more opportunities to fellowship, serve, and have some fun together! Please come and join us at JCI for the **Showa Alley Event**, where our youth will be hosting a carnival game booth. We are looking for both youth and adults to help, so please sign up for a shift and come be part of the fun. Events like these give our youth a chance to serve beyond the walls of the church, meet our neighbors, and represent Faith UMC in our community.

On **October 23–24**, we will also be helping with setup and games for **The Great Pumpkin Harvest Carnival**.

We are especially asking parents to help with the snack booth. There will be plenty to do, and many hands really do make light work! Your support makes these events possible and creates meaningful opportunities for our youth to serve, build friendships, and grow together.

The youth continue to meet every Sunday at 10:30 AM, and we are always excited to welcome new faces. Our hope is to continue creating a space where our young people can have fun, ask questions, grow in faith, and know that they are an important part of the Faith UMC family.

Thank you for your continued love, encouragement, prayers, and support of our youth ministry. We are grateful for a church family that continues to show up for our young people, and we look forward to another wonderful month of growing, serving, and having fun together!

God Bless,

Darrell Mark

Faith UMC Youth Director

TGIF

JR HIGH | 6TH - 8TH

MYF

HIGH SCHOOL | 9TH -12TH

A New Season of Music at Faith

Fall is here, and we're back singing and preparing music for worship each week! This season, we're trying a few new things to bring variety to our Sunday worship while continuing to celebrate the music we know and love.

During the first two Sundays of each month, you'll hear more of our traditional hymns and familiar favorites. The latter Sundays will give us opportunities to explore newer hymns and songs from The Faith We Sing and Worship & Song. It's a chance for all of us to learn something new and add more music to the songs we share as a congregation.

Throughout the month, we'll also feature special music, with our choir singing once or twice each month. The choir continues to grow and improve, and we are blessed by their devotion and commitment to enhancing our worship experience. We're also grateful for guest musicians like Wade Inouye, Darryl Noda, Karen Evans, and some new performers who will help us keep each Sunday fresh and meaningful. And, of course, we're already looking forward to sharing special music during Thanksgiving and Christmas!

In harmony and faith,
Ron Troester
Music Director

Praise & Thanksgiving – November 15
The El Tordondo Mission Churches music groups will come together on Sunday, November 15, at 3:30 PM at Redondo Beach United Methodist Church for an afternoon of Praise & Thanksgiving. This will be a wonderful opportunity to share our music, hear the gifts of our neighboring churches, and worship together. The event is open to the public, and we hope you'll come support us!

Come Early & Sing During Advent!
During Advent, we're planning a special 15-minute Carol & Hymn Sing before worship. Come early and sing some of your favorite Christmas carols, songs, and hymns—including some we don't always have a chance to sing during the season. It will be a joyful way to prepare our hearts for worship and Christmas.

Thank you for all your love and support as we continue sharing our musical gifts with you. Most of all, we want to see your faces each Sunday, hear your voices singing with us, and enjoy the gift of music together!

ALPHA OMEGA + AGAPE

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Beginning. Becoming. Belonging. Loving.

Young Adults met for dinner at Minister Ainise's parsonage on September 27 to begin our reset!

We thanked **Kelvin Matsumoto** for 4 years of dedicated leadership to our Young People.

We invite our Young Adults to tap into the Bible Studies and Small Group fellowship ministries we have available, from Mission Opportunities.

Bible Studies

Small Group Fellowship

Mission Opportunities

Stay tuned for more!

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THE GARDEN
FAITH UMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS

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Linx Ministry Mission Trip

JAPAN

JULY 20 – JULY 28

INCOMING 10TH GRADE TO INCOMING COLLEGE FRESHMAN

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

OCTOBER 11TH | 2PM AT FAITH UMC

Join us for a meaningful mission experience in Ishinomaki, Japan! This trip is a great opportunity for high school students who want to serve others, grow in their faith, and share God's love. Participants will work alongside missionaries and local families whose lives were impacted by the devastating 2011 tsunami. Through service, fellowship, and cultural experiences, students will have the chance to make a difference while experiencing how God is at work around the world.


JAPAN


ISHINOMAKI


TOKYO

Trip Details Includes:
- Flight to Japan
- Train Ride to Ishinomaki
- 1 Rest Day & 1 Travel Day

On the Trip:
- 3–4 Days of Serving
- Vacation Bible School, Ministry
- Meals & Community Outreach
- Food Allowance

Initial Costs:
$500 Per Person

Contact Us:
darrell.faithumc@gmail.com
beckyhirata@gmail.com

JAPAN Middle School + Family

MISSION TEAM

JULY 26 – AUGUST 3, 2027

INCOMING 7TH GRADE THROUGH ENTERING 9TH GRADE

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

ON NOVEMBER 8TH | 2PM AT FAITH UMC

Join us for a meaningful mission experience in Tokyo, Japan! This trip is a great opportunity for our younger youth who want to serve others, grow in their faith, and share God's love. Families are welcome to attend together. Trip will be planned pending interest of group. Participants will work alongside United Methodist missionaries and local families in the area. Through service, fellowship, and cultural experiences, students will have the chance to make a difference while experiencing how God is at work around the world.

Trip Details Includes:
- Travel Costs (flights, meals, transportation)
- Lodging
- Site Visits & Outreach Projects
- Itinerary

Contact Us:
revallisonmark@gmail.com
beckyhirata@gmail.com

Adult J-Mission Team dates: April 19–29, 2027

Maui Mission Team planning is in the works!

See page 26 for Corazon House Build details.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Marketplace

ReHome Goods Sale!

On behalf of the Fundraising Committee, we want to thank the Faith UMC community, its friends, families and staff for supporting this year's 2nd Marketplace/ReHome Goods event on September 26, 2026. A steady flow of eager shoppers and a handful of returning shoppers from last year's event found a host of treasures. Although the financial results are still in process, we are confident that we will reach if not exceed our budget goal. Final results will be shared in the November Good News edition.

We are so grateful for God's resources and bounty. **SPECIAL THANKS** go to our congregation and friends of Faith who donated and purchased countless items that filled nearly all available spaces in our church. We even added an extra classroom that was filled with toys, puzzles and games. Our gratitude goes out to the **Scouts, leaders and Mothers Club of Troops 719 and 310G** who came out in full force for the set-up and clean-up tasks as well as the very popular bake sale! This event would not be possible without their support, and of course all of our Faith voluteers throughout the week!

Kudos to the planning team: Danny Hirata (security), Darrell Iki (Trustees/set-up), Darrell Mark (Youth/drinks), Derek Taira (Trustees/set-up), Eileen Kurosaki (sorting/pricing), Gary Sakaguchi (Finance/cashiers), Glenn Sakurai and Diane Fujimori (plants), Jane Tokubo (jewelry and accessories), Kathy Miya (sorting and pricing coordinator), Kim and Brett Shibata (workforce), Lani Walker (sorting/pricing), Miki Hayashida (and Miki's spam musubi crew who made over 300 musubis!), Nat Yamaguchi (volunteer and shopper bag check-in), Neal Miyake (security), Peg Tadakuma (co-chair, marketing/promotion, Faithwear and workforce), Shari Nishihara (finance secretary), Shari Yamamoto (tamales), Wendy Arima (Scout liaison), Rev. Allison, Pastor Becky and Minister Ainise. **Thank you** as well to Russell Akiyama, Sunflower Farms, Shige Yonemine, Darlene Azzam for the beautiful plant and flower donations.

The Marketplace event would not exist without Pearl Iizuka's vision and leadership. We honored her memory through a memorial pin given to all who attended to remind us "Let all that you do be done in love." We know that Pearl's spirit was present throughout the week.



Gratefully,
Glenn Murakami, Chairman, Fundraising Committee

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.

Can you believe we're in Q4 of 2026?
Please join us for these Prime Timers fellowship opportunities.

October 10

Card Making Workshop

10 am - Fellowship Hall

Karen and the cardmaking team will come show us how to make beautiful handmade cards for the holidays.



November 14

Chair Yoga with Miss Glenna

10 am - Fellowship Hall

Come stretch and relax with some gentle chair yoga as we prepare for the holidays.



December 12

Annual Christmas Bash!

12 noon - Fellowship Hall

End of Year... Christmas luncheon.



CHANGE THE WORLD SUNDAY

October 11th

A DAY OF FAITH IN ACTION

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

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.

THERE WILL BE COLLECTIONS FOR:

- Used Clothing
- Canned & Non-Perishable Food Items
- Recyclable Cans and Bottles

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.

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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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PLEDGE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE TO SUBMIT ONLINE

Pledge card online link: https://tinyurl.com/faithumcpledgecard2026

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 **OCTOBER.** Our Pastors, the Garden Children, TGIF and MYF Directors generally preach and teach 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.

October 4 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Acts 4:5-12
Matthew 21:33-46

World Communion Sunday, Blessing of the Animals

October 11 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Acts 8:14-25
Matthew 22:1-14

Change the World Sunday, "Shaka, the Story of Aloha"

October 18 – Twentyfirst Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 22:15-22

October 25 – Twentysecond Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
Acts 10:44-48
Matthew 22:34-46

Reformation Sunday

DEDICATED TO THE FAITH UMC MINISTRY

Anonymous
Jane Kiyohara
Alvin & Janet Yamada
Victoria De La Torre
Danny Hirata
Kenny & Solange Iseri
Mas Oshiro
Keith Hamada
Ralph Ichikawa
Dale & Christine Keim
Louise Sakamoto
Wally Shigihara
Harry & Ruth Takaki
Barbara & Mary Tamura
Grace Tochihara
Kirk & Kathy Miya
Nancy Matsushima
Barbara Ueda
in support of Bento Ministries

Anonymous
Faith Choir
Jon & Miki Hayashida
Amy Higa
Bryan & Kathy Hori
Alice Kajiya
Kirk & Kathy Miya
Susan Nozaki
Rose Omoto
Grace Tochihara
Barbara Ueda
Momoyo Wada
Alvin & Janet Yamada
Donald & Elaine Yoshida
Kenny & Solange Iseri
Chris Kamatani
Norma Ishigo
Florence Mizuno
Sue Fujinaga
Joanne Uemura
Larry & Barbara Takumi (on behalf or Don & Pearl Shoho, Sue Watanabe, & Shirley Tanaka)
in support of Master's Kitchen & Sandwich Ministry Food Programs - in celebration of Larry & Barbara Takumi

Chris Kamatani
in support of Food Programs - in honor of Larry & Barbara Takumi

Ed & Beverly Kambe
Barbara Ueda
Alvin & Janet Yamada
Kenny & Solange Iseri
Ralph Ichikawa
Ivy Toma
Jane Tsuda
in memory of Chieko Miyake

Danierl Yamashita
in memory of Harold Hirashima

Kenny & Solange Iseri
in memory of Harry Hayashi

Rose Omoto
in support of Prime Timers

Rose Omoto
Danny Hirata
in support of Senior Hangout

Kenny & Solange Iseri
in support of Holy Helping Hands

Dave & Joanne Sato
Glenn & Karen Murakami
in support of Faith Marketplace

Anonymous
in appreciation of Ellen Hokama & the Kitchen Angels

Joyce Izumi
Handcrafted blankets (8) & scarves ((4), and hats (3)

Living Into The Future Foundation
Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry Grant

Kenny & Solange Iseri
in memory of Hisako Shohara

Jane Kiyohara
in memory of Tak & Doris Kato

Kenny & Solange Iseri
in memory of Corrine Higa

Jane Kiyohara
Kenny & Solange Iseri
Jane Shimatsu
Ivy Toma
Jane Tsuda
in memory of Ramsay Higa

Grace Tochihara
Dave & Joanne Sato
Ken, Jill, & Cameron Ito
Dennis & Karen Sakoda
in memory of Larry Takumi

Kirk & Kathy Miya
Sandwich Ministry - in memory of Larry Takumi

Kirk & Kathy Miya
Edward & Victoria Tani
Music Ministry - in memory of Larry Takumi

Ned Morioka
in celebration of Helen Mimura

Ruth Sakamoto
in support of Faith's Ministries

Victoria De La Torre
For UWF

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 & Kim Foster
Cory Williams
Dan Segawa
Dan Yamashita
Deron Tokishi
Debbie Uyeshima Dillard
Diane & Destiny Ueda-Banda
Dr. DoAnn Tsuneo Kaneko
Elaine Yoshida
Eleanor Nagai
Emi Holmes
Florence Nakakura
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
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
Kim Foster & V'hraniku Haynes
Rev. Kim Montenegro
Kelsey DeGracia
Kenny Medeiros
Kyle Ichikawa
Kyra Seki
Layne Nakasone
Linda Jung
Liz Harner
Lucas Yniguez
Marion Antoku
Maddie Sakurai-Lopez
Mae Nakakihara
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Mary & Bob Keily (siblings)
Mary Marchand
Mary Tamura
Maxine Butcher
Rev. Mike Hiranuma
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Ruth Hirata
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Ryo & Yuki Miyasaka
Sandra Minjarez-Grange
Stan Miyasato
Steph Matsunaga
Sue Hamada
Sue Hasegawa
Susan Mizuki
Susan Slade
Takai Finau
Teresa Sato
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

Audrey Goto
Emma Horiuchi
Faith Tanaka
Fred Oshiro
Rev. Harry Fujimoto
Irene & Tak Ryono
Jane Kiyohara
Jennie Shitakubo
Marion Antoku
Mary Jung
Nobie Shiokari
Ruth Hirata
Sets Asano
Sue Hasegawa

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

celebrations and milestones

Rev. Eric Iki and Crystal Orleans-Iki on the birth of their third daughter, Cassie Yuna Iki (September 14, 2026).

Jessica (Tondo) and Derek Quan, on the birth of their daughter, Remi Rio Quan (August 25, 2026).

for All Our Saints

The Honda family, on the passing of Jack Honda (September 29, 2026).

The Matthew and Matt Cheung, on the passing of Matthew's mother, Yip Cheung (September 2026)

Ryo & Yuki Miyasaka, on the passing of their mother, Hozue Miyasaka (September 17, 2026).

Barbara, Brian, Kevin and the Takumi Family, on the passing of Lawrence Takumi (September 15, 2026).

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

UPDATED 10.2.2026

OCTOBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
4 9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship 10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF 10:30a (S) Worship 10:30a (N) Nursery 10:30a Garden Sunday School 12:00p (offsite) Furbaby LuvFest 12:15p (22/23) UMW Meeting 1:00p (A) Faith Hula 2:00p (A) Keiki Hula 6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong	**5 OFFICE CLOSED** 9:00a (online) Faithful Healing 7:00p (F) Troop 719 7:00p (online) Nichigo Bible Study 7:30p (online) J-Manga	**6** 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 - book study **7:00p (online) Trustees**
11 9:00a (F,S,A,P,15-23) Change The World Sunday: SHAKA Film Screening 9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship 10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF 10:30a (S) Worship 10:30a (N) Nursery 10:30a Garden Sunday School 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	**12 OFFICE CLOSED** 7:00p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study	**13** 9:45a (S) Sakura Chorus 10:30a (online) Bible Study 6:00p (S,F,A,P,16-18) Troop 719 **7:00p (online) SPRC**
18 9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship 10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF 10:30a (S) Worship 10:30a (N) Nursery 10:30a Garden Sunday School 12:00p (22-23) Baptism & New Member's Open House 1:00p (A) Faith Hula 2:00p (A) Keiki Hula 2:30p (S,F) Japanese Movie Night 6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong	**19 OFFICE CLOSED** 9:00a (online) Faithful Healing 7:00p (online) Social Action 7:00p (online) Nichigo Bible Study 7:30p (online) J-Manga	**20** 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 - book study **7:00p (online) Finance**
25 9:00a (A) Nihongobu Worship 10:30a (Chen) TGIF/MYF 10:30a (S) Worship 10:30a (N) Nursery 10:30a Garden Sunday School 12:30p Nominations & Leadership Dev. 1:00p (A) Faith Hula 2:00p (A) Keiki Hula 2:30p (F) GS Troop 5365 6:00p (F,A,P) Ping Pong	**26 OFFICE CLOSED** 7:00p (online) Nichigo Bible Study	**27** 9:45a (S) Sakura Chorus 10:30a (online) Bible Study 6:00p (S,F,A,P,16-18) Troop 719 **7:00p (online) Ad Council**

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 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	**2** 4:30p (K) Blessed Bento Prep 6:00p (F,A,P,16-18) Pack 862	**3** 8:00a (A,K) Blessed Bento 9:30a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM)
7 8:30a (F,A) Senior Hangout 4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM) 7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble 7:00p (online) Bible Study	**8** 6:30p (S,F) Choir Practice 7:00p (F) Ping Pong	**9** 8:00a (offsite) Men's Breakfast 6:00p (F,A,P,16-18) Pack 862 7:00p (Chen) TGIF/MYF Fellowship	**10** 8:00a (Chen) Social Action/ Sandwich Ministry 9:30a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM) 10:00a (F) Prime Timers 2:00p (offsite) Showa Alley (Gardena Valley JCI)
14 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	**15** 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	**16** 6:00p (F,A,P,16-18) Pack 862	**17** 9:00a (A) Bento Ministry Prep 9:30a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM) 11:30a Bento Ministry Drive Thru 5:00p (A) Deep Roots
21 8:30a (F,A) Senior Hangout 11:00a PANDA EXPRESS FUNDRAISER 4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM) 6:00p (22/23) Together In Every Season - Evenings 7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble 7:00p (online) Bible Study)	**22** 6:30p (S,F) Choir Practice 7:00p (F) Ping Pong	**23** 3:00p (F,A,P,S,16-23) Harvest Festival Prep 6:00p (F,A,P,6-18) Cub Scout 862	**24** 9:30a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM) 10:00a (F,S,A,P,16-19,22-23) Halloween Carnival Prep / Clean-up
28 SHARED BREAD 4:30p (A) Music Lessons (KM) 7:00p (A) Faith Ensemble 7:00p (online) Bible Study	**29** 6:30p (S,F) Choir Practice 7:00p (F) Ping Pong	**30** 10:00a (K) Master's Kitchen 6:00p (F,A,P,6-18) Cub Scout 862	**31** 8:30a (K) Master's Kitchen 9:30a (22/23) Music Lessons (KM) 10:00a (F,A,K) Top Golf "Ochazuke Bar" Winner Lunch (Leap of Faith)





REGISTRATION: $25

REGISTRATION AT 9:15 AM
Registration due October 8, 2026

https://calpacumc.formstack.com/forms/uwfannceleb2026

Register & send form & check to "Cal-Pac United Women in Faith": Freda Low 8437 Village Lane Rosemead, CA 91770

For questions | Child Care Info: Contact Lisa at smidgetslk@gmail.com or 805-236-3370

Gift cards for Calexico Neighborhood House, our National Mission Institution (Food4Less, Target or Walmart)
Love Gifts for New Entra Casa of toiletries, paper goods or gift cards (more infomation in Love Gifts flyer)

SATURDAY
17 October 2026

PROGRAM
10:00 am - 2:30 pm

LAGUNA COUNTRY UMC
24442 MOULTON PKWY,
LAGUNA WOODS, CA
92637

LOVE GIFTS

Name_____

Email: _____ Phone_____

Address_____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

UWF District _____ Local Church Name _____

(Registrar info: Date Received_____ Amount_____ Check #_____)

Indicate any food allergies: _____ Vegetarian? _____

BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBERS INQUIRY MEETING



New Beginnings in Faith ♡

LEARN MORE ABOUT JOINING OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY



Belong Grow Serve Together ♡

DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2026

TIME: NOON

LOCATION: ROOM 22–23



BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH AND QUESTIONS



CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WWW.FAITHSOUTHBAY.ORG

All Are Welcome! ♡

NOVEMBER 8

All Saints SUNDAY

As we remember ALL of our Saints passed on the first Sunday in November, **All Saints Sunday,** we would like to lift up the names of your loved ones who have passed from November 2025 through October 2026.

If you have a photo, please send that to us as well.

Please submit your names to the church office by **October 31, 2026.**

Office: 310.217.7000 | Email: communications@faithsouthbay.org


7th Annual
FURBABY LOVEFEST
Enchanted Forest
FAITH
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Stop by the Faith UMC Booth with your furry friend for a Blessing of the Animals!
Sunday, October 4, 2026
12 - 5 pm
Gardena City Hall Lawn
1700 W. 162nd St, Gardena
Well-behaved dogs on leash, cats in secured carriers are welcome. Free to attend. Free parking.
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!
www.InfiniteLoveRescue.org/FurbabyLovefest
@InfiniteLoveRescue
Kandace@InfiniteLoveRescue.org
INFINITELOVE ANIMAL RESCUE


The Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute presents:
SHOWA ALLEY
By The Shokudo
Saturday Oct. 10th, 2026
2-9 PM
All Ages Welcome!
The Shokudo
Faith United Methodist Church will have a COMMUNITY BOOTH!
Our Youth will have GAMES & PRIZES!
Showa Alley
1964 W. 162nd St.,
Gardena, CA 90247
Be immersed in the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of Japan in the return of Showa Alley to the GVJCI brought to you by the team behind "The Shokudo Series"!
TAKUMI ALLEY
The Shokudo
GARDENA VALLEY JCI

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

Nominations and Leadership Development Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 25, 2026
12:30pm

Rooms 22-23

Bring your lunch!

DISCERN • DEVELOP
EMPOWER • SERVE

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

Together for a Stronger Tomorrow — FAITH • LEADERSHIP • COMMUNITY

Save The Date
CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 22, 2026
2:00pm

Fellowship Hall

All are invited as we gather with our District Superintendent for our annual Charge Conference.

STEWARDSHIP Kick-off
What's Cooking?

FAITH • GENEROSITY • TOGETHER

Sunday, November 1, 2026
Communion Sunday

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Presents

日本映画

JAPANESE MOVIE NIGHT

FREE ADMISSION & POPCORN! 無料

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

JAPANESE AUDIO / ENGLISH SUBTITLES





Richard Brody
The New Yorker
Jun 28, 2015

In this 1937 production Ozu catches quietly violent feelings in images of a seemingly improvisational spontaneity, and he imbues the action with an exquisitely understated eroticism.

2009 Kinema Junpo poll, this movie ranked 59th among the greatest Japanese films of all time, underscoring its enduring place in Ozu's filmography.

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SUNDAY

OCTOBER 18, 2026

2:30 PM

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FEATURING

OZU'S What did the Lady Forget

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2115 WEST 182ND STREET, TORRANCE 90504
310.217.7000 | FAITHSOUTHBAY.ORG

THERE WILL BE A SHORT REFLECTION AFTER THE MOVIE



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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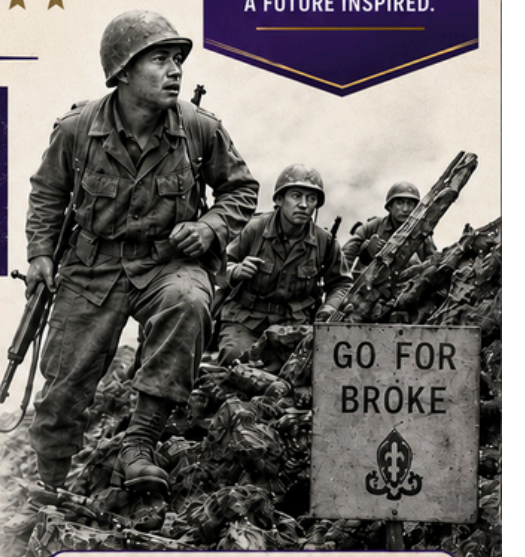
FAITH UMC SOCIAL ACTION PRESENTS

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THE 100TH SEEDS OF ALOHA

A DOCUMENTARY FILM

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



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 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

RSVP:
https://forms.gle/Tg8hQTNpAqT4Fqkt6

100TH INFANTRY BATTALION
522ND FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM
442ND RCT LEGACY RETIREES
GLOBAL ALOHA YOUTH FILM

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★ ★ LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FILM: 100thfilm.org ★ ★



Master's Kitchen - August 29, 2026
Back of the House

Today's Bible verse:

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."
--Proverbs 4:23

Thank you to our helpers: Carol Hamamura, Chris Medeiros, Florence Mizuno, Stanley & Edith Pang, May Toya, Barbara Ueda, Janice Yokouchi

Menu: Pulled BBQ chicken sliders, cole slaw, Hami melon, chips, dessert, party favor

On Friday, arrived at 9:30. Five Costco roasted chickens were shredded, placed in two pans and tossed with BBQ sauce. Used 1 1/2 bottles of sauce. Saved small pieces of chicken for the cole slaw. Favors with Bible verse were put together.

On Saturday a few of us arrived at 8:30. Others came at 9:00. Sliced Hami Melons. 32 slices for each melon. Each fourth was sliced into 4 slices. Completed favors. Made cole slaw. Added more grated carrots, onion and chicken. More BBQ sauce was added to the shredded chicken and placed in 300 degree oven.

Thanks to Ellen for saving a variety of pastries, etc. for us. The desserts were wrapped in foil. The dessert, chips and favor were placed in "Hoagie" boxes.

At 10:30 started packing lunches: two sliders, cole slaw and melon were placed in to go boxes. 1/2 c. of cole slaw. handful of chicken on buns, about 3/4 cup. 48 lunches were packed. The Hoagie box was placed on the to go box and bagged. We had extra chicken, etc. in case more lunches needed to be packed.

Swept and mopped floor, washed pans, utensils, etc. Wiped down tables and counters, and sinks. We are thankful that the MK supplies are now in the storage closet. Thank you to the BOT for helping us with this. Left at 12:00 leaving kitchen clean and tidy. We aim to please Ellen!

To God be the Glory!
Submitted by Jan Tanabe



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.

FAITH FAMILY MINISTRY
(FORMERLY MOCHI CLUB)

DEEP ROOTS

Monthly Devotion on 3rd Saturdays of the Month, Deep Discussions on Faith Building & Raising our children with a "Sticky Faith," and Potluck Dinner for our Faith Families. We also pass the "Sharing Plate" to our next hosts!

Saturday, October 17, 2026, 5:00-8:00pm

Contact: Monica Matsushima for details (communications@faithsouthbay.org)

*Families rotate hosting duties in their homes or at Faith UMC.

- Mommy Bible Study generally meets on the 4th Sundays of the month. (Childcare Provided)
- Upcoming Events: November 21, December 12 (subject to change)- Tanaka Farms "Hikari Festival," BUS RSVP NEEDED!



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.



BABY AND *Me*

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

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

SCOUTS BSA
OPEN HOUSE

TROOPS 719 + 310G

TUESDAY • OCTOBER 6, 2026 • 7:00 PM

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COME SEE WHAT
SCOUTING LOOKS LIKE

TROOP 719

Meet the scouts, see what they do, and learn about their journey toward Eagle Scout.

TROOP 310G

Girls ages 11–17 • high-adventure backpacking, service, leadership, and friendships that last a lifetime.

READY TO JOIN US?

Scan for troop-specific RSVP / contact information

TROOP 719 • RSVP

TROOP 310G • CONTACT

Faith United Methodist Church • Torrance

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.

HANDMADE with love

For questions, please call
the church office (310) 217-7000

Faith United Methodist Church

Team Ohana of Faith

RELAY FOR LIFE American Cancer Society

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

Top 10 ranking locally in Torrance!



Altar Flower Dedications



Celebrate and remember loved ones by dedicatingaltar 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

Faith Van and Ride Share

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

October 4 & 18

To arrange a ride please call the chruch 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

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 irrelevent 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!

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 at 7:00 pm, on-line

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

Zoom information for all on-line Bible Studies:
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: commmunications@faithsouthbay.org or call (310) 217-7000.

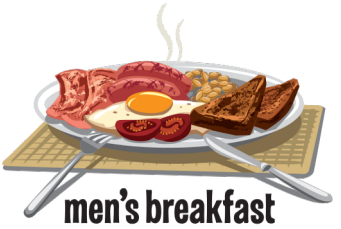
Master's Kitchen

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

October 9, 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: October 7 & 21

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

Faith United Methodist Church
shepherds ministry

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

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

Women's Support Group: Women in Transition (Day Group)

October 14, 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.

Women's Grief Support GROUP

For more information, contact Rev. Allison at revallison@faithsouthbay.org.

men's support group

2nd Wednesday
11:30 am
Faith UMC

Next meeting: October 14, 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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Going farther for Christ

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