



good news

JUNE 2020

As our Faith Re-Entry Task Force continues to work on the steps to re-open Faith, we do not have a dated timeline, but hope that this PHASE chart will help our congregation and community understand our process. Thank you for your patience as we work together to create a safe worship, study, and fellowship environment for all of us.



PHASES OF RE-OPENING

These phases are intended to parallel alongside the Cal-Pac Annual Conference guidelines. When our state moves from one phase to another, this is when—in consultation with local church leaders, in line with applicable local guidelines, and with the approval of the District Superintendent— congregations may be able to move to their next planned phase. (Please note that the information contained in this document is subject to change as our understanding of science, medicine, and best practices may change.)

Phase 1 – This is our most restrictive phase, with only essential businesses and services available in communities. There is major disruption in what has been “the norm.” In this phase, nearly all face-to-face contact is eliminated except for immediate household members. Worship takes place exclusively online, and small groups of 5 or fewer are permitted to livestream or record worship while practicing physical distancing and best hygiene practices. Only essential services are offered on campus, and all other ministries are virtual.

Phase 2 – Restrictions are somewhat reduced with more businesses and services available. Significant disruption to “the norm” is still in place. Worship remains exclusively online, though as many as 10 people may be permitted to livestream or record worship. Physical distancing and hygiene practices are both essential and required. Essential services continue with some additional access to church buildings following applicable guidelines. Virtual allowances for higher-risk persons are essential.

Phase 3 – This phase may be seen as preparatory for the “new norm.” Disruption is still noticeable, but reduced. In-person worship may resume alongside continuing virtual solutions for high-risk individuals. Requirements include physical distancing, face coverings, hygiene practices, and limited to 25% of capacity or 50 people in a room (whichever is lower). Holy Communion, live singing, and shared meals are still restricted. Some ministries may return in-person with these same limitations.

Phase 4 – This phase begins the new thing that God calls out of this experience. In-person worship may continue, and should do so alongside continued virtual options. High risk persons are invited to join at their discretion. Local context may suggest continued physical distancing or other restrictions. Holy communion may resume with hygiene practices, though live singing may still be restricted. This should not be seen as going “back to normal,” but a continuing practice of stepping forward into newness.



I'll be honest, this was the WORST week in the 12 weeks of the Sheltering in Place quarantine. As the economy and establishments start reopening to the public, as we have been deciding on the best path forward to reopen our church campus, the rise in violence and frustration in this country has been escalated, a large part due in the quest for justice in the death of George Floyd, a black man whose last words were, "I can't breathe." Pent up frustration in addition to having been inside homes for the past two and half months have led to cities burning and local businesses being looted and vandalized. And there are so many layers to these stories.

This week, Andy and I had to make some difficult ethical decisions, as we want to continue to ensure the health and safety not only of our own family, but of our congregations, when we were asked to participate and speak at organized protests and rallies this week. We have been very careful about social-distancing and following hygiene recommendations and the thought of being a part of a large crowd worried both of us. But with the mindset that we were going to try to stay as safe as we could, we decided to join the march. A march for justice and a march in solidarity with those who have felt oppressed and persecuted for 400 years in this country, the black community. As an Asian American, my own community is not immune to pangs of racism, and we as a church people know this very well.

There is so much to say on all of this. And we at Faith UMC want to invite you into the conversations. We have shifted focus and our first two Sundays of this week have been dedicated to conversations around race and how we as a People of Faith respond to make changes in our community. We will share in a different kind of communion liturgy this Sunday, so please prepare your communion elements. We will continue to use our **Sunday VIRTUAL Coffee Fellowship Hours at Noon** to continue dialogue from the 8:30am and 10:30am services; the **Young Adults are holding an Awaken Town Hall at 2pm on Sunday, 6/7** to have conversations on our Christian response to racial tensions. We will post future **Webinar on anti-bias training** as well.



And for our Youth and Young Adults, launching in July I will be leading a Social Action for Youth (SAY IT!) training and mentoring program for Youth wanting to Take Action. Youth are invited to join in a cohort of other socially and politically passionate about community justice and will learn how to community organize and create actions. Young Adults interested in being mentors and learning how to community organize are invited to attend as well. An orientation for Young People interested will be held on Sunday, June 14 at 2pm.

In a world that is burning and feeling restricted from breath, we also recognize that this is the season of Pentecost. May the breath of God breathe in us in a way that lights a fire within each of us. May we find ways to reconnect and be in relationship with our neighbors. Share our weekly messages, worships, and Bible Studies with your friends and family member. For such a time as this that we all need to stay relevant and strive to be Christians who respond to God's call for justice, peace, and love.

Let us continue to be a people of hope and faith so the world can see God's love,

Allison

Rev. Allison



California-Pacific VIRTUAL Annual Conference June 18-20, 2020

This year's Cal-Pac Annual Conference will be an online Conference this year. Clergy and Lay Members should have already registered already (if you haven't go to: <http://www.calpacumc.org/annual-conference-2020/free-annual-conference-registration-ends-soon/>)



If you are a non-voting layperson interested in the Annual Conference events, you are welcome to watch the livestream on the conference website at <http://www.calpacumc.org/ac2020> during the Sessions on Thursday, June 18 – Saturday, June 20, 2020. The worship services have always been uplifting and a reminder that we are a larger body of Christ. Please check it out!

The Good News from Pastor Ki...



ASSOCIATE PASTOR

We are in the month of June already? Wow, time flies. I know for some, it feels like time is moving too fast. For others, time isn't moving fast enough. Nonetheless, what we do with our time will make the biggest difference in our lives during this pandemic. I have heard that we will need to treat this situation like a marathon rather than a sprint. Hebrews 12:1-3 describes a different sort of race, a race to honor God with the time we've been given. It is the kind of race where it doesn't quite matter whether you finish first or finish last, it's about finishing the race with faith. The beauty of this particular race described in the Hebrews passage is that there will be a cloud of witnesses there to cheer on the runners. They cheer on the runners because these cheerleading cloud of witnesses, ran this race before. In fact, this race was run by Jesus. Jesus ran the race in order to show his followers, which path to take in order to experience the finish line. Even though everyone runs the race, everyone's finish line will look different. What is your finish line? Is it to be able to eat at your favorite sit down restaurant one day soon? Is your finish line a hug with a loved one who doesn't live with you? Is your finish line when you are able to sit in the church sanctuary with friends to sing a hymn of praise to God and hear a sermon about the good news of Jesus? Whatever your finish line, remember, we are reminded that the race is more a marathon than it is a sprint. Joshua 1:9 reminds us that the Lord will be with you during your race. Hang in there everyone.

Upcoming Updates:

Tuesday, June 4 @ 10:30 am – Logos Studies on Zoom. (for more info, please contact the church)

Sunday, June 14 @ 10:30 am – Graduation Sunday at both worship services.

Tuesday, June 18 @ 10:30am – Logos Studies on Zoom.

Sunday, June 21 @ 10:30 am – Father's Day worship service

Nihongobu News



「オンライン礼拝」

コロナ問題で外出自粛が続きます。6月末まで続くだろうと考えられている現状ですが、お互いに会えない中、教会ではメンバーの方にLINE、Zoom, 電話を使って水曜夜7時半にバイブルスタディをしています。主に守られている事を感謝し、一緒に笑い祈り、み言葉の恵みを頂きます。

聖日礼拝は、日曜朝9時ライブで配信中です。本当に主の恵みと憐れみを感じる時です。続けて兄弟姉妹の上に主のお守りがありますようにと、祈りに覚えずにはられません。

As we continue to receive daily news related to the COVID-19 from the government and news agencies, the Nichigo ministry has been reaching out to Nichigo members via Live Worship at 9am on Sunday.

On Wednesday at 7:30pm, we have Nichigo Bible study using LINE, Zoom and the telephone. Together, we thank the Lord for e-fellowship time. If you are interested in receiving the Zoom ID# and Password, please contact Pastor Becky Hirata. You will be happy to see everyone's smiles.

平田



JCI Bento Delivery for Seniors - meals are still being served for children and seniors:

Our Bento Program is currently on hiatus, however, our vendor, Healthy Food for Kids, has graciously agreed to assist our seniors and their families during this time. You can order daily bento by

EMAILING order@healthy-food-for-kids.org OR by TEXTING (310) 483-5633.

PLEASE BE PATIENT FOR A RESPONSE. MANY PEOPLE ARE PLACING ORDERS SO YOU MAY HAVE TO WAIT A DAY FOR CONFIRMATION. Please see the menu below.

Minimum order for delivery = 1 full menu item (\$6.10) + \$2.00 DELIVERY FEE. Leave cooler bag or box outside with cash payment inside of it. Driver will take cash and leave the bento. You will receive your order by 12:30PM. **Serving Torrance and surrounding areas. PAYPAL payments also accepted.** Please note, you DO NOT have to be a senior to order. All are welcome to place orders.



King's Hawaiian Bakery & Restaurant, The Local Place, and South Bay Rice Things have partnered with Faith UMC to bring support to our community.

King's Hawaiian has made a generous donations for Hawaiian rolls for our Faith Angel Kitchen Soup deliveries (Thank you to Jane Matsumoto and Julie & Alan Inouye for making the delicious soups this month!)

King's Hawaiian has also kindly donated Ohana Packs to share with our community and is offering a **50% discount to all Seniors and Community/Essential Workers.**

South Bay Rice Things is providing meals to Front Line Workers in our local community (\$20 provides two complete meals) and we can support by making donations that can be sent to Faith UMC, written in the Memo Line: **Feed the Front Liners**, or you can donate directly to their Gofundme link [@gf.me/u/xy259](https://www.gofundme.com/u/xy259)

South Bay Rice Things has offered meal delivery and support for seniors.



Faith UMC is also partnering with local restaurants for delivery drop-offs. **Shinobu Japanese BBQ**, a Christian Japanese American owned and operated family restaurant owned by the Harada and Yamada families.

When: Sundays from 4:00pm-5:15pm (will be extended if needed)

Where: Faith United Methodist Church Parking Lot (Drive-Thru Style for a Safe and Touch-less Transaction)

Menu: The Shinobu Family Pack (designed for 4 adults) - \$60

Prime Marinated Bone-in Short Rib (Kalbi), Juicy Chicken Katsu, Strawberry Spinach Salad w/ Candied Pecans and a Strawberry Sesame Vinaigrette, Miso Glazed Shishito Peppers with Bubu Arare, Japanese Potato Salad, Pickled Radish Tsukemono, White Rice with Nori Furikake on the side [Optional Add-ons: \$10 Bacon Fried Rice, \$10 Garlic Butter Shrimp, \$5 Green Tea Cheesecake (2 small slices per order)]

How It Works:

1. Go to this website to place your order and for a pick-up time: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1U3FknJKipPEXGJd7YAmpASG8maUyslBo8S-b2kVIV1g/edit#gid=0> (easier to click off link on email Good News)
 - Pick-up times will be in 5 min. increments to ensure spacing & social distancing.
 - Cutoff time for orders will be Saturdays at 11AM
2. When arriving for pick-up, you will drive-up in the parking lot up to the canopy and table where we will be standing outside, provide your name, and the food will be placed in your vehicle 'drive-thru' style. We will place the food directly into your car to ensure a safe drive through transaction in your backseat or trunk, whichever you prefer. We will be wearing masks and gloves for safety for everyone.
3. For payment: Please place cash in an envelope or plastic bag and leave it in a designated location in your vehicle (backseat or trunk wherever you would like the food) to ensure a touchless transaction.

Please contact Brandon Harada at (714)588-0495 to order by phone or if you have any questions. Feel free to forward this email or share the link to anyone who might be interested. Friends, Family and Neighbors are more than welcome to participate and greatly appreciated! Thank you again and we hope you enjoy your meal!



Faith UMC has been , through Handiwork for Service, sending to Operation Gratitude scarves, gaitors, and hats for the soldiers serving in places worldwide. If you can knit, crochet, or quilt such items, contact Barbara Takumi for instructions and turn in items to her.

Among the many things collected are beanie baby type toys, new or gently used. Seems like these are easy for soldiers to carry and are comforting for them. About 100,000 are needed every year. Each care package to a soldier contains 1 beanie baby stuffed toy. The stuffed animals should be 6-8 inches tall. The plush toys are also given by the soldiers to children they encounter in the war zones. Leave the beanie babies in narthex boxes with labels of your name and Operation Gratitude.

Thank you for considering helping in this effort!

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is expanding its efforts in the fight against the novel coronavirus and the disease it causes, COVID-19. UMCOR has launched a giving campaign, “Sheltering in Love,” to assist vulnerable communities in the United States and around the world.



Gifts to the UMCOR COVID-19 Response Fund should be directed to Advance #3022612. To give online, visit <https://advance.umcmission.org/p-2025-umcor-covid-19-response-fund.aspx>. To give by check, send checks payable to Advance GCFA to: Global Ministries/UMCOR GPO P.O. BOX 9068 New York, NY 10087.

Additional PSAs for our congregation:

Reminding everyone to stay healthy, stay safe, and stay calm. We’re all in this together. If you have questions about safety regulations or about the COVID-19 response, go to:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/>

The 2020 Census has been extended through August. Please fill out your census forms to avoid being scammed. Be cautious of people coming to your door claiming to be census workers. The Census Bureau will never ask for: Your Social Security number, your bank account or credit card numbers, anything on behalf of a political party, money or donations. www.2020census.gov

MASKS FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

We are also continuing our mask making for our community and for Essential Workers. Our tally of “Handsewn with Love” masks is at 915 masks! Thank you to Wendy and Jerry Takao for providing the materials and creating mask-making kits. A huge thanksgiving for the sewers who continuously provide for our community.

So far, we have donated our masks to the Essential Workers at:

- South Bay Rice Things (30 masks)
- The Local Place (30 masks)
- LOVE INC. (25 masks)
- Immanuel Presbyterian Food Pantry (25 masks)
- Beach Cities Child Development Center (35 masks)
- Pasifika for Black Lives (100 masks)

You can still pick up masks for yourself and loved ones at church.

Please contact the church office at (310) 217-7000



Board of Trustees Report

The Board of Trustees is commissioned to help the local church fulfill its mission to the community and to the world by supervising and maintaining all property belonging to the church congregation so that the ministries of the congregation may be effective.

As such, I want to share with the church family the works of BOT at this time. My hope is to provide ongoing communication so that you are aware of how the BOT is serving FUMC.

- The parking lot has been slurred and repainted
- We are in the process of upgrading the Fellowship Hall floor, to meet safety concerns
- We are working on a new evacuation plan for the safety of all participants at FUMC
- Safe Gatherings Policy and Procedures are being revised and updated to ensure proper safe gathering practices are in place and followed
- We are working on providing a platform for AV needs, to assist in space and vision for recording of worship service and other sanctuary activities

In Christ We Serve,

Tam Kobayashi
BOT Chair - interim





Dear Faith Family,

Greetings from home! I hope this finds you well.

I want to inform you of a leadership change for the UMW Board, effective immediately. Our VP - Kelley Mizukami will be serving as interim UMW President until the end of 2020, as I have been asked to serve as interim Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair until the end of 2020. I will continue to serve on UMW but not in the same capacity. I am able to serve as BOT Chair knowing UMW remains in loving hands. Your UMW Board will continue to be driven by mission and service. I do want to thank the UMW Board for their love and support now and always.

In Christ We Serve,
Tam Kobayashi

Dear Church Family & Ladies of Faith,

I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy at home. It is my honor to serve as interim president of UMW. This is a wonderful ministry that aims to build a community of women through creative and support fellowship. The support that the ladies of Faith give each other and those around them is something I find inspiring and I hold that close to my heart. Thank you to all who have reached out with words of support and encouragement. It truly means the world to me!

With Love,
Kelley

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 June 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.



June 7 - Trinity Sunday
 Genesis 1:1-2:4a
 Psalm 8
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Matthew 28:16-20

Communion Sunday

June 14 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 18:1-15
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 Romans 5:1-8
 Matthew 9:35-10:8

Graduation Sunday

June 21 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 21:8-21
 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
 Romans 6:1b-11
 Matthew 10:24-39

Father’s Day

June 28 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 22:1-14
 Psalm 13
 Romans 6:12-23
 Matthew 10:40-42

Honoring our Leaders



The Garden
FAITH UMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Growing Disciples for Jesus



Faith UMC's 2020 Day Camp will be virtual! Mark your calendars for July 13-17, 2020, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. We are planning for a new and different way to learn about how the love of Christ grows in you!

This year's theme is to G.R.O.W. in God's garden. We will focus on the Parable of the Four Soils (Mark 4:1-9). Each day, campers will discover the good soil in Jesus Christ, when we:

Give, **R**eceive, **O**ffer and **W**ater (G.R.O.W.).

Registration for Day Camp will be open June 1, 2020. We look forward to "seeing" you in this new and different way!

Day Camp Directors:

Pearl Iizuka

Darrell Mark

Solange Iseri

Amanda Taketa

TGIF: MYF

Hi Family and Friends,

I hope you are all doing well and staying safe and healthy! We miss you all so much and can't wait till we can all gather together again! This month we will be sticking to our normal schedule of Friday Night Fellowships on the 2nd and 4th Friday and Meeting on Sundays in zoom at 7pm!

We will be celebrating our 2020 High School Graduates as well for Grad Sunday Service on June 14th. So stay tuned for the Faith online worship service to join us!

Please look out for emails and social media communication for all our meetings and activities we will be hosting online. Thank you for all your prayers and continuous support for the youth ministry during this time!

God Bless,
Darrell Mark
Faith UMC Youth Director



College & Young Adult

Dear Faith family,

It's sort of unbelievable that it's already June which means summer! It's been a rough few months with our mandate to stay home. I've been cooking more often which has led me to the opposite goal of what I've been trying to do which is lose a few pounds. I do hope that all of you are finding things to keep busy. I also encourage you to use this time to find ways to experience God's love and grace through prayer, scripture, meditation, or other spiritual disciplines. Please join us for a prayer room or Bible study throughout the week if you'd like to grow deeper with others!

While a lot of ministries have been on hiatus or have been changing the ways that they've been doing ministry, our Awaken ministries will be using this time to find fresh perspectives. On Sunday June 7th at 2pm via zoom, we will host a town hall with people who would like to help shape this ministry. If you'd like to be a part of this, please let me know! I do hope that through this time, fresh expressions and spiritual vibrancy emerge from our times at home. Stay safe!

Many blessings,
Minister Eric Iki



Join us



Live

Faith UMC-Torrance
@8:30 AM (Traditional) &

@10:30 AM service

Faithsouthbay.org

Facebook live @Faithsouthbay

Replay 10:30 AM service at 5:00 PM

Nihongobu
Japanese ONLINE Worship
Sundays @ 9:00 am
Faithsouthbay.org

Pastor Becky Hirata



COFFEE | COMMUNITY | COMFORT | CHURCH

ZOOM Open “Coffee & Fellowship” after Service

Join us for a gathering time where you can just check in to say hi or see church faces that you miss! The kids are still running around as parents are having conversations, and the coffee is still hot (if you just brewed your own pot!). We even have smaller “Break Out rooms” if folks for more conversations!

Sunday, May 17, 2020 - 12p-1pm

Dial 1-669-900-9128 (from home phone)

Meeting ID# 5883329633 or for computers/iPad/smart phones: click on link <https://zoom.us/j/j883329633>

Mtg ID# 5883329633

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**DEDICATED TO THE
FAITH UMC MINISTRY**

Bill & Nancy Matsushima
Jean Mitsutomi
Jane Kiyohara
In memory of Tets Suzuki

Bill & Nancy Matsushima
In memory of Isabelle Ishihara

Glenn & Peggy Aoyama
Mas & Lily Hamasu

Thomas & Mabel Ikemoto
Alice Kajiya

Sam & Barbara Kobayashi
Sumie Maruya
Jean Mitsutomi
Mary Tamura
Jane Tokubo
Momoya Wada
Jamie Yamamoto

Robert & Helen Yamamoto
Linda Jung
Judy Asazawa
Ellen & Tom Jee
Jean Okazaki
Ramsay & Amy Higa
Steven Awakuni
Sharon Tachibana
Jane Kiyohara
In memory of Ami Nagahori

Rose Omoto
In memory of Charlie Arakaki

Linda Jung
In memory of Faye Yee

Joan Akamine
*In memory of Paul Igami
Akamine*

George & Ellen Hokama
*In memory of Mark Chun's
mother, Audrey Chun*

Mary Tamura
In memory of Tokiko Shibata

Jane Kiyohara
In memory of Tom E. Kiyohara

Linda Jung
Shoko Masumiya

Jane Shimatsu
In memory of Takao Hokazu

Harry & Ruth Takaki
*In memory of Saichi & Shizuro
Murakami
and Henry & Sugino Takaki*

Ernest Tabata, Nora Sugai &
Judy Miyata
*In memory of Sachiko Tabata
In memory of Clarence Omiya*

Ned Morioka
In memory of June Morioka

Julie Inouye
AV Donation

Jane Tsuda
*In honor of Roger Tsuda's 10th
Anniversary of his passing*

Susan DeGracia
*In honor of Mark Chun's mother
In gratitude of Hula Ministry*

Wayne & Maxine Saito
Prayers Answered
Ted & Joyce Hirayama
*In celebration of Family &
Good Health*

Lorraine Nakama
*In appreciation for loving
concern to the elderly members
of the Faith Ohana during this
pandemic*

James & Ivy Toma
In appreciation of Pastoral Staff

Gloria & Caitlin Fujita
*Congratulations to Minister
Eric Iki on his next step of his
life journey*

Sharon Nakamoto
*Thank you Faith UMC for
making the Good News*

Doris & Glen Kato
*Thank you to the Pastoral Staff
for bringing the gifts during the
pandemic*

Masako & Preston Akiyama
Lorraine Nakama
Florence Uchida
Faith Kitchen Angels

Carol & Kenneth Hamamura
Frontline Workers

Thomas Ishimine
Music Ministry

CONCERNS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Below are the most recent prayer concerns lifted up in the Faith family; please keep these persons in your prayers...

Margie Furuya, health concerns
Mercedes Balboa and Rob Kaaa, friends of Rick Izumi
Jamie Parcon, friend of Rick Izumi, health concerns
Thurston Morita, health concerns
Anna Jovan De Guzman-Santos, daughter of Natalia De Guzman, health concerns
Linda Jung, health concerns
Lisa Kuwabara, health concerns
Kay Saxton, health concerns
George Harris, friend of Rick Izumi, health concerns
Paul Tokashiki, health concerns
Mitsuru Yamasaki, health concerns
Bill Maeda, health concerns
Marcia Muntifering, friend of Rick Izumi, health concerns
Grant Hanada, serious health concerns
Rev. Michael Hiranuma, health concerns
Robin Lee, friend of Rick Izumi, has been diagnosed with cancer
Ruben DeLeon, brother-in-law of Chip Hino, going through cancer treatment
Diane Ueda-Banda, healing and recovery
Ken Kobayashi, health concerns
Ellen Hokama, healing and recovery
Mas Hamasu, health concerns
Winnie Osaki, for her determination as she continues to heal, recover and rehabilitate
Kenny Kamada, friend of Jason Sasaki & boyfriend of Cassie Sameshima, health concerns
Nelson Mark, healing and recovery
Anthony Anderson, Sr., uncle of Sharon Sambat, diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease
Kaydee Leong, 12 year old friend of Rev. Allison Mark, diagnosed with cancer
Frank Matton, friend of Mari & Gary Sakaguchi, recovering from brain surgery
Sam Nieda, father of Rev. David Nieda who is in a long term skilled nursing facility
Kenneth Wong, brother of Julie Inouye, pray for his eyes, needs injections due to trauma
Leslie, Susie & Ellen Inouye, brother & sister-in-law & their daughter to Darrel (Stephanie) Inouye, serious health concerns
Carol Smith, health concerns
Faye & Bob Toma, health concerns
Alan Murakami, health concerns
David Polendey, health concerns
Alan Inouye, health concerns
Ruth Taira, health concerns
Mitzi Ueda, health concerns

Lynne Vinluan's father, Doug Higa, health concerns
Janet Mercer, health concerns
Ola Filemoni, health concerns
Jackie Jones, Stephen Bullard's 92 year old aunt, diagnosed with COVID-19
Rev. Karen Fay Ramos and family as they deal with multiple COVID-19 diagnoses in their family
Hannah Han, 12 year old friend of Giselle Takara, diagnosed with cancer for a second time
First responders and Medical Teams on the Front Lines, Doctors, Nurses, and Researchers, all Essential Workers, and those in leadership

For those experiencing loss...

Prayers for **Sam Watanabe** and family on the passing of his mother, **Helen Watanabe**
Prayers for the family of **Jason Sasaki** on the passing of his aunt, **Suedy Sasaki**
Prayers for **Tish & Zion Une** on the passing of **Grandma/Great-Grandmother, Yoshiko Hayashida**
Prayers for **Lori Oshiro** and family on the passing of husband and father, **Eric Oshiro's** and **Eric's mother, Betty Oshiro**
Prayers for **Lisa Ikemoto Nagahori** and family on the passing of **Ami Nagahori**
Prayers for **Helen Chang**, friend of Rick Izumi, on the passing of her husband, **Doug Schramel**
Prayers for the family of **Rikio Izumi** on the passing of his brother, **Takao Hokazu**
Prayers for **Mark Chun & family** on the passing of his mother, **Audrey Chun**
Prayers for the family of **Maxine Butcher** on the passing of her brother **Louis Dillinger**
Prayers for **Chic Miyake, Ruth Hirata & Family** on the passing of their brother, **Tetsuro "Tets" Suzuki**

LONG TERM CONCERNS

Rose Adachi	Robert Fujioka
Robert Kaneko	Aki Kashiwagi
Aline Kawasaki	Yoshiko Kuwabara
Carol Maryott (friend of Lynne Vinluan)	
Fred Matsuyama	Kou Mochizuki
Lynn Nagata	Shiz Nagata
Paul Ohi	Irene Rhee
Mary Sakai	Mitsuko Sato
Leland Tsukahira	Frances Yonemori
Edna Young (mother of Mark Young)	

and others...

SUNDAY



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Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)
Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)
Online Worship Service (10:30am)
 10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry
 10:40 a (online) TGIF/MYF
 12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship
 2:00 p (online) Awaken Town Hall Response

14 GRADUATION SUNDAY
Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)
Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)
Online Worship Service (10:30am)
 10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry
 10:40 a (online) TGIF/MYF
 12:00 p (online) Youth Advisor
 12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship

21 LAITY SUNDAY/FATHER'S DAY
Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)
Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)
Online Worship Service (10:30am)
 10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry
 10:40 a (online) TGIF/MYF
 12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship

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Online Nihongobu Worship Service (9am)
Online Traditional Worship Service (8:30am)
Online Worship Service (10:30am)
 10:00 a (online) Garden Ministry
 10:40 a (online) TGIF/MYF
 12:00 p (online) Coffee & Fellowship
 12:00 p (online) Open Arms

MONDAY

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 9:00 a (online) Faithful Healing
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) 60th Anniversary
 Comm. Mtg.

8 Office Closed
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) HeBrews

15 Office Closed
 9:00 a (online) Faithful Healing
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Social Actions
 7:00 p (online) HeBrews

22 Office Closed
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) HeBrews

29 Office Closed
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) HeBrews

TUESDAY

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 10:30 a (online) Bible Study
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) J-Manga
 7:00 p (online) Garden Teachers
 Meeting
 7:30 p (online) Trustees

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 10:30 a (online) Bible Study
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) SPRC

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 10:30 a (online) Bible Study
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Finance
 7:00 p (online) J-Manga

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 10:30 a (online) Bible Study
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Ad Council

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 10:30 a (online) Bible Study
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room

WEDNESDAY**3**

12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Bible Study
 7:30 p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

THURSDAY**4**

12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Blessed Are You
 7:30 p (online) Awaken Bible Study

FRIDAY**5**

12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room

SATURDAY**6**

9:00 a (K) Blessed Bento
 10:00 a (online) COM Meeting

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12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Bible Study
 7:30 p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

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12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:30 p (online) Awaken Bible Study

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12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) TGIF/MYF

13**17**

12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Bible Study
 7:30 p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

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CAL-PAC CONFERENCE (ONLINE)
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Blessed Are You
 7:30 p (online) Awaken Bible Study

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CAL-PAC CONFERENCE (ONLINE)
 12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room

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CAL-PAC CONFERENCE (ONLINE)

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12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Bible Study
 7:30 p (online) Nihongobu Bible Study

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12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:30 p (online) Awaken Bible Study

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12:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) Prayer Room
 7:00 p (online) TGIF/MYF

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**ALL IN-PERSON gatherings will continue to
 be SUSPENDED until the end of June.**

There are ways to continue to stay connected and do good for our communities. Here are some things you can do from your own home...

Tsuru for Solidarity Goes Virtual!



Please join us for **Tsuru Rising! Virtual Protest to Close the Camps on June 6 & 7**. Over June 6 & 7, we will gather in solidarity, center healing, and take action to end immigrant detention. Go to www.tsuruforsolidarity.org for details and a schedule.

A big thank you to Gail Murakami and Diane Fujimori for counting and stringing 1460 Cranes folded by all of you! Our cranes will be added to the 120,000 cranes representing the number of interned Japanese Americans in the camps and to a broadened 500,000 crane count that includes solidarity for the children and families detained in Immigrant Detention Camps. Domo Arigatoo.

Cal-Pac Welcome Kits



In partnership with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), our Cal-Pac Annual Conference is asking local churches to assemble welcome kits (in your own homes) for homeless and in need of kindness. Kits should include: a sturdy bag (tote or drawstring bag), a kind note of encouragement, toiletries (toothbrush/paste, lotion, soap, deodorant, lip balm, etc.), journal or notebook with writing utensils, snacks (pretzels, popcorn, chips, dried fruit, granola bars, etc.), two or three activity items (movies, books, Sudoku, puzzle, cards, knitting, hand weights, etc.), new socks. They can also include face masks (which we can add at church)

You can drop off your bags at church and we will drop them off at the West District Office for you. Thank you to Lorraine Tani, Gail Murakami, Jan Tanabe, Kaira & Amara Mark-Schwiebert for making the first bags on their own!



This year's 2020 Matsuri was postponed due to the Safer in Place mandates during the Coronavirus pandemic. We thank the many members who have made gifts "In-Lieu of Matsuri" to help supplement the church's budget for Ministries and Missions.

In this month's issue of the Good News (paper version), you will have received an "In-Lieu of Matsuri" envelope if you would like to share a gift at Faith. Venmo and PayPal can be designated for online giving as well. Please earmark, "In-Lieu of Matsuri."

We also want to remind our congregation that in the upcoming months, as we celebrate our 60th Anniversary of Faith from afar, we will be creating "FaithWear and FaithGear" for you to use and wear and hope to create a mini-online "Silent Auction."

As a reminder to those of you who had conscientiously marked our 60th Anniversary Luncheon on 10-10-2020, we have POSTPONED the in-person gathering to 2021, as well as the following postponements/virtual versions of will be announced:

Our Faith Musical (November - TBA)

UMW Luncheon (November - TBA)

Dearest FUMC family,
Thank you for being mom’s family. Her heart has always been with you since the beginning. You’ve been lifelong friends and surely share an eternal bond - many of you are her dearest of friends. You challenged her to grow in her faith. You allowed her the privilege of sharing her many God-given talents and gifts with you; and you shared yours with her. Thank you for your enduring love, prayers and support especially over these last years when she couldn’t be with you. Your prayers protected her, kept her spirit ever-sweet. We will never forget all that you did to honor dad, too. Weren’t they a special couple? We know that it’s easy to feel regrets, but please, no regrets - mom would never want that. Take that thought and turn it to joy and pass it to the person next to you. She’s surely resting in His peace, thanks to your friendship and love, and living in the resurrection power of our great God.



Gratefully yours, by His grace, The Family of Ami Nagahori

***Lisa Nagahori Ikemoto has graciously invited all gifts in Memoriam of Ami be given to Faith UMC.*



And our own THANKSGIVING for our partnership as neighbors with Nijiya Market! We received a very generous donation from Jinon Corporation dba Nijiya Market for the entire amount to cover the slurry of our parking lot! We are so grateful for their kindness. Let’s continue to support our local businesses as they support us too!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing the West District to use Faith as our “Home Base” for the District Conference.

Faith UMC is a vital presence across the South Bay, West District, Cal-Pac and the UMC. I am very blessed.

With Gratitude,
Rev. Mark Nakagawa

FAITH SMALL GROUPS LAUNCH...

For all who are interested in a new launch to help facilitate a small group.

Small Group Ministry goes way back to John Wesley's "Holy Club." We want to bring that back to our context so that we begin growing together as Christians. We have all been doing our best to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, and small group gatherings can be a way to remind one another of Jesus' good news. Small Groups can be created by affinity, age or places in life, or if you are open to a diverse or new group, this may be right up your alley!

So for those who have wanted to experience a spiritual faith community through small groups, Rev. Allison and Pastor Ki want to invite you to play a part in starting up Faith Small Groups. If you are interested in being a part of the leadership or facilitating a Small Group, please email us both at RevAllison@faithsouthbay.org and PastorKi@faithsouthbay.org As soon as we receive email



MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER ROOM MEETINGS

We will be continuing our ONLINE Mid-Week Bible Studies & Prayer Rooms through the month of May. And we've added a Sunday Fellowship This is how you connect!

Sunday Coffee & Fellowship Hour - Sundays, Noon-1:00pm -

Grab your coffee or lunch after worship and say hi to all of your friends!

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities - Tuesday, 10:30-11:30am, Wednesday, 7:00-8:00pm

* Monday, 7:00pm (HeBrews) and Thursday, 7:30pm (Awaken) --contact Pastor Ki or Minister Eric for link

Prayer Room Meetings - Monday-Friday, 12:00-1:00pm and 7:00-8:00pm

**The LINK/PHONE NUMBER will always be the same:

Downloading ZOOM app is optimal, but you can call in WITHOUT the ZOOM app to participate.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/5883329633> <---- This is the link to access the Conference Call

One tap mobile

+16699009128,,5883329633# US <----- You can one-touch dial this from your Smart phone

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 9128 US <---- If you are dialing in from your home phone, use THIS number, then when prompted, dial the Meeting ID, followed by the # sign: Meeting ID: 588 332 9633#



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In-person groups that meet that are **SUSPENDED:
Caregivers' Support, WIT, MSG, Senior Hangout, WISH,
Men's Breakfast, Utai Masho & Hula**

caregivers' support

The Caregivers' Support provides support to adults who are caring for aging parents and spouses. We also provide resources in the fields of elder care, Alzheimer's disease, and other end-of-life issues.

Please do contact Karen Ageno for resource information.

For more information, contact Joanne Sato or contact the church office. communications@faithsouthbay.org

Men's Support Group (MSG)

2nd Tuesday, 11:00 am

No meeting in June

The Men's Support Group is mainly for widowers. We share the experience of loss of loved ones, but also explore redefining their lives and significance in face of this loss. They meet to (1) experience cooking and sharing foods together under the leadership of Ralph Ichikawa, and (2) listen to participants' life experience as they see their significance in light of Christian belief.

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For more information, contact Mas Oshiro or contact the church office. communications@faithsouthbay.org

**Women in Transition:
WGSG: Women's Grief
& Support Group**

**2nd Tuesday of the month
No meeting in June**

We welcome all women to join us for encouragement, support, fellowship & spiritual growth as we journey through various transitions in our lives, such as loss of loved ones, friends, job, health & loneliness.

Rev. Allison is our Inspirational Leader

For more information contact Lorraine Tani or Harriet Tateyama
communications@faithsouthbay.org



Senior hang-out

1st and 3rd Monday 8:30am

No meeting in June

Join us for a few hours of fun, fellowship and refreshments. We play games such as hanafuda, hand-and-foot, 21 and mahjong. If you are not a game person, you can sit around and "talk story", quilt or get help with your ipad or smartphone. Bring a friend for this wonderful fellowship time.

Cordinators: Joanne Sato and David Sato. For more information, contact Joanne Sato or contact the church office. communications@faithsouthbay.org



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1st and 3rd Wednesdays • 10:00 am
No meeting in June

Women in Support and Hope gather together to explore their personal faith journey and receive encouragement and spiritual nourishment.

For more information contact Joanne Sato or contact the church office.

communications@faithsouthbay.org



Men's Breakfast Club

Once a month, Fridays, 8:00 am

No meeting in June

Once a month the men (all generations) gather at Country Touch Cafe for food and fellowship.

Please sign up with Herb Aoyama or contact:

communications@faithsouthbay.org

Utai Masho (Sing Along)

2nd Thursdays, 10:00 am

No meeting in June

Do you like to sing? Do you like to listen to music? Do you like to talk to people? Come and join us on the second Thursday of the month at 10am! We will sing both Japanese and English songs.

For more information, contact Sue Watanabe, or Mary Tamura or contact the church office.

communications@faithsouthbay.org

Faith UMC Hula Outreach Ministry

Instructor: Mark Chun

E Komo Mai! Welcome!
Everyone from the ages of 3 - 103 is welcomed to join Faith's newly established Hula Ministry. No prior dancing experience necessary.



The class will meet twice a month (1st & 3rd Saturday of the month) from 9:00-10:30 am in the Activity Room

Dates: No meeting in June

For more information, contact Mark Chun or contact the church office.

communications@faithsouthbay.org

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Open Arms & HeBrews**

Blessed Bento

1st Saturdays, 9:00 am



We will be following the new Safer at Home protocol for cooking and delivering with a smaller team.

On the 1st Sat. of each month, about 25 women gather in the “Faith love kitchen” to prepare and deliver delicious, healthy home cooked meals for Faith members and friends to let them know we are thinking of them, they are loved, they are not forgotten. We start at 9:00 am and finish around noon. If you can help, please join us! All are welcome, no experience necessary. You will learn how to make delicious meals, the lunches are so appreciated by our recipients, and you will also enjoy eating what you prepare. If you would like to receive Blessed Bento or know someone who would, please let Mari know.

For more information, contact Mari Sakaguchi or contact the church office.
communications@faithsouthbay.org

Logos Bible Study

1st and 3rd Tuesdays • 10:30 am (online)

Pastor Ki Choi is our Inspirational Logos Teacher. Come join this group if you desire to grow deeper in Christ. We are currently studying the Book of Genesis.



1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7 pm (online)

Blessed Are You (BAY) is Faith’s women’s bible study group open to women of all ages. We generally meets twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7-9pm. Please join us as we study the book “After God’s Heart,” led by Alice Mark. BAY is designed for you to join in when you can, so feel free to jump in any time!

All are welcome, bring a friend. Interesting group discussions, great fellowship, and light refreshments are served.

For more information, contact Alice Mark or contact the church office.
communications@faithsouthbay.org

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**Open Arms
Support
Group**



**Last Sunday of Month, 12:00 pm
(online)**

The Open Arms Support Group's mission is to provide a place of love and support for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and queer individuals (LGBTQ), as well as for their families, friends and allies. In addition to promoting a greater understanding and respect, the group seeks to provide educational resources related to LGBTQ issues and challenges.

Our goal is to become an inclusive faith community that embraces all individuals regardless of ethnicity, race, color, nationality, age, physical ability, family structure, social or economic status, sexual orientation or gender identity. It is our hope and prayer that whoever wishes to participate fully in the life and ministry of Faith UMC may do so freely, openly and unconditionally in accordance with God's plan and grace.

Please feel free to contact
Derek Murakami
openarms@faithsouthbay.org.

HE•brews
Mondays 7:00 pm (online)

Fellowship with Christian men in a casual and low-key setting? Check. Making connections inter-generationally? Check. "Breaking bread" (with chips and popcorn) and building friendships with other guys outside of Sunday worship? Check. Meet another Brian Fujimori from our congregation? Check.

Hi, my name is Brian Fujimori and these are some of the highlights that come to mind when I think of our HeBrews men's ministry. It's been fun getting to know the guys outside of church to chat about our families, to find out what's going on in our lives and to share challenges and triumphs that we're experiencing. Come join us every 4th Wednesday at various offsite locations in the South Bay!

For more information contact Neal Miyake or contact the church office.

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Going farther for Christ

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