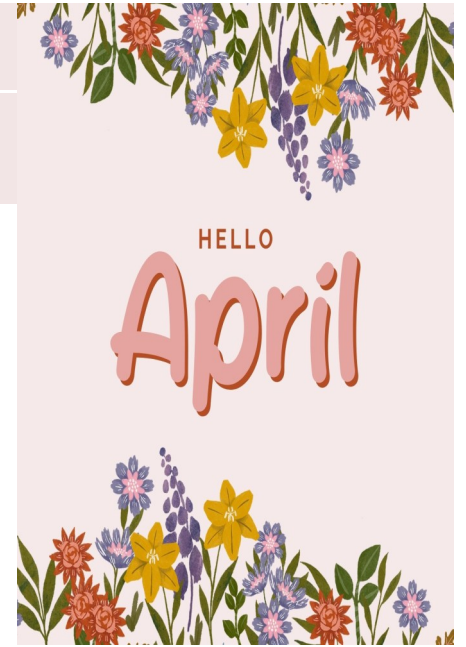


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CHURCH CAMPUS LIFE



- Maundy Thursday Service with Communion** | April 2nd | 6pm
- Good Friday Experience - Church Project Hosts "Journey To The Cross"**
Friday, April 3rd | 6pm - 8pm | Family-Friendly Walkthrough
- Easter Service April 5th | 10:30am** | Easter Egg Hunt following service
- Georgianne Jackson Service** Saturday, April 25 | 1pm
Reception following the service in Lounge
- Trustee Meeting** | Library | Monday, April TBD | 1pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

- Wednesdays**, LHUMC 5pm G.A.P. Bring Your Own Dinner & Games | Lounge
- Fridays**, LHUMC 10:30am Choir Practice || Sanctuary
- Sundays**, LHUMC 9am Bible Study Class | Library | 10:30am Worship Service
- Sundays**, Church Project 8am - 1pm Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Classrooms



SAVE THE DATE: AHEAD TO MAY

MOTHER'S DAY - SUNDAY, MAY 10TH

MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 25TH CHURCH OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED

Newsletter Please send your articles and photos for the May newsletter by Wednesday, April 18th to the church office at Lahabraumc@frontier.com

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



The Salt Doll¹

A salt doll journeyed for thousands of miles over land, until it finally came to the sea. It was fascinated by this strange moving mass, quite unlike anything it had ever seen before.

“Who are you?” said the salt doll to the sea. The sea smilingly replied, “come in and see.”

So the doll waded in. The farther it walked into the sea the more it dissolved, until there was only very little of it left. Before that last bit dissolved, the doll exclaimed in wonder, “now I know what I am!”

This poem is one of my favorites I often use as a prayer. I pray imagining myself as the salt doll and wonder where I am in the moment. The doll’s journey reflects the stages of spiritual growth: curiosity, engagement, and finally, surrender. I can say that I passed the stage of curiosity, but often I wonder whether I am totally engaged with the Spirit, especially when dealing with certain issues that I have difficulty letting go of my control.

As we go through the Holy Week and Easter, I invite you to imagine yourself as a salt doll and hear the invitation from God, “Come in and See!” Imagine the transformation it must experience as it is dissolved in the sea water. This is what Paul must have known when he claimed, “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.” (Galatians 2: 19b-20) When we are willing to lose ourselves and even take the risk of dying, and take a plunge into the vastness of the sea, then do we also become like Paul and are we able to say, “Christ lives in me?”



Can we eventually claim as the salt doll did, “Now I understand who I am!”? The salt doll and sea water are made of the same material, but the sea contains far more than the doll. And there are more freedom, movements, and ability to embrace. By imagining ourselves becoming the sea, we are open to endless wonders and mysteries. This openness invites transformation, letting us hold both fear and amazement as we surrender. Through this experience of participating in the doll’s journey, I pray you can discover your own spiritual depth and identity anew.

¹The Song of the Bird by Anthony de Mello, S.J., New York: Image Books, 1984, p. 98.



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Church Campus Life



La Habra United Methodist Church

631 N. Euclid Street, La Habra
Saturday, May 2nd || 9am to 3pm

Craft Fair

There will be numerous booths at the
Craft Fair Sale:
Hand-made items, Jewelry,
Spring decorations, Pottery,
Wood-working and many more.

Website: lahabraumc.org
For Information contact: Sharon Huggler
kshugglers@verizon.net || (562) 533-2842



Birthdays this month

- 1 Vaughna Lee Doyle
- 2 Shawn Tittle
- 13 Susie Bush

La Habra United Methodist
Church

Life Events affect each and every one of us. We are born. We grow. We live and we pass away.

Our church family is with us and beside us for many of these sacred life transitions.

"Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there with them."

~Matthew 18:20



PRESCHOOL NEWS

April Calendar: During the month of April the children will be learning about "Family".

- 1st Class Easter Parties 11:30
- 3rd School Closed Good Friday
- 6th – 10th Week of the Young Child
- 6th Music Monday - Dance Party
- 7th Tasty Tuesday - Bring a snack to share
- 8th Fun Run
- 9th Artsy Thursday
- 10th Fun Friday Pajama Day

PLANNING A MEETING OR EVENT ON CHURCH CAMPUS???

If you would like to request a room or plan a meeting on church campus please contact Izzy Izaguirre in the church office, (562) 691-1797.

All room requests go directly to her.

Here is the process:

- 1) Either call or send an email to lahabraumc@frontier.com
- 2) Include your name, email, phone number, date and room needed.
- 3) Izzy will call or email to confirm the date/room is available.

Church Campus Life

The G.A.P (God's Awesome People)

This is a fun fellowship group that meets **every-other-month** in someone's home. If you would like to host the fellowship group in 2026, please contact Karen Hill (562) 237-1550.

Future Host:

Please sign up at the next Gap Wednesday Game Night.

Come join us for an evening of Fellowship, games, and Bring-Your-Own Dinner to eat with others.

Great fun and fellowship for all ages.

We meet every WEDNESDAY | 5PM | Lounge

If you have questions, contact the church office at (562) 691-1797.

"According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood..."

1 Peter 1:2

Breakfast Bags for La Habra Collaborative - We will pack breakfast bags on Thursday, April - 16th | 11am | Fellowship Hall

We need granola bars, box juice, and juice cups. Money marked for CRCC will be used to buy cereal, milk, and plastic zip-lock bags.

Bring donations to the church office: Monday - Wednesday: 10am - noon or to church on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your help!

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