

CHURCH CAMPUS LIFE



CITY OF LA HABRA HONORS THEIR CENTENARIANS Individuals | Businesses | Community Groups | Organizations

They have celebrated a century of dedication, impact and history together
Event took place on Monday, July 21st at the City Council Meeting

Centennial: Centenarian Speech (Churches)

Churches have played a vital role in La Habra's history, offering spiritual guidance, building community, and supporting those in need. One such church with a long-standing legacy is the United Methodist Church of La Habra.

The roots of the United Methodist Church in La Habra trace back to 1899, with the official establishment of the church in 1900. This year, it celebrates 125 years of faith, service, and community impact.

For over a century, the church has stood as a beacon of hope and compassion, faithfully serving God's mission and the La Habra community. In addition to its spiritual ministry, the church actively participates in civic life — including hosting fundraisers and supporting programs that aid individuals experiencing homelessness.

Its legacy is a testament to the powerful role faith-based institutions have played, and continue to play, in shaping the heart of La Habra.

Best Regards, Katie Elmore
Recreation Manager/Director of The Children's Museum



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It's been almost a month since I came to La Habra. As I am settling in the office, I decided to make Sunday worship services my primary focus as I provide pastoral care for those going through health and other issues. So, it was a pleasant surprise when we received an invitation to attend the City Council Meeting to receive "an award". The event was to honor various centenarians, individuals, business, Community Groups, and organizations, as the city celebrates its Centennial this year. So, it became my first "public" event to attend the City Council meeting with our lay leaders, Cathy Doub and Jim Hill to receive many certificates and a sign which will be displayed out in front of the church on Euclid Street. And not included in the picture are Karen Hill and Sandy Cram who took time out and attended with two of her teachers.

The four certificates we received are from County of Orange signed by Doug Chaffee, California Legislature Assembly signed by Blanca Pacheco, State of California Senate signed by Thomas J. Umberg, and City of La Habra signed by Rose Espinoza.

La Habra UMC is the only faith group recognized as one hundred or more years old that evening. And I learned from [La Habra: The Pass Through the Hills](#) by Esther R. Cramer, a book Pastor Karen left for me, an interesting fact: "Union services and Sunday School classes were held regularly at the schoolhouse in 1897, and an outgrowth of these non-denominational services was the formation of the Methodist Episcopal Church of La Habra in September 1897." (page 162). And Dr. Levi D. Johnson, a medical doctor from Iowa served as the first pastor of this church until 1903. From this historical background, I want to highlight two facts:

1. As people were settling in La Habra, they decided to get together to worship as a community of faith their common God regardless of denominational affiliations.
2. Someone who already had a career as a doctor, stepped up to lead this faith group.

As I admire the spirit of the pioneers who had their priorities straight, I am wondering what lesson we can learn from those ancestors. The situation is very different now in 2025. La Habra UMC has experienced the growth and decline, but we believe in the same God in the same spirit of John Wesley's beliefs centered on salvation, emphasizing the interplay of God's grace, individual faith, and holiness.

How do we continue to be the faithful church in the city of La Habra here and now?

Rev. Dr. Soomee Kim

Senior Pastor || La Habra United Methodist Church

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Looking Ahead

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

Wednesdays, 5p.m. G.A.P. Bring Your Own Dinner and Games || Lounge

Thursdays, 2:30p.m. Exercise Class || Fellowship Hall

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. Study Class - Library || 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Sundays Church Project, 8am-1pm Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Classrooms 14,15, 24,25

Fridays, 10:30a.m. Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Newsletter Please send your articles and photos for the September newsletter by

Wednesday, August 20th to the church office at Lahabraumc@frontier.com



SAVE THE DATE

Celebration of Life Service for **Gerrie Izaguirre** will be held on Saturday, August 2nd at 2pm, with a lite reception following at La Habra United Methodist Church.

In honor of Gerrie, attendees are asked to please wear your pearls or something sparkly. The family encourages guests to introduce themselves to someone new and welcome them on the day of the service.



Janet Williams passed into life eternal on Monday, July 28th. Prayers for peace and strength for Jim Williams, Andy, Sarah, their family and friends during this difficult time.

The Celebration the Life service for Janet Williams will be held at the La Mirada United Methodist Church, 15700 Rosecrans Blvd., La Mirada on Wednesday, August 6th at 4pm with a reception following the service.



We are collecting clean empty medication bottles that will be repurposed for our unhoused community. Please bring any empty containers (make sure to peel off the label). Please give the bottles to Bonnie and she can provide information if you have questions.

Preschool News

The La Habra United Methodist Preschool during the month of August we will be talking about kindness and making new friends.

School is Closed Friday, August 29th and Monday, September 1st.

Chancel Flowers

Available to Order

Please place your Chancel Flowers order when celebrating a special occasion or friend/family member. An order form is available to be filled out and can be dropped in the offering basket during our service. Thank you!!!



**Church office Closed
Monday, September 1st**

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



Birthdays

12 Soomee Kim
16 Ron Jones
23 Barbara Pierce
26 Annette Kirks

Please contact the office, to
add your birthday.



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

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.

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 2025,
please contact Karen Hill (562) 237-1550.

Future Host: September 20 Jonell Cadman

November 15 Karen & Jim Hill

Please sign up at the next Gap Wednesday Game Night.

Breakfast Bags for La Habra Collaborative - We will pack breakfast bags on Thursday – August TBD | 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 - 1pm or to church on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your help!

Room Request on Church Campus

Need to use our facility?

If you would like to request a room to use 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

To: La Habra UMC Family

Subject: Procedure for Handling Church Maintenance Issues

Dear Family,

As you know, we've experienced several significant breakdowns around the church recently. In order to manage these situations efficiently and avoid unnecessary expenses or miscommunications we follow the Methodist Churches "Book of Discipline", it's important that we all follow a clear process when a problem arises.

Please use the following sequence of steps when addressing maintenance or facility issues:

Ensure Safety and Security First and foremost, make sure the building and grounds are safe and secure.

Take Immediate Action if Needed If the situation requires a quick fix (e.g., a running faucet), please take action to stop or minimize the issue if it's safe to do so.

Notify Izzy Right Away Send a text or email to Izzy immediately with details of the issue. This allows her to begin coordinating the appropriate response.

Do NOT Contact Outside Vendors Directly Please do not call your own repair people or vendors. We have a list of approved vendors in the office. Izzy is responsible for contacting and coordinating with them, as well as informing the Trustees, SPRC, and Pastor Kim.

By following this simple order, we can avoid confusion, reduce costs, and ensure that communication stays clear and centralized.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and well-functioning church environment!

Warm regards, Jonell Cadman | | SPRC Chairperson

*"For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command:
"Love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:14 NIV*

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