



LA HABRA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE VISTA NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Trustee Meeting | Library | Wednesday, August 12th | 11am

WEEKLY EVENTS

Wednesdays, LHUMC 5pm G.A.P. Bring Your Own Dinner & Games | Lounge

Sundays, LHUMC 9am Bible Study Class | Library | 10:30am Worship Service

Sundays, Church Project 8am - 1pm Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Classrooms



LA HABRA BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

We are planning to participate in the event.

We are also looking for a few volunteers to participate in-person at the event,

Portola Park || Saturday, August 8th || 9am – noon

301 S. Euclid Street, La Habra

See Cathy Doub If your interested in being a helping hand the day of the event.



AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

Please send your articles and photos for the “Newsletter” by the 20th of each month to the church office at Lahabraumc@frontier.com

Labor Day: Church office Closed - Monday, September 7th



WEEKLY PRAYER CONNECTION

We would be happy to pray for you.

Drop your prayer request in the offering plate on Sunday, contact Pastor Soomee in person or email pastor.lahabra631@gmail.com or

visit our website: <http://lahabraumc.org/connect>

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Available in the narthex or online at: <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>

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Check us out on Facebook: [LahabraUMC](https://www.facebook.com/LahabraUMC)



YouTube: [LahabraUMC](https://www.youtube.com/LahabraUMC)

631 N. Euclid Street, La Habra, CA 90631-3806 || Worship Service: 10:30am

Church Campus Life

Just a Note...



Dear Church Family,

Thanks to all of you who have so generously brought me meals, done grocery shopping, given me rides, and done many other incredible acts of kindness while I have been healing at home. I feel so very blessed by all of you. Your very grateful friend, Cathy Doub

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:

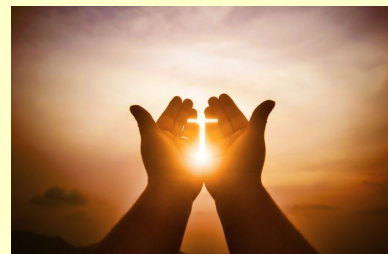
- 1) Either call or send an email to lahabraumc@frontier.com
- 2) Include your name, email, phone number, date and room needed.
- 3) Izzy will call or email to confirm the date/room is available.



Birthdays this month

12 Soomee Kim

23 Barbara Pierce



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



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Looking Ahead with Hope

As we enter the month of August, many people begin thinking about new beginnings. Children prepare to return to school. Families settle back into familiar routines. Vacations come to an end, and life begins to take on a different rhythm.

The church also enters a new season.

During the past several months, we have prayed together about the future of La Habra United Methodist Church. We have asked God not simply to help us preserve what we have, but to show us what God is calling us to become. Again and again, I have been reminded that God is always at work ahead of us, inviting us to join in that work.

Recently we experienced a beautiful reminder of God's faithfulness through a generous gift that will allow us to improve our live-streaming ministry and our website. This gift is more than new equipment. It is an investment in ministry. It will help us remain connected with those who are homebound, reach people who may never have entered our sanctuary, and prepare us for the future God is opening before us. We give thanks to God for this answer to prayer and for the generosity of those who recognize the value of investing in God's kingdom.

At the same time, renewal is never only about technology or buildings. The true strength of the church is found in people who pray, worship, serve, invite others, and share Christ's love. Every act of kindness, every prayer offered, every volunteer who serves, every invitation extended to a neighbor becomes part of God's work among us.



As we move into the fall, I invite each of us to ask:

"Lord, where are You leading our church, and how can I be part of what You are doing?"

God has not finished with La Habra United Methodist Church. I believe our best days are not behind us because our hope does not rest in ourselves. Our hope rests in the God who continues to make all things new.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your willingness to walk together in faith. May God continue to guide us as we seek to be a church that welcomes all, grows in discipleship, and shares the love of Christ with our community.

This month, I invite you to pray each day: "Lord, show me where You are at work, and help me join You." Then look for one opportunity to encourage someone, serve someone, or invite someone into the life of our church.



Grace and peace,

Rev. Dr. Soomee Kim

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OUR FOURTH MISSION TRIP TO ECUADOR
BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION DAVID AND SHARI NELSON
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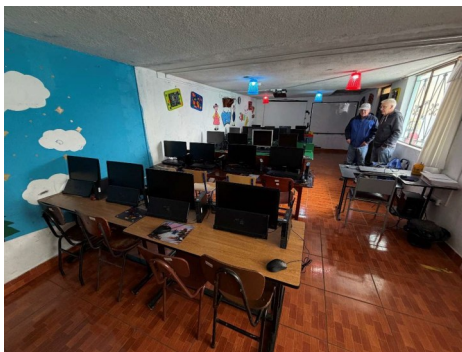
Our Fourth Mission Trip to Ecuador - Building On a Strong Foundation David and Shari Nelson Broomfield UMC May-June 2026 In May, we took our fourth mission trip to Ecuador. Although we were only in the country for eight days this time, it was a meaningful opportunity to serve God alongside fellow United Methodists, reconnect with friends, and witness the continuing impact of projects that many, many people have supported through prayers, donations, and hands-on service.



This year, we were invited to join a team from Bethel United Methodist Church in Charleston, South Carolina. The Bethel team included two ministries: a construction team and a dermatology clinic. Our role was to provide extra hands wherever needed and to help bridge communication between the English-speaking volunteers and our Ecuadorian partners.

David spent much of the week working with the construction team and helping coordinate communication with the Ecuadorian foreman. Shari worked closely with the dermatology clinic team leader at the patient check-in table. She welcomed patients, gathered information, and helped people feel more comfortable before meeting with the doctors. In total, the dermatology team cared for about 400 people.

One of the greatest joys of returning to Ecuador is reconnecting with people we have come to know over the years. We spent time visiting friends, neighbors, church leaders and members, and even the staff at the computer store that has helped support many of our technology-related projects. These relationships continue to remind us that mission work is about people first and projects second.



We were especially excited to visit the computer classroom we helped establish at the Methodist elementary school, El Sembrador, in 2023. The school continues to thrive, and the leaders told us that enrollment has grown from approximately 100 students to 170 students since our first visit. Part of that growth has been driven by the school's ability to offer computer classes, giving students opportunities that were previously unavailable.

During this trip, we were able to deliver 12 more donated computers to the Ecuadorian Methodist church bishop's office so they could be used to create a new after-school study hall in the Ascáubi Methodist church and support the Methodist school in Pastocalle.

We also saw tremendous progress at the school's future extension campus. The block wall surrounding the property, which is required before the campus can open, is nearly complete. The youth group from our home church, Broomfield United Methodist Church, 1 of 13 (with pictures) contributed significantly to this project during last year's trip, and it was gratifying to see how much progress has been made by the community since then.



Another highlight was visiting the González Suárez church. The sanctuary is looking great. The concrete floor that the youth team helped pour last year is serving the congregation well, and the cinderblock walls have now been plastered over. The congregation is currently working on installing a drop ceiling in the sanctuary.

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We were also encouraged to see continued expansion of the church facilities. Two new rooms adjacent to the sanctuary have already been completed. Last year's youth team helped build the foundations for those rooms, and this year the Bethel construction team began foundation work for yet another room that will support the growing ministry of the church.

Perhaps the greatest blessing of returning year after year is seeing that the work does not stop when mission teams go home. Local churches, schools, and communities continue building, teaching, and serving long after our visit ends. The growth of El Sembrador School, the progress at González Suárez Church, and the friendships that continue to deepen are reminders that mission work is most effective when it is built on long-term partnerships. We returned home encouraged by what we witnessed and grateful for the opportunity to continue serving God alongside our Ecuadorian friends and Methodist ministry partners.

Thank you for your support and encouragement through the past four years as together we have served God and His people in Ecuador. This work has been a blessing to us as well as to the people of Ecuador. We are excited to see how God builds upon this foundation the next time we head to Ecuador.



Church Campus Life

Breakfast Bags for La Habra Collaborative - We will pack breakfast bags on August 20th | 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!

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. Please sign up at the next Gap Wednesday Game Night, if you would like to host the fellowship group in 2026, please contact Karen Hill (562) 237-1550.

September GAP Dinner - Sally & Charlie DeBerry's Home



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