



LA HABRA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE VISTA NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH - "Land of the free, home of the brave!"

Have a fantastic Independence Day spent with family and friends!" Church Office is Closed

Trustee Meeting | Library | Wednesday, July 8th | 11am

GAP Dinner Saturday, July 18th | 6pm

Gail & Tim Crabtree Hosting

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

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>



AHEAD TO AUGUST

Newsletter Please send your articles and photos for the June newsletter by Wednesday, July 17th to the church office at Lahabraumc@frontier.com

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



YouTube: La Habra United Methodist Church

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



JOHN WESLEY

On Sunday, June 28th, we celebrated the birthday of John Wesley, the founder of Methodist Church. Wesley's life teaches us that Christianity is not only something we believe with our minds; it is a life we receive from God, live before God, and share with the world. Here are some major points:

First, Wesley reminds us that we are saved by grace through faith. We do not earn God's love by our performance, our discipline, or our good works. We receive it as a gift through Jesus Christ. Wesley tried hard to be holy, yet he discovered that effort alone could not give him peace.

Grace had to come first.

Second, Wesley preached the new birth. The Christian life begins when God changes the heart from within. It is not enough to know religious words, attend religious services, or keep religious customs. We need the Holy Spirit to make us new, to awaken faith, and to give us a living relationship with Christ.

Third, Wesley proclaimed the assurance of salvation. At Aldersgate, his heart was strangely warmed, and he knew that Christ had taken away his sins. That assurance was not arrogance; it was trust. It was the peace of knowing that God's mercy is stronger than our failure and that Christ is able to save completely.

Fourth, Wesley called believers to holiness of heart and life. Grace does not leave us where it finds us. The love of God reshapes our desires, our habits, our words, and our relationships. Holiness is not cold religious strictness; it is the beauty of Christ being formed in ordinary people.

Fifth, Wesley taught Christian perfection, which he understood as perfect love. This does not mean that Christians become flawless or beyond correction. It means that God is able to fill the heart with love so deeply that love becomes the ruling purpose of life: love for God and love for neighbor.

Sixth, Wesley held together personal holiness and social holiness. He believed that prayer, Scripture, fasting, worship, and Holy Communion mattered deeply. But he also believed that visiting the sick, caring for the poor, teaching children, comforting prisoners, and standing with the suffering mattered too. A holy heart must become holy hands.

Seventh, Methodists cherish the means of grace. These are the practices through which God continues to meet us: prayer, Scripture, the Lord's Supper, fellowship, fasting, and works of mercy. They do not earn grace, but they place us where grace can shape us, strengthen us, and send us.

Eighth, Wesley preached free grace for all. God's mercy is not reserved for a spiritual elite. The invitation of Christ reaches every person, every class, every nation, and every sinner who will come. This conviction drove Wesley into fields, streets, prisons, and homes with the good news that no one is beyond the reach of grace.

Ninth, Wesley insisted that faith works through love. Good works do not purchase salvation, but they reveal a heart that has been touched by grace. If we have received mercy, then mercy must flow through us. If we have been welcomed by Christ, then we must welcome others in Christ's name.

Tenth, Methodism is a connectional community. Wesley understood that Christians grow best together. We need worship, small groups, accountability, encouragement, correction, and shared mission. No believer is meant to walk alone. We are bound together by grace and sent together in love.

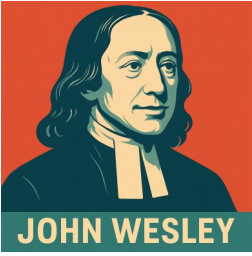


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Wesley's 22 Questions of Self Examination



When John Wesley (1703-1791), the founder of Methodism, began preaching throughout England, he focused on forming small groups called "classes" and "bands." In these groups members met regularly for learning and personal accountability. Wesley used the following 22 questions for self-examination. We may not be able to use all of the 22 questions every day. However, we may need to ask some of these questions frequently.

I invite you to find someone we can reach out in confidence to
discuss any of these questions honestly:

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am?
In other words, am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence?
4. Can I be trusted?
5. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?
6. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
7. Did the Bible live in me today?
8. Do I give it time to speak to me everyday?
9. Am I enjoying prayer?
10. When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?
11. Do I pray about the money I spend?
12. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
13. Do I disobey God in anything?
14. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
15. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
16. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?
17. How do I spend my spare time?
18. Am I proud?
19. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican?
20. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?
21. Do I grumble or complain constantly?
22. Is Christ real to me?



Church Campus Life

We are planning to participate in the
La Habra Back-To-School Block Party on
Saturday, August 8th, 2026

If you are out shopping and you see
packages of Blue or Black pens and
#2 pencils (Ticonderoga Brand)
pick up a few and drop them at the church. We need them
turned in by **Wednesday, July 29th.**

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.
Sponsored by La Habra Collaborative



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

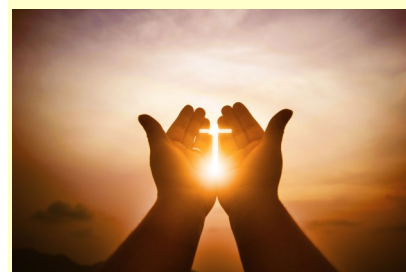
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La Habra United Methodist Church

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





Church Campus Life

Breakfast Bags for La Habra Collaborative - We will pack breakfast bags on Tuesday, July 14th | 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.

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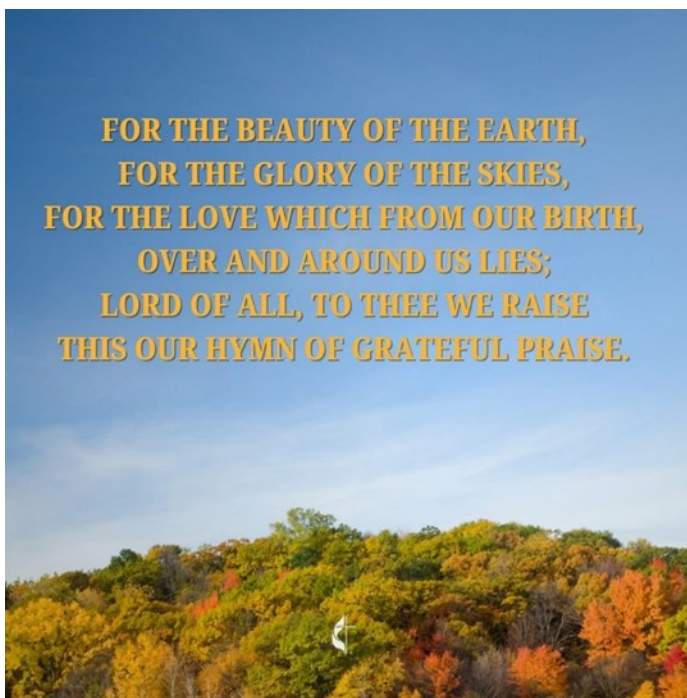
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**FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH,
FOR THE GLORY OF THE SKIES,
FOR THE LOVE WHICH FROM OUR BIRTH,
OVER AND AROUND US LIES;
LORD OF ALL, TO THEE WE RAISE
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.**



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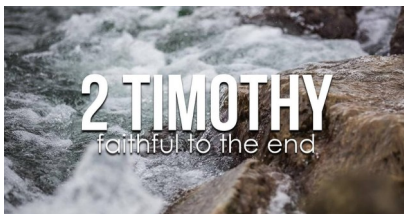
Good morning. This week, I went to the United Methodist California-Pacific Annual Youth Conference all the way over in Palm Springs, CA. There, I attended plenary discussion sessions for four days, listening to the discussions of the clergy and the laity alike. Now that I'm back from the conference and I've had some time to reflect on my experience there, I would like to share some of those reflections with you today. The number one thing I noticed about the Methodist people of the conference was how passionate they were about the faith. When faced with difficult topics, they remained steadfast and rooted in Scripture. It reminded me of the Methodist symbol of the Cross and the Flame, with the flame representing the Holy Spirit. When I was at the conference, I truly felt that the people there were on fire with the Holy Spirit, reflecting that symbol perfectly.

For instance, during the third plenary, a resolution was read before the conference, which completely condemned the genocide that was happening in Palestine. However, there was a man who wanted to amend that resolution with softer words and less controversial language, saying that "everyone needed to be on the same boat about this topic." But the conference was really determined to seek justice for what was really going on in Palestine, and they refused to back down so easily. So, another man stood up to speak against the first man's amendment, saying that the church's job was not to teach what was easy on the ears, or to present a watered-down version of the truth, but to preach the full story and provide the uncomfortable truth, because that is exactly what Jesus did as well.



When He spoke to the Pharisees, he did not mince words; in fact, he spoke to them quite harshly, calling them "blind fools," and "a brood of vipers." Jesus was not cowardly, and the church, who is the Body of Christ, must not be cowardly either. As much as we must preach love and understanding for all, we must also preach repentance and acknowledgement of sin and evil. To water down the Bible's clear condemnation of evil for the sake of making the message more comfortable is to lead the people of God astray, and to try and justify the things that God Himself hates.

In 2 Timothy 4:3-4, it is written, "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound doctrine; but having itching ears, they shall heap to themselves teachings in accordance with their own desires." I think the Christians at that conference understood that warning, and I believe the Christians here right now understand that too. I appreciate the Methodist church because it has the fruit of faith, and it makes sure to supplement its faith with good works. For in the book of James, chapter 2, verse 2:26, it is written that "faith without works is dead." The strength and confidence in the Word shown by the people of the conference during the plenary session was truly remarkable, and provided a wonderful example of the kind of things God tells us to speak against, and how to speak against it.



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Another thing that made a lasting impact on me was that as a youth member, I felt seen by my fellow attendees, who put a big emphasis on the significance of young people in the church. It was stressed multiple times in both the plenary sessions and group discussions with the youth laity that their participation was extremely important and appreciated, and that we as young people are the future of the church who will carry on the holy teachings and traditions of the Body of Christ.



As a youth delegate, that was deeply moving for me, because I truly desire to work and strive for the church, and to take up my cross daily so that I can serve the bride of Christ who is the church. The support of the older faithful reminded me of St. Paul's words in 1 Timothy 4:12, in which he writes, "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity."



For honoring St. Paul's words in such a loving manner to us youth delegates, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to the youth leaders and the clergy hosts, and everyone else in between who showed us love, appreciation, and care. Lastly, I want to thank the La Habra United Methodist Church for appointing me as its representative, especially Pastor Soomee Kim, who was there to guide and support me every step of the way.



Thank you.

Gabriel Cabardo, Youth Delegate | Annual Conference 2026

Gabriel was elected by the East District to be one of the youth delegates with full rights to participate and vote at the California-Pacific annual Conference.

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The theme of this year's annual conference - "Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger: Astonish!" Laity and clergy gathered in La Quinta, CA, and Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank explored the theme of "Astonish," inviting the Conference to consider the vastness of God's creation, from the immeasurable universe to the beauty and abundance of the earth. The bishop emphasized that these greater works are accomplished not by individuals alone, but through the united efforts of the Church. She reminded the Conference that God sees every act of compassion, justice, hospitality, and service, even when the results are not immediately visible.

The bishop spoke thoughtfully about the rise of social media, reflecting on the many challenges it has brought of living in a world where digital identities can sometimes overshadow in-person relationships. Throughout the address, she returned to the central conviction that the Church has a vital role to play in every era, in every generation. It's our responsibility to pass on the story of God's faithfulness to future generations.

Some of the top highlights included:

- 70th celebration of the ordination of women by the Methodist church. Two of the trailblazers in our conference, Rev. Faith Conklin and Rev. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, were present and are still active.
- 30th celebration of the ordination of deacons.
- One Deacon and five Elders ordained and seven provisional elders and deacons were commissioned.



Rev. Greg Batson spoke about UMW and reminds us of two important milestones for clergy in the United Methodist Church. In 1956, women were granted full clergy rights in the Methodist Church. While women have led our church through their preaching and service since the beginning of Methodism, we celebrate the past seventy years of ordained ministry in our denomination.

We passed a new conference budget which is 7.8% lower than last year's budget. An important new change is the adoption of a "tithing" model for apportionment. Rather than using our operating expenses as the basis for support, we will base our support on our giving. The new model will start in 2027.

There are many other highlights that could be shared but if you'd like more information, you can find the Daily Journal on the Cal-Pac conference website, www.calpacumc.org.



In our prayer of thanksgiving at the annual conference, "Let us do the work You are calling us to in these days to reflect your light, to embody your love, and to participate in your work - trusting that through your Spirit, you are still doing greater than this." Let us continue sharing the message of love to our community.



Astonished by God's grace and love,
Izzy Izaguirre,
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