

## CHURCH CAMPUS LIFE



### IT'S CHARGE CONFERENCE TIME!!!

Our Charge Conference will be held on  
**Sunday, November 16th | 2 p.m.**

Location:

**Placentia United Methodist Church,**  
2050 Valencia Avenue, Placentia

This year we will be part of a "Joint Charge Conference" where each of our neighboring UMC Churches will share stories and events in their church. Save the date and join us for this special time.



### **LHUMC Church office & Preschool Closed** **27th & 28th Thanksgiving Holiday**

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

**Thursdays, LHUMC** 2:30pm Exercise Class || Fellowship Hall

**Fridays, LHUMC** 10:30am Choir Practice || Sanctuary

**Sundays, LHUMC** 9am Study Class | Library | 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

**Newsletter** Please send your articles and photos for the November newsletter by **Wednesday, November 19th** to the church office at [Lahabraumc@frontier.com](mailto:Lahabraumc@frontier.com)



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*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another". Hebrews 10:24-25*

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



If I name just one mentor who helped me to become a pastor, it was Pastor Harry Pak, who was the senior pastor at Claremont United Methodist Church. This is the church located next to Claremont School of Theology (CST) while I was a student there. (Currently, CST is at Westwood UMC.) I started to work for a Master of Art in Religious Education degree. It was a logical choice of the degree and path to take since I had been an elementary school teacher before I entered CST. Everyone agreed, except Pastor Pak. He kept asking me, “Have you thought about ordination?” No, I had not thought about ordination because it did not make sense that I was to become an ordained pastor. But that question bothered me enough to pray about it. Since it was God who told me to go to seminary, God would let me know if I was in the wrong program, I thought. And the prayer was answered with strong affirmative. About one year into the program, I changed my major to Master of Divinity and prepared for ordination as an Elder in the United Methodist Church. Pastor Pak became my official mentor, guiding me through the ordination process and exemplifying pastoral leadership.

One of his key teachings was that ministry involves “comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable.” This principle taught me that pastors must sometimes challenge congregants and address difficult truths, rather than seeking popularity. My subsequent training reinforced the dual role of pastors as both pastoral and prophetic—speaking truth in love while offering care and support. True ministry requires the courage to address uncomfortable realities and to listen, even when the message is difficult to accept. This prophetic role, as demonstrated in scripture, is often met with resistance but remains essential to authentic pastoral leadership. We are often tempted to conceal or ignore aspects of ourselves that we find troubling; however, avoidance does not resolve these issues. My training affirmed that genuine ministry requires the courage to speak the truth and to do so with compassion.

As I was preparing for, leading, and reflecting after the All-Saints’ Day worship service, I remembered my mentor pastor. I regret I had not spent more time with him before he passed away. But his spirit has been with me, especially in the last few days. I remain deeply grateful for the guidance and example set by Pastor Pak. His care and teaching continue to inspire my ministry and personal growth.



**Rev. Dr. Soomee Kim**

Senior Pastor || La Habra United Methodist Church

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# Church Campus Life

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

During the month of November the children will be learning about Thanksgiving and being thankful.

11th School Closed Veterans Day || 20th Thanksgiving shared Lunch

27th & 28th Thanksgiving Holiday School Closed

## THE WRITTEN SUNDAY SERMON MESSAGE

Certainly the best way to experience Pastor Soomee's sermon is to be in the pews Sunday morning. But maybe you can't be there in person, and you have already found your way to the YouTube videos Mike Cabardo prepares for us.

Still, do you sometimes wonder about a phrase, or want to mull over an idea? Good news—you can! Visit [lahabraumc.org](http://lahabraumc.org) from your phone, tablet, or computer.

The written Sunday sermon message is available on our website. On our website, from the home page, open the **Messages** menu, select the date you're interested in, and click the title link to read Pastor Soomee's written sermon.

*Submitted by Linda Deniz*

Check us out on the Web and join us [www.lahabraumc.org](http://www.lahabraumc.org)

Facebook: LahabraUMC

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## 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](mailto: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.

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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*



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!!!





## Birthdays

8 Ed Dyer  
13 Kevin Gaston  
14 Karen Tannheimer  
17 Gail Crabtree

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

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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:** November 15 Karen & Jim Hill  
Please sign up at the next Gap Wednesday Game Night.

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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.

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## Breakfast Bags for La Habra Collaborative - We will pack breakfast bags on Thursday, November 13th | 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!

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## ALL SAINTS DAY

Remembering and Honoring our Loved Ones  
who have passed  
Sunday, November 2nd || 10:30am

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Set your clocks back on November 2,  
one hour before you go to bed Saturday night



## Christmas Eve Eve Worship Service

Tuesday, December 23rd | 6:00pm  
Please join us! Invite friends and family