



LA HABRA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE VISTA NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Trustee Meeting | Library | October 19th | 3pm

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



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>

facebook

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Welcoming Beyond Our Walls

This past month, we took an important step with the soft launch of livestreaming our worship service and using various social media platforms to share the life and ministry of La Habra United Methodist Church. This is more than learning to use new technology. It is another way for us to practice Christian hospitality. And, in some ways, it is very Methodist.

When John Wesley began preaching in the open air in 1739, he stepped outside the traditional walls of the church and preached where the people were—in fields, on hillsides, in town squares, and wherever people gathered. He understood that if people could not or would not come to the church, the church needed to go to the people. That same spirit speaks to us today.

We live in a very different world, but the principle remains: we go where the people are. There are people who would like to be part of a worshipping community but cannot always come into our church building. Some are homebound. Some have transportation challenges. And some simply do not drive. For them, livestreaming can provide a way to worship with us and remain connected to our church community.



When we livestream worship, we are saying: “You are welcome here, even if you cannot physically be here.” Social media also gives us another way to open the doors of our church. Someone who has never visited La Habra UMC may discover who we are. Someone who once worshiped with us may reconnect. Someone searching for a church may encounter our ministry for the first time.

Our church building will always be an important place where we gather, worship, pray, fellowship, and serve. But the church is more than the building. We are the people of God wherever we may be. As we pray about the future of La Habra UMC, we are asking not only, “How can we bring more people into our building?” but also, “How can we take the love of Christ beyond our walls and meet people where they are?”

Our “open air” may now include a computer, a phone, a tablet, or a social media platform. The technology may be new, but our mission is not: to share the good news of Jesus Christ and help people know that they are loved, welcomed, and never forgotten.



Our soft launch is only a beginning. May we continue to discover new ways to open doors, reach beyond our walls, and welcome people into the community of Christ. Wherever they are, may they know: There is a place for you here.

May La Habra UMC continue the Methodist tradition of going where the people are—opening our hearts, extending our welcome, and carrying the love of Christ beyond our walls.



Grace and peace,

Rev. Dr. Soomee Kim

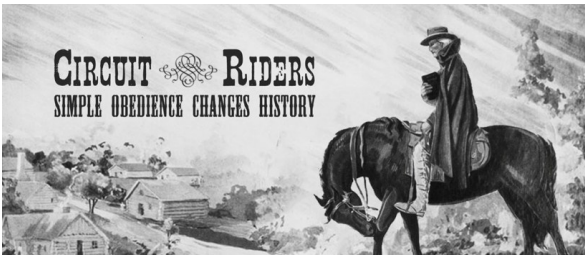
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR WORSHIP CHAIR

Dream Team and Circuits

Maybe you have heard the term “Dream Team.” Recently, we decided on a new working name: “Circuit Riders to Circuits.” We felt this better describes what is happening at La Habra UMC.



In the early days of Methodism in the United States, circuit riders traveled by horseback from town to town, visiting churches and communities and keeping people connected as the country grew. Today, we face a very different kind of challenge. Our society has become increasingly connected through computers and digital technology—another kind of “circuit.”



Several months ago, our Dream Team began talking, praying, and dreaming together about what we need to remain a vital and useful church, sharing the grace of God with our members and with the wider community.

A few months into our dreaming, former members gave our church a substantial gift to help us begin live streaming our worship services. That gift helped turn a dream into something we could actually do.

Today, if you go to La Habra UMC on YouTube, you can watch our worship service while it is happening or watch it later when you have time. We have already been amazed by the response. Our livestreams are connecting us with former members, current members, and people who are discovering La Habra UMC for the first time.

Michael Carbardo, our “video master,” reminds us that we are still in the beta stage—which simply means we are still learning and making sure everything works as it should! Eventually, we hope to share our worship through additional social media platforms as well.

You can be part of this new ministry:

- Subscribe to La Habra UMC on YouTube.
- Tell your friends and family about our livestreams.
- Watch and share our services, especially when you cannot attend in person.
- Give us your feedback and suggestions.
- Volunteer or contribute financially as you are able.

As a team, we are sometimes surprised by how quickly this is moving. One member recently told us, “Slow down, you’re moving too fast!” Maybe we are. But we also feel the pull of the Holy Spirit as we take these steps together. None of this would have happened without people willing to dream, pray, give, and follow where God is leading us. ***The Dream Team is becoming a ministry in motion - and we invite you to be part of this movement.***



Jonell Cadman,
Worship Chair

Church Campus Life

Entering the Digital Age — with Zelle



Yes, we're adapting! You can now send your donations to the church safely and conveniently from your bank account using Zelle. Most banks offer Zelle as part of their online banking or mobile app.

We've tested the process using both a desktop computer and a cell phone.

A couple of important reminders

When you send your donation, please include a memo describing what the money is for. Just like with a check, we need to know whether your donation is for your regular pledge or a special purpose.

Also, Zelle identifies the deposit using the name on the sending bank account. If that name doesn't clearly identify you, please include your name in the memo so we know who made the donation.

Two ways to get started

1. Through your bank:

Log in to your bank account and navigate to the Pay/Zelle section. Enter the church's Zelle tag: **lahabra-umc**

2. Using the church's QR code:

Open your phone's camera and scan the church's Zelle QR code. It's easy—and convenient!



Thank you for supporting our church and helping us enter the digital age!



All Saint's Day

If you have a loved one who have died this past year you are welcome to provide information to Pastor Soomee. We would be honored to include them in the celebration on Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 10:30am service, and we welcome your attendance. Please send information to: Pastor Soomee - pastor.lahabra631@gmail.com or Izzy - lahabraumc@frontier.com.



AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

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

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.

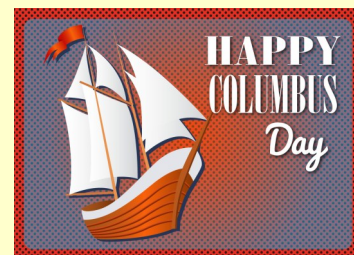
Here is the process:

- 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.

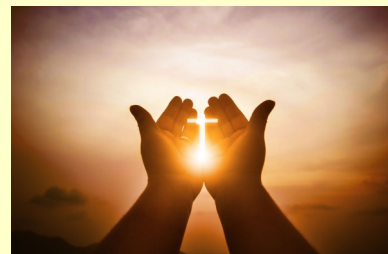


Birthdays this month

20 - Gabriel Cabardo



Church office closed
Monday, October 12th



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 October Date TBD | Time - TBD | 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.

November 7th GAP Dinner - Nancy Tittle/Izzy Izaguirre Hosting

In our hearts, but not forgotten



Kevin Gaston passed into life eternal. Prayers for his family and friends as they plan for the upcoming celebration of life service and reception.



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