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La Habra United Methodist Church

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I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

The mission of the United Methodist Church (UMC) is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." The mission is our driving purpose and *why* we are a church. Last May, the Council of Bishops and the Connectional Table declared the new vision statement: "The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections." The vision tells us *where* we are going and *how* we will continue to live into to accomplish our mission. And the three actions of disciples are further spelled out:

Love Boldly: This component calls for a passionate love for God and the inclusive embrace of all people, regardless of their background.

Serve Joyfully: The vision emphasizes offering care and compassion with a Christ-like spirit, particularly to the most vulnerable.

Lead Courageously: This aspect encourages us to resist and dismantle systems of

injustice and oppression, working towards peace, justice, and reconciliation.

With the vision statement, they also shared the concept of **Sankofa**, a West African word and image that means to 'go back and fetch it and bring it forward.' The Sankofa bird symbolizes that one must remember where they have come from to move forward.

As we wrap up the summer and gear up for the fall, I prayerfully embrace the new vision statement. And I invite you all to meditate and reflect on it with me and listen to the nudging of the Holy Spirit: Where is God leading us, La Habra UMC this year? As a church, which part of the new vision statement do we already find ourselves BE? And what do we need to DO to become more of? And for you individually, how does the new vision statement help you to be closer to God and more Christ-like?



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Looking Ahead

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

Mondays, Church Project 6pm to 9pm || Women's Bible Study group || Lounge starting September 22nd to November 17th

Church Project 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm || Youth Group || Classrooms 24 and 25
Wednesdays, LHUMC 5pm G.A.P. Bring Your Own Dinner and Games || Lounge
Thursdays, LHUMC 2:30pm Exercise Class || Fellowship Hall

Sundays, LHUMC 9:00am Study Class - Library | 10:30 a.m. Worship Service **Sundays, Church Project** 8am-1pm Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Classrooms 14,15, 24,25 **Fridays, LHUMC** 10:30am Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Newsletter Please send your articles and photos for the October newsletter by **Wednesday, September 24th** to the church office at Lahabraumc@frontier.com

In our hearts, but not forgotten

friends during this difficult time.

Bev Shirk (Jonell Cadman's sister) passed into life eternal on August 25th. Prayers for Brydon (husband), family and friends during this difficult time. Service - TBD.

Laura Johnson passed into the loving arms of Jesus on August 17th. Prayers for peace and comfort for Kelley, Keith, and her loving family and

Manuel (brother of Debbie Vargas) passed into eternal life.

Ramon (Scarlett's father-in-law to be) passed into life eternal.

Janet Williams passed into the loving arms of Jesus Christ.

Marlis Cram(Sandy's mother-in-law) passed into the loving arms of Jesus Christ. Gerrie Izaguirre passed int the loving arms of Jesus Christ.

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 September the children will be learning about themselves. Their feelings, families, and their 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

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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



Birthdays

- 1 Linda Deniz
- 1 Janet Williams
- 3 Ken Bagley
- 5 Pam Pocock
- 12 Jim Henn
- 12 Dorathy Stamper
- 12 Teresa Townsend
- 17 Karen Hill
- 23 Vivian Morris
- 25 Bonnie Heffner
- 27 Jack Walley
- 28 Alice Szekunda







Dear Friends at La Habra UMC,
Jim and I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to
all of you for the wonderful Retirement
Party. I am using the golf balls, and I even
found a much coveted #1 Wood in the "used"
golf bag. The Love Gift was so generous and
I've used it to pay for only fun, golf outings

and trying new restaurants. Boy retirement is exhausting!

I'm so grateful for the gift of serving as your Pastor, the love, friendships and memories that we built together will be in my heart forever.

It's never good-bye, just "see you soon"!

In Christ, PK, Jim and family. The Tannheimer's

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

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.

Breakfast Bags for La Habra Collaborative - We will pack breakfast bags on Thursday – September 25th | 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.