

# SALT & LIGHT

## COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

#### The Community Church of Sebastopol

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Rev. Gene Nelson



#### Community Is...

Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister

This month we kick off our annual Pledge Drive with the theme, "Community Is..." We will be asking every member and friend of Community Church to make a pledge (aka estimate of giving) in support of the 2024 Local Ministry and Wider Mission of our congregation. We will be asking all who value this church, founded in 1889, to commit a portion of their finances to ensure that we continue to thrive in the coming year, let alone for the next 135.

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We are facing some challenges in the coming years, challenges that can be met with generous financial giving:

- ◆ Inflation means that interest rates have risen, but so has the cost of living.
- ◆ We want to retain our talented staff with **just compensation**.
- ◆ As a resource not only for our congregation, but also for the wider community, care of our **facility** requires constant vigilance and adequate funds.
- ◆ **Mission programs** like the Inter-Church Food Pantry are continuing to serve the most vulnerable with decreased donations and increased food costs.

Our pledge drive season will be an opportunity to respond to the prompt, "Community Is..." Community is... many things. Fun. Hard work. Precious. Perplexing. Meaningful. Challenging. Nurturing. What is community for you? Descriptions of community in Christian scriptures can help us discover what community is for us today.

#### Community Is...

- ◆ **A Commonwealth:** In Acts 4:32, we learn that, in the early church community, "everything they owned was held in common," and "there was not a needy person among them."
- ◆ **A Covenant People:** In Ephesians 2:12–14, community members are described as belonging to a "covenant of promise" that breaks down the dividing wall between former enemies.

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- ◆ **A Body:** In I Corinthians 12:27, the Apostle Paul writes, "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."
- ◆ **A People Called Out:** In the New Testament, the word translated "church" is the Greek ekklesia, which literally means "people called out" of the world to form an alternative community marked by its trust in God.
- ◆ **A Band of Disciples:** In the Gospels, Jesus refers to the church as his followers, students, disciples, people of all ages, genders, and walks of life seeking to follow Jesus' way.
- ◆ **A People on the Way:** An early name for the Jesus movement, found in Acts 9:2, was simply, "The Way."
- ◆ **A People Unified by Baptism:** In Ephesians 4:5, the church is described as those unified by "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism."
- ◆ **A People Nourished at the Table:** At the Last Supper, Jesus gives his disciples a way to nourish their community – "remember me in the sharing of bread."
- ◆ **An Event:** More than just a group people, Christian community is often something that happens. It is an event like the one found in Luke 10 where a Samaritan, an outsider, rescues a man attacked by robbers.
- ◆ **An Open Invitation:** Christian community is never an exclusive club but is always open to outsiders. Blind Bartimaeus becomes Jesus' first follower in Mark 10:52. Mary Magdalene becomes the first preacher in John 20:18. A gender queer Ethiopian is the first person to request and receive baptism in Acts 8:36.

**Community Is...** Important. Worthy of our attention and commitment. Transformative. Beautiful.

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## Holiday Gift Bag Ministry



It is getting close to that time of the year when Mission and Outreach start to plan for our yearly holiday gift bag ministry to over 150 recipients at the Sam Jones Hall located on Finely Avenue, Santa Rosa. Through the years and your generosity, this giving program has been very successful and warmly appreciated by those most in need. This year we would like your help with bag donations.

If you could look for bags about the size of a grocery bag 15"H x 13" L x 5" W, purchase as many as you are able and donate to the supply we will need. A Donation Box is located in the church entry. For further information contact **Joyce Cox** 829-0750.

**October 2023 Worship**  
*Fall Worship Theme: "Community Is.."*

**Worship Details:**

This year we worship in the Sanctuary on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.  
Services are live streamed on our church's YouTube channel & Facebook page  
Weekly bulletin and announcements are available at [www.uccseb.org](http://www.uccseb.org)

**October 1 – World Communion Sunday**

We gather for intergenerational worship, and with simple bread and salt water, we share communion in solidarity with suffering people throughout the world. The Chancel Choir sings, we receive the Neighbors in Need special offering, and Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister, preaches a sermon on Matthew 21:23–32 entitled "Community Is... Loving the Wrong People."

**October 8 – Pledge Drive Kick-Off Sunday**

Today we kick off our Pledge Drive in support of the 2024 Local Church Ministry and Wider Mission of our congregation. A small vocal ensemble shares two pieces and Pastor Benjamin preaches a sermon from Exodus 20 entitled, "Community Is... Practicing Neighborly Love."

**October 15 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost**

Today our Chancel Choir sings and Rev. Rachel Knuth, Associate Minister, preaches a sermon on Matthew 22:1–14 entitled "Community Is... Taking Togetherness Seriously."

**October 22 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost**

On this weekend of the annual Men's retreat, our Handbell Ensemble play in worship, New Members join, and Pastor Benjamin preaches a sermon on Matthew 22:15–22 entitled, "Community Is... Seeing People Face to Face."

**October 29 – All Saints/Souls Sunday**

On this Sunday before All Saints and Souls Days, we invite people to help create a special altar honoring those we've loved who have died. The sermon, "Community Is... A Multi-Generations Project," focuses on Psalm 90.

**Coming in November...** Recognition of 30, 40 & 50-year members, Gratitude Sunday, Blessing of 5th/6th Grade O.W.L. participants, Reign of Christ Sunday.

## 2023 Gathering of Waters September 3, 2023

### LOCATION

Lake of the Woods, Klamath Falls, OR  
South Fork of the Stanislaus River  
Lake Ralphine, Howarth Park, Santa Rosa, CA  
Lover's Point Beach  
  
Dillon Beach, CA  
Rogue River Near Gold Beach, OR  
Wailoaloa Beach, Pacific Ocean, Nadi, Fiji  
Lithia Creek, Ashland, OR  
Bodensee, Lake of Constance, Switzerland  
Creek Water from Sea Ranch  
Cardosa, Italy  
Gualala River  
Head of Sacramento River, Mt. Shasta, CA  
St. Lawrence River, Upstate NY at Canadian Border  
Basset Creek, Crystal, Minnesota  
  
The River Thames, Henley-on-Thames, England  
Lake Cascade, Cascade, ID  
La Source de Nans, Mount Sain Baume, Provence, France  
Atlantic Ocean in the Azores  
North Channel, Giants Causeway, Northern Ireland  
Basilika Mondsee Holy Water  
Glacier Bay Gustavus, AK

### GATHERED BY

Cassells Family  
Anonymous  
Ellen Jordan  
Youth SALT participants on  
trip to Blue Theology  
Reena Burton  
Jules Danton  
Broadbent-Bell Family  
Cassells Family  
Linda Roa  
Bobbie Johanson  
DelMonte Family  
Pelton Family  
Barbara Whitson  
Judy Davison  
Bernie Hovden  
& Alicia Sanchez  
Norma & Garth Watson  
Terri Harper  
Mary Culberson  
Dee Schilling  
Norma & Garth Watson  
Kingwell-Peterson Family  
J. Althea



## Gathering of Waters September 3, 2023

### *Prayer of Blessing*

We thank you, God, for the gift of creation, that you spoke into being and blessed.

Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters.

Out of the waters of the deep, you brought forth the earth to sustain all life.

In the time of Noah, you washed the earth with the waters of the flood,  
and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning.

In the time of Miriam, Aaron, and Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters  
from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the Promised Land.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus the Christ, who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb.

Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well,  
washed the feet of the disciples, and sent them forth to baptize all the nations by water and the Holy Spirit.

May your Spirit now move over these waters which we, your people, have gathered.

May they be blessed by the places from which they came and by the lives of those who gathered them.

May they be blessed by your love, O God, as we use these waters to baptize people of all ages and back-  
grounds in the name of the Creator, and the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

As we live out our baptismal life, may we never take water for granted – may we receive it as the gift of life  
itself, a gift made fully known through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





**Launch Sunday**  
**September 10, 2023**  
**Schedule for this program year (September – May)**

- \* 10:00 – Worship in the Sanctuary
- \* 11:00 – Kinship Time, Bell Tower Courtyard
- \* 11:15 – Faith Formation Hour in various locations (see below)

KINSHIP TIME happens at 11:00 a.m. in the Bell Tower Courtyard. Visit the “Bounty Table” to share fresh produce.



**Our Whole Lives**

Our Whole Lives (OWL) Comprehensive Sexuality Education, for enrolled 5th & 6th Graders continues on Sundays in October, 10:00-11:15am, led by Co-Facilitators: **Brooke Bell** and **Larry Stallings**.

This month's topics:

October 1	Body Image
October 8	Changes of Puberty
October 15	Gender
October 22	Feelings and Attractions
October 29	Reproduction and Staying Healthy

Mid-Point Check-in for parents only: October 17, 6 - 7 p.m., in the Youth Lounge. Contact **Pastor Rachel**: [pastorrachel@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorrachel@uccseb.org).



## What's Happening in Youth Groups!



Youth Groups meet...

Twice a month of Sunday nights:

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

(5:00 - 5:30 p.m. is a shared meal with both groups together)



Once a month on a Saturday morning: Both youth groups join together for "Service Saturdays." Friends are always welcome.

October 1	Chill Games Night and Bring a Friend Night	Meet in Youth Lounge
October 15	M.S.: Pool Party  H.S.: Messy Party * wear clothes you can throw away	Wiser Home  Knuth Home
SATURDAY October 28 (likely 9-12-ish)	Service Project: TBD	TBD

Click Here to see the Fall Youth Calendar

### 2024 Youth SALT Trips - Service and Learning Together

Middle School

Save the Date for May 26-28, 2024

More Details to come about our Bay Area adventure!

High School



We're headed to Tijuana, Mexico, June 9-16, 2024, to help build houses with Esperanza, International. Parent & Youth Info Session: October 1 at 7:00 p.m., in the Youth Lounge. Click Here to Register for the High School SALT Trip. Deadline to sign up is October 15. SALT Trip Contact: **Pastor Rachel:** [pastorrachel@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorrachel@uccseb.org).

We Like Big Bucks and We Cannot Lie

Our SALT Trips will be heavily subsidized by fundraisers, yay! Youth and Parents, please save the dates for our 3 fundraisers of the year:

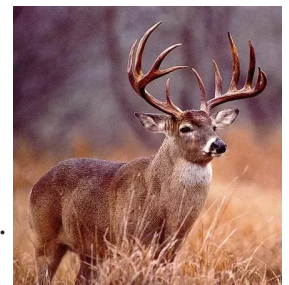
November 18 - Selling homemade crafts & yummies at the Sebastopol Grange

February 11 - Transfiguration Sunday Brunch with Burning of the Palms

April 2024 - Sponsor Our Youth

Our SALT Trip Fundraising Team is Kristen DelMonte, Sheina Curtis, and Sara Poisson.

Contact Kristen DelMonte at [kristendelmonte@gmail.com](mailto:kristendelmonte@gmail.com).



## A Wonderful Time in Westminster Woods

Bobbie Johanson, Leadership Council Member for Care and Fellowship

All Church Camp Weekend was a fun time for the 82 folks who participated August 25-27. Campers ranged in age from 2 to 82. New families and individuals joined with long term campers. Some people stayed overnight and some just came for Saturday. The theme *Living Water* ran through the various activities and gave a beautiful spiritual focus amidst all the fun.

**Pastor Benjamin** started things off when he welcomed everybody and led grace before our casual bring-your-own picnic dinner. **Dawson** and **Emily Bell** led a great campfire time with singing, impromptu skits, and s'mores. It's a little different to roast marshmallows over a propane fire but they still tasted good. Thanks to **Kathy Matthies** for prepping the ingredients.

**Kathy Bell**, our Camp Committee Chair, was also our grace leader and schedule keeper. Do you know the Addam's Family and Superman grace songs? Come next year and learn them. **Bob Curtis** and **Pastor Rachel** organized the Saturday morning mixer activities on the big field. New names were learned and clever interpretations of water-themed Bible verses were acted out.

Morning choices then followed with a grand array from kid's crafts with **Joy Richards**, adult crafts with **Elizabeth Schilling** from Santa Cruz UCC, a hike led by **Tamar Knuth** and **Eliana Curtis**, a casual talk wonderfully full and flowing. **Kathy Bell** provided a watchful eye on the playground so parents could have some free time.

After lunch more choices were offered including a lesson on thyme from herbalist **Jen Bredesen**, different crafts with **Joy** and **Elizabeth**, skit practice with **Sheina Curtis**, basketball with **Bob Curtis** and **Jim MacKillop** and another coffee talk with **Brian Plaugher** and **Bobbie Johanson**. Then there was free time where people could use the pool, walk the labyrinth, play games, rest, or just hang out.

Dinner included pie ala mode with our own Apple Pies. Earnings from our Apple Pie sale subsidized almost 30% of the cost of Camp. Thanks again to everybody who helped on our big annual fun fundraiser. Then we enjoyed the traditional Talent No Talent Show, emceed by **Olivia Stoll**. Beautiful singing by the **Curtis family**, fun skits by the youth (augmented by little Hugo), instrumentals by **Benji Margulis**, and more. Who knew petite 80 lb. **Hazel Furber Dobson** could lift her 150 lb. brother, **Zack**? TNT always provides comedy and surprises. Then off for games and puzzles and snacks in Vernon Lodge. Again for more.

After a breakfast with yummy coffee cake on Sunday, we enjoyed a beautiful worship service among the redwoods led by **Pastor Rachel** with music by **Andy Del Monte**. Lovely haikus were written and shared before communion was served. With hearts warmed by faith and fellowship it was time to head homeward. It was a great time of growth, renewal, reflection, broadening of acquaintances sprinkled with fun and laughter. I hope even more folks will join in next year.







# Upcoming Training Workshops



## Safe Church Policy Trainings (choose 1):

**October 1, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. (byo lunch) - Media Room**

**January 23, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (byo dinner) - Media Room**

If you are a volunteer with children or youth, and have not attended a Safe Church Policy Training in the last 3 years, it's time! Our next available training is October 1, 12:30-2:30pm. We'll be in the Media Room, and you're welcome to bring your own food to eat during the training.

## Safety Requirements for Volunteers

As we continue to deepen our commitments to our Safe Church Policy and abide by new requirements from the State of California, all volunteers working with children and youth must complete 3 steps:

1. **LiveScan Background Check**, paperwork available in the church office, to get fingerprinted. The cost is \$50, and the church will reimburse you for the cost
2. **Attend a Safe Church Policy Training**. The next available training is October 1 at 12:30 p.m. in the Media Room. A subsequent training will be offered January 23, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Media Room, with a special invitation for newly recruited LC members.
3. **Complete online Abuse Reporting for Volunteers Training**, through Church HR Networks, our church's insurance company. This module takes about 1.5 hours to complete (maybe less), and a certificate is automatically sent to the Staff. One of the Pastors will send you a link when you sign up to volunteer in any of our programs for children and youth, or if you are a member of the Leadership Council.

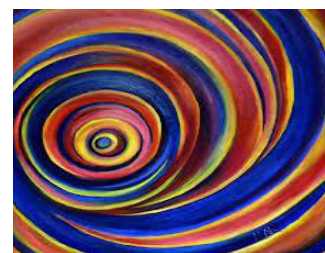
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## How to Lead Wondering Circle

### Trainings (choose 1):

**October 3, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. – Room 5**

**October 5, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. – Room 5**



Come be part of an awesome leader-team, shepherding our K-5th Graders in Wondering Circle, a Montessori-based storytelling method in the spirit of Godly Play. Parents and Grandparents of children Grades K-5 are especially encouraged to come to the workshop, gain confidence in biblical storytelling, and help lead the program for their children. If you're hoping to help lead Wondering Circle this program year, and want to know how it all works and what to do, this is the workshop for you!

Contact: **Pastor Rachel**: [pastorrachel@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorrachel@uccseb.org)



... to **Bruce Matson** to spending countless hours researching the correct thermostats for our upcoming thermostat upgrades and.... for the coming hours he will spend helping to install them!

...to the All Church Camp Weekend Team for giving us another fabulous weekend at Westminster Woods!

...to all the Musicians who blessed us with their talents during the summer months when our Handbells and Chancel Choir were on Summer Break.

I already told you  
I am not turning your water into  
pumpkin spice latte



# Joyeux Noël

A French Christmas with Sonos

## Joyeux Noël

**A French Christmas with Sonos Handbell Ensemble**  
Guest artist, mezzo-soprano, Ellen St. Thomas

**Saturday, November 25, 2:00 PM**  
**Community Church of Sebastopol**  
**1000 Gravenstein Highway N., Sebastopol, CA 95472**  
**Free Concert, no reservations required**  
**An opportunity will be given to donate to Sonos.**



Sonos Handbell ensemble will present a new holiday program Joyeux Noël at Community Church! Our own **Karna Roa** is a member of this professional ensemble.

The concert includes carols from historical regions in and around France as well as a few other Sonos favorites.



**Thresholds**  
We release with care...

...**Jerry Coleman**, church member who died August 24.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, November 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

*May God's comforting Spirit and the love of our community surround Mary Coleman, and their whole family as they grieve.*



## October BIRTHDAYS

October 1	Bob Heymann	October 12	Vida Sanchez-Strawbridge
October 1	Michael Ost	October 12	Stephen Maharg
October 2	Laura Steyn	October 13	Gerri Doody
October 4	Spencer Babcock	October 13	Suzanne White
October 4	Lynn Deedler	October 14	Larry Stallings
October 4	Justine Farley	October 14	Birgit Quezada
October 4	Ed Gaylord	October 14	Dianne Moore
October 4	Will Plaucher	October 20	Ben Rasmus
October 6	Laurie Mitchell	October 20	Steve Beck
October 6	Annie Nelson	October 21	Leslie Warren
October 6	Ava Whitehorn	October 23	Ann Butterfield
October 7	Libby Plaucher	October 23	Gretchen Vincent-Brisbin
October 8	Jan Sweeney	October 24	Ethan Trevino
October 8	Linda Roa	October 24	Maryellen Taylor
October 8	Lori Lapham	October 24	Emma DelMonte
October 8	Co Dunga	October 26	Jonah Gonzales
October 10	Nadine Sanders	October 27	Ashley Arnold
October 10	Gloria Given	October 28	Betty Nelson
October 10	Dakota Blackstone	October 29	Kate MacKillop
October 11	Linda Inman	October 31	Juliette Babcock
October 11	Bill Oakes	October 17	Ellen Jordan



**Faith Formation Hour**  
**Sundays at 11:15 - 12:15 p.m. after worship**  
**You have some awesome options, check it out!**



**Wondering Circle**

Montessori-based storytelling in the spirit of Godly Play  
 Kindergarten - 5th Grade  
 Room 5

Date	Story	Storyteller	Helper
October 1	The Good Shepherd & World Communion	OPEN	OPEN
October 8	Parable of the Good Samaritan	Joanne Matson	Alvin Hukins
October 15	Parable of the Great Pearl	OPEN	OPEN
October 22	Parable of the Sower	OPEN	OPEN
October 29	Parable of the Leaven	Joanne Matson	Alvin Hukins



**Holy Troublemakers**

Reflecting on people who faithfully worked for the good of everyone  
 Youth & Adults  
 Room 6

Date	Troublemaker & Topic	Leader
October 1	Gustavo Gutierrez: Imitating Jesus	Pastor Rachel
October 8	Herb Montgomery: What if Jesus Came to Show Us How to Live?	Pastor Rachel
October 15	Kaitlin Curtice: Knowing Our Origin Stories	Pastor Rachel
October 22	Thich Nhat Hanh: Being a Buddha	Guest Leader TBD
October 29	Rumi: Creating Through Grief	Pastor Rachel

## Guest Speaker & Church Chat

An opportunity for conversation and learning about current topics led by

**Pastor Benjamin**

Youth & Adults

Fireside Room (Church Chat)

Sanctuary (Guest Speakers)



October 1	Guest Speaker: Chad Bolla "Housing Justice" (Sanctuary)	Chad Bolla serves on staff of the North Bay Organizing Project in the role of Tenant Organizer and has been focusing his efforts on strengthening the political power of the Sonoma County Tenants Union. Come learn about NBOP's work on Housing Justice and how you and Community Church can join these efforts.
October 8	Church Chat: "Pledge Drive Nuts & Bolts" (Fireside Room)	On this day we kick off a Pledge Drive in support of the 2024 Local Ministry and Wider Mission of our congregation, our Leadership Council leads a conversation about the 2024 budget priorities and how member pledges make our church thrive.
October 15	Church Chat: "Adding Identity & Expression to our ONA Statement" (Fireside Room)	This January, our congregation will vote on adding the words "Identity and Expression," following the word gender to our church's Open & Affirming (ONA) statement. Pastor Benjamin leads a discussion about why the addition is an act of justice.
October 22	Church Chat: "Meet Our Newest Members" (Fireside Room)	Our church's newest members, some of whom will join today, will have a chance to introduce themselves. This is a chance to put new names with new faces and meet some wonderful new people.
October 29	Church Chat: "Charitable Giving" (Fireside Room)	Susan Olson, church member and financial advisor, will share the most tax efficient ways to give to charities, including the church. What if you could afford to give more to the church while paying less in taxes by doing it a different way than just writing a check? Susan will review simple ways to give to qualified charities if you have investment accounts of nearly any kind as well as some easy ways to leave a legacy gift without needing to update your entire estate plan. Susan can provide specific help to anyone who needs it, including setting up a one-on-one session to help you fulfill your charitable goals.



## Meditation

Learning to meditate with Dr. Mary Culberson, an experienced practitioner  
Youth & Adults  
Chapel

October 1	Beginning Meditation (drop-in)
October 8	Beginning Meditation (drop-in)
October 15	Beginning Meditation (drop-in)
October 22	Going Deeper with Meditation
October 29	Going Deeper with Meditation

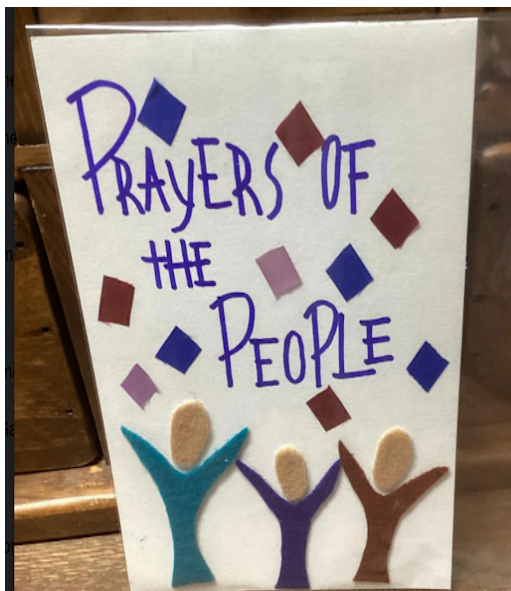
## October 2023 Events at Community Church

October 1	<b>18th Sunday after Pentecost</b> , Worship Service, 10:00 am, Sanctuary 5th/6th Grade Owl, 10 am, Youth Lounge Kinship Time, 11:00 am, Bell Tower Courtyard Faith Formation Hour, 11:15 am, Various Locations Safe Church Policy Training, 12:30 pm, Media Room Middle School Youth Group, 4 p.m., Youth Lounge High School Youth Group, 5 p.m., Youth Lounge High School SALT Trip Information Meeting, 7 p.m. Youth Lounge
October 2	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 am, Fireside Room
October 3	Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall Men's Discussion Group, 6 pm, Fireside Room Wondering Circle Workshop, 6 pm, Room 5
October 4	Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6 Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary
October 5	Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall Women's Fellowship Card Writing, 3 pm, Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm, Choir Room
October 6	Wondering Circle Workshop, Noon, Room 5
October 8	<b>19th Sunday after Pentecost</b> , Worship Service, 10:00 am, Sanctuary 5th/6th Grade Owl, 10 am, Youth Lounge Kinship Time, 11:00 am, Bell Tower Courtyard Faith Formation Hour, 11:15 am, Various Locations
October 10	Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall Facility Committee, 10 am, Fireside Room Finance Committee, 3 pm, Classroom 6 Personnel Committee 4 pm, Fireside Room Lead Minister PPRT 5 pm, Fireside Room Outreach Committee, 7 pm, Fireside Room
October 11	Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6 Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary
October 12	Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall
October 14	Second Saturday Luncheon, Noon, Fellowship Hall
October 15	<b>20th Sunday after Pentecost</b> , Worship Service, 10:00 am, Sanctuary 5th/6th Grade Owl, 10 am, Youth Lounge Kinship Time, 11:00 am, Bell Tower Courtyard Faith Formation Hour, 11:15 am, Various Locations Middle School Youth Group, 4 p.m., Youth Lounge High School Youth Group, 5 p.m., Youth Lounge
October 16	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 am, Fireside Room

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- October 17 Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall  
Grounds Team, 9 am, Campus  
Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6  
5th/6th Grade OWL Parent Meeting, 6 pm, Youth Lounge  
Men's Retreat Planning, 6 pm, Fireside Room
- October 18 Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room  
Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6  
Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary  
Leadership Council, 6:30 pm, Media Room
- October 19 Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm, Choir Room
- October 22 **21st Sunday after Pentecost**, Worship Service,  
5th-6th Grade OWL, 10 am, Youth Lounge  
Kinship Time, 11 am, Bell Tower Courtyard  
Faith Formation Hour, 11:15 am, Various Locations
- October 24 Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus  
Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall
- October 25 Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room  
Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6  
Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary  
Associate Minister PPRT, 5 pm, Fireside Room
- October 26 Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm, Choir Room
- October 28 Middle/High School Youth Service Project, 9 am,  
October 29 **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**, Worship Service,  
5th-6th Grade OWL, 10 am, Youth Lounge  
Kinship Time, 11 am, Bell Tower Courtyard  
Faith Formation Hour, 11:15 am, Various Locations
- October 31 Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus  
Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall



## Prayers of Intercession

Intercessory Prayer is when we pray on behalf of others, and it's an important part of being in community. Sometimes prayer can be inward. Intercessory Prayer asks us to turn outward, to look around us, notice where there is suffering, and to lift our concerns to God. Intercessory prayer asks: When you notice the world's pain, where do you want to put your prayer energy?

Our new prayer book in the Narthex awaits your written prayers. If you come to worship with a prayer in your heart, you can write about it in the book. People of all ages can write on the lovely pages. There aren't lines on the paper so you can even draw your prayer concern. You might also like to flip through the book, to see what others have written, and lift their concerns in your own prayer life.

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