

# SALT & LIGHT

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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### *Sharing God's Dream*

By Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister

Advent is a time of preparation. But what are we preparing for and how do we do that preparation? Yes, we are preparing for Christmas, but if we're honest, Christmas is a mostly secular holiday in the 21st century, and most of our preparation involves buying and wrapping gifts, cooking and eating food, planning visits and seeing family members. Is Advent more than that? Can it be more than that? For most of Christian history, Advent was less about preparing for Christmas – the First Coming of Christ – and more about preparing for the Future Coming of Christ, the fulfillment of expectations of "God's will done on earth as it already is in heaven." But how does one prepare for such a far out, lofty, glorious expectation?

In his book, "The Secret Message of Jesus," Brian McLaren suggests we need new alternatives to the metaphor, "kingdom of God" because of the patriarchy and hierarchy linked to the idea of a kingdom. Are we really waiting for a dominating male ruler to come back and make everything right? McLaren suggests we should learn to speak not only of the kingdom of God, but of the dream of God, the revolution of God, the mission of God, the party of God, the network of God, the dance of God.

This year our congregation will focus on "Sharing God's Dream." We will hear the dream-stories of the Bible, the visitations of Gabriel to Zechariah and Mary, the dreams of Joseph and the magi, and the visions of Simeon and Anna. And we will engage our imaginations:

- What do those dreams and visions tell us about God's dream for the world?
- What are our dreams and how do they link up with God's dreams?
- How do we share God's dream of a renewed church and world in an age of anxiety and loss?

A song by Brian Sirchio, "Dream God's Dream," voices the longing of God's people to realize God's dream for the world:

Dream God's dream, Holy Spirit, help us dream  
Of a world where there is justice and where everyone is free  
To build and grow and love  
And to simply have enough.

The world will change when we dream God's dream.

Yes. Advent is much more than preparing for the Christmas holiday. It is tuning our imaginations to dream God's dream and to share that dream with all who hunger and thirst for a changed world where everyone is free. ❁

**DECEMBER 2021 WORSHIP**  
**ADVENT THEME: "SHARING GOD'S DREAM"**

- We are worshipping in person Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
- Services live streamed on our church's Facebook page.
- Services can be viewed later on our YouTube channel.
- See weekly emails and visit [www.uccseb.org](http://www.uccseb.org) for more details.

**December 5 – 2nd Sunday in Advent: Sharing God's Dream of PEACE**

Today we light the second Advent candle and share God's dream of peace. We celebrate Holy Communion, the Chancel Choir sings, and Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister, preaches a sermon on the story of Joseph's dream found in Matthew 1:18–25.

**December 12 – 3rd Sunday in Advent: Sharing God's Dream of JOY**

On this day traditionally known as "Gaudete Sunday," we light the pink candle on our Advent wreath, the candle of "Joy." The smaller Handbell Ensemble shares worship music and we hear the story of Mary's song, the Magnificat, found in Luke 1:39–45.

**December 19 – 4th Sunday in Advent: Sharing God's Dream of LOVE**

Today we light the final Advent candle, the candle of Love. For the first time in 5 years, a Children's Choir will sing in worship and Rev. Lacey Hunter, Associate Minister of Faith Formation, preaches on the dreams and visions of Simeon and Anna found in Luke 2:22–40.

**December 21 – Winter Solstice / Longest Night**

6:00 p.m. – Longest Night Contemplative Service, led by Rev. Rachel Knuth

**December 24 – Christmas Eve**

- o 4:00 – Pageant Service for Children and their Families
- o 6:00 – Family-Friendly Candlelight Service with Handbell Ensemble
- o 8:30 – Traditional Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service with Chancel Choir

**December 25 – Christmas Day (No services)**

**December 26 – 1st Sunday after Christmas**

Today we gather for an informal service, singing carols and lifting prayers for the new year, led by Rev. Rachel Knuth, Associate Minister of Congregational Care.

**Coming in January...** 2nd Sunday after Christmas, Epiphany, Baptism of Chris Sunday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Annual Meeting of the Congregation, New Members Join



**The Longest Night: December 21**

A worship service with space to hold loss

The Advent Season can be a complex time-- it can be for us both a time of joyful hope, and it may stir within us memories of loved ones we've lost and feelings of grief. You're invited to this quieter worship service on the longest night of the year, with candle-lighting, music, and prayer. No matter where you are in metabolizing grief, you are welcome at this service. Pastor Rachel and musician, Andy DelMonte, will create a space to hold loss and listen deeply for the light of Christ, born anew in each heart. The Longest Night, Saturday, December 21 at 6pm in Faith Chapel. For more information, please contact Pastor Rachel: [pastorrachel@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorrachel@uccseb.org).



## Children and Youth Ministries During Advent



**Youth Group Service Project & Holiday Party**  
**Saturday, December 18, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Memorial Hall**  
**Dinner will be provided**

Middle and High School youth groups are invited to help assemble Christmas bags for the Santa Rosa Samuel Jones Hall Homeless Shelter. Community Church has had a long-standing relationship with Sam Jones, each

Christmas providing shoeboxes filled with resources to help with basic needs including hygiene items,

towels, and warm socks. Throughout Advent, community members will be donating items for these bags and on December 18, youth members will help the Community Church Outreach Team assemble bags for delivery. We'll also take time to personalize individual cards for each bag, to help fill them with Christmas love.

After assembling bags, we'll celebrate with holiday festivities including music, games and treats. ❄️



### **Pageant Service for Children, Youth and Their Families** **Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

This Christmas Eve, after almost two years of pandemic worship and holidays, we will be celebrating the story of Jesus' birth with a pick-up pageant for children, youth and their families. A pick-up pageant is a tradition that invites anyone present to join in the telling of the Christmas story. On the night Jesus was born, it took all people and beings, heavens and stars, to proclaim the goodness of God's love breaking into the world and dwelling among us. Everyone has a role to play, a gift to bring. Who are you in the story of God's unfolding love? Come wonder, pray, sing out and enter into the sacred mess of God among us. This Pageant Service will be in-person and live-streamed. Masks will be required and the air filtration system will be running. To support physical distancing, we will use the whole sanctuary as the setting of the nativity. Questions? Contact Pastor Lacey at [pastorlacey@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorlacey@uccseb.org) ❄️





## **New Adult Faith Formation Classes for the Season of Advent**

### **God is Speaking (in your dreams)**

**Facilitated by Judy Hawkins**

**Sundays December 12 & 19 at 9:15am in Faith Chapel**

My faith formation offering is called "God is Speaking (in your dreams)" and will be my contribution and first ever class here at the church. Did you know that God is still speaking to us? As individuals in Christ, we have a responsibility to listen. This class will focus on learning to listen, and to better understand your dreams from the celestial perspective. Maybe I should have called it, "How to be alone with God in the night." That's the idea. For example, there are at least eight reasons that I know of why God might speak to you through your dreams. 1. A Word of Knowledge. 2. Warnings. 3. Correction. 4. Promises. 5. Direction. 6. Future Revelation. 7. Prophetic Word. and 8. Confirmation & Encouragement. Of course, our God is never limited by human understanding, so I am sure that there is more. These examples are drawn directly from Scripture.

If you would like to learn more, please join us. The dates and times for this class are Sunday, December 12th and Sunday, December 19th at 9:15 am in the Faith Chapel. Bring your notebook and dream book, if you have one, and something to write with. Bibles are always welcome. Starting down this path will bring you many years of wonder and delight. You are welcome here, and I look forward to sharing my own dream journey with you. ✨



### **Advent Prayer with Beads**

**A quiet moment before worship on Sunday mornings in Advent**

Come center your soul before worship each Sunday during Advent. You're invited to join Pastor Rachel in praying with prayer beads-- bring your own or borrow a set-- for this quiet time on Sunday mornings. Protestant Prayer Beads typically have four cruciform beads, with seven week beads between them. We will join our hearts in praying Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love for the cruciform beads, with each person entering their own prayer time for the seven beads between. Beginners welcome, please come a few minutes early if you'd like a brief introduction to the beads before our prayer time begins. Advent Prayer with Beads, Sunday mornings during Advent (November 28, December 5, 12, 19) at 9:30am in Room 6. For more information, please contact Pastor Rachel: [pastorrachel@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorrachel@uccseb.org). ✨



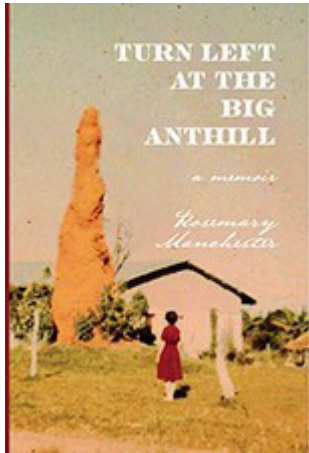
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## **Sharing God's Dream: An All-Ages Advent Devotional**

Advent marks the beginning of a new Christian liturgical year. During this season, we are invited to enter into the darkness, to watch, wonder and prepare the way for God's in-breaking among us. This year, Community Church will spend time with the awe-filled, inspiring and sometimes challenging dreams and visions that emerge throughout the scriptures surrounding the birth of Jesus. This all-ages devotional booklet is a companion for your Advent and Christmas journey and can be used however you need. As we enter into the stories with each character, imagining their reactions and praying with them, how might these stories help us prepare the way for God's dream to come to life in the world? Print copies of the 2021 Devotional will be available in the Narthex and in children and youth Advent wreath take-home kits. You can also access the devotional on the church's website by clicking this link: <https://www.uccseb.org/docs/2021%20Advent%20Devotional.pdf>

## **Book Release: A Conversation and Celebration!** **An afternoon with author Rosemary Manchester**



Our church community is thrilled to celebrate our very own author, Rosemary Manchester, upon the release of her new book, *Turn Left at the Big Anthill*. This beautifully crafted memoir tells the story of Rosemary's time in the (Belgian) Congo with four small children, where she and her family served as missionaries from 1958-1963.

If you haven't yet read her book, here are a few sentences to get you hooked, as Rosemary experiences God calling her to become a missionary:

"I went about my chores. I cleaned up the kitchen, carried dirty clothes to the basement, and loaded them into the washing machine. I made the beds, picked up clothes, settled arguments, wiped noses, made peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches. I felt again an

### **A Conversation with Rosemary Manchester**

**When:** Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Sanctuary

A reception will follow. Books will be available to purchase at the event.

inner glow, rekindled. I had been chosen for a higher calling. I washed the lunch dishes, trying to decide which ones we would take with us to Africa and which ones I would give away. I ironed Stewart's weekly allotment of eight white shirts, two for Sunday, a fresh one for the evening service. Every so often I did a sort of inner check, and yes, the voice was still there inside me."

And, after arriving in the Belgian Congo, the country fought and won independence from Belgium. This changed the landscape of the country, which Rosemary and her family felt in very immediate ways:

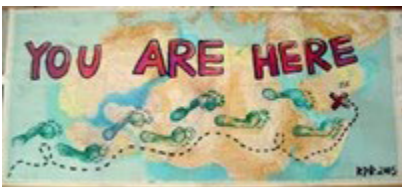
"In 1957, we'd pledged the United Methodist Church that we would serve the Congolese people for five years. We were thirty years old with four small children. We lived in a big old house in an industrial city in the Katanga Province. With Independence, ancient tribal rivalries erupted. People rioted in the streets, attacked each other with machetes and bicycle chains. United Nations soldiers patrolled day and night. The schools closed. The shops closed. This was no longer a good place to raise a family. The Powers That Be, safe in New York, were neither generous nor merciful. God's will, they said, that we stay the course."

Pastor Benjamin will be in conversation with Rosemary Manchester as they discuss her memoir on Sunday, December 5 at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow, and books will be available for purchase at the event. For more information, please contact Pastor Rachel at [pastorrachel@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorrachel@uccseb.org). ❄️

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## **What was the CoHo Program like?**

By Pastor Rachel



It was my deep joy to come alongside the "CoHo" cohort of 13 older adults this Fall, as we explored the questions and spirituality of aging. We may not have had all the answers to the experience of growing older, but together we asked the questions. As far as we know, never before in the life of our congregation has a group of older adults gathered in this way to think deeply about what it means to age, how God thrives in us as we age, and what "abundant life" might mean for older adults.

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## Adult Faith Formation Classes, Continued from page 4

### An Exploration of The Universal Christ, by Fr. Richard Rohr

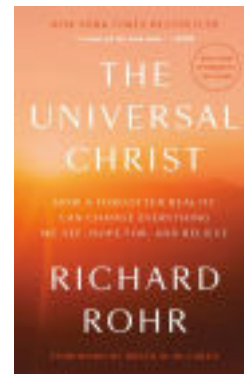
*What if [the word] Christ is a name for the immense spaciousness of all true love? What if Christ is another name for everything - in all its fullness?*  
- Richard Rohr

Join us in Advent to encounter Christ using Fr. Richard Rohr's transformative book, *The Universal Christ*. We will meet for three Tuesdays - Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & 14 - from 5:30-6:30 pm in the chapel, to reflect on a chapter of this profound text and share in a time of contemplation. (The study will continue on Jan. 4 for those interested in continuing.)

Book is available at:

- Barnes and Noble - paperback shipped, \$19.98 (less if picked up in store)
- Center for Action & Contemplation - hard cover shipped, \$24.67 - or -
- Copperfield's - 707-823-2618 - call ahead for pick-up - paperback, \$18.57

Questions? Contact Vicki Mayster @ 707-478-8607



### **LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - October 20, 2021**

Present: Pastor Ben, Pastor Rachel, Robert Curtis, John Henel, Kathy Bell, Tom Terry, Linda Roa, Joyce Cox, Kathy Matthies, Larell Fineren and Chris Chang Weeks. Pastor Lacey was absent

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Robert Curtis.  
Pastor Rachel opened with a prayer.

On October 22, Pastor Ben sent an email requesting that Stuart and Olive Wilson be reinstated as members of The Community Church. Robert Curtis proposed the motion that Stuart and Olive Wilson be reinstated as members of our church. MOTION/APPROVED by email vote: To reinstate Stuart and Olive Wilson as active members of our church.

Bob asked the council members to review and agree the agenda topics and times. This was done and no changes were made, so we proceeded with the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: M/P Larell to accept the October 20, 2021 minutes.

**Financial Report:** John reported that we ended October with a negative result of \$32,884. Local pledges are still coming in strong. Wider Mission pledges are under budget. We have not used any of the authorized \$64k in Reserve funds. Chris added that there were some recent Facilities payments received that are not reflected in this report. Plate and Other gifts are well beyond budget. We are spending less than expected at 97% of budget. The approximate amount of \$53K in FICA funds that we are expecting has not yet come in. Those funds would get us closer to a positive close of the 2021 year.

**Anti-Racism Updates:** Pastor Rachel reported that she and Pastor Lacey have finished a 6 hour Racial Justice

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## Christmas Poinsettia Dedication

Dedicate a poinsettia to honor a loved one at Christmas

According to a 17th century Legend from Mexico, an impoverished child named Pepita had no gift to present to the Christ Child on Christmas Eve. Worried and ashamed, her cousin encouraged her, saying, "even the most humble gift, presented in love, is acceptable in God's eyes." Not knowing what else to do, on her way to church that evening, she gathered up a bouquet of weeds and laid them at the foot of the Nativity scene. Suddenly, her bouquet burst into blooming Flores de Noche Buena, Flowers of the Holy Night.

And so with humility and grace, we present poinsettias, "Flowers of the Holy Night," to honor loved ones in the sanctuary at Christmas. This year, lovely white poinsettias will arrive and grace the chancel on the third Sunday of Advent, December 19, and will be a blessing of the space through the Christmas Eve services.

To dedicate a poinsettia, please fill out the form below, and return it to the church office by December 8, including a check made out to "Community Church of Sebastopol," each plant is \$15. Multiple dedications may be made for one plant-- please use one form for each plant you wish to order.

You may pick up your poinsettia after the 8:30pm worship service on Christmas Eve to bring home and enjoy. Or, you may donate your plant to be delivered to a homebound church member during the Christmastide Season. Please indicate your preference on the form.

If you would like to help deliver poinsettias to our homebound members, please contact Pastor Rachel. For more information about our poinsettia dedication program, please contact Pastor Rachel at [pastorrachel@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorrachel@uccseb.org).



Please return this form, with a check made payable to "Community Church of Sebastopol," to the church office by December 8th.

Dedication to be printed in the bulletin on December 19th:

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person or event)

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person or event)

Dedicated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(your name/name of person making the dedication)

Please use a separate form for each poinsettia. Cost: \$15 per plant.

Check One:

- I will pick up my poinsettia after the 8:30pm worship service on Christmas Eve
- I will not pick up my poinsettia, please share it with someone who is homebound
- I would like to help deliver a poinsettia to a homebound church member





## Leadership Council Meeting, Continued from page 6

training offered through the Conference.

Pastor Ben reported that he attended a Farm Worker Rally at Simi Winery to encourage the winery to participate in the protections being set up for farm workers during fire season.

**Liability Decision:** Pastor Ben and Chris reported that they are in contact with our Church West agent about the liability issue for small groups that meet at our church. There is currently a policy that requires a Certificate of Liability Insurance for \$1,000,000 with the church named as an additional insured for groups meeting at the church. This is too costly for small groups. It is the hope to bring a proposal back to Council that identifies the small groups as being part of our ministry and hospitality and thereby covered in our overall policy.

**Budget Team Discussion:** John reported that most of the Budget numbers are in. Budget team members are John, Robert, Kathy Bell and Pastor Ben. If all the requests made by the various areas are granted, we will be \$100k short of balancing the 2022 budget. John presented a spreadsheet with possible solutions on how to reach our goal. Some of the suggestions were:

- Exploring way to increase Revenue
- Use Reserves from the Endowment funds
- Reduce staff
- No Raises

After breaking into small groups, the general consensus was to use Reserves. Nobody wants to reduce staff or cut programs at this time. We need to encourage new membership and continue to be an active and vital church to attract that. This discussion will continue and hopefully new pledges will come in. The plan is for the Leadership Council to present recommended options to the congregation in December before the Annual Meeting in January.

**Behavioral Covenant:** Pastor Rachel shared that she and Robert are hoping to create a Behavioral Covenant for our congregation. She passed out some information from the UCC document entitled "A Sure Foundation". Within the document there are samples from other churches about forming a covenant for our church. There are guidelines on how to communicate with each other, resolve conflict and hold each other accountable to that covenant. Kathy Bell volunteered to be a part of a team creating the document. The team will come up with a covenant to present to the Council for approval.

### Highlights or Quick Updates:

- Zero Waste Kiosk will hopefully be installed in December.
- Women's Retreat will be selling wreaths and See's Candy
- Mission & Outreach will be putting together gift bags for the Sam Jones homeless Shelter. They will also be collecting mittens and hats.
- Larell shared that the O&A Webinar on Tuesday (11/16) was very informative. The plan is to make it available for congregational viewing and discussion.
- On December 5th, Rosemary Manchester will be discussing her book "Turn Left at the Big Anthill". Reception to follow.
- Joyce reported that there one of the Conestoga Huts is occupied!

The congregation is invited to discuss these items as well as any other issues, concerns, ideas or appreciations to any of the Council Members.

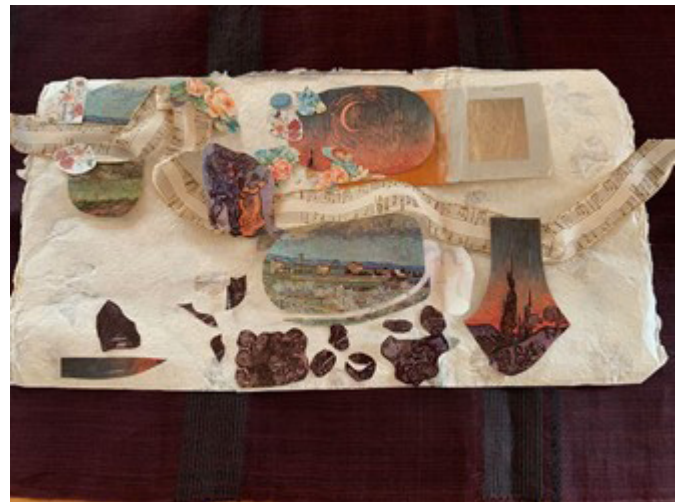
Danelle Tognozzi - Clerk ☼



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The program was a series of workshops, designed for our church community. Each gathering began with a brief stretch in our chairs, and sometimes a song. We shared group agreements of respect, for how we wanted to be together in a group. We had time to journal and talk together in partners, as well as in the large group. At one point we brainstormed all the things we "relish" about the age we're currently in.

One of the activities we engaged in was the creation of a life map. A life map is a drawing of a person's life path so far, a way to look back and see where they've been. Here is an example of one participant's life map, which was made using collage:



As a group, we shared our life maps and wondered...

- ◆ Where do you see God's movement, or where have you felt God's presence along the way?
- ◆ Are there past hurts that are calling you to release, forgive, or breathe through?
- ◆ Are there principles or values you hold, that are reflected in your map so far?

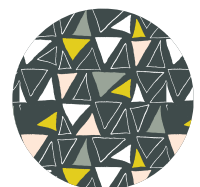
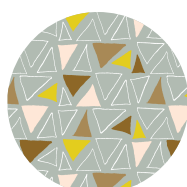
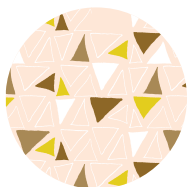
Our guiding scripture was Ezekiel's vision of water flowing from the temple, making all things flourish, creating abundance and multiplying fish (Ez 47:1-12). In worship after the program ended, in recognition of the work this cohort has begun, the Pastors presented them with a symbol of re-attire-ment (the base of the word "retire"): a face mask with fish. So if you see someone with a face mask with lots of fish, let it remind you-- This person is someone who is reflecting on the questions of aging. This person is curious and growing. This person is wearing new attire as, in Christ, their life's work transforms and renews them, our church, and the world.

I learned a lot walking beside this amazing group of people for four weeks. I hope there will be more groups like this in our church in the future, and look forward to how our older adult ministry program might grow. ✨



## Games Group

You're invited to come and play board games and card games for fun! There's a new group at the church coming together to hang out and play games, and the agenda is to enjoy each other's company. The next meeting of the Games Group is Friday, January 7th at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall/Media Room with future gatherings the first Friday of the month. All are welcome, no RSVP required, just come as you are. For more information please contact Gail Thomas at [pooohcornerfarm@comcast.net](mailto:pooohcornerfarm@comcast.net) or Pastor Rachel at [pastorrachel@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorrachel@uccseb.org).



## **Pledge Drive Redux: How'd We Do?**

Gratitude & Generosity Team

Here are some numbers that help tell the story of this year's hope-filled annual pledge drive, "A Future with Hope":

- o 338,022 – Amount pledged toward 2022 Local Ministry (aka Operating Expenses)
- o \$30,980 – Amount pledged toward 2022 Wider Mission (Food Pantry, United Church of Christ, North Bay Organizing Project, etc.)
- o \$72 – Smallest pledge
- o \$25,000 – Largest pledge
- o \$2,726 – Average Local Ministry pledge (Mean)
- o \$1,500 – Middle Local Ministry pledge (Median)
- o \$1,200 & \$1,800 – Most frequent Local Ministry pledges (Mode)
- o 124 – Households making a pledge
- o 56 – Households who increased their pledge from last year
- o 30 – Households pledging the same amount as last year
- o 24 – Households who decreased their pledge from last year
- o 14 – Households pledging for the first time
- o 27 – Households not yet renewing pledge for 2022
- o 132 – Total church member households who pledged \$0.00
- o 16 – Pledges made by people under age 50 (Average: \$1,303)
- o 17 – Pledges made by people ages 50-59 (Average: \$1,110)
- o 23 – Pledges made by people ages 60-69 (Average: \$2,182)
- o 46 – Pledges made by people 70-79 (Average: \$3,554)
- o 13 – Pledges made by people 80-89 (Average: \$4,977)
- o 9 – Pledges made by people over age 90 (Average: \$1,509)



Thank you's...

- ◇ Members of the Gratitude + Generosity Team: Bobbie Johanson, Jeff Boal, Allie Hole, Destiny Stone, Sara Margulis, and Terri Harper.
- ◇ Chris Chang Weeks, Congregational Administrator, and Deanna Euritt, Bookkeeper, for administrative support.
- ◇ Witnessing Stewards: Roger Wilson, Bree Cassells, Owen Thomas, and Jerry & Mary Coleman.
- ◇ Those who provided testimonies for our weekly emails, including some folks mentioned above, as well as Larry Stallings, Bob & Marge Holland.
- ◇ Our Leadership Council for their strategic leadership: Robert Curtis, Tom Terry, Kathy Bell, John Henel, Linda Roa, Larell Fineren, Kathy Matthies, and Joyce Cox.
- ◇ Birgit & Luis Quezada for providing chili for Gratitude Sunday
- ◇ All who made pledges. Your prayerful and generous estimates of giving make it possible for our congregation to budget for the coming year.



## **Community Church of Sebastopol Member Emergency Contact Information & Family Contact**

Our church community cares about you. If something were to happen to you, we'd like to be able to reach both an emergency contact person, and a family member. Whether you live alone or with family, near to your family or far away, please consider providing Community Church of Sebastopol with information on how to contact the people who know you best. For more information please contact Pastor Rachel at [pastorrachel@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorrachel@uccseb.org).

To participate, please fill out this form and return it to the office:

Your Name	
Your Emergency Contact Person's Name	
Their Relationship to You	
Their Phone Number	
Your Family Contact Person's Name	
Their Relationship to You	
Their Phone Number	



### **December Birthdays**

1	Alina Kingwill Peterson	16	Josephine Hole
2	Jean Polley	19	Jack Dunlap
3	Ed Smith	19	Patty Raney
3	Jen Bredesen	19	Shawn Nichols
4	George Drennon	19	Chris Malone
5	Deanna Euritt	20	Dick Zimmer
6	Victoria Nelson	21	Lorilee DeSantis
7	Alvin Hukins	24	Suzanne Albin
7	Emma Steyn	24	Bruce Matson
10	Ginny Embry	24	Maryjane Grotting
11	Jim Jenkins	27	Paula Matzinger
11	Kendall Tripathi-Clark	27	Nicole Whitehorn
11	Amelia Cassells	27	Dylan Lamm
12	David Peterson	28	Mat Keller
13	Elizabeth Thomas	28	Holly Hebert
14	Ruby Wood	28	Josie Malone
14	Marquesa Weigel	30	Joanna Caldwell
15	Daniela Kingwill	31	Sonia Cuppova
15	Colby Mayster-Buman	31	Jonny Angulo

## Events in December at Community Church

We are gradually reopening at Community Church. In-person worship services in the sanctuary have commenced. Check our online calendar at <https://uccseb.org/Calendar.php> for updates.

- Dec 1 Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Classroom 6  
Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Youth Lounge  
Handbell Ensemble, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
Pastor Parish Relations Team (Lacey), 4:00 p.m., Fireside Room
- Dec 2 Women Fellowship Card Writing Ministry, 3:00 p.m., Women's Fellowship Rm
- Dec 3 Board Games Group, 12:30 p.m., Media Room
- Dec 5 2nd Sunday in Advent, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Children & Youth Formation Hour, 10:30 a.m., Fountain Courtyard & Memorial Hall  
Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard  
Rosemary Manchester Book Event, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Dec 6 Facility Committee, 10:30 a.m., Fireside Room
- Dec 7 Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus  
Men's Discussion Group, 11:30 a.m., Fireside Room  
Handbell Ensemble, 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
Universal Christ Book Group, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
- Dec 8 Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Classroom 6  
Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Youth Lounge  
Handbell Ensemble, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
Outreach Committee, 5:00 p.m., Chapel
- Dec 10 Burbank Housing, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall  
Board Games Group, 12:30 p.m., Media Room
- Dec 11 Second Saturday Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard
- Dec 12 Advent Prayer Beads, 9:30 a.m., Room 6  
Class: God is Speaking, 9:30 a.m., Chapel  
3rd Sunday in Advent, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard  
Teacher Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Chapel  
Pastor Parish Relations Team (Rachel), 12:30 p.m., Fireside Room
- Dec 14 Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus  
Men's Discussion Group, 11:30 a.m., Fireside Room  
Pastor-Parish Relations Team (Ben), 4:00 p.m., Zoom  
Handbell Ensemble, 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
Universal Christ Book Group, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
- Dec 15 Salt & Light Newsletter deadline  
Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Classroom 6  
Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Youth Lounge  
Handbell Ensemble, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
Leadership Council, 6:30 p.m., Media Room
- Dec 18 Youth Group Service Project & Holiday Party, 5:00 p.m. MH
- Dec 19 Advent Prayer Beads Workshop, 9:30 a.m., Room 6  
Class: God is Speaking, 9:30 a.m., Chapel  
4th Sunday in Advent, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard
- Dec 20 Prayer Shawl Group, 10:00 a.m. Fireside Room





Dec 21 Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus  
 Handbell Ensemble, 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
 Longest Night Worship Service, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

Dec 22 Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Classroom 6  
 Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Youth Lounge  
 Handbell Ensemble, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Dec 24 Pageant Service for Children & Their Families, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
 Family-Friendly Lessons and Carols, 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary  
 Traditional Lessons and Carols, 8:30 p.m., Sanctuary

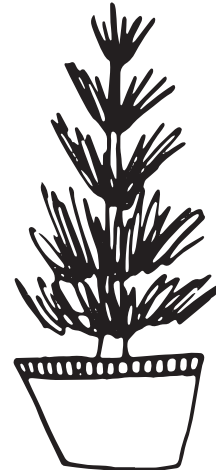
Dec 25 Christmas Day

Dec 26 5th Sunday in Advent, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
 Kinship Time, 11:30 a.m., Bell Tower Courtyard  
 Personnel Committee, 12:00 p.m., Bell Tower Courtyard

Dec 28 Grounds Team, 9:00 a.m., church campus  
 Handbell Ensemble, 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Dec 29 Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Classroom 6  
 Staff Team, 10:00 a.m., Youth Lounge  
 Handbell Ensemble, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Dec 31 New Years Day



Suspended until further notice:

- Showers
- UkeStars

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