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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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The End Is Coming?

Dr. Rev. Benjamin J. Broadbent, Lead Minister

*"The former things have passed away... Behold, I am making all things new."
Revelation 21:4-5*

In the Christian imagination, November marks the end. No, not the end of the world, but the end of the year. The liturgical calendar, a spiritual tool that marks time in a cyclical way, begins each Advent and concludes on Reign of Christ Sunday, this year on November 24. As we draw closer to the end, scriptures prescribed by the common lectionary grow increasingly apocalyptic. They draw from the portions of the Bible that use images, symbols, coded language, poetry, and outlandish visions to describe a future world beyond the grasp of any ruler who is currently in charge. This literature is alarming and difficult to decipher. But while it is potentially disturbing, it is rooted in the hope that another future is possible.

I write this article two weeks before the 2024 election. I share the fear of many who wonder whether the end is coming, that is, the end of democracy as we know it, the end of civil rights, the end of a shared sense of the common good. Anticipating this election feels apocalyptic, like everything is at stake and no matter how things turn out, nothing will ever be the same again. Whew. That's a lot to bear.

The Greek word *Apocalypse* means something close to "unveiling." An apocalypse need not be scary or unwanted. Nor is it necessarily the end. Unexpected, perhaps, but an apocalypse reveals God's intentions for the world, and if the God you believe in is the God who is Love, then look for God's loving intentions to be revealed in places where it had previously been hidden.

Consider this year's Confirmation Class, seven 8th and 9th graders on a 10-week journey exploring faith: Henry and his dry, disarming humor. Avy in her cow-girl boots and self-deprecating charm. Ainsley's calm compassion and intelligent openness. Benji's brilliant, genuinely searching questions. Emilia's wise quietude belying an adventurous spirit. Eleonora's bracing maturity and matter-of-fact contentment. Josie's eager attentiveness and palpable courage. Who knew – besides their parents – that all that teen awesomeness has been hiding among us in plain sight?

Confirmation Sunday happens almost two weeks after the election. We don't know what will happen on November 5, but on November 17, our



NOVEMBER 2024 WORSHIP: "IMAGINE TOGETHER"

Worship Details:

We worship in the sanctuary on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Services live streamed on our church's [YouTube channel](#) & [Facebook page](#)

Weekly bulletin and announcements available at www.uccseb.org

Remember to "fall back." Daylight Savings Time ends on November 3.

NOVEMBER 3 – All Saints/Souls Sunday



On this Sunday before the national election, we gather for Holy Communion and celebrate an All Saints and Souls Day. Confirmands **Eleonora Wisner** and **Benji Margulis** are our liturgists, and the Chancel Choir, directed by **Andy DelMonte**, shares an anthem. **Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent**, Lead Minister, preaches a sermon on [Mark 12: 28–34](#) entitled "We've Been Here Before."

NOVEMBER 10 – Gratitude Sunday

Today we celebrate the conclusion of our successful (hopefully!) 2025 Pledge Drive, "Imagine Together." A Youth Ensemble shares music and confirmand **Henry Allen** serves as liturgist. **Pastor Benjamin** preaches a sermon on [Psalm 146](#) entitled, "Where We Put Our Trust."



NOVEMBER 17 – Confirmation Sunday



Today we offer a special blessing to the seven 8th & 9th Graders who were part of our Confirmation Class this fall. **Ainsely Curtis** serves as our liturgist and our Handbell Ensemble, directed by **Karna Roa**, shares music. **Pastor Benjamin** preaches a sermon on [1 Samuel 1:4–20](#) entitled, "Born to Be Let Go."

NOVEMBER 24 – Reign of Christ Sunday

On this last Sunday in the Christian liturgical year, our Chancel Choir sings and **Pastor Benjamin** preaches a sermon on [Daniel 7:9–10; 13–14](#) entitled, "Night Visions."



Coming in December... Season of Advent; Lighting the Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy & Love; Children's Pageant; Christmas Eve Services; Christmas Fund Special Offering

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congregation will raise hands in a sign of blessing and invoke God's astounding love upon these seven remarkable people who are unique expressions of God's own image. Their confirmation will mark the end of something old and the beginning of something new. They will let go of their precious childhood faith and take hold of their newly forming adult faith. And we will cry and smile and sing and yearn like the church has been doing for at least 2,000 years, trusting that "the former things have passed away," and "Behold, I am making all things new."



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 1	Jianna Gonzales	November 13	Helen Olson
November 3	Bob Amiral	November 14	Tom Terry
November 3	Gladys Chappell	November 15	Dale Phillips
November 5	Quinn Curtis	November 17	Marilyn Foster
November 6	Marylou Hillberg	November 17	Ann Keller
November 6	Julie Seth	November 20	Anna Citrino
November 10	Irene Bettendorff	November 20	Noe Margulis
November 10	Jim Davis	November 25	Karna Roa
November 10	Dan Rasmus	November 26	Norm Stupfel
November 12	Benjamin Broadbent	November 27	Lesley Bagley
November 12	Pat Furber	November 27	Emily Bell
November 12	Matt Witteman	November 28	Abbey Sawyer
November 12	Kristen DelMonte	November 28	Barbara Whitson
November 12	Harry Simms	November 29	Jan Kahdeman
November 13	Warren Brisbin	November 29	Stuart Mitchell
November 13	Kristina Dillingham	November 30	Amy Dobson
November 13	Debbie McCallum	November 30	Dee Schilling

30, 40 & 50+ YEAR MEMBERS

We honor all those who continue as members
for 30, 40, 50 or more years.

These people are living icons of faithfulness to God
and commitment to a community that exists
to serve others in Christ's name



50+ Year Members

Margarette Murakami 10/19/1960
Charles Williams 01/01/1963
Norm Stupfel 10/04/1964
Judy Stupfel 10/04/1964
Carmen Yeager 10/04/1964
Joanne Feige 04/07/1966
Norma Taddeucci 04/17/1966

Paula Berndt 04/03/1969
Emily Davis 12/23/1973
Ginny Embry 12/23/1973
Daphne Cripps 03/31/1974
Jan Sweeney 10/06/1974
Beth Larssen 12/15/1974

40 – 49 Year Members

Nancy Shimetz 04/06/1975
Bob Holland 10/03/1976
Marge Holland 10/03/1976
Dick Zimmer 10/03/1976
Luanne Buchanan 12/12/1976
Eva Norton 12/12/1976
Doris Rowe 01/01/1977
Gene Nelson 10/08/1978
Betty Nelson 10/08/1978
Pam Oakes 10/08/1978
Pat Furber 11/27/1978
Edwin Wilson 04/08/1979
Jean Boal 10/28/1979
Jeff Boal 10/28/1979
Nancy Lee 10/28/1979
Peggy Porter 10/28/1979
Paula Pearce 10/28/1979
Dan Porter 11/11/1979
Chris Dawson 03/09/1980
Lisa Dawson 03/09/1980

Linda Roa 03/09/1980
Judy Peterson 03/22/1981
Hal Roa 03/22/1981
Lori Babcock 04/12/1981
Barbara Nichols 03/21/1982
Dennis Olson 03/21/1982
Sharon Olson 03/21/1982
Julie Davis 04/04/1982
Lynn Deedler 10/24/1982
Barbara Deedler 10/24/1982
Dave Madsen 10/24/1982
Carleen Madsen 10/24/1982
Kathy Manchester 10/24/1982
Roger Wilson 10/24/1982
Jim Jenkins 10/23/1983
Chris Jenkins 10/23/1983
Bobbie Johanson 02/12/1984
Curt Nichols 02/12/1984
Bill Phillips 02/12/1984
Dale Phillips 02/12/1984
Bryan Peterson 04/15/1984
Gail Thomas 05/13/1984

30, 40 & 50+ YEAR MEMBERS cont....

30 – 39 Year Members

Kathy Bell 06/09/1985
Diana Wilson 06/09/1985
Marylou Hillberg 11/09/1986
Marilyn Foster 03/15/1987
Becky Wessling 03/05/1989
Morgan Thomas 05/14/1989
Suzanne White 10/26/1989
Julie Seth 10/29/1989
Judy Davison 02/25/1990
Karna Roa 04/01/1990
Susan Nestor 06/16/1991
Joella Falkingham 10/27/1991
Elise Lovejoy 10/27/1991

Deidra Warner 03/29/1992
Helen Olson 04/01/1992
Kathleen Matthies 10/18/1992
Taylor Davison 01/01/1993
Andrea Card 01/01/1993
Dorothy McKoin 03/07/1993
Muriel Weaver 03/07/1993
Steve Beck 02/13/1994
Terry Beck 02/13/1994
Judy Bowman 05/22/1994
Michele Bowman 05/22/1994
Gloria Given 05/22/1994
Tony Given 05/22/1994

***We pray that these members would continue to nurture others,
and to be nurtured by you, O God,
even as many new members find their way
to Community Church
and together strive to grow in faith
as engaged members of Christ's body. Amen.***





from **S** **E**E**P**LE
to **S**T**E**PP**E**

The graphic includes two stylized icons: a grey steeple on the left and a grey steppe dome on the right, both topped with a cross. The text 'from' and 'to' are placed between the 'S' and 'E' of 'Steeple' and the 'S' and 'T' of 'Steppe' respectively.

You're Invited! SONOS Handbell Concert
November 23, 2024, at 2:00 PM
Community Church of Sebastopol, Sanctuary

Prepare for an unforgettable afternoon of music as the world-renowned handbell ensemble, **SONOS**, brings their mesmerizing sound to our very own Community Church! Known across the globe for their innovative and captivating performances, SONOS enchants audiences from the United States to Europe and Asia with their artistry and passion.

SONOS' program, "From Steeple to Steppe," is a banquet of singing, dancing and marching music beginning at the royal court of Portugal—continuing through multicultural Spain, impressionistic France, Baroque Germany, folk-song Romania, Greece and the Janissaries of Turkey—culminating with the Khans of the great Eurasian steppe, all knit together with visual interludes on the historical background of the music including segments from the Sonos documentary film, "Heart of a Bell." Our handbell director, **Karna Roa**, is a member of SONOS, and she's excited to share this extraordinary group with our community. Don't miss the chance to experience the magic of handbell music like never before.

Admission is free! A freewill offering will be collected at the end of the concert, and your generous donations are deeply appreciated. For more information, visit www.sonos.org or contact **Karna Roa** at karnamarie@yahoo.com or 707-328-4905.

Come join us for a delightful musical journey that will resonate long after the final note!



November 2024 Events At Community Church

November 3

Daylight Savings Time Ends—Set your clock back

24TH Sunday after Pentecost, Worship Service, 10 am, Sanctuary

Nominating Committee, 9 am, Room 6

Kinship Time, 11 am, Bell Tower Courtyard

Faith Formation, 11:15 am, Various Locations

Confirmation Class, 5 pm, Youth Lounge

November 4

Prayer Shawl Group, 10 am, Fireside Room

November 5

Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus

Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall

Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary

Men's Discussion Group, 6 pm, Fireside Room

November 6

Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room

Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6

November 7

Meditation Group, Noon, Room 6

Women's Fellowship Card Writing, 2 pm, WF Room

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm, Choir Room

November 8-10

Men's Retreat, 5 pm, Inverness

November 9

Second Saturday Luncheon, Noon, Fellowship Hall

Inter-Church Food Pantry, 1:30 pm, Room 6

Women's Discussion Group, 2 pm, Fireside Room

November 10

25TH Sunday after Pentecost, Worship Service, 10 am, Sanctuary

Kinship Time, 11:00 am, Bell Tower Courtyard

Faith Formation, 11:15 am, Various Locations

Safe Church Training, 11:15 am, Media Room

Confirmation Class, 5 pm, Youth Lounge

November 12

Grounds Team, 9 am, Campus

Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall

Facilities Committee, 10 am, Fireside Room

Personnel Committee, 4 pm, Fireside Room

Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary

Lead Minister PPRT, 5 pm, Fireside Room

Outreach Committee, 7 pm, Fireside Room

November 13

Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room

Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6

November 14

Meditation Group, Noon, Room 6

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm, Choir Room

November 2024 Events at Community Church cont.

- November 15** December SALT & LIGHT Newsletter Deadline
- November 17** **26TH Sunday after Pentecost**, Worship Service, 10 am,
Sanctuary Kinship Time, 11am, Bell Tower Courtyard
Faith Formation, 11:15 am, Various Locations
Handbell Ensemble Practice, 12:15 pm
- November 18** Prayer Shawl Group, 10 am, Fireside Room
- November 19** Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus
Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall
Finance Committee, 3 pm, Fireside Room
- November 20** Staff Meeting, 10 am, Fireside Room
Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6
Leadership Council, 6:30 pm, Media Room
- November 21** Meditation Group, 12 pm, Room 6
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm, Choir Room
- November 23** SONOS Handbell Concert, 2 pm, Sanctuary
- November 24** **Reign of Christ Sunday**, Worship Service, 10am, Sanctuary
Kinship Time, 11am, Bell Tower Courtyard
Faith Formation, 11:15 am, Various Locations
- November 26** Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus
Shower Program, 9 am, Memorial Hall
Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary
- November 27** Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room
Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6

GRAINS OF SALT



SPECS OF LIGHT



WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room. The discussion topic for November 9, will be "The game is afoot." Contact **Bobbie Johanson** @ BJohanso@sonic.net for more information.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CARD CARE MINISTRY meets on Thursday, November 7, @at 2:00 p.m., in the WF Office. We are back to our regular schedule of the first Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

Daylight saving time in the United States

Joy Richards

INTERESTING FACTS

- As of March 2023, the following states and territories did not observe DST: Arizona (except for the [Navajo](#), who do observe daylight saving time in the [Navajo Nation](#)), Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, The Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.



- The [Uniform Time Act of 1966](#) established a uniform set of rules for states opting to observe daylight saving time.
- In the U.S., daylight saving time starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November, with the time changes taking place at 2:00 a.m., local time. With a mnemonic word play referring to seasons, clocks "spring forward, and fall back."
- In 2022, the United States Senate passed the [Sunshine Protection Act](#) which would have permanently activated daylight saving time, but it did not become law, because it was not approved by the U.S. House of Representatives.
- On February 9, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt instituted year-round DST, called "War Time". It lasted until the last Sunday (the 30th) in September 1945.
- By 1962, the transportation industry found the lack of consistency confusing enough to push for federal regulation. The result was the [Uniform Time Act](#) of 1966, signed by President Lyndon Johnson on April 14.
- In 1986 Congress amended the [Uniform Time Act](#) by changing the beginning of DST from last Sunday in April to the first Sunday in April and having the end remain the last Sunday in October.¹ These start and end dates were in effect from 1987 to 2006.
- From 2015 to present day, several state and federal representatives have advanced legislation in support of the legalization of using daylight saving time as the year-round clock option. Bills have been introduced in more than 30 states to end DST or make it permanent. None have passed in Congress.
- Because of Hawaii's tropical latitude, there is little variation in daylight length between winter and summer. Hawaii has never observed daylight saving time under the [Uniform Time Act](#), having opted out of the act's provisions in 1967.
- The correct spelling is daylight saving time and not daylight savings time, as is commonly believed.
- Globally, the only major countries that do not observe some variation of DST are Japan, India, and China._{
- Daylight Saving Time was chosen to start at 2 a.m. because it is when the fewest trains were running and it prevents the date from switching to yesterday. Additionally, 2 a.m., is before most shift workers leave for work.

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