



### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Greeters & Ushers Pat & Tom Dilley, Kathy Matthies  
& Diane McPherson  
Liturgists Ross Galleto & Rev. Rachel Knuth  
Preacher Rev. Benjamin Broadbent  
Organist Judy Kinsey  
Special Music Nadine Sanders  
Sound Keith Blackstone  
Chancel Flowers Emily Davis

### **CHURCH STAFF TEAM**

Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent  
Minister of Children & Families Rev. Rachel Knuth  
Director of Youth Ministry Ross Galleto  
Minister of Music Rev. Brian Plaughter  
Handbell Ensemble Director Karna Roa  
Children's Choir Director *Open*  
Keyboardist J. Althea  
Office Manager Karin Seder  
Bookkeeper Jennifer Halleck  
Custodian Keith Blackstone  
Nursery Care Jamie Holmes, Laurelin Lewis  
& Elana Altman Roberts



Our mission is to worship God and share the love of Jesus Christ, teaching the message of Jesus to all ages, and putting our faith into action.

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An Open & Affirming congregation in the United Church of Christ, we welcome and affirm people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, ethnicity, age and gender identity and expression.

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
AUGUST 20, 2017 ∞ 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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ORGAN PRELUDE *Lead, Kindly Light* – Kane

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP United Church of Christ

One: We gather to worship the God... their skin or their place of origin.

**All:** This God of love deserves our songs of praise!

One: We gather to worship the God who raised Jesus from the dead so that all might have abundant life.

**All:** This God of life is worthy of our faithful devotion!

One: We gather to worship the God who calls forth prophets in every age to speak truth to challenge power and love to overwhelm hate.

**All:** This God of justice moves still among us... causes of love and justice.

\* OPENING HYMN *For the Healing of the Nations* #668  
\*Please stand in body or spirit

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION – Alydia Smith

One: God of peace, give us the courage... the gospel message that we cry.

**All: We cry peace, knowing that we are the instruments of your peace and that such peace cannot exist without your justice, equity, compassion, and grace. Give us courage, strength, and perseverance...**

\* SILENT PRAYER / ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\* PASSING THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Knuth  
Please sign the Attendance Pad during the Children's Message.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER ending with The Lord's Prayer  
**Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name...**

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION *Where Restless Crowds are Thronging* #672  
Children in Preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade may remain in the sanctuary or go to Summer Interest Centers in Fellowship Hall.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Wade in the Water* – Arr. Mark Hayes

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 15:21-28* Pew Bible, NT, p. 17

SERMON *Naming White Privilege* Rev. Broadbent

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Ross Galletto

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Spirit of Gentleness / Sacred Waltz* – Manley

\* PRESENTATION OF GIFTS Tune: *Old Hundredth*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Feasting on the Word

One: Gracious Lord, you have given us more mercy than we could imagine and more blessings that we deserve.

**All: Receive these gifts as a sign of our gratitude to you. May your mercy multiply and your blessings embrace all who are in need. Amen.**

JOYS & CONCERNS / PASTORAL PRAYER

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS: AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Congregation: **Friends, we welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's grace and love as witnesses of our risen Savior.**

\* CLOSING HYMN *O for a World* #683

\* BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE *In Quietness & Confidence* – J.S. Bach

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Joining the membership of our congregation today are:  
**Rachel & Tim Allen** (Spencer & Henry) and **Kasey Babcock.**

## THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHURCH

<b>Today</b>	<b>New Members Received</b>
9:00 am	<b>Sunday Morning Bible Study</b> , Fireside Room
9:30 am	<b>Faith In Action Team (FIAT)</b> , Media Room
10:15 am	<b>Nursery Care</b> , Room 4
10:30 am	<b>Worship Service</b> , Sanctuary
10:45 am	<b>Summer Sunday School</b> , Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	<b>Adult Education Committee</b> , Fireside Room
<b>Monday</b>	No Church Events
<b>Tuesday</b>	No Church Events
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am <b>Knitting Circle</b> , Fireside Room
	11:00 am <b>Church Staff Team</b> , Youth Lounge
	4:45 pm <b>Handbells</b> , Sanctuary
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00 pm <b>Music &amp; Worship Planning</b> , Fireside Room
	7:00 pm <b>Grief Group</b> , Fireside Room
	7:15 pm <b>Chancel Choir</b> , Choir Room
	7:30 pm <b>Christian Education Committee</b> , Youth Lounge
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am <b>UkeStars</b> , Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 am <b>Godly Play Parent Training</b> , Faith Chapel
	9:00 am <b>Memorial Hall Clean-up</b> , Memorial Hall
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:00 am <b>Sunday Morning Bible Study</b> , Fireside Room
	10:15 am <b>Nursery Care</b> , Room 4
	10:30 am <b>Worship Service</b> , Sanctuary
	10:45 am <b>Summer Sunday School</b> , Fellowship Hall
	11:45 am <b>Faith In Action Team (FIAT)</b> , Fireside Room
	11:45 am <b>Youth/Parent Confirmation Orientation</b> , Youth Lounge



### FINANCIAL HEALTH

<b>Financial Giving</b> (as of 7/31/17)	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Over/(Under)</b>
Local Church	\$199,361	\$208,620	(\$9,259)
Wider Mission	\$14,922	\$17,474	(\$2,552)
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>\$214,283</b>	<b>\$226,094</b>	<b>(\$11,811)</b>

We are grateful for *all* financial gifts, large and small, that make possible everything we are and do as a community church.

## 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today we continue in the season after Pentecost and with our "Be the Church" summer worship series. Today's theme is "Reject racism" and we hear the story in the Gospel of Matthew when Jesus meets the Canaanite Woman.



### TODAY

**NURSERY CARE** available summer Sundays 10:15am - 12:00pm. People of all ages are welcome in worship, and we encourage babies and toddlers to attend with their families! A diaper-changing station is located in the bathroom off the Fireside Room.

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY** meets 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew. Bring a Bible, your inquisitive mind, and your coffee/tea mug.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** for ages 3 - 10 follows the Children's Message in Fellowship Hall using a Sparkhouse curriculum and rotating through Interest Centers.

**ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE** invites all interested people to the Fireside Room at noon to share ideas on potential programs for adults in the coming year.

### UP - COMING

**GODLY PLAY TRAINING** Saturday, August 26 in Faith Chapel at 8:30 am for all adults who will be nurturing the spiritual lives of our young people this fall. Grow in your faith and experience our amazing children as a volunteer leader. Contact **Pastor Rachel Knuth**, Associate Minister to Children & Families, at [rachelknuth@uccseb.org](mailto:rachelknuth@uccseb.org) or 823.2484.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM** for 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> graders (older high schoolers also invited) begins with a parent-youth orientation Sunday, August 27, Noon - 1:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. Weekly Confirmation Classes begin September 17. Contact Pastor Benjamin at 719.238.5347 or [pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org) with questions.

**FAMILY CAMP** will be Labor Day Weekend, Friday - Sunday, September 1 - 3 at Camp Caz. Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome, newcomers and old-timers. This is a unique opportunity to spend time as the church in a relaxed outdoor setting. Registration materials available now in the church office or at [www.uccseb.org](http://www.uccseb.org).

**HANDBELL ENSEMBLE** begins Wednesday rehearsals Aug 23, 4:45 pm in the sanctuary. Do you have a general understanding of music and can you count? If yes to both, then you can learn to play handbells! New ringers always welcome. Contact Director **Karna Roa** at 707.328.4905 or [karnamarie@yahoo.com](mailto:karnamarie@yahoo.com).



## UP-COMING CONT'D

**CHANCEL CHOIR** leads the congregation in singing and prepares anthems to add beauty to worship. Thursday rehearsals begin August 24 at 7:15 p.m. Bring your desire to sing willingness to rehearse. Just show up, or contact Minister of Music, **Rev. Brian Plaugher**, at 707.869.9120 or [brian.plaugher@gmail.com](mailto:brian.plaugher@gmail.com).

**LAUNCH SUNDAY**, Sept. 10 marks the beginning of our new program year. Choirs return to worship, our Sunday School programs begin and we celebrate after worship with bubbles and a special luncheon in Memorial Hall. Please plan to join us!

**MEN'S RETREAT** Oct. 27-29, 2017 at St Columba's Retreat Center in Inverness. All men are welcome. For questions, contact **Warren Brisbin** 707.483.4461.

**DINE & DONATE** Sept. 13 at Mary's in Sebastopol. 15% will be donated to our High School Youth program. Dine-in, take-out and even gift cards earn 15% of your purchase when you bring the attached flyer. What could be easier – all you have to do is eat!

## ON-GOING

**GRIEF GROUP** meets in the Fireside Room Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Losing a loved one, recently or years ago, can be difficult to process. Contact counselor-facilitators **Harry & Susanna Simms** at 707.829.7769.

**WOMEN'S KNITTING CIRCLE** (morphed from the Women' Bible Study currently on summer break) meets Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 am in the Fireside Room. Bring your knitting project. Enjoy guidance from some long-time knitters, as well as support from a great group of people. For info, contact **Joanne Matson** at 707.823-5249.

**UKESTARS** ukulele group meets Fridays in Fellowship Hall, 10:00-11:30 for jam session/weekly practice. For more info, contact **Vicki Reno** at 707.827.3668.

**2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY LUNCH** continues through the summer and year-round for our neighbors in need in Fellowship Hall 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. To assist with this effort, contact **Joanne Matson** at 707.823-5249.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BAKED GOODS** for Fellowship Hour following Sunday services are wonderful. If you have a treat to share, bring it and we'll put it out or freeze for the next Sunday.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** for this bulletin or for the weekly email blast are due in digital form by noon each week. September newsletter deadline: Wednesday, August 15.

Contact **Karin Seder**, Office Manager, at [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org), or 707.823-2484.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR** sought to work with our young people 9:00-10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Scope of position: About 5 hours/week @ \$15/hour.

Contact **Rev. Rachel Knuth**, Associate Minister for Children & Families, at [rachelknuth@uccseb.org](mailto:rachelknuth@uccseb.org) or 707.823.2484, ext. 104.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** are invited to contact **Ross Galleto** over summer break for any reason. Regular youth groups program start back up in September!

Contact **Ross Galleto**, Director of Youth Ministries, at [youthministries@uccseb.org](mailto:youthministries@uccseb.org) or 707.495.1507.

## FEATURED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**INTERCHURCH FOOD PANTRY** urgently needs a new Treasurer, historically filled by a member of our congregation. Treasurer makes bank deposits, pays a limited number of monthly bills, and gives a quarterly financial report to the Pantry Board. For more info, contact **Steve Beck** at 707-479-3567 or [rottenappleranch@aol.com](mailto:rottenappleranch@aol.com)

## WIDER COMMUNITY

**INTER-CHURCH FOOD PANTRY** would love your extra garden produce! Deliver to the Food Pantry, 500 Robinson Road, any Mon, Wed, Fri or Sat, 10:00 am - Noon.

**DONATE RV / TRAILER** for a unique housing project. West County Community Services (WCCS) looking for tax deductible donations to create housing for homeless. Need not run, but living area, plumbing and electrical in working order. Contact WCCS at 707.332.4456 or [housingunits@westcountyservices.org](mailto:housingunits@westcountyservices.org).

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**PRAYERS of Joy for...** new grandparents, **Paula & Dave Matzinger** celebrating the birth of **Adrian Harland Seitz**

**PRAYERS of concern for...** **Bob & Terri Harper** following Bob's brain biopsy last week;; **Lia**, moved to a rehab center to regain her strength; victims of violence perpetrated by white supremacists.

**CONDOLENCES** to... family of **Marilyn Daugherty**, who died recently; **Peg Anderson** & other family of church member **Jean Anderson**, who died June 19, 2017.

Contact **Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent**, Senior Minister, at [pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org) or 719.238.5347.

What are our

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Issues???

Our church is a member of the North Bay Organizing Project. They are going through a process to determine issues in our community to focus on for the next few years. We are invited to give our input.

Question; **What are the top 2 problems you see facing you or our community?**

**Issue #1** \_\_\_\_\_

Say a little about it \_\_\_\_\_

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**Issue #2** \_\_\_\_\_

Say a little about it \_\_\_\_\_

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What problem/issue would you be willing to be involved in?

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You are invited to come to either of the following meetings to bring forth and discuss issues. Bring your ideas!

**Sunday, August 20** 9:30-10:15am Media Room

**Sunday, August 27** 11:45-12:30am Fireside Room

E-mail your ideas to Joyce Cox [b-j-cox@att.net](mailto:b-j-cox@att.net) or leave them in the envelop on the counter of the church office or drop in the collection plate by Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your participation!  
Faith In Action Team

## A RETREAT FOR ALL MEN

OCTOBER 27-29, 2017 ST. COLUMBA'S RETREAT CENTER  
12835 SIR FRANCIS DRAKE BLVD, INVERNESS

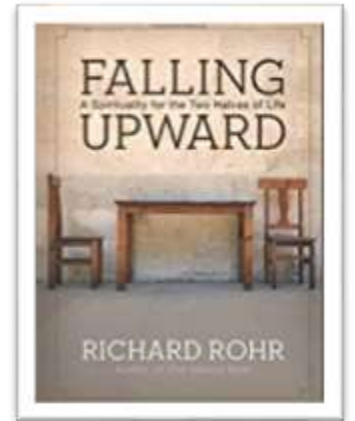


**THEME: *Moving into the Second Half of Life*** based on a book by Franciscan Friar, Richard Rohr: *Falling Upward*\*. Pastor Benjamin will facilitate a discussion looking at the joys and struggles of the past while moving forward – how we can hear a deeper voice of God along the way.

\*Copies of *Falling Upward* are available at the Sonoma County Library or widely available online.

**FACILITY:** St. Columba's Retreat Center is located in Inverness, nestled in the hills above Tomales Bay, just a little more than an hour from Sebastopol at 12835 Sir Francis Drake Blvd in the town of Inverness.

There are several bedrooms, each with 1 to 12 single beds. All bedding and towels are provided, with accommodations for up to 30 people.



## Men's Spiritual Retreat Registration Form October 27-29, 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**FEE:** \$50 (Group attendees will participate in food preparations. \$25 per person will be collected separately for food.)

**TRANSPORTATION:** Carpooling will be arranged by Warren Brisbin.

I am interested in carpooling: Yes No \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to have a ride.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be driving my car and have room for \_\_\_\_\_ more people.

Please make checks payable to **The Community Church** for \$50 with a notation in the memo line: **Men's Retreat** and mail to Warren Brisbin, 3378 Magowan Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95405. For questions contact Warren at 707.483.4461 or [GBrisbin@sonic.net](mailto:GBrisbin@sonic.net).



## DINE & DONATE

Please join Mary's Pizza Shack in supporting  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL**  
**YOUTH GROUP**

at a Dine & Donate Fundraiser on  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

Bring this flyer to the Mary's Pizza Shack in Sebastopol and support the Youth Group Mission Trip to LA! 15% of your purchase will be donated to the group when you present this flyer with your order.

Mary's Pizza Shack serves homemade pizzas, pastas, sandwiches, salads & soups – perfect for the whole family! Mary's will donate 15% of Dine-In, Take-Out & Delivery orders, all day. Don't have time to stay? Mary's will donate 15% of gift card purchases on the event date.

Sorry, no coupons, discounts or Mary's Money will be accepted for payment with this fundraiser. A 15% donation will be given for gift cards purchased on the event date; a 15% donation will be given for purchases made with a gift card, but the same card cannot be used in both transactions. This flyer cannot be distributed at the restaurant or in the vicinity. This flyer must be presented in order for the organization to receive the donation.

Valid only for the date and location(s) specified.

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