

JANUARY 18, 2026 – 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Today, the Chancel Choir, directed by **Andy DeMonte**, shares worship music and **Pastor Benjamin** preaches a sermon on [Isaiah 49:1-7](#) entitled, Not Laboring in Vain.”



TODAY

NURSERY CARE for infants to age 4 in the Nursery, 9:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. with fully-vetted Nursery Attendants.

KINSHIP TIME follows worship in Fellowship Hall. Visit the Bounty Table and bring home some free produce for your household.

FAITH FORMATION HOUR at 11:15 a.m. in various locations:

- **God & Donuts** (youth 5th – 12th grades) in the Youth Lounge. Come join the musical jam session and learn how to make music with your friends.
- **Church Chat** in Room 6, 2nd of 4-week series with **Mary Culberson**: “There’s Something about Mary Magdalene: *The Search for the Divine Feminine*.”
- **Budget Forum** in the Media Room, facilitated by **Gregg Yaylian**, Treasurer. Preview the 2026 Budget to be voted on at the January 25 Annual Meeting.

MLK JR. WEEKEND Solidarity Vigil, hosted by the Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition at 2:00 p.m. at the Sonoma County Jail, 2777 Ventura Wy, Santa Rosa. Hear stories, share music, and help advocate for a county-wide sanctuary ordinance.

UPCOMING

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION next Sunday, January 25, 11:15 a.m. in Memorial Hall. Agenda includes election of new leaders, approval of 2026 budget, and consideration of [3 new policies: Proposed Endowment Fund Bylaws, Proposed Amendment to Articles of Incorporation, Proposed Standing Rules for Congregational Meetings](#). All members are encouraged to attend.

FINGER FOOD POTLUCK at the Annual Meeting. Before worship, bring your finger food to Memorial Hall e.g., deviled eggs, muffins, brownies, cut fruit, finger sandwiches (nothing that needs silverware). After worship, grab coffee or tea and find a table. Questions? Contact **Kathy Matthies** at 707.758.3970.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING for the life of **Jean Boal** in the sanctuary on Saturday, February 7, at 2:00 p.m. Reception follows in Memorial Hall.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & FAITH JOURNEYS - Join us Mondays from February 23 to March 23 for a potluck soup supper at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by faith journey sharing from 6:30–7:15 p.m. in the Chapel. Volunteers are needed to bring soups—if interested, please email **Kathy Matthies** at kathleenmatthies57@gmail.com.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER FUNDRAISER Mon, Mar 17, 2025, 5–8 p.m. in Memorial Hall with proceeds continuing to support our Capital Campaign for facility improvements. Enjoy corned beef, cabbage, and sides. Entertainment includes singing, silent auction, and prize drawings. Tickets: \$40/adult, \$20/child. Sign up in [Realm](#).

ONGOING

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY meets on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. in Room 6. Contact **Norma Watson** at normawatson1949@gmail.com.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY meets Wednesdays, 5:00–6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact **Gail Thomas** for the link at 707.758.0295.

MEDITATION GROUP meets Thursdays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Room 6. Contact **Mary Culberson** at 707.525.1730.

DREAMWORK GROUP meets on Thursdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m. in Room 6. Contact **Raymond Dougherty** at 707.338.2500.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS beautify our worship space every Sunday. To sponsor flowers in honor of a person or event, sign up on the poster in the Narthex.

WIDER COMMUNITY

TRANS 101 programs at Shomrei Torah in Santa Rosa. 1. “A primer on transgender identity for the caring, curious, and confused,” Zoom, Jan 21, 7:00 p.m. 2. “Trans Journeys” in-person at Congregation Shomrei Torah, Feb 22, 2:00 p.m. See flyer in Narthex.

OUTREACH

DISASTER RECOVERY OPPORTUNITY TRIP 2026 Informational Meeting on Sunday, February 22, 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Choose dates, get estimated cost and a scope of the work. No construction work experience is needed. Flyer available on the table in the Narthex.

INTER-CHURCH FOOD PANTRY basket located in the sanctuary entryway. Requested item for January: Canned Fruit. No perishable or expired food. To volunteer, contact **Mark Albin** at 707.829.1492 / malbin@sonic.net.

CARE MINISTRIES

OUR CHURCH'S care ministries include:

- **Card Writing Ministry** meets monthly on the first Thursday.
- **Prayer Book** in the Narthex to share prayer joys and concerns.
- **Weekly Prayers** appear in all-church email every Thursday.
- **Pastoral Care** provided by Pastor Benjamin and Care Ministry Team.
- **Prayer Shawls** available to offer to those who are ill or grieving.
- **Intercessory Prayer Network** prays regularly for confidential requests.

For info about our church's Care Ministries, contact **Rev. Benjamin**

Broadbent, Lead Minister, at pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org / 707.861.8099.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

GODLY PLAY happens on the 2nd and 4th Sunday. and will resume on February 8, 2026. Contact **Terri Harper** at 707.236.2448 / beelady59@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUPS (Grades 6–8 & 9–12) meet weekly for “God & Donuts,” 11:15 a.m. in the Youth Lounge. On January 25, come chill with us and watch a movie in the Youth Lounge during the Annual Meeting.

For information about Faith Formation programs for children, youth, and adults, contact **Tirza Dawn** at faithformation@uccseb.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2 NEW OPPORTUNITIES to care for and improve our church facility:

- **Capital Projects Team** will coordinate the implementation of our “Flourishing Together” campaign projects.

- **Facility Maintenance Plan Task Force** will research and create a comprehensive plan to be implemented by staff and volunteers.

If you would like to be considered to serve on one or both of these, **contact Pastor Benjamin at 707.861.8099 / pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org.**

THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHURCH – January 18–25, 2026

Today	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	
	9:45 am	Nursery Care, Room 4
	10:00 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
	11:00 am	Kinship Time, Fellowship Hall
	11:15 am	God + Donuts, Youth Lounge Budget Forum, Media Room Church Chat, Room 6
Monday	10:00 am	Prayer Shawls, Fireside Room
Tuesday	9:00 am	Grounds Team, Campus Shower Program, Memorial Hall
	3:00 pm	Finance Committee, Fireside Room
	3:30 pm	Health & Safety Team, Room 6
	4:00 pm	Handbell Ensemble, Sanctuary
Wednesday	10:00 am	Staff Team, Fireside Room Women's Bible Study, Room 6
	5:00 pm	Online Bible Study, Zoom
	6:30 pm	Leadership Council, Media Room
Thursday	12:00 pm	Meditation Group, Room 6
	2:00 pm	Women's Fellowship Card Writing, WF Room
	5:30 pm	Drop-In Dreamwork Group, Room 6
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
Friday		No Church Programs
Saturday		No Church Programs
Next Sunday		3rd Sunday after Epiphany
	9:45 am	Nursery Care, Room 4
	10:00 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
	11:15 am	Annual Meeting of the Congregation Mem. Hall

2026 LOCAL MINISTRY & OUTREACH PLEDGES

(as of 1/15/26)

Households	Amt Pledged	Goal	Over/(Under)
120	\$400,671	\$485,000	(\$84,329)

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING totaled \$2,068. These funds will be divided evenly between the United Church of Christ Christmas Fund which supports retired church workers, and our congregation's Emergency Food Program to give grocery gift cards to those affected by recent cuts to SNAP benefits.

BULLETIN & WEEKLY EMAIL content due in digital form to **Joy Richards**, Congregational Administrator, at office@uccseb.org by Noon on Wednesdays. Salt & Light articles for March edition due February 15.