

## MARCH 8, 2026 – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

Today the Handbell Ensemble, directed by **Karna Roa**, shares worship music, we celebrate Holy Communion, and **Pastor Benjamin** preaches a sermon on [Exodus 17:1-7](#) entitled, “A Human is... Quarrelsome.”



### TODAY

**NURSERY CARE** in Room 4 for infants to Preschool in the Nursery, 9:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. with fully-vetted Nursery Attendants, **Alexa Lopez & Eliana Green**.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL**, “Becoming Human,” by the Tacoma Center for Urban Peacemaking, on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. Week Three: “Springs.”

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**, a special offering of the United Church of Christ, supports global partners fund emergency relief, refugee ministries, and disaster response. See insert and envelope in your bulletin.

**GODLY PLAY** – Classroom 6, facilitated by **Joanne Matson & Alvin Hukins**, The Exodus (Exodus 11:1-15, 21).

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

**FAITH FORMATION HOUR**, 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. in various locations:

- **Nursery Care** in Room 4 to allow parents to attend Church Chat.
- **Church Chat** in the Chapel, Pastor Benjamin mini-lecture, and discussion on Karl Barth’s “The Humanity of God.”
- **God & Donuts** hosts Intergenerational Gym. All Ages. Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

### FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS

**GODLY PLAY** happens on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Contact **Terri Harper** at 707.236.2448 / [beelady59@gmail.com](mailto:beelady59@gmail.com).

**YOUTH GROUPS** (Grades 6–8 & 9–12) meet weekly for “God & Donuts,” 11:15 a.m. in the Youth Lounge.

**CHURCH CHAT** happens Sundays during Faith Formation Hour at 11:15 a.m.

- “**Caring for Caregivers**,” facilitated by **Tirza Dawn & Reena Burton** sharing tools for relaxation, self-care, and community support, resumes on March 15 & 22.

For more info, contact **Tirza Dawn**, Faith Formation Coordinator, at [faithformation@uccseb.org](mailto:faithformation@uccseb.org).

### UP-COMING

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & FAITH JOURNEYS** continue every Monday thru March 23. Soup supper at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall is followed by Faith Journey at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This week’s faith journey shared by: **Devon Wright**.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER FUNDRAISER** Sat, Mar 14, 5–8 p.m. in Memorial Hall to support our Flourishing Together Capital Campaign. Enjoy corned beef, cabbage, and sides along with singing, silent auction, and prize drawings. Tickets: \$30/adult, \$10/child. Scan or click the QR code to sign up.



**SEE'S EASTER CANDY** on sale, March 15, 22 and 29, in the Bell Tower Courtyard by Women's Retreat Committee. The proceeds will be used for retreat scholarships. Contact **Jane Huneke** @ [jane.huneke1@gmail.com](mailto:jane.huneke1@gmail.com).

**THE GROUNDS TEAM** is hosting a clean-up the church property post rains and pre-Easterday on Sat, Mar 21, 9 a.m.– 12 p.m. Come for some or all of the time. Bring gloves, water, clippers, garbage cans, weed whackers, wheelbarrows, and other relevant equipment. Childcare (infant to 5 yrs old) available upon request by 3/15. For information or to reserve childcare, please contact **Jane Huneke** at [jane.huneke1@gmail.com](mailto:jane.huneke1@gmail.com).

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**, Sunday, March 22, in the sanctuary immediately follows worship. Agenda: Elect members of the new Endowment Committee: Jeff Boal, Susan Olson & Steve Reid. Nominee intros and Endowment Bylaws available in Narthex.

**CHOW MEIN LUNCH** fundraiser at Enmanji Buddhist Temple Sun, Mar 29, 11 a.m. \$18/plate. Purchase tickets at door only. See flyer in Narthex.

**EASTER LILIES** adorn the chancel during Easter worship service. Cost is \$15 per plant. Order forms are in the Narthex or in the office throughout the week. Return completed forms to the basket located on the office counter by Sunday, March 22. Be sure to write "Easter Lily" in the memo line of your check.

#### ON-GOING

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. in Room 6. Contact **Norma Watson** at [normawatson1949@gmail.com](mailto: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.

#### OUTREACH

**INTER-CHURCH FOOD PANTRY** – During Lent, we will be collecting non-perishable food every week on Sunday. Bring an item each week and deposit it in the basket under the Communion Table. To volunteer at the pantry, contact **Mark Albin** at 707.829.1492 / [malbin@sonic.net](mailto:malbin@sonic.net).

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH BOOKKEEPER POSITION** opening soon as available—our current Bookkeeper, **Deanna Euritt**, is moving to Iowa in May. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in May. For this part-time role, contact Joy at the church office if interested.

**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.

## THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHURCH... March 8–15, 2026

Today		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>
	9:45 am	Nursery Care, Room 4
	10:00 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
	11:00 am	Kinship Time, Fellowship Hall
	11:15 am	Faith Formation Hour, Various Locations
Monday	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Lenten Faith Journey, Chapel
Tuesday	9:00 am	Grounds Team, Campus
		Shower Program, Memorial Hall
	4:00 pm	Handbell Ensemble, Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Pastor Parish Relations Team, Fireside Room
	5:30 pm	FIAT Card-Writing, Media Room
	7:00 pm	Outreach Committee, Fireside Room
Wednesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study, Room 6
	5:00 pm	Online Bible Study, Zoom
	6:30 pm	Facilities Committee, Fireside Room
Thursday	12:00 pm	Meditation Group, Room 6
	5:30 pm	Drop-In Dreamwork Group, Room 6
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
Friday	2:00 pm	Safe Church Training, Fireside Room
Saturday	11:30 am	Second Saturday Lunch, Fellowship Hall
	5:00 pm	St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser, Memorial Hall
Next Sunday		<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>
		Salt & Light Newsletter Deadline
	9:45 am	Nursery Care, Room 4
	10:00 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
	11:00 am	Kinship Time, Fellowship Hall
	11:15 am	Faith Formation Hour, Various Locations

### CHURCH FINANCES

**PLEDGE PAYMENTS** made to the Flourishing Together Capital Campaign by April 30 will allow us to make a large principal reduction payment toward the \$425,000 loan we used to begin the work replacing our sanctuary roof. This will reduce interest payments and allow us to move more quickly to address projects beyond the roof. To make your payment, go to [www.uccseb.org](http://www.uccseb.org) and click "Give Now," or send a check to the church office.

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