

MARCH 15, 2026 ☞ 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Today the Chancel Choir sings **Andy DelMonte's** arrangement of "Come, Share the Lord" and **Pastor Benjamin** preaches a sermon on [1Samuel 16:1-13](#) entitled, "A Human Is... Adoring."



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, **Eliana Green & Kelli Clark**.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL, "Becoming Human," by the Tacoma Center for Urban Peacemaking, on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. Week Four: "Blind."

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.

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: "**Caring for Caregivers**," facilitated by **Tirza Dawn & Reena Burton** sharing tools for self-care and community support.
- **God & Donuts** (Grades 6–8 & 9–12) in the Youth Lounge, facilitated by **Emily & Dawson Bell**. Walk to Donuts & Water, choose your donut.
- **Red Hat Creation** in the Fireside Room. "Melt The Ice" hosted by **Bobbie Johanson & Joanne Matson**. Build solidarity and create a statement hat. Stay & knit/crochet or drop by and pick up instructions to complete at home.

BARRIO WALK – A community walk to hand out "Know Your Rights" info and resources. Today 1-3 p.m., Sebastopol Flea Market, 2200 Gravenstein Hwy. Sponsored by Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition.

SEE'S EASTER CANDY on sale today in the Bell Tower Courtyard by Women's Retreat Committee. The proceeds will be used for retreat scholarships.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS

GODLY PLAY happens on the 2nd and 4th Sundays following the Children's Message. Contact **Terri Harper** at 707.236.2448 / beelady59@gmail.com.

BIBLE WORKSHOP with Pastor Benjamin for people in Grades 4 during Faith Formation Hour, 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. on Sundays, Special Bibles will be presented during worship on Mother's Day, click the QR Code to register.



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April 26 & May 3.
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YOUTH GROUPS (Grades 6–8 & 9–12) meet weekly for "God & a.m. in the Youth Lounge, led by **Emily & Dawson Bell**.

Donuts," 11:15

For more info, contact **Tirza Dawn**, Faith Formation Coordinator, at faithformation@uccseb.org / 415.845.7875.

UP-COMING

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & FAITH JOURNEYS every Mon thru March 23. Soup supper, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall is followed by Faith Journey, 7 p.m. in the Chapel. This week's faith journey: **Scot Covington**.

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** at jane.huneke1@gmail.com.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP, hosted by The Grounds Team, in preparation for Easter, next Sat, Mar 21, 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Bring gloves, water, clippers, garbage cans, weed whackers, wheelbarrows, and other items you may have. Childcare for infants to age 5 available upon request if reserved today through **Jane Huneke** at 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.

EMBRACING OUR NEIGHBORS: Immigrant Stories and How to Help, Sun, Mar 22, 1-3 pm, Congregation Shomrei Torah, 2600 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. See flyer in Narthex.

EASTER LILIES adorn the chancel during Easter worship services. 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.

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.

ON-GOING

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

FOOD ITEMS are collected each week during Lent for the Inter-Church Food Pantry. When you arrive for worship, place your non-perishable food under the Communion Table. To volunteer at the pantry, contact **Mark Albin** at 707.829.1492 / malbin@sonic.net.

FAITH VIGIL FOR SOLIDARITY, Wed, Mar 25, 5–6 p.m., Old Courthouse Sq. Bring a candle. All ages, people of faith, and goodwill welcome. A safe space for all. Upcoming dates: Apr 22 & May 27. Flyer available in Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH BOOKKEEPER POSITION -- Our current Bookkeeper, **Deanna Euritt**, is relocating to Iowa in May. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in this part-time position, contact Joy in the church office.

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 15–22, 2026

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| Today | | 4th Sunday in Lent |
| | | 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 |
| Monday | 10:00 am | Prayer Shawls, Fireside Room |
| | 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 |
| | 3:30 pm | Finance Committee, Fireside Room |
| | | Health & Safety Team, Room 6 |
| | 4:00 pm | Handbell Ensemble, Sanctuary |
| | 5:30 pm | FIAT Team, Fireside Room |
| Wednesday | 5:00 pm | Online Bible Study, Zoom |
| 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 | | No Church Programs |
| Saturday | 9:00 am | All-Church Grounds Clean up |
| Next Sunday | | 5th Sunday in Lent |
| | 9:45 am | Nursery Care, Room 4 |
| | 10:00 am | Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online |
| | 11:00 am | Special Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary |
| | | 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 help us 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 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 by Noon on Wednesdays. Salt & Light articles for May edition due April 15.