

APRIL 19, 2026 – 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Chancel Choir shares worship music and **Rev. Gene Nelson**, Pastor Emeritus, preaches a sermon on [Luke 24:13-35](#) entitled, “Emmaus Still Happens.”



TODAY

NURSERY CARE in Room 4 for infants to Preschool in the Nursery, 9:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m. with fully-vetted Nursery Attendants, **Alexa Lopez & Monica Plisskin**.

KINSHIP TIME follows worship in Bell Tower Courtyard. Visit the Bounty Table and bring home some free produce for your household.

OURDAILYBREAD started right here at Community Church of Sebastopol. Pick up your loaf during Kinship Time. Visit [ourdailybread.club](#) for more info.

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 Chapel: “Forgotten Women of the Bible,” led by **Anna Citrino**. See description below.
- **Safe Church Training** in the Media Room, required for all volunteers with children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Led by **Kathy Bell**.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL-AGES

FORGOTTEN WOMEN OF THE BIBLE, a Faith Formation Hour offering led by **Anna Citrino** on April 19 & 26, May 3 & 10. Have you considered the experiences of women often overlooked in Biblical narratives? Let's explore the gaps within the Bible and stories from Christian tradition where women are present.

BIBLE WORKSHOP (Grades 4–6) during Faith Formation Hour, 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. on Sundays, April 26 & May 3. Special Bibles will be presented during worship on Mother's Day, May 10. To participate, contact **Pastor Benjamin** at pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org /707.861.8099.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

GRADUATE BLESSING for high school and college graduates during worship on May 17. If you or a family member is graduating this spring, share the details with **Pastor Benjamin** at pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org / 707.861.8099.

GODLY PLAY is a Montessori-based storytelling and art response program offered for those in Kindergarten – 5th Grade on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month during worship following the Children's Message.

Contact **Tirza Dawn** at faithformation@uccseb.org / 415.845.7875.

UP-COMING

FREE SELF-DEFENSE CLASS for women who have experienced sexual abuse, assault, dating/domestic violence. Choose one of three Saturday sessions. April 11, 18 & 25, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in Room 6. To enroll, contact **Jade Rayne** at selfdefenseforgirlsandwomen@gmail.com. Flyer in Narthex.

VELOCITY HANDBELL CHOIR performs in our sanctuary on Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. Featuring the world premiere of Christian Guebert's "Five Spacetime Movements." Concert is free. Donations will be accepted at the end of the concert. Learn more at velocitybells.org.

ON-GOING

COFFEE & CARE (formerly Women's Bible Study) meets every Wednesday, 10 a.m. – Noon at Coffee & More, Sebastopol. Contact Norma Watson normawatson1949@gmail.com.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesdays, 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

GRATON DAY LABORERS – The Faith in Action Team is collecting supplies for Graton Day Labor Center workers from April 19 to May 31. Stop by the courtyard during Kinship Time to learn more about supporting day laborers and upcoming actions for our immigrant neighbors. For details, contact **Monica** at monica.canfieldlenfest@gmail.com.

SOLIDARITY VIGIL on Wed, Apr 22, 5 – 6 p.m., at Old Courthouse Square in Santa Rosa. Hosted by Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition. Flyer in Narthex.

MAY DAY Workers not Billionaires Singing Resistance! on Fri May 1, 2 p.m. at Target, 1980 Santa Rosa Ave. Pastor Benjamin is one of the speakers. At 4 p.m. join a march starting at Southwest Community Park. Flyer in Narthex.

REBUILDING TOGETHER workday is May 2nd. We'll handle maintenance and power washing to assist an elderly Sebastopol resident in staying in her home. Join fellow church members to help out. For details, contact **Peggy Porter** at 707-291-6353 or pporter501@gmail.com.

SANTA ROSA'S 2026 PRIDE PARADE – SAVE THE DATE: June 6, 2026. Join us by marching with fellow church members to support our advocacy and make an impact as we wave our street banners. More information to come.

INTER-CHURCH FOOD PANTRY basket is located in the Sanctuary entry. Requested item for April: Canned Fruit. New, non-perishable food only. To volunteer, contact **Mark Albin** at 707.829.1492 or malbin@sonic.net.

CARE MINISTRIES

OUR CHURCH'S Care Ministries include:

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

THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHURCH... April 19–26, 2026

Today		3rd Sunday of Easter
	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
		Safe Church Training
Monday	10:00 am	Prayer Shawls, Fireside Room
Tuesday	9:00 am	Grounds Team, Campus
		Shower Program, Memorial Hall
	3:30 pm	Finance Committee, Fireside Room
	3:30 pm	Health & Safety Team, Room 6
	4:00 pm	Handbell Ensemble, Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Online Bible Study, Zoom
	5:30 pm	FIAT Team, Fireside Room
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee & Care Discussion Group, Offsite
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	9:00 am	Burbank Heights Meeting, Room 6
Saturday		No Church Programs
Next Sunday		4th Sunday of Easter
	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 Location

CHURCH FINANCES

<i>As of March 31, 2026</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Over/(Under)</i>
Local Ministry Revenue	\$163,449	\$106,212	\$57,237
Other Revenue	\$11,837	\$11,250	\$587
Facility Revenue	\$15,446	\$21,663	(\$6,217)
Total Revenue	\$190,732	\$139,125	\$51,607

PLEDGE PAYMENTS made to Capital Campaign by April 30 will help us make a principal reduction payment toward the \$425,000 loan we used to replace our sanctuary roof. This will reduce interest payments. To make your payment, go to www.uccseb.org and click “Give Now,” or send a check to the church office.