

## APRIL 5, 2026 – EASTER SUNDAY

Welcome to worship at Community Church of Sebastopol. Today is the Day of Resurrection. Our Handbell Ensemble and Chancel Choir share worship music, along with a Brass trio. Pastor Benjamin preaches a sermon on [Matthew 28:1–10](#) entitled, “Expecting Resurrection.”



### 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, **Ellie Green & Alexa Lopez**.

**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.

### NEXT SUNDAY

**GODLY PLAY** in Room 6. Lesson: “Jesus and the Twelve,” facilitated by Joanne Matson & Alvin Hukins. Contact **Terri Harper** at 707.236.2448 / [beelady59@gmail.com](mailto:beelady59@gmail.com).

**FAITH FORMATION HOUR**, April 12, 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: “Introduction to Family Systems Theory,” with Pastor Benjamin
- **God & Donuts** hosts Intergenerational Gym in Memorial Hall. All ages welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

### UP-COMING

**FREE SELF-DEFENSE CLASS** for women who have experienced sexual abuse, assault, dating/domestic violence. One class, two Saturday sessions. April 11 & 18 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in Classroom 6. To enroll, email instructor, Jade Rayne, at [selfdefenseforgirlsandwomen@gmail.com](mailto:selfdefenseforgirlsandwomen@gmail.com). Flyer in Narthex.

**MEN'S DISCUSSION** on April 7, and the first Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. This week's topic: The Logical Family.

**FAITH FORMATION** offerings in coming weeks:

- April 12: “Introduction to Family Systems Theory,” facilitated by Pastor Benjamin, using Jack Shitama's “If You Met My Family, You'd Understand.” 3 take-aways: Manage your anxiety. Define self. Stay connected.
- April 19: Part 1 of 4: Forgotten Women of the Bible, led by Anna Citrino

**SAFE CHURCH TRAINING** Sunday, April 19, 11:15 a.m. in the Media Room. This training, required for all volunteers with children, youth, and vulnerable adults, must be renewed every 3 years. Contact **Kathy Bell** at [kbellnow@gmail.com](mailto:kbellnow@gmail.com) to register or check if you need to renew.

**BIBLE WORKSHOP** (Grades 4-6) with Pastor Benjamin 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. Scan or click the QR code to register.



**VELOCITY HANDBELL CHOIR** Friday, May 15, 2026. Save the date for Velocity's Spring Concert featuring the world premiere of Christian Guebert's “Five Spacetime Movements.”

### 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](mailto: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

**BARRIO WALK** on Sun, Apr 12, 1 – 3 p.m., Boyes Springs Plaza, 15 Boyes Blvd with Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition. Join this community walk to hand out “Know Your Rights” info and other resources. Flyer in Narthex.

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

**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.

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND** supports church and wider community members when unexpected expenses arise. To make a donation, contact Pastor Benjamin at [pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org) /707.861.8099.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** beautify our worship 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... April 5–12, 2026**

Today		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
	6:30 am	Easter Sunrise Service, Fountain Courtyard
	9:45 am	Nursery Care, Room 4
	10:00 am	Easter Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
	11:00 am	Kinship Time, Fellowship Hall
Monday	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Group, Fireside Room
Tuesday	9:00 am	Grounds Team, Campus
		Shower Program, Memorial Hall
	4:00 pm	Handbell Ensemble, Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Online Bible Study, Zoom
	6:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Fireside Room
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee & Care Discussion Group, Offsite
	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		No Church Programs
Saturday	11:30 am	Second Saturday Lunch, Fellowship Hall
Next Sunday		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</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
	12:15 pm	Personnel Committee, Fireside Room

**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](http://www.uccseb.org) and click "Give Now," or send a check to the church office.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering of the United Church of Christ, received on March 12 & 19 totaled \$1,362. Thank you for your generosity.

**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 May edition due April 15.