

MAY 17, 2026 – 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER / ASCENSION SUNDAY

The Chancel Choir shares worship music for the last time this program year and we bless our high school and college graduates. Pastor Benjamin preaches a sermon on [Acts 1:6-14](#) entitled, “Missing the Point.”



TODAY

NURSERY CARE for infants to Preschool in the Fireside Room, 9:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m. with Nursery Attendant **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.

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: “Meet Your Seminarians” with **Ross Pimentel** (Pacific School of Religion) and **Tirza Dawn** (Berkeley School of Theology).

YOUTH POOL PARTY, Noon – 3:00 p.m. at the Allender–Hudlow home (389 Piezzi Rd. 95401). Families welcome. Food provided. Bring a dessert.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL-AGES

GODLY PLAY (Kindergarten – 5th Grade) meets for the last time next Sunday, May 24. The Summer children’s program, “Summer Circle,” begins June 14 and will follow the Children’s Message during worship.

GOD & DONUTS weekly youth group (Grades 6 – 12) last gathering for the program year is Sun, May 24, during Faith Formation Hour in the Youth Lounge. Stay tuned for summer youth events.

Contact **Tirza Dawn**, Faith Formation Coordinator, at 415.845.7875 / faithformation@uccseb.org.

ON-GOING

COFFEE & CARE (formerly Women’s Bible Study) meets every Wednesday, 10 a.m. – Noon at Coffee & More, Sebastopol. Contact **Norma Watson** at 415.601.5907 / normawatson1949@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION GROUP (formerly Online Bible Study) meets Tuesdays, 5:00–6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Log-in opens at 4:40 p.m. Contact **Gail Thomas** for the link at 707.758.0295 / poohcornerfarm@comcast.net.

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

DREAMWORK GROUP meets Thursdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m. in Room 6. Contact **Raymond Dougherty** at 707.338.2500 / raymondougherty@sbcglobal.net.

UP-COMING

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH special offering of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, received May 24 & 31. Supports leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing UCC congregations.

GATHERING OF THE WATERS is an annual tradition of our church collecting samples of water from summer travels in a small receptacle. Leave it with your name and the water source in the church office. Blessing on September 13.

2026 SONOMA COUNTY PRIDE PARADE Saturday, June 6, 2026 will include an entry by our congregation. Gather at 10:00 a.m. at Fremont Park, Santa Rosa. Click [HERE](#) to sign up on Realm. Contact **Kathy Matthies** at kathleenmatthies57@gmail.com.

INQUIRERS' CLASS meets Sun, June 14, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Media Room, facilitated by Pastor Benjamin. Meet new people, learn more about Community Church, and consider joining as a member. RSVP to **Pastor Benjamin** by June 7, 707.861.8099 / pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org.

OUTREACH

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION DRIVE May 12—July 12 for young people impacted by foster or kinship care situations. See flyer in Narthex with list of supplies. Donations may be left in red wagon in sanctuary entryway. Contact **Kathy Matthies** at kathleenmatthies57@gmail.com.

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

WORSHIP & ARTS

SUMMER MUSIC OFFERINGS while our ensembles are on break. Share your musical gifts in worship. Solos and small groups are welcome, and piano or guitar accompaniment may be provided. Contact **Andy DelMonte** with questions and schedule.

KEYBOARDIST position now open. We're seeking collaborative musician to provide music for Sunday worship and for 10 hours/week.

Contact **Andy DelMonte**, Choral Director, at 707.239.4455 / delmontemusic@yahoo.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHURCH... May 17–24, 2026

		7th Sunday of Easter / Ascension Sunday
Today	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
	3:30 pm	Health & Safety Team, Room 6
Tuesday	9:00 am	Grounds Team, Campus
		Shower Program, Memorial Hall
	3:30 pm	Finance Committee, Fireside Room
	5:00 pm	Spiritual Exploration Group, Zoom
	5:30 pm	Faith-In-Action-Team (FIAT), 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
Friday		No Church Programs
Saturday		No Church Programs
Next Sunday		Pentecost Sunday
	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

THANK YOU to all who have made gifts toward their Flourishing Together Capital Campaign pledge. After making a significant principal reduction payment toward the loan we used on our sanctuary roof project, we will begin working on additional projects. To make a gift, go to 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 July edition due June 15.