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JULY 26, 2026 – 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today, a small vocal ensemble debuts an original composition by **Garth Watson** and **Pastor Benjamin** preaches a sermon on [Matthew 13:24–30](#) entitled, “Darn that Bearded Darnel.”



TODAY

NURSERY CARE for infants to Preschool in Room 4, 9:45 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. with two vetted Nursery Attendants, **Kelli Clark**, and **Ellie Green**.

SUMMER CIRCLE for people ages 4–12 follows the Children’s Message in Room 5. “Making Music with Handbells” facilitated by **Joy Richards & Tirza Dawn**.

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

PLAYGROUND will be open during Kinship Time for children to play and adults to hang out.

MEN’S GROUP PIZZA PARTY at 5:00 p.m. at the home of **Brian Plaughter**, 14710 Carrier Lane in Guerneville. Bring a side dish or beverage to share. Contact **Brian** at brian.plaughter@gmail.com / 707.486.1416.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUMMER CIRCLE for ages 4–12 meets during worship following the Children’s Message. Next circle meets August 9, “Planting a Seed Garden,” facilitated by **Garth Watson**.

CONFIRMATION CLASS for Grades 8 & 9 begins Sunday, September 13. With questions, or to RSVP, contact pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org.

ON-GOING

COFFEE & CARE (formerly Women’s Bible Study) meets Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. – Noon, at Community Market of 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. Contact **Gail Thomas** for the Zoom 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 is on summer break and will resume Thurs, Sept 10.

BE THE CHURCH

VOLUNTEERING at our church is a fulfilling way to serve others and grow spiritually. Even if you have a few hours to spare, there are numerous opportunities to get involved. Pick up the flyer in the Narthex to explore how you can contribute your talents and interests.

OUTREACH

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

UP-COMING

9-TO-DINE sign-ups are happening in August. Participants gather in small groups to share a meal once a month for 3 months. Look for the sign-up table Kinship Time. You can also sign up on Realm.

GATHERING OF THE WATERS is an annual tradition of our church collecting samples of water from summer travels in a small receptacle. Small bottles and labels are available. Leave it with your name and the water source in the church office. Blessing on September 6.

APPLE PIE FUNDRAISER EVENT registration now open. Join 50+ other volunteers Fri–Sun, Aug 7–9 to bake pies and raise funds for All–Church Camp. All ages and abilities welcome. See **Kathy Matthies** in the courtyard during Kinship Time or click on link for sign up genius [Community Church of Sebastopol: Apple Pie Event 2026](#).

ALL-CHURCH CAMP KINDNESS, Fri–Sun, Aug 27–29, at Westminster Woods in Occidental. A fun and restful time building community in the redwoods. Registration open. Click/scan QR code to register.



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PORCHFEST SEBASTOPOL Sat, Sept 12, Noon – 6:00 p.m. in the Belmont Terrace neighborhood. Community Church will receive food pantry donations for parking, and we will host a DJ dance music stage in our back parking lot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FOOD & DRINKS – We appreciate your cooperation with not bringing food and drinks into the Chapel or Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHURCH... July 26 – August 2, 2026

Today		9th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:45 am	Nursery Care, Room 4
	10:00 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
	10:15 am	Summer Circle, Room 5
	11:00 am	Kinship Time, Fellowship Hall & Playground
	5:00 pm	Men’s Group Pizza Party, Offsite
Monday		No Church Programs
Tuesday	9:00 am	Grounds Team, Campus
		Shower Program, Memorial Hall
	5:00 pm	Spiritual Exploration Group, Zoom
	6:00 pm	Leadership Council, Media Room
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee & Care Discussion, Offsite
Thursday	12:00 pm	Meditation Group, Room 6
Friday		No Church Programs
Saturday		No Church Programs
Next Sunday		10th Sunday after Pentecost
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2026 CHURCH FINANCES

As of June 30, 2026	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under)
Local Ministry Revenue	\$236,110	\$212,426	\$23,684
Facility Revenue	\$29,025	\$43,326	(\$14,301)
Other Revenue	\$18,632	\$22,500	(\$3,868)
Total Revenue	\$283,767	\$278,252	\$5,515

FLOURISHING TOGETHER CAMPAIGN

	Goal	Actual	Received-to-date
Commitments	\$1,200,000	\$907,169	\$494,671

- **Accomplished:** Sanctuary roof replacement. (Woohoo!)
 - **What's Next:** Other Phase 1 projects, starting with Bell Tower Courtyard.
 - **Future projects:** Bathrooms, sanctuary accessibility, Memorial Hall roof.
- Make a Gift** to the Capital Campaign: go to uccseb.org and choose "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 the August edition due July 15.