

AUGUST 16, 2026 – 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today **Mimi Reid** shares special music, and **Pastor Benjamin** preaches a sermon on [Matthew 15:21–28](#) entitled “Sacrificing Privilege.”



TODAY

NURSERY CARE for infants to Preschool in Room 4, 9:45 a.m.– 11:30 a.m. with two vetted Nursery Attendants, **Eliana Green & Alexa Lopez**.

SUMMER CIRCLE for people ages 4–12 follows the Children’s Message in Room 5: “Fun with Clay” with **Michael Citrino & Kelly Allen**.

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

RECYCLING BINS available today. See “Upcoming.”

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Program begins Sunday, September 13 for youth in grades 8 & 9. Contact **Pastor Benjamin** at 707.861.8099 / pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUMMER CIRCLE for ages 4–12 meets follows the Children’s Message. Next Sunday’s circle: “Crochet a Wooly Worm,” facilitated by **Joanne Matson & Joy Richards**.

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.

UP-COMING

RECYCLING BINS in Bell Tower Courtyard, will collect CLEAN recyclables (glass, plastic bottles & aluminum cans). Coordinated by the Grounds Team, redemptions will fund plantings and improve irrigation. Contact **Jane Huneke** 707.889.6853 / jane.huneke1@gmail.com.

CHANCEL CHOIR begins August 20 and will rehearse Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Newcomers always welcome. August is the best time to join. Contact **Andy DelMonte**, Choral Director, at 707.239.4455 / delmontemusic@yahoo.com.

HANDBELL ENSEMBLE begins August 25 and rehearses on Tuesdays 4 – 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us as we start a new program year. Ability to read music is a plus Contact Karna Roa, Director, at karnaroa@gmail.com.

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 at Kinship Time or click or scan the QR code to the right. Contact **Maria Culberson** at 707.696.6908 / culbersonm@gmail.com.



ALL-CHURCH CAMP KINDNESS, Fri–Sun, Aug 27–29, at Westminster Woods in Occidental. Deadline to register and pay is August 23, Click/scan QR code to register.



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 parking lot behind Fellowship Hall. Scan the QR code to the right to sign up for a slot. Contact **Tirza Dawn** at faithformation@uccseb.org.



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.

OUTREACH

RUSSIAN RIVER PRIDE PARADE. We will gather Saturday, September 19, at 11 a.m. in Downtown Guerneville (exact location TBD). Look for our church's banner and enormous rainbow flag. Wear rainbow colors and be ready to march and sing and wave and smile. The parade starts at Noon and should last 45 minutes. Participants need to be able to walk or wheel themselves 3 blocks.



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERING at our church is a fulfilling way to grow spiritually. There is something profoundly joyful about accompanying children as they wonder, create, ask big questions, and experience belonging in a sacred community. If you feel called to share your presence, playfulness, and care, our children's ministry offers a beautiful opportunity to nurture young hearts while deepening your own spiritual journey. Contact **Tirza Dawn** at faithformation@uccseb.org.

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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... August 16–23, 2026

Today		12 th 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
	11:30 am	Confirmation Orientation, Chapel
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
	5:00 pm	Spiritual Exploration Group, Zoom
	5:30 pm	FIAT Team, Fireside Room
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee & Care Discussion, Offsite
Thursday	12:00 pm	Meditation Group, Room 6
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
Friday		No Church Programs
Saturday at	5:30 pm	Choir Pizza Party, Offsite
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FLOURISHING TOGETHER CAMPAIGN

	Goal	Actual	Received-to-date
Commitments	\$1,200,000	\$907,309	\$535,357
○ Accomplished: Sanctuary roof replacement. (Woohoo!) ○ What's Next: Repair and resurface Bell Tower Courtyard. ○ Future: Resurface Parking Lots, Bathrooms, Sanctuary, Memorial Hall. ○ 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 October edition due September 15.