

NEXT SUNDAY

CHURCH CHAT in the Chapel, 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. with **Rev. Dr. David Vasquez–Levy**, President of the Pacific School of Religion. Topic: “Out of the Waters: Resisting the Power of Fear.”

CHILDREN & YOUTH

WONDERING CIRCLE for Kindergarten through 5th Grade follows the Children’s Message every Sunday except for the first Sunday of the month.

GOD & DONUTS for youth in Grades 6–12 meets during Faith Formation Hour, 11:15 -12:15 on Sundays in the Youth Lounge beginning September 20.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM for grades 8 & 9 meets weekly on Sundays, 5:00- 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. For info, contact **Pastor Benjamin** at 707.861.8099 / pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org.

UPCOMING

RUSSIAN RIVER PRIDE PARADE Sat, Sept 19, in Guerneville (exact location TBD). 45-minute parade starts at noon. Gather at 11:00, wear rainbow colors to walk/wheel 3 blocks singing, waving, and smiling with our church’s banner and giant rainbow flag.

NEXT INQUIRER’S CLASS for those wanting to learn more about Community Church, and/or interested in joining, will be Sunday, October 11, at 11:15 a.m.

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 resumes this Thurs, Sept 10, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 6. Facilitated by **Raymond Dougherty**.

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact **Andy DelMonte**, Choral Director, at 707.239.4455 / delmontemusic@yahoo.com.

HANDBELL ENSEMBLE 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**, Handbell Director, at karnaroa@gmail.com.

OUTREACH

INTER-CHURCH FOOD PANTRY basket located in the Sanctuary entry. Focus item for September: Canned chicken, canned tuna, or any canned meat. New, non-perishable food only. To volunteer, contact **Mark Albin** at 707.829.1492 or malbin@sonic.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRING YOUR RECYCLABLES (glass bottles, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans with CRV code only) on Sunday mornings. The Grounds Team will apply funds raised to our church’s landscaping.

Please flatten cans and roll up plastic water bottles, then put the cap on. **Contact Jane Huneke** at 707.889-6852.

STAFF AWAY: **Joy Richards** will be away Sept. 9–15.

VOLUNTEERING at our church is a fulfilling way to grow spiritually. Pick up a brochure on the table in the Narthex to peruse some available options for volunteering. Contact **Tirza Dawn** at faithformation@ucc.seb.org.

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... September 13–20, 2026

Sunday		Launch Sunday
	9:45 am	Nursery Care, Room 4
	10:00 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
	10:15 am	Wondering Circle, Room 5
	11:15 am	Launch Lunch, Memorial Hall
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class, Youth Lounge
Monday		No Church Programs
Tuesday		Salt & Light Newsletter Deadline
	9:00 am	Grounds Team, Campus
		Shower Program, Memorial Hall
	3:30 pm	Finance Committee, Fireside Room
	4:00 pm	Handbell Ensemble, Sanctuary
	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
	5:30 pm	Drop-In Dreamwork Group, Room 6
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
Friday		No Church Programs
Saturday	11:00 am	Russian River Pride Parade, Guerneville
Next Sunday		17th Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
	10:15 am	Wondering Circle, Room 5
	11:15 am	Church Chat, Chapel
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class, Youth Lounge

CHURCH FINANCES

As of July 31, 2026	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under)
Local Ministry Revenue	\$254,383	\$247,829	\$6,554
Facility Revenue	\$44,228	\$50,547	(\$6,319)
Other Revenue	\$19,545	\$26,250	(\$6,705)
Total Revenue	\$318,156	\$324,626	(\$6,470)

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 – LAUNCH SUNDAY

Today we launch the ministry program year of our church which goes through May. Our Chancel Choir, under the direction of **Andy DelMonte**, makes it debut and **Karna Roa** plays our organ. **Pastor Benjamin** preaches a sermon on [Exodus 14:19-31](#) entitled, “Ambivalent Deliverance.”



TODAY

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

WONDERING CIRCLE for people in kindergarten thru 5th Grade follows the Children’s Message in Classroom 5. Facilitated by **Mimi Reid & Barbara Nichols**.

LAUNCH LUNCH at 11:15 a.m. in Memorial Hall for all ages.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM for grades 8 & 9, 5–7 p.m. in Youth Lounge.

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.

