

OCTOBER 4, 2026 – WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Welcome to multi-generational worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Chancel Choir sings “Cantemos al Señor,” and **Pastor Benjamin** preaches an all-ages sermon on [Exodus 20](#) entitled, “Rest and Enjoy.”



TODAY

PICK UP YOUR PLEDGE PACKET in preparation for the kick-off of our 2027 Local Ministry Pledge Drive next Sunday.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED Special Offering of the United Church of Christ, received today supports the Council for American Indian Ministries and other UCC justice ministries.

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

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

FAITH FORMATION HOUR happens today 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.:

- **Church Chat** for adults in the Chapel with **Pastor Benjamin**: Out of the Waters: Resisting the Power of Fear Study Guide. Today: Session 2: “They Are Not Like Us” (Exodus 1:15 – 21)
- **Safe Church Training** in the Media Room, facilitated by Susan Olson.
- **God & Pizza** for youth in Grades 6–12 meets in the Youth Lounge led by **Tirza Dawn, Kathy Bell, and Henry Allen**.

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

ALL-AGES FAITH FORMATION

WONDERING CIRCLE for Kindergarten thru 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.

INTERGENERATIONAL GYM every third Sunday includes organized, active games in Memorial Hall. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM for grades 8 & 9 meets Sundays. For info, contact **Pastor Benjamin** at 707.861.8099 / pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org.

UPCOMING

MEN’S DISCUSSION GROUP meets Mon. Oct. 6, and every first Mon. of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Contact **Stuart Mitchell** at

INQUIRER’S CLASS for those wanting to learn more about Community Church, and/or interested in joining, will be Sun, Oct 11, at 11:15 a.m. Contact **Pastor Benjamin** at pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org.

GIANT PUMPKIN/FUNNY VEGETABLE CONTEST during Kinship Time, Oct 18. Do you grow giant pumpkins, have a carrot with a nose or a duck-shaped tomato? Win a first-place ribbon! Contact **Jane Huneke** at jane.huneke1@gmail.com or 707.889.6852 to register.

WORSHIP & ARTS

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Newcomers 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

NONVIOLENT DE-ESCALATION TRAINING offered by Inter Faith Council of Sonoma County. The two-session series is being held on Oct 5, 5:30 – 8 p.m. and Oct 17, 3 – 6:30 p.m. Held in downtown Santa Rosa. Flyer is available in the Narthex or on the counter in the office with details to register.

3-DAY WALK, “Caminata,” Sat, Sun & Mon, Oct 10, 11 & 12 from Petaluma to Cloverdale in support of immigrant neighbors and to protest Sheriff’s collaboration with ICE. See flyer in Narthex.

INTER-FAITH FOOD PANTRY provides groceries to those who might otherwise go without. The pantry needs volunteers to work a couple of hours each week. Food donations also greatly appreciated. Item most needed in October is Peanut Butter. To volunteer, contact **Mark Albin** at 707.829.1492 or malbin@sonic.net.

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 meets on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in Room 6. Facilitated by **Mary Culberson**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRING RECYCLABLES (glass bottles, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans with CRV code only) on Sunday mornings. Funds raised are applied to our church’s landscaping. Contact **Jane Huneke** at 707.889-6852.

VOLUNTEERING at our church is a fulfilling way to grow spiritually. Listed below are some volunteers opportunities:

- **Safe Parking Coordinator** for our homeless people living in their cars.
- **Nursery Helper on Sunday mornings** for newborn to age 4.
- **Grounds Team Volunteer** to help clean and beautify the church grounds.

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... October 4 – 11, 2026

Sunday	World Communion Sunday
9:45 am	Nursery Care, Room 4

	10:00 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
	11:15 am	Church Chat, Chapel
	11:15 am	Safe Church Training, Media Room
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class, Youth Lounge
Monday	10:00 am	Prayer Shawls, Fireside Room
Tuesday	9:00 am	Grounds Team, Campus
		Shower Programs
	4:00 pm	Handbell Ensemble, Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Spiritual Exploration Group, Zoom
	6:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, 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	12:00 pm	Second Saturday Lunch, Fellowship Hall
Next Sunday		Pledge Drive Kick-Off Sunday
	9:45 am	Nursery Care, Room 4
	10:00 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
	10:15 am	Wondering Circle, Room 6
	11:15 am	Church Chat, Chapel
	11:15 am	Inquirer's Class, Media Room
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class, Youth Lounge

FLOURISHING FORWARD

GOAL OF THE 2027 LOCAL MINISTRY CAMPAIGN is 140 households (out of a potential of 200) pledge \$500,000 to call a full-time Associate Minister in 2027, increase staff compensation, enable a Lead Minister sabbatical, and boost our giving to Wider Mission.

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 November edition due October 15.