NOVEMBER 8, 2026 – GRATITUDE SUNDAY
Today we conclude our annual pledge drive, "Flourishing Forward," giving thanks to God for resources shared to support the 2027 local ministry and wider mission of our church. Our handbell Ensemble, directed by **Karna Roa**, shares music and Pastor Benjamin preaches a sermon on Matthew 25:1–13 entitled, "Oil Crisis."

TODAY

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

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

FAITH FORMATION HOUR 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
- ***Church Chat*** for adults in the Chapel: "End of Life: Being Present and Bearing Witness" with **Maria Culberson**.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM meets 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.

THE PATH FORWARD, a documentary about Palestinians and Israelis modeling a more peaceful future, conversation with the filmmakers Today, 3:00 p.m. at Congregation Shomrei Torah, 2600 Bennett Valley Rd, Santa Rosa. Pre-Registration is required at www.cstsr.org/event/thepathforward.

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 SUNDAY is November 22. We will bless our 11 program participants and receive into membership those wishing to be confirmed. Program led by **Pastor Benjamin, Tirza Dawn, Kelly Allen & Reena Burton**.

UPCOMING

AN EVENING WITH STANDING TOGETHER, a progressive grassroots movement organizing Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel against the Occupation and for peace, equality, and social justice. Register now for this event this Thurs, Nov 12, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Community Church.

ADVENT CHILDREN'S CHOIR begins Sun, Nov 15 for children in K – 5th grade. **Andy DelMonte** will lead weekly 15-minute rehearsals after worship through Dec. 10. Choir sings Sun, Dec 20 and at 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Questions? Contact Andy at delmontemusic@yahoo.com.

A DOLLY PARTON CANDLELIGHT EXPERIENCE on Sat, Nov 21**,** in the Sanctuary. Two performances at 6:00 & 8:00 p.m. Purchase tickets online at Lumos.com or at the door. Flyer with more information available in the Narthex or on the website.

THANKSGIVING DINNER will be served to people who need a place at a table for Thanksgiving. Join us Nov 26, 12 to 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Reservations limited to 50 guests. Look for the sign-up table during kinship time to reserve a spot or sign-up to volunteer.

NEW GRIEF GROUP forming for those who have lost a loved one in the last couple of years. Contact **Mary Culberson** at 707.525.1730/ marycculberson@gmail.com.

WRITE ABOUT YOUR ANCESTRAL ROOTS and cultural heritage with others in a supportive environment. **Anna Citrino** is offering free writing sessions. Tuesdays, Nov 10 & 17, 10:00 – Noon .Attend one or both. Contact Anna at annacitrino@gmail.com with "Writing About Our Roots" in the subject line.

WREATH & SEE'S CANDY "FUN"RAISER to support our annual Women's Retreat begins November 29.

- Wreath Sales: November 29 & December 6.
- See's Candy Sales: December 6–20, or while supplies last.

We appreciate your support which allows us to offer scholarships and helps to defray the costs of the retreat.

OUTREACH

INTER-CHURCH FOOD PANTRY seeks weekly volunteers for a few hours. Donations also welcome. Nov –Dec needs include holiday-meal staples—stuffing mix, cranberry jelly, canned vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, and gravy mix—plus full-size personal-care items and baby diapers. Contact **Lisa Dawson** at lisadawson@sonic.net.

ONGOING

SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION GROUP 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BATH TOWELS, in new or slightly used condition, needed for Tuesday morning shower program for anyone needing a shower. Bring donations to the church office Tues – Fri, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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.

NURSERY ATTENDANT paid position now open. Part-time Sunday mornings 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Childcare experience required. Contact **Tirza Dawn** at faithformation@uccseb.org / 707.823.2484.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS enhance our Sunday worship space. Honor a person or special event by dedicating an altar arrangement for $50–75. Look for the sign-up table during kinship time to reserve a 2027 date.

THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHURCH… November 8–16, 2026

Sunday		**GRATITUDE SUNDAY**
	9:45 am	Nursery Care, Room 4
	10:00 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online

	10:15 am	Wondering Circle, Room 6
	11:00 am	Kinship Time, Bell Tower Courtyard
	11:15 am	Church Chat, Chapel
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class, Youth Lounge
Tuesday	9:00 am	Grounds Team, Campus
	9:00 am	Shower Program, Memorial Hall
	4:00 pm	Handbell Ensemble, Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Spiritual Exploration Group, Zoom
		Lead Minister PPRT, Fireside Room
	6:00 pm	Facilities Committee, Media Room
	7:00 pm	Outreach Committee
Wednesday		Office Closed – Veteran's Day
Thursday	12:00 pm	Meditation Group, Room 6
	2:00 pm	Women's Fellowship Card Ministry, WF Room
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
	7:00 pm	Standing Together Event, Sanctuary
Saturday	Noon	Second Saturday Lunch, Fellowship Hall
Next Sunday		**25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
		Salt & Light Newsletter Deadline
	9:45 am	Nursery Care, Room 4
	10:00 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
	10:15 am	Wondering Circle, Room 6
	11:00 am	Kinship Time, Bell Tower Courtyard
	11:15 am	Church Chat, Chapel
		Intergenerational Gym, Memorial Hall
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class, Youth Lounge

FLOURISHING FORWARD CAMPAIGN

Our 2027 campaign supports our local ministry, wider mission, and includes calling a full-time Associate Minister, increasing staff compensation, enabling a Lead Minister sabbatical, and boosting our giving to Wider Mission.

# Pledges	Received	Goal	Balance
125	$412,521	$500,000	($87,479)

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 December edition due November 15.