

AUGUST 14, 2022
10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today we continue with our summer worship theme, “We Welcome.” There are not many Biblical references to transgender people in the Bible. Nevertheless, in Genesis, God’s image is *both* male and female. Today we explore what it means to welcome human gender identities and expressions in all their diversity.



TODAY

KINSHIP TIME follows worship every Sunday. Join us for yummy food and delicious conversation.

BOUNTY TABLE during Kinship Time is a place where homegrown produce can be shared. Come leave some kale and take some radishes.

TRANSACTION CLASS Session 2 at Noon in the Chapel, is open to those who attended last week. This session on “Acceptance,” asks: What are the biblical references to transgender persons? How are we as a congregation prepared to have a transgender person as part of our worshiping community?

MEMORIAL SERVICE for **Edythe Briggs** at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary followed by a reception in the Bell Tower Courtyard. All are welcome.

APPLE PIES & SLICES may still be available this morning. Stop by Memorial Hall after worship and pick up a delicious pie to take home.

UPCOMING

GATHERED WATERS of summer will be blessed in worship on Sunday, September 4. Bring your water to the basket in the church office with a note that includes your name and the water source.

MEMORIAL SERVICES for members of our church to be held in the sanctuary:

- **Evelyn Bishop**: Saturday, September 17, 2:00 p.m.

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses on Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the choir room, starting August 18. Newcomers welcome. No experience necessary. The Choir sings a wide variety of music, typically two Sundays per month. With questions, contact **Andy DelMonte**, Choral Director, at delmontemusic@yahoo.com.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

FALL CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS begin on Launch Sunday, September 11. To get involved in imagining our Children’s Ministry, contact **Pastor Rachel** at pastorrachel@uccseb.org.

NURSERY MINISTRY for our little ones has been on hold due to COVID. If this ministry would be helpful, contact **Pastor Rachel** at pastorrachel@uccseb.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION CLASS for people in Grades 8–11 begins with an Orientation next Sun, Aug 21, 5–6pm. Starting Sept 11, classes run 10 Sunday evenings until Confirmation Sunday on Nov 20. If you are interested in participating, contact **Pastor Benjamin** at pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org.

ADULT MINISTRY

TRANSACTION class (see “Today”) continues on August 14 and 21 for those who have attended the previous session.

MEN’S RETREAT will be Fri – Sun, October 23–25 at St. Columba Retreat Center in Inverness (www.stcolumbaiverness.org). Save the date! With questions, contact **Warren Brisbin** at

OUTREACH MINISTRY

ADULT MISSION WORK GROUP trip September 25–30. This year we are going to Paradise, CA, to work with Hope Disaster Response Network to rebuild houses destroyed by the Camp Fire. People of all skill levels welcome. The housing is comfortable, and the food will be awesome. Contact **Joyce Cox** at b-j-cox@att.net. Applications in church office and Rainbow Lectern.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL REPORT of the Task Force to Assess Multigenerational Staffing Needs is available in the church office and on the Rainbow Lectern. Take a copy.

OUR CONGREGATION is primarily a volunteer organization made vital by engaged members. A sample of leadership positions currently open:

- **Acolyte Coordinator** – Schedules and orients young people to light candles at the beginning of worship services.
- **Liturgist Coordinator** – Recruits and schedules church members of all ages to help lead worship on Sunday mornings.
- **Children’s Worship Tools Coordinator** – Organizes and stocks Worship Tools Table in Narthex as an act of hospitality.
- **Head Ushers** – Recruit, train, and lead small teams of ushers to provide hospitality, gather the offering, and look after the safety of others.

SAFE RETURN GUIDELINES include continuing to wear masks during worship and empowering small groups to decide the best decision to keep all members of the group safe. We encourage full vaccination for all who have access to the vaccine and look forward to a day we will worship mask free.

BULLETIN & WEEKLY EMAIL content due in digital form to **Joy Richards**, Congregational Administrator, at office@uccseb.org by Noon on Wednesdays. September 2022 Newsletter deadline for articles: August 15.

THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHURCH – August 14 – 21

| | Today | 10 th Sunday after Pentecost |
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| | 10:30 am | Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online |
| | 11:30 am | Kinship Time, Bell Tower Courtyard |
| | 12:00 pm | TransAction Class, Chapel |
| | 2:00 pm | Edythe Briggs Memorial Service, Sanctuary |
| | 9:00 am | Apple Pies Fundraiser, Campus |
| Monday | 10:00 am | Prayer Shawl Group, Fireside Room |
| | 4:00 pm | Salt & Light Newsletter Deadline |
| Tuesday | 9:00 am | Grounds Team, Campus |
| | 10:00 am | Shower Outreach, Memorial Hall |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am | Staff Team, Fireside Room |
| | 6:30 pm | Leadership Council, Media Room |

Thursday 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Fri & Sat No Church Events
 Next Sunday **11th Sunday after Pentecost**
 10:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
 11:30 am Kinship Time, Bell Tower Courtyard
 9:30 am Adult Mission Trip Meeting, Chapel
 12:00 pm TransAction Class, Chapel
 5:00 pm Parent/Confirmand Orientation, Chapel

FINANCIAL REPORT

| <i>Revenues (as of July 31, 2022)</i> | <i>Received</i> | <i>Budget</i> | <i>Over/(Under)</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Local Ministry | \$199,419 | \$218,050 | \$(18,631) |
| Wider Mission | \$15,518 | \$19,418 | \$(3,900) |
| Facilities Income | \$50,244 | \$ 51,714 | \$(1,469) |
| Total: | \$265,180 | \$289,182 | \$(24,001) |

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

| Date | In-Person | Online | Total |
|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| August 7 | 89 | 48 | 137 |
| July 31 | 75 | 49 | 124 |
| July 24 | 75 | 34 | 109 |