



Weekly Newsletter

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Come worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 am!
October 25, 2026 ~ The Rev. Diane Ford



What does it mean to love our neighbors, especially when life becomes difficult? This Sunday, we welcome a representative from Hospice of Santa Cruz County, who will help us learn more about the compassionate care and support available to individuals and families facing serious illness and the end of life.

Sermon Teaser: When asked which commandment matters most, Jesus gives an answer that brings our faith down to its essence: Love God with all that you are, and love your neighbor as yourself. What does it mean to live these two commandments—not simply as rules to follow, but as the heart of our life with God and one another? **Scripture:** Matthew 22:34-46

Our Mission - A Statement of Faith by Trinity Presbyterian Church

Welcome to the final week of our 5-week series on the Mission of our Church

To promote social justice. Social justice puts many demands upon us, both large and small. We have the obligation to speak out for the cause of justice and to speak truth to power. We address broader issues in our prayer, advocacy, and civic participation, and we support one another in such efforts. But social justice can also involve small neighborly acts, sustaining one another in times of difficulty to demonstrate the "Kingdom of Heaven" to the world around us. We believe passionately that God's kingdom is here and now, among us, as Jesus clearly states in the gospels, and that it is our highest calling to live our lives, individually and as a community, in a way that demonstrates this reality.

– *Our Mission, paragraph 5*



Annual All-Church Retreat – October 17, 2025, Aptos

Hospice of Santa Cruz County

On Sunday, October 25, Sigfrid Garman, Assoc. Dir. of Fund Development with **Hospice of Santa Cruz County** will provide an insight into the services Hospice provides. This presentation included in our worship service is a continuation of nonprofits and organizations that Trinity financially supports within our Mission budget. Their mission statement reads: "With compassion and excellence, we support people of all ages through the journey of serious illness and grief, ensuring that no one walks this path alone." Please plan to attend with ears wide open.



Sigfrid Garman is the Associate Director of Fund Development at Hospice of Santa Cruz County where she has worked for the last five years. She enjoys working with the Friends of Hospice volunteer group to raise funds through a spring golf tournament at Seascap Golf and a fall dinner at Lester Estate Wines. Sigfrid was born in Norway and has strong ties to family there. She has a bachelor's degree in art history from University of Oregon and a multiple subject teaching credential from San Jose State University. She is an active member of the Santa Cruz Sunrise

Rotary. Sigfrid's favorite past times are yoga, hiking, reading, watching live music, snowboarding, and traveling with her 20-year-old daughter.



Celebrating All Saints Day November 1. This is a time when the church remembers and gives thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us. We will celebrate communion that day, the sacrament whose mystery connects us to past, present, and future saints at Christ's table.

This year, we will create a special table inspired by the Mexican tradition of the ofrenda, a place of remembrance honoring loved ones who have died. You are invited to bring a photograph or small memento of someone you wish to remember. Together, we will create a space to honor their lives, and give thanks for the love that continues to connect us.

Last week, our Session unanimously passed a motion to request an application from the San Jose Presbytery to become an **Earth Care Congregation**. This process will require a current inventory of how we manage our grounds and structures, purchase supplies, engage in necessary contractors and oversee our assets. Being wise in our choices moving forward to be better stewards will take intention and education. If you would like to participate in this effort, please contact Ron Weaver.



No Place to Grow Old



A Documentary Resource on Aging & Homelessness

This week, our Hunger Advocate, Rev. Ryan Althaus, shares a resource for congregations: *No Place to Grow Old*, a documentary from Humans for Housing about older adults aging into homelessness across the country. The filmmakers note that adults 55 and older are now the fastest-growing group entering homelessness, with their numbers on pace to triple by 2030. Told through the stories of three older adults, the film looks at the human cost of our housing crisis with dignity and compassion. Sessions, mission committees and small groups can watch the trailer, find a screening, or learn how to host a screening: www.noplacetogrowold.com

To schedule a visit with Pastor Diane, please email her directly at TrinitySCPastorDiane@gmail.com, or bring your calendar on Sunday morning and she will set a time with you.

Presbytery Unity Candle



This week we pray for El Estero Presbyterian Church, Monterey, and
Rev. Dr. Wayne Shen.



October 1	Ellen Bauerle	27	Ryan Althaus
5	Marie Imai	29	George Bunch
10	Glyn Lutrell		Kim Johnston



October 1	Michael & Barbara Christie
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Librarian's Corner

Our Library is open Thursdays 10 – noon, and after service on Sundays.

This Thursday I will be out of town. Lorraine and I are staying with a retired librarian and her family in Reno this week. The library league will meet, and the library will be open from 10 a.m. to noon today.

See you next week! Larry the Librarian

<https://www.trinitylibrary.org/>

Opportunities to Serve

Quilt Much? Sweet Pea is the place to be! Interested in learning to quilt or looking to get back into it? Grab a sewing machine and join the Sweet Pea team! They meet in the Youth Room (enter door on Melrose Ave) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. every other Saturday. Their finished creations are donated to hospitals and shelters. Contact janedevette@aol.com for more information.

AFC Dinners, Every 2nd & 3rd Wednesday. Looking to contribute to your community through cooking or small donations? Contact Debbie Bates at debates44@aol.com to see what can be provided. The Association of Faith Communities (AFC) is a coalition of congregations serving Santa Cruz County.

Urban Works. Urban Works embraces art and recreation to break through faith, social, and economic barriers, to create community for adults with disabilities and their support networks. Watch the bulletin board outside the church office for updates, and see Diane if you are interested in volunteering.

Regularly Occurring Events at Trinity

Sundays at Trinity

- ❖ Choir rehearsal: 9-10:15 am through the end of June, then off until after Labor Day.
- ❖ Morning Lectionary Discussion: 9:00 am, Fireside Room
- ❖ Sunday Worship: 10:30 am in the Sanctuary & streaming live on YouTube and FB.
- ❖ Coffee Hour: Immediately following our Sunday service in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ Trinity Library is open during coffee hour.
- ❖ Nooners Class: 12:00 pm in the Fireside Room and on Zoom.
- ❖ Board of Deacons: 3rd Sundays (none in July), 12:00 pm, Youth Room

Mondays at Trinity

- ❖ Book Club: (Every 3rd Monday) 10:00 am-11:00 am, Fireside Room
- ❖ Monday Night Lectionary Study: (weekly) at 4:30 in the Fireside Room

Tuesdays at Trinity

- ❖ Administration Committee: (1st Tuesday, in “odd” months), 4:30 pm, Fireside Room
- ❖ Worship and Christian Education (WCE): 1st Tuesdays at 10:30 am, Fireside room.
- ❖ Session: 2nd Tuesdays, at 4:30 pm in the Fireside Room

Wednesdays at Trinity

- ❖ Association of Faith Communities (AFC) Board Mtg.: 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Fireside.
- ❖ Faith Community Shelter: 4pm - Overnight, Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ Shower the People: 3:00 pm-6:00 pm, Parking Lot.
- ❖ Urban Works Board Mtg.: 1st Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Fireside Room.

Thursdays at Trinity

- ❖ Library Corner: 10:00 am -12:00 pm, socialize in the library.
- ❖ Trinity Happy Hour: Every Third Thursday from 4-6. Place to be determined.

Saturdays at Trinity

- ❖ Sweet Pea Quilting: Every other Saturday from 9:30 am – 3:45 pm, Youth Room.