



Weekly Newsletter

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Santa Cruz

October 23, 2025

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This Sunday: Psalm 103 is best known for the famous line – “Praise the Lord, O my Soul and Forget Not all His Benefits.” How can we possibly count all the blessings? The forgiveness of sins, the healing of diseases, redemption from the pit of despair and the satisfaction that comes from the creator as our youth is renewed like the eagles.

God willingly endows us with so many blessings we can hardly count them. In this time of major upheaval and turmoil, it is good practice to remember what is going right, what God lovingly bestows on us as we keep in covenant.

*Scripture this Sunday

October 26

Ephesians 1:3-12 Rev. Diane Ford

Psalm 103:1-14 Rev. Dr. Libby Boatwright

Dates to Remember

Please go to our webpage calendar for more.

October 23: Bible Study with Pastor, Thursday, 1 p.m.

October 24: Church Hike at Big Basin, Friday, 9:30 a.m.

October 25: The Last Things We Talk About workshop, Saturday, 9 a.m.

October 26: The Morning Lectionary Sunday School, 9 a.m.

November 1-2: All Church Retreat at Redwood Glen Camp

Our Workshop Leader for The Last Things We Talk About



As a chaplain, pastor and Certified Financial Planner, Elizabeth “Libby” Boatwright has worked alongside hundreds of people over the last thirty years counseling families on end-of-life issues, loss, and grief, composing memorials, working alongside lawyers with estate plans, and educating people with coping skills in the midst of crises.

Libby has been a lecturer in universities and colleges and medical settings, along with her work as a seminar leader at national conventions, faith, and community. She published articles in [Cancer.net](#) and [Morningstar](#), and [CSA Journal](#) and written articles for or has been featured in [Barrons](#), newspapers in Portland, San Jose, San Francisco, and Honolulu as well as hosted her own radio show, “The Fiscal Therapist” on [KAIM](#). She has also appeared on [ABC Nightly News](#).

Libby’s graduate degrees include master’s Degrees from UC Berkeley, San Francisco State University, and a Masters of Divinity from Fuller Seminary, a Doctor of Ministry in Semiotics and Future Studies from George Fox University, and certifications, Certified Financial Planner and Board Certified Chaplain with Advanced Certification in Hospice and Palliative Care. She lives in Northern California.

Workshop Learning Objectives:

To inspire people to have a head start regarding end-of-life inventories and tasks and the confidence to be engaged in living every day to the end.

To encourage a family’s well-being and stewardship, to understand the cast of characters in the medical universe, and to plan for the inevitable costs of long-term illness and death.

To encourage communication with family members so that the “treasure hunt and competition” of estate matters is minimal.

We are so glad to announce:

Dr. Boatwright will be preaching at Trinity Church

Sunday, October 26, 10:30 a.m.

THE LAST THINGS WE TALK ABOUT:

A Workshop on End of Life Transitions

A free event hosted by Trinity Presbyterian Church,
open to all in the community.



Conversations about aging and end-of-life aren't easy, but they matter. Join Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Boatwright, author of *The Last Things We Talk About*, for a thoughtful and practical workshop. A light lunch will follow, and books will be available for purchase.

Saturday, October 25, 9 am- 12 pm
Visit our website for details.



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Announcements

Online Church Service

Experience our live services or explore past ones on YouTube or our Vimeo website. Both platforms can be accessed through our website: <https://www.trinitypressc.org>

A Big Thank You

Trinity Presbyterian Deacons have been blessed with the generosity of our church members, friends, and community, and have recently dispersed funds to support these organizations in need, that provide services and opportunities to the underserved in our local and global community:

Santa Cruz Veterans Hall \$500.00

El Salvador Community Building Project \$500.00

El Salvador Water Well Project \$500.00

Urban Works Disabilities Retreat \$2,000.00

The Mission Committee

Is pleased to report that the special offering on World Communion Sunday has resulted in gifts of over \$2300. Thank you to those who contributed to the Peace and Global Witness programs. If you would like to add to this fund, it's not too late; just mark your check or the offering envelope for Peace and Global Witness.

Trinity's Mission Committee will award 25 per cent of the total contributions to a local organization whose mission is aligned with the purpose of the offering. If you wish to nominate a local organization, please contact Chuck Cobery, the committee chair.

Directories

Directories have been printed and are ready for pickup. To make sure everyone receives one, please take only one per household.

Third Monday Book Club, November 17

Hi Bookies! We will be reading "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawson in November. We will take December off, but the book for January will be "The Great Divide" by Cristina Henriquez.

Presbytery's Unity Candle:

This week we pray for the community, ministries, and leadership Gilroy Presbyterian Church – Rev. Trevor VanLaar.

Church Hike at Big Basin, Friday, October 24, 9:30a.m.

Join Kathy for an interpretive walk and see how the forest is recovering and changing.



Allow one hour to drive from Santa Cruz. Carpooling recommended. Entry fee: \$10 per car, \$8 with reservation. (<https://www.cognitoforms.com/FSCSP1/bigbasinparking>), free with State Park pass. Bring lunch for a picnic following the hike. **YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN WATER!** Questions? Contact Kathy.

Your Announcement Here! Want your announcement in the weekly bulletin or newsletter? Be sure to email trinitysc@sbcglobal.net by Tuesday 10am of that week's publication. Please note: Due to limited space in the bulletin, your item may not appear there; however, it will be included in the newsletter.

Library Corner

Visit our Library!

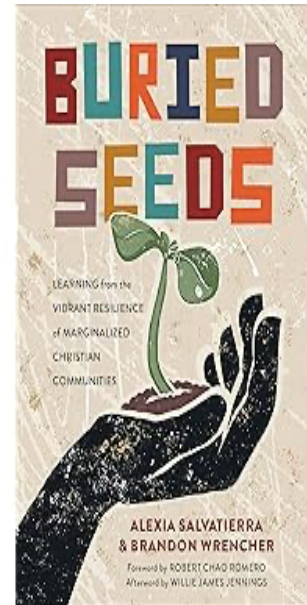
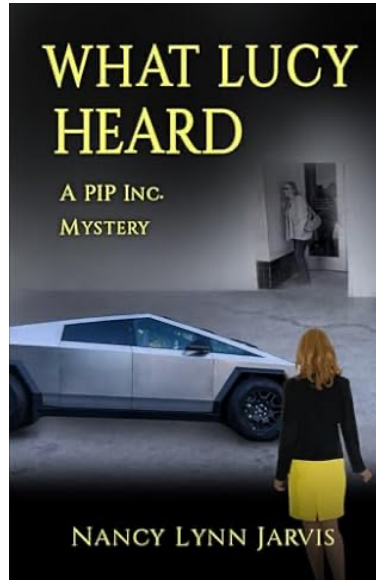
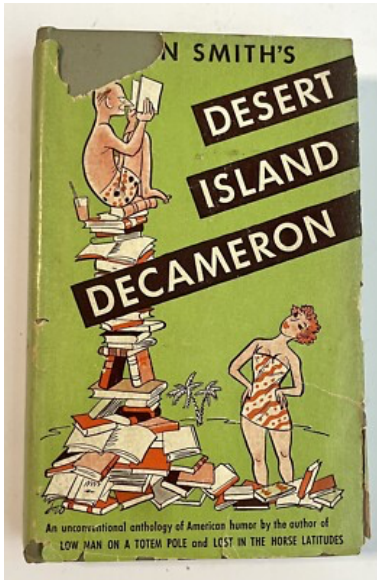
New to Trinity and our Library? This cozy gem is through a door in the Fellowship Hall. Check it out (pun intended). Open to the public: Sundays after worship; Thursdays 10am - 12pm.

We have several new book arrivals that are of interest on our shelves. The first is "Buried Seeds, Learning from the vibrant resilience of marginalized Christian Communities," by Latina author Alexia Salvatierra. The second is "Desert Island Decameron" by H. Allen Smith, which was donated by Nancy Cobery and was published in 1945. It has some of the most arcane and bizarre short stories imaginable, written very much in the style of the classic Italian book "Decameron".

The third new arrival is the Cozy Mystery "What Lucy Heard" starring local Santa Cruz detective Pat, by my good friend and local Author Nancy Lynn Jarvis. I love this series. I have included photos of all of these books below. Come and check them out!

Warmly Larry the Librarian

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Ellen Bauerle	27	Ryan Althaus
5	Marie Imai	29	George Bunch
10	Glyn Luttrell		Kim Johnston
13	Gwen May	31	Jim Atwood

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Quilts? 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 Sweet Peas! They meet in the Youth Room (enter door on Melrose Ave) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. every other Saturday and donate to hospitals and shelters.

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.*

Donating Used Electronics

The Welcoming Network seeks computers and phones for our neighbors. Donated laptops (PCs up to 10 years old, MacBooks up to 15), iPhones (4G/5G), Androids, iPads, and tablets will be erased, refurbished, and given to those in need. Non-reusable items will be recycled at Grey Bears. If you are able to donate any of these items, contact Karen Wichelmann at (831) 588-9240.

Urban Works Updates

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.



Urban Works Camping Trip

Our final camping trip of the year was nothing short of magic. Thirty-two community members shared the experience of a lifetime at Yosemite National Park - an



opportunity many wouldn't otherwise have access to. We visited three of Yosemite's most iconic sites: Yosemite Falls, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point at golden hour, where snow on the surface made the moment truly unforgettable. We hiked under rich forest canopies with dancing orange fall leaves floating down around us and the sounds of laughter, joy, and awe echoing through our group. We saw waterfalls cascading down massive steep cliff faces, sunset colors lighting up the face of Half-Dome, red hawks and fawns meandering through the valleys, and even got to hike in the snow at our last stop! Evenings were filled with stories, s'mores, song circles, community games, pumpkin painting, feeding friendly goats and pigs on the farm, and shared healthy meals. Many participants came as strangers, and all left as friends.

We couldn't have asked for a better group of campers to accompany us, and we can't thank our partners and donors enough for making this possible. A big thank you to the Board of Deacons at Trinity Presbyterian Church for their generous donation towards this trip and a big thank you to Trinity for letting us use their kitchen to prepare 200 meals before the trip and for providing a safe welcoming place for campers to meet for carpool and leave their vehicles. We couldn't have done this without our partners at Shared Adventures, who sponsored transportation for this trip. They made this

excursion truly accessible for everyone by renting a specialized van with a wheelchair lift so that participants in motorized chairs could join. And a big thank you to Camp Krem for opening their doors to us and providing us with truly accessible amenities & cabins on their beautiful property. It was an adventurous weekend of joy, connection, and lasting memories in one of the most awe-inspiring places on earth and we can't wait to do it all again.



Regularly Occurring Events at Trinity

See more on our church Google Calendar via our website

Friendly Reminder: If your committee or group needs to change it's time/location, please remember to notify the office. Thank you!

Sundays at Trinity

- ❖ Morning Lectionary School: Sunday, 9 a.m. Fireside Room
- ❖ Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and streaming live on YouTube and Facebook
- ❖ Coffee Hour: Immediately following our Sunday service in the Magnolia Courtyard.
- ❖ Trinity Library is open during coffee hour.
- ❖ Nooners Class: 12 p.m. in the Fireside Room and on Zoom.
- ❖ Board of Deacons: 3rd Sundays (none in July), 12 p.m. Youth Room

Mondays at Trinity

- ❖ Book Club (Every 3rd Monday) 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Fireside Room
- ❖ Monday Night Lectionary Study (weekly) 5 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Fireside Room

Tuesdays at Trinity

- ❖ Administration Comm. (1st Tuesday, in "odd" months), 4:30 p.m. Fireside Room
- ❖ Session (every 2nd Tuesday) 5:30-7 p.m. Fireside Room
- ❖ Worship Christian Education (WCE) (3rd Tuesday), 11:30 a.m. Fireside Room

Wednesdays at Trinity

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

Thursdays at Trinity

- ❖ Librarian Corner, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., socialize in the library
- ❖ Bible Study with Pastor, 1-2:15 p.m., Youth Room
- ❖ Happy Hour (every 3rd Thursday), 4 p.m. Johnny's Harborside