



# *Weekly Newsletter*

## *Trinity Presbyterian Church*

### *Santa Cruz*

January 1, 2026

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#### *Featured This Week*

- Come Worship with us!
- Announcements
- Presbytery Unity Candle
- January Birthdays
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*Come worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 am!*

Sunday, January 4  
Epiphany and Communion  
The Rev. Diane Ford

Epiphany is the season of revelation—not of what is broken, but of what is good. In Epiphany, God's grace appears where we did not expect it, like a star in the night or gifts offered by strangers. Today we remember moments when goodness surprised us—and we gather at Christ's table, where abundance is given again.



**Pastor Diane's Schedule in January.** Diane is on vacation and returns Saturday, January 3, just in time to celebrate Epiphany and Communion on January 4. Diane then goes to New Jersey, January 7-12 to attend the celebration of the merger of her previous congregation with First Presbyterian Church, Matawan. Laura Hamby will be preaching at Trinity on January 11. In the case of a pastoral emergency, please get in touch with our Moderator of Deacons, Kim Johnston, or our Clerk of Session, Ellen Bauerle. They will contact a pastor who is on call when Diane is away.

**Wear or bring a star to church on January 4.** We will celebrate Epiphany, the revealing of Christ to the magi who came bearing gifts. We will then join in the Lord's Supper, where Christ gives gifts to us.

**Book Club** will resume meeting January 19 at 10:00 am. The book being read for January is "The Great Divide" by Cristina Henriquez. It is Historical Fiction beginning around 1907 when the construction of the Panama Canal is underway. "The Great Divide" places a remarkable cast of characters at the heart of an endeavor that transformed the world.



**Presbytery Unity Candle:** This week we pray for the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, Rev. Dr. David Watermulder, and Rev. Erica Rader.



1	Skye Bell	17	Emily Duffus
2	Ti Lamb	18	Betty Gangware
3	Janet Eschen-Pipes	20	Carina Bunch
5	Nicki Kerns	26	Richard Robinson
	Karen Wichelmann	28	Gigi Giannini
7	Rosemary Teresi	29	Jeff Lawton
9	Arnie Serigstad	30	Laura Zucker



20 Paul Seever & Pegatha Hughes

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## *Library Corner*

*Our Library is open to the public Sundays after worship and Thursdays 10 – noon.*

This Thursday the New Year begins. It is full of promise and hope. Darrell Yeaney always lived God's promises and rejoiced in God's hope. He was active in pro Palestine causes having visited there with his family many times. Darrell for many years arranged our after-church community discussion events on issues like Palestine, the environment, housing and the medical crisis. Folks from the Nooners Class hope to establish some Memorial Library shelves in Darrell's honor in the Fireside Room where they meet. It will be located to right of the fireplace where we currently have a small two shelf bookcase. If anyone can donate a six-foot high four or five shelf bookcase they would be greatly appreciated.

Warm Regards Larry the Librarian

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## *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 **starting January 10**. Their finished creations are donated to hospitals and shelters. Contact Emily 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](mailto: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.

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## **Regularly Occurring Events at Trinity**

### **Sundays at Trinity**

- ❖ Sunday Worship: 10:30 am in the Sanctuary and streaming live on YouTube and Facebook
- ❖ Coffee Hour: Immediately following our Sunday service in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ Morning Lectionary School: Sundays, 9:00 am, Fireside Room
- ❖ 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) 5:00 pm-6:15 pm, Fireside Room

### **Tuesdays at Trinity**

- ❖ Administration Comm. (1st Tuesday, in “odd” months), 4:30 pm, Fireside Room
- ❖ Session (every 2nd Tuesday) 5:30 pm-7:00 pm, Fireside Room

### **Wednesdays at Trinity**

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

### **Thursdays at Trinity**

- ❖ Librarian Corner, 10:00 am -12:00 pm, socialize in the library