



Weekly Newsletter
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Santa Cruz

February 12, 2026

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Come worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 am!
The Rev. Diane Ford



This Sunday's sermon teaser: This Sunday is the last Sunday before the season of Lent. It is the day when we hear the story of Jesus going to a mountain with a few of his disciples, where he is "transfigured" before their eyes. He is joined by Moses and Elijah, and this sight alarms and confuses the disciples, who respond the best they can. The sermon will address the spiritual and mysterious nature of our faith.

Sermon Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 17:1-9



The Presbytery of San Jose is sponsoring an opportunity for members and friends of the 30 congregations in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Monterey counties to financially support legal representation for people facing the threat of deportation.

This initiative was prompted by a recent report by the American Immigration Council that indicated that without the benefit of an attorney at immigration court proceedings, people in our Presbytery have a 70% chance of being deported, often erroneously.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents are active in Santa Cruz County, with at least 29 reported notifications of activity in 2025, particularly in Watsonville and surrounding unincorporated south county areas.

Legal counsel and representation for our area is being coordinated by Reverend Erik Swanson at Westhope Presbyterian Church in Saratoga.

The Trinity Mission Committee has allocated up to \$500 in matching funds, and we invite each of you to support this program. Furthermore, contributions up to \$15,000 will be matched dollar for dollar by the Presbytery.

If you wish to be a good neighbor, make your check payable to Trinity, and designate "legal defense fund" in the memo line.



An Ash Wednesday Service will be held in the sanctuary on February 18 at 6:00 pm. Pastor Diane and Larry Vilaro will co-lead the service which will include the Imposition of Ashes.

The installation and ordination of new officers takes place each February. This Sunday we install Ron Weaver as an Elder, and reinstall Michael Christie for a second term. On a future Sunday, we will ordain and install Gigi Giannini as a deacon.

A Word About Presbyterian Officers. Presbyterians ordain Deacons, Ruling Elders, and Teaching Elders (also called Ministers of Word and Sacrament — these are pastors). It is a once in a lifetime experience that occurs during worship. Ruling Elders (usually referred to simply as “elders”) serve terms of three years on a board called the “session.” Deacons serve three-year terms on a “board of deacons.” Officers are nominated by a nominating committee or by members of the congregation during a congregational meeting, are then trained and examined by the current session, and afterward are installed (or ordained and then installed) onto the board of deacons and session. While there are many elders and deacons in Trinity’s congregation, there are just five deacons on the board and six elders serving on session (that number varies from church to church). An officer can serve two terms, and then must take at least one year off before serving on the same board again.

The 9th Annual Great Chili Cook-Off! All are invited to this fundraiser on Friday, February 20, from 6-8 pm. Enjoy the best chili in the County at Twin Lakes Church, Building 7000, 2701 Cabrillo College Drive, Aptos.

Book Club. We gather on the third Monday of each month at 10 o’clock in the morning in the fireside room. Hope to see you on February 16. 📖 Joanne.

Happy Hour, Thursday February 19. Join us for fellowship at Johnny’s Harborside on from 4-6 pm.

Presbytery Unity Candle: This week we pray for Covenant Presbyterian Church, Palo Alto, and The Rev. Dr. Jack Cabeness.



- 3 Sandy Thormann
- 5 Lee Duffus
- 8 Barbara Lang
- 9 Jerry Thormann
- 15 Byron Bunch
- 18 Natalie Serigstad
- 26 Kathy Willott



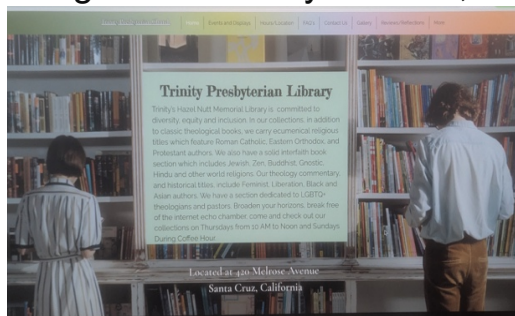
February 16 Jerry & Sandy Thormann

Librarian's Corner

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

In my last Librarian's Corner I mentioned that there were some problems with the website. I need to clarify. I was referring to the Library website, which is at <https://www.trinitylibrary.org/>. The Trinity Presbyterian Church website is <https://www.trinitypressc.org/>.

The two websites are linked. On the right of the Church homepage is a small icon showing books. You can click on that to go to the library website. From the Library website, find the link to the Church at the top of the page.



Library Landing Page



Happy Internet Surfing, and Warm Regards from Larry the Librarian.

From the Trinity website
Click the books icon

Community Events

Celebrate Piano Ensemble

February 15, 2026 4:00 PM

Peace United Church of Christ
900 High St, Santa Cruz

*Benefit
Concert for
SCCMTAC's
Music
Scholarship
Programs*



*Works by
Bolcom,
Bernstein,
Howell/Cope,
McMilin,
Moszkowski
and Mozart*

Pianists:

Susan Bruckner, Mary Jane Cope, Daniel Goldsmith,
Nicki Kerns, Lynn Kidder, Jesse McMilin,
John Orlando, Ivan Rosenblum and Vlada Moran

Special Appearance by Jordan and Josh Best, Liz Neff and Jorge Torres

Suggested Donation: \$20

Info: 831-334-1215



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Santa Cruz Lenten Series 2026

Reconciliation and Renewal.

Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

February 24 to March 24

All sessions will be simultaneously translated into Spanish

- February 24 – Mr. Sam Altis (The Association of Faith Communities) – Personal and Social Healing and Reconciliation through Service to Those on the Margins of Society – at Holy Cross
- March 3 – Dcn. Patrick Conway – Healing Divisions in the Church and Society – at Holy Cross
- March 10 – Fr. John Shearer – Healing and Renewal in the Sacrament of Reconciliation – at The Shrine of St. Joseph – West Cliff Drive
- March 24 – Fr. Robert Sullivan – The History of the Rosary – Personal and social Healing and Reconciliation through the intercession of the Most Holy Virgin Mary – presented at Star of the Sea

Tickets at the door - \$10 for 1 or 2 people

For more information or questions – Deacon Randy Pozos – randypozos@gmail.com

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 Emily or janedevette@aol.com or 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

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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 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: (every 2nd Tuesday) 5:30 pm-7:00 pm.

Wednesdays at Trinity

- ❖ Association of Faith Communities (AFC) Board Mtg.: 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Fireside Room.
- ❖ 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 pm-7:00 pm, Fireside Room.

Thursdays at Trinity

- ❖ Library Corner: 10:00 am -12:00 pm, socialize in the library.
- ❖ Trinity Happy Hour: Third Thursday of the Month. Johnny's Harborside, 4-6 pm.

Saturdays at Trinity

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