



Weekly Newsletter
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Santa Cruz

March 12, 2026

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Come worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 am!

The Rev. Diane Ford

Sermon Teaser: This Sunday focuses on the story of Jesus speaking with "the woman at the well" in the fourth chapter of John. One of the longest conversations in scripture, Jesus offers living water to her, and she wonders where his bucket is. The clever writer of John continues to reveal that the message of Jesus is not of this world. Spiritual language requires symbols. Do you have a favorite symbol of Christ in your life? Ancient symbols include the shepherd and fish. Today's symbols might include a cell phone, rose or a cross tattooed on one's forearm.

Sermon Scripture: John 4:1-42 Woman at the Well



Thursday Evenings: Throughout Lent, we offer fellowship on Thursday evenings, March 12, 19, and 26, 5:30-7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Join us for potluck, and conversations on topics of faith. All are welcome and encouraged to invite a friend.

Discussion topics for this evening (3/12/26):

4. “Wilderness as Spiritual Space”

Scripture: Mark 1:12–13

Prompts:

- What forms of “wilderness” do people experience today—grief, transition, boredom, aging, purpose?
- How does God meet us differently in wilderness seasons?
- What have you learned in times where life felt stripped down?

5. “The Practice of Slowing Down”

Scripture: Psalm 46:10

Prompts:

- What makes stillness so countercultural?
- Where could we carve out 60 seconds a day to pause?
- How might our spiritual lives change if we moved 10% slower?

6. “Examining Our Daily Rituals”

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4–9

Prompts:

- What daily habits are already forming our hearts—news cycles, phones, routines?
- What small Lenten practices help re-center us?
- What habits actually deepen love of God and neighbor?



Join us as we celebrate the lives of two beloved church members

Darrell Yeaney - Saturday, March 21 at 1 pm in the sanctuary with a reception to follow.

Betty Gangware - Saturday, March 28, at 1 pm in the sanctuary with a reception to follow.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)



Congratulations **Debbie Bates** on her new granddaughter, Vera Jean Bates, born March 8, 2026!



Communion at Home. Are you unable to attend worship in person and would like to receive communion at home? To learn more or to set a home visit appointment, call the office or reach out to your deacon or Pastor Diane.

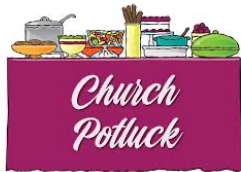


Book Club will be meeting on Monday, March 16 in the usual place - the Fireside Room at Trinity at 10 o'clock. The book to be discussed is "The Lost and Found Bookshop" by Susan Riggs.

Happy Hour will NOT be meeting on March 19. Instead, please join us for Lenten Supper in the fireside room. HH will resume on Thursday, April 16, location to be determined.

Sweet Pea Quilting Group: Please note upcoming revised meeting dates: March 14, and April 4, 11, and 25.

Generous Hearts for our Neighbors. Collectively, Trinity members and friends have contributed \$3,175 to the Presbytery's legal defense fund. Contributions may still be made. Designate your check or offering envelope for Legal Defense Fund. Thank you to all who have contributed.



Annual Deacon's Parish Potluck, Sunday, March 29. All are invited to bring a dish to share and enjoy delicious food and terrific fellowship. You will also be able to visit with your deacon or meet your new one. See you there!

Holy Week at Trinity

From the Table to the Tomb
Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.

A special evening of movement, music, symbolism and prayer. Beginning in the back of the sanctuary, worshipers will pass through eight stations correlated with events of the night of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion, and burial. The first station is communion. Worshippers will be invited up to communion four persons at a time and then proceed to the next stations at their own pace.

The second station after communion will include water representing the washing of the feet. The third station will be a garden setting representing Gethsemane. The fourth station will represent Peter denying Jesus. The fifth station will represent Jesus' interaction with Pilate. The sixth station will represent the crown of thorns. The seventh station will represent the cross and the eighth station will represent the tomb. Each station will have scripture, a prayer, symbolism, and a "witness" who will read parts of the story.



Presbytery Unity Candle:

This week we pray for St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Aptos, and the Rev. Anne McAnelly.

Librarian's Corner

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

Saint Stephen's Lutheran Church has asked me to fill in during the summer months while their pastor Jim Lapp is away on Sabbatical. I will be serving at Saint Stephens from May 20th to August 20th. The Lutheran pastor's office hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays. **So during that time period the Trinity Library Hours during the week will be on Tuesdays from 10-Noon** instead of Thursdays. In the fall we will re-evaluate the schedule.

Warm Regards Larry the Librarian



March

5 Pegatha Hughes
6 Russ Hobbs
Mabel Serigstad
7 Kent Imai
17 Patti Lawton
29 Michael Christie



March 17 Chuck and Nancy Cobery ('89)

Community Events



FREE!
Accessible
EGG HUNT!
Every Bunny Can Play!

Sunday
March 29
2026
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Highlands County Park
8500 Hwy 9, Ben Lomond

A Calm & Inclusive Celebration
Created for children with mobility, vision, and sensory challenges—and their families. A calm, welcoming space where every child can join the fun.

Three Adaptive Egg Hunts

-  **Wheelchair-Accessible Egg Hunt**
-  **Beeper Egg Hunt**
-  **Sensory-Friendly Egg Hunt**
Siblings welcome!

Even More Fun!
Storytime • Sensory Play
Photos with the Bunny
Sensory-friendly prizes

Accessibility
Accessible parking
Flat, easy paths
No amplified music

Limited capacity!
Reserve Your Spot
RSVP via QR code or link below.
Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

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valleywomensclub.org

The Accessible Egg Hunt is part of a partnership between Urban Works and SPIN Santa Cruz (Special Parents Information Network), and is hosted by the Valley Women’s Club of the San Lorenzo through the generosity of our community. The event is free to attend, and advance registration is encouraged. For questions please contact: Rev. Capt. Ryan Althaus (runningmango@msn.com)



On **Friday, March 27**, *Bread and Roses* will co-host a Roundtable Discussion on “Spirituality and Resistance” at the Villa Maria del Mar Retreat Center at 6:00 p.m. Address: 21918 E. Cliff Dr. scbreadandroses.org. Bread and Roses draws from the charism of the Catholic Worker Movement, and uses an international model which integrates proactive peacemaking, direct service to the poor, and spirituality. If interested, please check out their website and ask Ron Weaver or Pastor Diane who plan to attend.



Singing is Being: Vocal Quartets and Piano

Music by Robert Schumann, Leonard Bernstein
& Ivan Rosenblum

Performed by Jordan Best, Liz Neff, Jorge Torrez,
Josh Porter, Daniel Goldsmith & Ivan Rosenblum

March 28th at 7:30 p.m.
at Trinity Presbyterian Church
420 Melrose Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Tickets: General Admission \$40, Student \$20
Online: <https://events.ticketleap.com/events/ivan-rosenblum>
Or pay Ivan directly via PayPal: irpiano@yahoo.com
Cash at the door

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

- ❖ 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

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. No meeting in March.

Saturdays at Trinity

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