



Weekly Newsletter

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Santa Cruz

October 9, 2025

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This Sunday: There's so much happening in our world right now – the new cycle alone can make your heart race. We care deeply, and that's good. But sometimes it's just... too much. Too many difficult and complex matters, too "wonderful" for us, as the psalmist says. Psalm 131 meets us right there – not with more information, but with a change of posture. Join us for an encouraging morning of worship and fellowship the Sunday.

*Scripture this Sunday

October 12 – Psalm 131

Dates to Remember

Please go to our webpage calendar for more.

October 9: Bible Study with Pastor, Thursday, 1 p.m.
October 12: The Morning Lectionary Sunday School, 9 a.m.
October 16: Happy Hour, Thursday, 4 p.m.
October 20: Book Club, Monday, 10 a.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.
November 1-2: All Church Retreat at Redwood Glen Camp

It's Registration Time for two special events:

- *The Last Things We Talk About*, Saturday, October 25, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Guided by author Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Boatwright. A light lunch will follow. This is a free event; books will be available for purchase. Register with Diana Dean, the Office, or on our Website.
- All – Church Retreat, Saturday – Sunday, Nov. 1-2 Register with Ellen Bauerle.

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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Join us for “The Last Things We Talk About”

This meaningful gathering is inspired by the beloved book of the same name and will be guided by its author, Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Boatwright. Come and share in a practical, heartfelt conversation you won't want to miss.

Register on our webpage, with Diana Dean, or the office.

- A light lunch will follow.
- This is a free event; books will be available for purchase.
- Elizabeth will preach the next morning, Sunday, October 26, at Trinity's 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Who is it for?

- Individuals facing end-of-life challenges.
- Families supporting a terminally ill loved one.
- Anyone interested in preparing now for life's inevitable transitions

About the book:

The Last Things We Talk About: Your Guide to End-of-Life Transitions" by Elizabeth T. Boatwright is a comprehensive guide for individuals and families to navigate the complexities of aging, end-of-life care, and death. The book provides step-by-step instructions and resources to help readers define their values, plan for medical, financial, and legal matters, and prepare for the practicalities of death and the grieving process.

Key Aspects of the Book

- **Personal Values and Wishes:**
The book helps readers identify what gives life meaning and purpose, allowing them to define and celebrate their cherished people and experiences.
- **Practical Planning:**
It guides readers through the process of creating essential documents, such as legal, financial, and medical forms, and understanding the continuum of care.
- **Legacy and Aftermath:**
Readers learn how to plan for the legacy they wish to leave behind and what needs to be done after death to help survivors.
- **Cultural and Spiritual Sensitivity:**
The book explores options for culturally and spiritually sensitive end-of-life rituals and celebrations.
- **Resources and Tools:** It includes checklists for tasks like choosing a hospice facility, putting affairs in order, and deciphering medical bills, along with information on finding relevant professionals.

- **"White Book" Concept:**

Boatwright introduces the idea of a "white book," a binder or digital file containing all necessary information for family members to avoid a "treasure hunt" after a death.

**** FLYERS and Invitation for this Event are available for spreading the word.****

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.trinitypresssc.org>

Third Thursday Happy Hour, October 16

Come for Happy Hour at Johnny's Harborside Restaurant for a time of fellowship. We begin gathering at 4 p.m. Bring a friend!

Third Monday Book Club, October 20

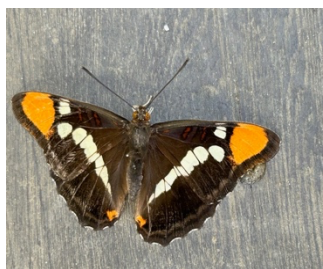
Hi Bookies! Our October 20 book club meeting will be in the **Fireside Room at 10 a.m.** We'll be discussing *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey. Whether you're a regular attendee or a newcomer, all are welcome to join the conversation! For folks wishing to read ahead, November's book is *The Frozen River*.

Presbytery's Unity Candle:

This week we pray for the community, ministries, and leadership of St. Philips Presbyterian Church, Salinas – Ric Sabillo.

Church Hike at Big Basin, Friday, October 24, 9:30am

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.cognitofrms.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 often hear about gridlock and polarization in politics. Somewhat surprisingly, Hispanic Heritage Month is something that folks on both sides of the aisle have agreed upon. Here is a section of the official proclamation:

"To honor the achievements of Hispanic Americans, the Congress, by Public Law 100-402, as amended, has authorized and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating September 15 through October 15 as "National Hispanic Heritage Month."

The President added, "I call on public officials, educators, librarians, and all Americans to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs."

Our current collection of books is strong in South and Central American Theologians. Unfortunately, we do not have Spanish Language books in house. It is estimated that around 25% of the population of our zip code is Latino. Your librarian is currently working on a plan for Spanish language literature outreach. If you have suggestions contact me at lawrence.vilardo@gmail.com.

Warm Regards, *Larry the Librarian*

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

1	Barba & Michael Christie
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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Quilts? Sweet Pea is the place to be! October 11 & 25

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 Gray 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 Volunteers!

Support this awesome organization, by being a greeter and helping to register participants at various events. Contact Katie Gentile.

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