



Weekly Newsletter
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Santa Cruz

October 29, 2026

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Come worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 am!
November 1, 2026 ~ Communion Service
The Rev. Diane Ford



Guatemalan Kite Festival symbolizing the connection between earth and heaven.
<https://foreverchangedinternational.org/all-saints-day-in-guatemala-a-celebration-of-life-and-remembrance/>

Who would you like to remember and celebrate on All Saints Day? All are invited to bring mementos or photos to add to our Communion of Saints Table. This Sunday, bring something to add to the table! Feel free to celebrate anyone who has died – in any year. Our feline, canine, and other creature companions may also be acknowledged on this table. (See details below.)

Sermon Teaser: All Saints Day celebrates the mystery of life and death. Scripture reminds us that in life and in death, we belong to God—and to one another. The sting of death is real, yet we trust that the love that binds us together is stronger than death itself.

Scripture: Revelation 7:9–17

All Saints Sunday

Creating a “Communion of Saints” Table

Trinity is creating a table inspired by the practice of the Mexican “ofrenda,” a table honoring loved ones through **photographs, meaningful objects, carnations, food, candles, and shared remembrance.**

The ofrenda isn't simply a Mexican version of an All Saints table. But the two traditions share some important questions:

- How do we continue to love those who have died?
- How do we remember that death does not erase the significance of a life?
- And what does it mean to belong to a community that extends beyond the people physically present?



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Stewardship 2027

This Sunday we will dedicate to God the gifts with which we are entrusted: our time, skills, passion, financial, and other resources, for 2027. Joining in the work that God is already doing – that is the joy of participating in these types of commitments. It is the reason we do so! If you have yet to turn in your anticipated financial and other contributions to our common ministries, please do so this week.

Earth Care Congregation

Our Session unanimously passed a motion to request an application from the San Jose Presbytery to become an **Earth Care Congregation**. This process will require a current inventory of how we manage our grounds and structures, purchase supplies, engage in necessary contractors and oversee our assets. Being wise in our choices moving forward to be better stewards will take intention and education. If you would like to participate in this effort, please contact Ron Weaver.



Court Appointed Special Advocates: A Voice for Children who have experienced abuse and neglect. **Next Sunday, Nov. 8**, Clarita Cortes from CASA will speak during worship, and be available afterward to answer questions.

For the month of November, **Book Club** will be reading “The Library Book” by Susan Orlean. Book Club meets on the third Monday of the month in the Fireside Room at Trinity at 10 o’clock. New folks are always welcome!

📖 Joanne

To schedule a visit with Pastor Diane, please email her directly at TrinitySCPastorDiane@gmail.com, or bring your calendar on Sunday morning and she will set a time with you.



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*Please join the Presbytery of San José
for a joyful celebration*

**COMMISSIONING
SERVICE**

for

Rev. Veronica Toyomi Ota

as Peacemaking and Justice Minister

SAT. OCT. 31, 10AM

Westview Presbyterian Church
118 First Street
Watsonville, CA 95076

Reception following

 To RSVP, click here
or use QR

Presbytery Unity Candle

This week we pray for First Presbyterian Church, Monterey,
and the Revs. Mark Peake and James Potts



October

29 George Bunch
Kim Johnston

November

8 Joanne Clever
9 Nicole Donovan
20 Jeanne Baker
Ari Palmer
Ron Weaver
22 Jill Francis
Dan Rutan
24 Erin Sams
26 Nancy Cobery
27 Jenny Yeane



19 Charlie & Gwen May
30 Jenny Yeane & Ti Lamb

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

- ❖ Choir rehearsal: 9-10:15 am through the end of June, then off until after Labor Day.
- ❖ Morning Lectionary Discussion: 9:00 am, Fireside Room
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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) at 4:30 in the 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: 2nd Tuesdays, at 4:30 pm in the Fireside Room

Wednesdays at Trinity

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

Thursdays at Trinity

- ❖ Library Corner: 10:00 am -12:00 pm, socialize in the library.
- ❖ Trinity Happy Hour: Every Third Thursday from 4-6. Place to be determined.

Saturdays at Trinity

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