



Weekly Newsletter

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Santa Cruz

February 5, 2026

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

The Rev. Diane Ford



This Sunday's sermon teaser: We cannot grow spiritually by our own effort alone; we depend on the Spirit who shapes our hearts, steadies our discernment, and teaches us to see with the mind of Christ. In moments when judgment comes quickly or fear runs deep, we are called to seek Christ's wisdom and to reflect God's light with courage and compassion. May our worship open us to that transforming work.

Sermon Scripture: Isaiah 58:9b-11; I Corinthians 2:1-12



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

The 9th Annual Great Chili Cook-Off



Please contact Ellen and Laura to share your top chili recipes to enter for Team Trinity. **Deadline for the church to register for this contest is Sunday, February 8!!** This event benefits local mobile shower programs.

The Installation and Ordination of new Officers will take place on Sunday, February 15 during Service. We will ordain Gigi Gianini and install her as a deacon, and install Ron Weaver as Elder.

The 2026 Per Capita assessment for Trinity is due to the Presbytery tomorrow! The total amount per member is \$45.50. If you would like to contribute to Trinity's payment, please note "Per Capita" in the memo of your check. Thank you!

Book Club. For our February meeting, please prepare a book to recommend to our group in order to compile a list for future discussion. Please come to the meeting even if you have not read a book by the time of the meeting. We gather on the third Monday of each month at 10 o'clock in the morning in the fireside room. Hope to see you with or without a book on February 16.  Joanne.

Presbytery Unity Candle: This week we pray for First Presbyterian Church, Mountain View, and Pastor Kim Dorr-Tilley.



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

Library Corner

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

Spring is here; it comes early in Northern California.

So I am looking at some Spring Cleaning Projects:

1. As I mentioned in a previous note, I am planning to bind books that have been damaged but still belong in the collection.
2. The signage needs to be improved. People from our neighborhood regularly visit the little wooden “Birdhouse” library outside Pastor Diane’s door. I plan to place a sign there that will direct folks to our main library.
3. I plan to continue the process of removing books that are dated or damaged. If a book that is damaged is a worthy read I will obtain, if possible, a newer version.
4. The website has fallen behind, this is primarily Mea Culpa, I let it go during the holidays. Other problems are technical with the presentation of the website. It presents differently on a computer and on a phone. There are some glitches I hope to remove to make it seamless. This may take some time as I listen to youtube videos on how to do it. Be patient.

Warm Regards Larry the Librarian

Community Events



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



Santa Cruz Baroque Festival

2026 SEASON CONCERTS
Essentially Baroque

FUNDRAISER <i>Musical Stories of Brass & Organ</i> January 31st - 4:00pm Calvary Episcopal Church Combining music and short stories, Join us on a journey through the early Baroque Era with pieces from Gabrieli, Scheidt, Charpentier and Bonelli.	CONCERT I <i>Organ Solo Recital: Theme & Variations</i> February 8th - 4:00pm Holy Cross Church The preeminent and virtuosic interpreter of German Baroque Jorg Reddin triumphantly returns to Santa Cruz in yet another masterful solo organ recital.	CONCERT II <i>Baroque Songs & Arias</i> February 21st - 7:00pm Calvary Episcopal Church An enchanting and intimate setting by candlelight featuring Baroque Songs and Arias of love and delight.
CONCERT III <i>Baroque Festival Meets Family</i> March 1st - 4:00pm Peace United Church Sure to delight music lovers of all ages, join us for a family-themed afternoon of music from "Peter and the Wolf".	CONCERT IV <i>Secular & Sacred Vocal Music</i> March 7th - 6:00pm Peace United Church Jörg Redding is bringing European Baroque songs for four voices and basso continuo featuring distinguished soloists and the UCSC Chambers Singer in works by J. S. Bach, Buxtehude, Schütz, and others.	CONCERT V <i>All Bach Solo Violin</i> April 25th - 7:30pm Calvary Episcopal Church Violin virtuoso Nancy Zhou will perform three selections from the Sonatas and Partitas for solo violin

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 for more information. 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: (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.
- ❖ Trinty 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