



Weekly Newsletter
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Santa Cruz

June 18, 2026

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Come worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 am!
Sunday, June 21, 2026
The Rev. Diane Ford



In honor of Father's Day, the deacons will be handing out a special treat` in church on Sunday!

Scripture: Genesis 21:8-21



The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church will take place June 22-July 2, 2026 in Milwaukee. This gathering occurs every two years. The General Assembly (GA) is the highest council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and gathers commissioners from presbyteries across the nation every two years. It is a time of worship, discernment, and decision-making, where the church considers matters of mission, policy, theology, and the life of the denomination.

This year's issues include decisions around mission co-workers, confronting Christian nationalism, a new Confession, oversight of 2024's "Olympia Overture" (regarding the Book of Order), race relations and repair, access to gender-affirming health care, and a new agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) called Presbyterian Life & Witness.

For learning more, the clearest starting page is:

<https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/church-structure/general-assembly>

Useful links:

Presbyterian News Service (official PC(USA) news)

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/>

Presbyterian Outlook (independent reporting and commentary)

<https://pres-outlook.org>

PC(USA) General Assembly website (official schedules, livestreams, documents, and resources)

<https://ga-pcusa.org>

2026 Santa Cruz Pride Festival!

On Sunday, June 7, the Santa Cruz Pride March and Festival began with an outdoor interfaith service. There were about 12 clergy, and easily over 150 in attendance. As usual, we cohosted a booth, giving out information as well as baked goods. Linda Weaver wrote a poem to express her experience there.

REMEMBRANCES
OF THE
INTERFAITH SERVICE
AND
PRIDE DAY CELEBRATION

THE BIG TENT
INTERFAITH SERVICE
LOVE, PEACE & JOY
UNITING ALL

THE BOOTHS
APTOS METHODIST
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN
CALVARY EPISCOPAL
REACHING OUT
IN GOD'S LOVE

RIVER OF PEOPLE
ALL PEOPLE
JOY OF FAMILIES
YOUNG PEOPLE, OLD PEOPLE
COLORFUL, FULL OF SMILES

A HELLO
YUMMY COOKIES, WATER
PENCILS - STICKERS
FOR THE LITTLE ONES
SMILES ABOUNDED
GOD'S LOVE
A DAY OF PURE JOY!

By Linda Weaver



Our shared booth



Interfaith Service

All Hands on Deck!



Family Fun Fest is our way of strengthening community bonds! Trinity Church will provide a safe place for families to enjoy a summer afternoon, having fun and getting to know one another. Your contribution of skills and talents - large or small - is meaningful and very much appreciated.

This Sunday, you will have an opportunity to choose ways in which to participate via a sign-up chart. How about helping set up games on the church lawn and rooms at 9:30? Or helping Jeff prepare and grill hot dogs in Magnolia Court? Or bringing cupcakes for the cakewalk? Or secretly attaching toys to a line at the fishpond? Wo/Manning a booth? Or even just attending the Fest and enjoying events planned by the Outreach Committee and Urban Works? Bubbles, yoga, dance, cornhole, ping pong, to name a few! **You are also invited to contact Larry or Elizabeth.**

FAMILY FUN FEST

FOOD! **Saturday, June 27, 2026** **Activities for All Ages & Abilities!**

11AM - 3PM

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

420 Melrose Ave, Santa Cruz

In partnership with Urban Works  <https://www.urbanworks-sc.org/>

Announcements

Happy Hour will take place this afternoon, June 18, at the Back 9 Grill, at Pasatiempto, from 4-6pm. Join us for fellowship and laughs!

Sweet Pea is cancelled on June 27 (Join us for Family Fun Fest). Our next meeting will be July 11, 2026.

Save the Date! Pupusa Lunch Fundraiser



On **July 26, 2026**, following Sunday services, the Mission Committee, in partnership with Santa Cruz al Salvador, will host a **pupusa lunch fundraiser** in the Fellowship Hall for our sponsored prayer children and their school in El Salvador. We will be entertained with tunes by our own **Presbytones** and, like last year, we will dine on pupusas and various sides and desserts. Please plan to attend and support this worthy endeavor. More info in the coming weeks.

Presbytery Unity Candle: This week we pray for Cornerstone Church of Silicon Valley.

Librarian's Corner

Our Library is open Thursdays 10 – noon.

Larry the Librarian will post updates to the Library Website at <https://www.trinitylibrary.org/>



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| 1 | Chad Bell | 28 | Fred Tomlinson |
| 2 | Pete Halper | 29 | Rosie Bell |
| 7 | Diane Ford | | Ed Sams |
| 20 | Jake Eschen-Pipes | | Lenore Spalaris |
| 24 | Bethany Eschen-Pipes | | |

Presbytery News

4th *NEAR* Gathering

THIS YEAR'S THEME
Christian Nationalism

Saturday, September 26, 2026
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Gilroy Presbyterian Church · 6000 Miller Ave, Gilroy, CA

FEATURED SPEAKERS

This year's gathering takes up a pressing and timely theme: Christian Nationalism. The morning will feature two keynote addresses from Dr. Heath Carter and Dr. Hanna Reichel of Princeton Theological Seminary, followed by small group discussions and an armchair conversation with both speakers moderated by the Executive Presbyter. Drawing on their rigorous scholarship and experience, Drs. Carter and Reichel will offer theological and historical perspectives designed to inform and shape our practical action and prayerful response to Christian Nationalism. Lunch will be provided, along with a light breakfast.

Carpooling with Pastor Diane and others is recommended.

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 we're off until after Labor Day.
- ❖ Morning Lectionary School: 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) 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.

Saturdays at Trinity

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