



Weekly Newsletter
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Santa Cruz

February 26, 2026

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

This Sunday is Communion Sunday. And we enter the second week of Lent, the season of spiritual care. What is it that you are seeking this season, and how are you availing yourself to the work of God's Spirit in and through you?

Sermon teaser: In Jesus' nighttime conversation with Nicodemus, a single Greek word carries two meanings: "born again" and "born from above." Both matter. In today's scripture we explore how that layered language invites us into a deeper understanding of spiritual rebirth—not as a single moment, but as a lifelong journey of clarity, humility, and growth in the Spirit.

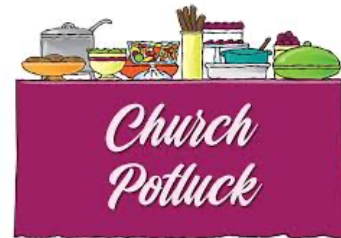
Sermon Scripture: John 3:1-17 Nicodemus Visits Jesus



Thursday Evenings: For 4 weeks throughout Lent we offer fellowship on Thursday evenings, March 5, 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.

Happy Hour will not be meeting on March 19 at Johnny's. Instead, please join us for a Lenten Supper. HH will resume on Thursday, April 16, location to be determined.

BREAKING NEWS! Save the date: 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!



Presbytery Unity Candle: This week we pray for Trinity Presbyterian Church, Santa Cruz, and the Rev. Diane Ford; and we pray for Urban Works.



- 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

Librarian's Corner

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

While working on updating the library website, which is still in process, I was able to get a QR code for the library website.

I have an image of it in this article. If you hold your phone's camera over the code it should lead you to the library website. Try it out and give me some feedback on the website. My email is lawrence.vilardo@gmail.com

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



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 Sew

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: (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.
- ❖ Trinity 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