



*Weekly Newsletter*  
*Trinity Presbyterian Church*  
*Santa Cruz*

July 9, 2026

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*Featured This Week*

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*Come worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 am!*  
*Sunday, July 12, 2026*  
*The Rev. Diane Ford*

*Sermon teaser:* This Sunday we begin our theme of Wonder. What brings you a sense of wonder/awe, and what do you wonder about – – what are you curious about? Where have you seen God at work? All are encouraged to bring an object or photo or a story to share your wonder and wondering.



Marble Cave

## **A Bit of History: “Reformed Tradition” and the Psalms**

Presbyterians belong to the **Reformed tradition**, one of the major branches of Protestant Christianity that emerged during the 16th-century Reformation, alongside the Lutheran, Anglican, and Anabaptist traditions.

The Reformed tradition emphasizes the authority of Scripture, the sovereignty and grace of God, and worship that is shaped by the Bible.

Because the **Psalms** are gifts from God for the people of God, they have always held a special place in Reformed worship. For centuries, many Reformed and Presbyterian congregations sang the Psalms every Sunday, believing they taught the church how to praise, lament, trust, confess, and rejoice before God.

This summer’s worship will include psalms every week. Do you have a favorite? Do you wonder about a particular psalm?

— Pastor Diane

### **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,

for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

## *Summer of Wonder at Trinity*

This Sunday, July 12, we begin our *Summer of Wonder*. During worship we will have more music, shorter bulletins, and more sharing our faith stories with one another. We will sit in the front half of the sanctuary, and afterward, as always, enjoy fellowship and refreshments on the patio.

The sermons will be based on the theme of wonder. Bring your curiosity and your sense of wonder. Bring stories or photos or an item you found in nature.

### **Wonder (noun)**

A feeling of surprise mingled with admiration, caused by something beautiful, unexpected, unfamiliar, or inexplicable.

The quality of a person or thing that causes such a feeling.

### **Wonder (verb)**

Desire or be curious to know something.

— *Oxford Dictionary*

## *Announcements*



This Sunday, July 12, Pastor Diane will lead a class for those interested in becoming members of Trinity — or for people who are just curious. We will meet in the Youth Room, 12:00-2:00 p.m. RSVP by emailing Diane. [TrinitySCpastordiane@gmail.com](mailto:TrinitySCpastordiane@gmail.com)

**Happy Hour** will take place Thursday, July 16 the Back Nine Patio at the Inn at Pasatiempo from 4 - 6pm. All are welcome for fun and fellowship.

**Book Club** will meet on Monday, July 20 at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room. to discuss “Theo of Golden” by Allen Levi.



Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay warmly invites the Trinity community to join us on Saturday, July 18, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, for an inspiring "Dusty Boots" tour of our latest housing project in Watsonville. This event is not just a tour; it's an opportunity to delve into the heart of the mission of Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay. This is an opportunity to engage directly with the impact of our involvement and financial support and ask any questions you may have. If you are interested in this tour, contact Lee Duffus at 831-295-3025.

### Pupusa Lunch Fundraiser Delmy



This is Delmy Escobar. She is standing next to her older brother and her niece at her high school graduation last year. Seven years ago, we met Delmy and heard her story of finding a hand grenade when she was four years old. The grenade went off, one of her brothers was killed and she sustained some paralysis in her right arm. Delmy was fourteen when we met her and because of her injuries, we discovered she had been unable to attend school. Your generosity allowed us to help her to get transportation to school and arrange for some tutors. She did very well in school, and after seven years she graduated from high school and is now taking English lessons in nearby Suchitoto.

Delmy is just one example of how Santa Cruz al Salvador is changing lives through education and sustained relationships.

Please plan on attending the **July 26, 2026** pupusa lunch in the Fellowship Hall after church services and donate generously to this worthy cause.

## *Presbytery Unity Candle:*



This week we pray for Taiwanese American Presbyterian Church, San Jose.

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## *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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4 Amanda Bell  
7 Vickie Rutan  
8 Glenn Joy

11 Gary Edwards  
18 Chuck Cobery  
25 Richard Zakarian  
30 Esther Lauer



July 5 Arnie and Natalie Serigstad  
July 17 Jeff and Patti Lawton

## *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](mailto: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](mailto: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): 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at 10:30 am, Fireside room.
- ❖ Session: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Third Thursday of the Month.

### **Saturdays at Trinity**

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