



Weekly Newsletter
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Santa Cruz

October 8, 2026

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Come worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 am!
October 11, 2026 ~ The Rev. Diane Ford



As we anticipate our retreat on October 17, this Sunday's Scripture invites us to consider a question that feels especially relevant right now: **How do we nurture our joy when we feel the heaviness of our communities and our world?**

Sermon Teaser: The Apostle Paul writes an encouraging letter to a community experiencing division, conflict, worry, suffering, and grief. His invitation is not to ignore what is difficult, but to pay attention to what is true, good, and life-giving—and to keep practicing the things that sustain us in difficult times.

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9

Our Mission - A Statement of Faith by Trinity Presbyterian Church

Welcome to week 3 of our 5-week series on the Mission of our Church

To maintain and strengthen Divine worship. This is a primary way in which we share and grow our faith together in community. We celebrate and deepen our faith with music, prayer, liturgy, and word. Our meetings for study, fellowship, and business are also forms of worship as we prayerfully strive to maintain a sense of God's presence in deliberations and in our dealings with one another.
– *Our Mission, paragraph 3*

Trinity's All-Church 1/2 Day Retreat - Saturday, October 17,
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 9850 Monroe, Aptos.



Join us for joyful **fellowship, fun, food, and faith** as we gather to strengthen our relationships, discover more about the gifts God has given us, and explore what those gifts might mean for our life and ministry together.

Register with Pastor Diane in the sanctuary after worship, or with Ellen Bauerle at Coffee Hour in the courtyard. There is no charge for the retreat, though donations are welcome. Coffee and light goodies will be provided in the morning, and lunch will come as boxed lunches from *Erik's Deli*.

Questions? Ask anyone on your Worship & Christian Education (WCE) Committee -- Ellen, Marta, Nicki, Michael, Diana, or Pastor Diane

In Memoriam

We were saddened to hear of three deaths last week. As we both grieve and celebrate their lives, we remember the gift of crossing one another's paths briefly, or knowing one another deeply for decades. Please continue to support and pray for the friends and family of these beloved:

Jim Atwood. Jim has been a member of Trinity since 2020 – a man of faith, a veteran, and kind soul. As we get more details, we will provide them.

Ann Carle. Ann transferred from First Presbyterian (later, "Vintage Faith") to Trinity in 2014. One of our Sunday school teachers who was raised at First Pres praises Ann as the "best S.S. teacher ever!" Her memorial service will be at Oakwood Chapel on Thursday, October 15th at 10:00 p.m.

John Christie. The son of Barbara and Michael Christie, John Christie, passed away on Friday. His memorial service will be at Trinity Presbyterian on Saturday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m.

In Loving Memory of



JOHN ROBERT CHRISTIE

10.03.1985 - 10.02.2026

PLEASE JOIN US ON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
1:00 PM

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
420 MELROSE AVE
SANTA CRUZ, CA 95062
Reception to follow

THE CHRISTIE'S INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM IN WEARING A FLANNEL OR
PLAID SHIRT IN HONOR OF JOHN



All Church Workday this Saturday, October 10, 9AM-Noon.

Come join in and experience the satisfaction and sense of accomplishment that comes on a Church Work Day. Bring work gloves, garden tools and cleaning supplies if you can, but most importantly bring yourselves! We will be cleaning up the flower beds and plants, refurbishing the birdhouse library, and general spring cleaning duties.

Trinity Book Club is reading "The Next Fifty Things That Made the Modern Economy" by Tim Harford for their October choice. We will meet on Monday, October 19, at 10 o'clock in the Fireside Room. 📖 Joanne

Happy Hour will take place Thursday, October 15 from 4-6pm at the Back 9 in Pasatiempo. Come for fellowship, deepen friendships, and bring someone new.

A representative from **Hospice of Santa Cruz County** will visit us on **Sunday, October 25**. Stay tuned for more info from our Outreach Committee.

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.

Presbytery Unity Candle



This week we pray for Somos, Watsonville.



October 1	Ellen Bauerle	27	Ryan Althaus
5	Marie Imai	29	George Bunch
10	Glyn Lutrell		Kim Johnston



October 1 Michael & Barbara Christie

Librarian's Corner

Our Library is open Thursdays 10 – noon.

The library will be closed on Thursday October 8. We will resume regular hours the rest of the month, Thursdays from 10 AM to Noon, and during coffee hour after church. The Ed Sams Display is now up and available for viewing. Any of his many books which are displayed may be checked out.

Warm Regards Larry the Librarian

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.