



Weekly Newsletter

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Santa Cruz

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



We all have ideas—spoken and unspoken—about what it means to be blessed, shaped by our experiences, our culture, and our hopes. *Who taught you what “blessed” looks like?* This Sunday our Scripture invites us to notice those assumptions and to listen how Jesus speaks about blessedness.

Sermon Scripture: Psalm 15:1-5; Matthew 5:1-12



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. Remember 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.

The 2026 Per Capita assessment for Trinity is due to the Presbytery on February 6. The total amount per person 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!

The 9th Annual Great Chili Cook-Off will take place on February 20, 2026 at Twin Lakes Church, Bldg. 7000, 2701 Cabrillo College Drive, Aptos. More info to come!

Presbytery Unity Candle: This week we pray for Daesung Korean Presbyterian Church, Sunnyvale.



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.

The library often receives donations of antique books that are distressed. Yet they are of value because of content or rare edition. I have taken up bookbinding to address this. I have repaired two Jerusalem Bibles (See Picture Below), and am currently repairing Lorraine's family Bible.

On another note: As part of the Library's role in stamping out racism and fascism, Glenn Joy has supplied some new stamps (also pictured below). Come in anytime for a free use of these. Note, they cannot be checked out, only used on the premises.

Warm Regards, Larry the Librarian



Community Event

 Santa Cruz Baroque Festival 2026 SEASON CONCERTS <i>Essentially Baroque</i>		
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 off 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 janevdevette@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 and streaming live on YouTube and Facebook
- ❖ 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 Comm. (1st Tuesday, in "odd" months), 4:30 pm, Fireside Room
- ❖ Session (every 2nd Tuesday) 5:30 pm-7:00 pm, Fireside Room

Wednesdays at Trinity

- ❖ Association of Faith Communities (AFC) Board, 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, 1st Wednesdays, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm, Fireside Room

Thursdays at Trinity

- ❖ Librarian Corner, 10:00 am -12:00 pm, socialize in the library