



Weekly Newsletter

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Santa Cruz

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Come worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 am!

“What’s the good word?” we ask one another. “Give witness! Do not hold back on the good news of Christ among us. Testify!” This Sunday we will hear good news from Rosie, Chad, Chuck, Nancy, and Ron — the people we commissioned to go on the annual mission to El Salvador. They have returned with stories to tell, stories of what God has done and continues to do.

God has been at work among us—in familiar places and distant ones, through ordinary people and unexpected moments. It is in our sharing and listening that we discern the hands and feet of God. Let us open ourselves to see where God is leading, to hear the good news being shared, and to respond with gratitude and faith.

Scripture: Psalm 40:8-11(NIV); John 1:35-39a

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity. You may have heard by now that the longest standing member of Trinity, Betty Gangware, passed away on January 4. She had been declining in recent days, and was home with her faithful caregiver at the time. Her upcoming birthday would have been her 99th. We do not have further information regarding plans for a memorial service, but will provide news as it comes.



Betty had no children, though there are other family members to keep in our prayers as they walk through these tender days. We have been blessed by this saint, and while we ache at her absence we rejoice that she now knows a closer communion with the One we for so long have worshiped alongside Betty.

In Christ's Safe Hands,
Pastor Diane



If you are interested in walking together on Monday, please contact Michael Christie.



Join us January 25 for our Annual Congregational Meeting after the 10:30 service. Officer nominations will be heard; committee reports, current financial standing, and budget for 2026 will be presented.

Book Club will meet January 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the fireside room. We will discuss “The Great Divide” by Cristina Henriquez.

Presbytery Unity Candle: This week we pray for First Presbyterian Church of Santa Clara, and the Rev. Dennis Woodsmall.

Nooner Meetings. Darrell Yeane and Paul Seever started this group for those seeking critical insight into the lived history of the Christian tradition and what it means for the world today. We navigate the scholarship of religion together. Nooners is also concerned with the future of Christianity and how it relates to science and the environment. We have read “The Once and Future Faith,” which is a collection of essays, “On the Mystery,” by Catherine Keller, “Embracing the Human Jesus,” by David Galston, and “Process Theology,” by C. Robert Mesle, among others. We meet in the Fireside Room Sundays, from noon til 1:30 pm. All are welcome.



1	Skye Bell	17	Emily Duffus
2	Ti Lamb	20	Carina Bunch
3	Janet Eschen-Pipes	26	Richard Robinson
5	Nicki Kerns	28	Gigi Giannini
	Karen Wichelmann	29	Jeff Lawton
7	Rosemary Teresi	30	Laura Zucker
9	Arnie Serigstad		



20 Paul Seever & Pegatha Hughes

Library Corner

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



*“In brightest day in blackest night, no evil shall escape my sight
Let those who worship evil’s might,
Beware my power, Green Lantern’s Light”*

A few Sundays ago at Trinity Kathy Willot spoke of wearing green garb when confronting social evils. The poem above from my childhood came unbidden to my mind, especially the phrase, “Those who worship evils’ might”. In our era it is necessary and appropriate that those who worship “evil’s might” should fear not only Green Lantern’s light but any light. The library’s next display will shed light on protest movements. There will be resistance signs and icons displayed and anyone can come have their money stamped with a resist icon, created by our own Glenn Joy.

A library should be a fortress of knowledge and a staging ground for shedding light on the dark corners in our world. Drop by and join the fight for light! 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 **starting January 10**. Their finished creations are donated to hospitals and shelters. Contact Emily 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