Weekly Newsletter
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Santa Cruz

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Come worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 am!
November 15, 2026
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Lawrence Vilardo

This Sunday, Larry the Librarian will be preaching on Judges 4, the story of Deborah who is one of the Israelite "Heroes of the Faith." This is appropriate for two of my heroes are Hazel Nutt, and Lenore Sparlaris. Our TPC Library is named after Hazel, and I often find precise and profound cataloguing notes and comments among the stacks penned by Lenore. We live by the examples of faith set by our mentors.



The church office will be closed Wednesday in honor of Veterans Day

Our guest preacher this Sunday will be our very own Rev. Dr. Lawrence Vilardo. Larry retired from his work as Presbyterian minister to move here to Santa Cruz with his spouse Lorraine, who is a retired nurse. Larry and Lorraine have three children, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Larry was born in Buffalo, New York. He was awarded an undergraduate degree from Bethany University, a master's degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary, and a doctoral degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. Larry currently serves as the librarian at the Hazel Nutt Memorial Library here at Trinity.

El Salvador Trip 2026



Es hora! It's time! Six people from Trinity are on this year's delegation to El Salvador. We leave November 15 on the 1 p.m. flight out of San Francisco, and will land in San Salvador's International Airport at 8:50 p.m. (10:50 p.m. here in California). We return home late-night, November 24.

What will we be doing there? As many of you know, we focus on relationships with the communities, their leaders, and hundreds of kids of all ages. We will visit museums and ruins, have meals with our prayer children (I finally get to meet Raul and his family!), attend the high school graduation (hence the timing of this visit), provide fluoride treatments for children up to 12 years old (200 mouths!), lead crafts, and embody Christ's love as we meet and serve alongside the Salvadorans. Please keep the whole delegation in your prayers, as well as our long-time partners and friends in El Salvador.

Since 1994 Santa Cruz al Salvador has achieved various milestones in community support and development, healthcare initiatives, education, water projects, and delegation programs. Please visit santacruzalsalvador.org to learn more.

Please pray for our Delegates: Steve Barrett (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Salinas), Jeanne Boudreau (St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Santa Cruz), Chuck Cobery, Diane Ford, Kim Johnston, Chad and Rosie Bell, and Ron Weaver (Trinity Presbyterian Church, Santa Cruz).

– *Submitted by Pastor Diane*

¡Buen viaje!



While Pastor Diane is in El Salvador, if there is an emergency that calls for a pastor, Clerk of Session Ellen Bauerle, or Deacon, Marta Narus will contact the pastor on call. On Sunday, Nov. 15 our guest preacher is our very own Larry Vilardo, and on Nov. 22, our guest preacher will be Karla Kress: a leader of Santa Cruz al Salvador, and former pastor of Trinity.

A team is being assembled to prepare an application for the San Jose Presbytery to designate Trinity Presbyterian Church as an **"Earth Care Congregation."** We need some folks to help in this process, all are welcome. Many hands will make this effort easier. Please see or contact Ron Weaver about this opportunity.

Session news ⚡. At this week's Session meeting, with the approaching resignation of Ellen Bauerle as Trinity's Clerk, Session appointed Chuck Cobery as the new Clerk of Session. Please pray for a seamless transition. Secondly, Session has also approved the creation of a "Fellowship Team" to assist staff and officers of our church with various duties and tasks. If you would be interested in joining in that effort, please speak with Pastor Diane or Ron Weaver.

For the month of November **Book Club** will be reading "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean. Book Club will meet on Monday November 16, in the Fireside Room. <u>This time only, Book Club will be meeting at 10:30</u> instead of 10 o'clock. New folks are always welcome!

Happy Hour will take place Thursday, November 19, from 4-6pm at the Back 9 in Pasatiempo. Come for fellowship, deepen friendships, and bring someone new

Scam warning! A church member received an email requesting a copy of our member directory – this is a scam, do not engage! If anyone needs a directory, they can inquire at the office.

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 Northminster Presbyterian Church Salinas, and Rev. Andy Rausch.



8 Joanne Clever
9 Nicole Donovan
20 Jeanne Baker
Ari Palmer
Ron Weaver
22 Jill Francis
Dan Rutan
24 Erin Sams
26 Nancy Cobery
27 Jenny Yeaney



19 Charlie & Gwen May
30 Jenny Yeaney & Ti Lamb

Librarian's Corner

This week the library will honor Veterans with a display of photo archives that show Trinitarians, their families and ancestors in uniform from the Revolutionary war until today's conflict in Iran. You won't want to miss this display!
Regards, Larry the Librarian, www/ trinitylibrary.org

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.