



Weekly Newsletter
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Santa Cruz

June 25, 2026

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Come worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 am!
Sunday, June 28, 2026
The Rev. Diane Ford

We continue our walk through the stories in the book of Genesis at our Lectionary Bible Studies and in worship this Sunday. We have met Hagar, a female servant of Abraham and Sarah. This time we meet a male servant of theirs, and he discovers Rebekah at her family's well. We will also be acknowledging and thanking our dedicated choir and music director on this final Sunday of their season!

Sermon teaser: A simple request for a drink becomes a moment that reveals character and changes the future. Acts of kindness often carry greater significance than we can see at the time.

Scripture: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67



The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church will take place June 22-July 2, 2026 in Milwaukee. This gathering occurs every two years. The General Assembly (GA) is the highest council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and gathers commissioners from presbyteries across the nation every two years. It is a time of worship, discernment, and decision-making, where the church considers matters of mission, policy, theology, and the life of the denomination.

It's On!

Topics currently being discussed...

- Commissioners on the **Reformed Identity** in the U.S. Committee approved several overtures calling out explicit hidden dangers of Christian nationalism and the use of generative artificial intelligence.
- **The Climate and Environmental Justice Committee** proposed Overture CLJ-02, which calls upon all Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)-related fiduciaries to undertake the orderly removal of investments from all companies whose primary business is based on the extraction, refinement, transport, or sale of fossil fuels.
- Videos: **Young adults** share why they love being Presbyterian
<https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/2026/6/18/young-adults-share-why-they-love-being>

Read more here:

Presbyterian News Service (official PC(USA) news)

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/>

For learning more, the clearest starting page is:

<https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/church-structure/general-assembly>

Presbyterian Outlook (independent reporting and commentary)

<https://pres-outlook.org>

PC(USA) General Assembly website (official schedules, livestreams, documents, and resources)

<https://ga-pcusa.org>

THE PEACE & JUSTICE WORKING GROUP
OF SAN JOSÉ PRESBYTERY
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

FARM WORKER *Reality Tour*



ORGANIZED BY THE CENTER FOR
FARMWORKER FAMILIES

TIME & PLACE

Sunday, July 12

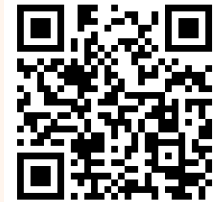
 3 PM – 7 PM

Zils Rd. Watsonville

more info w/ registration

REGISTER HERE:

Registration **REQUIRED**



<https://forms.gle/fvceQcYRPDmTAvM87>
or email: Veronica@sanjosepby.org

Space is limited.
Register before July 3.



Space is limited! Registration is required, and closes July 3.
Please arrange to carpool to the event.

Farmworker Reality Tour

led by The Center for Farmworker Families.

The cost of the tour will be covered by the **Peace and Justice Working group of the Presbytery of San José** (space limited to 30 participants), but donations to The Center for Farmworker Families are encouraged and greatly appreciated. You can learn more about the organization and donate online: <https://farmworkerfamily.org/donate>; or feel free to bring your donation to the event.

A car is required to navigate the tour. We encourage carpooling! Please wear casual clothes, bring layers (it's going to get chilly!), wear comfortable shoes and a sun hat if desired, and bring a water bottle.

For questions or more information, please email Presbytery of San Jose's Peacemaking and Justice Advocate, Veronica Ota: Veronica@sanjosepby.org, [\(831\) 288-8948](tel:8312888948).

Event Schedule

3:00 PM Meet at Crystal Bay Farm: 40 Zils Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076

- Jeff Fiorovitch, farm owner, will describe regenerative and organic farming techniques and how he applies these methods on his farm.
- Dr. Ann Lopez will discuss the context in which farmworkers live in California with a discussion of the Neoliberal Economy and NAFTA. The impact of NAFTA on Mexican small producer and subsistence farms will be addressed, and how NAFTA led to forced undocumented immigration to the U.S.
- A local farmworker will describe their harrowing immigration experience from southern Mexico to the U.S.; followed by a demonstration of the strawberry picking process and the skill set required.
- There are 24 migrant camps in the state of California, including the Buena Vista Migrant Camp in Watsonville. We'll hear the stories of three farmworker women with families who have lived in the camp for many years.

Part 2:

Drive through the Buena Vista Migrant Camp: 113 Tierra Alta Dr, Watsonville, CA 95076

Part 3:

Dinner Discussion at the home of Ernestina: 156 Elm St, Watsonville, Ernestina will serve us a delicious Mexican meal while we listen to her story of travel to the U.S., working as a farmworker in local industries, and raising a family.

FAMILY FUN FEST

FOOD!

Saturday, June 27, 2026

11AM - 3PM

Activities for All Ages & Abilities!

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

420 Melrose Ave, Santa Cruz

In partnership with Urban Works  <https://www.urbanworks-sc.org/>

Announcements

Sweet Pea is cancelled on June 27 (Join us for Family Fun Fest). Our next meeting will be July 11, 2026.

Book Club meets the third Monday of each month at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room. At our next meeting we will discuss “Theo of Golden” by Allen Levi.

Save the Date! Pupusa Lunch Fundraiser



On **July 26, 2026**, following Sunday services, the Mission Committee, in partnership with Santa Cruz al Salvador, will host a **pupusa lunch fundraiser** in the Fellowship Hall for our sponsored prayer children and their school in El Salvador. We will be entertained with tunes by our own **Presbytines** and, like last year, we will dine on pupusas and various sides and desserts. More info in the coming weeks.

Presbytery Unity Candle:



This week we pray for Stone Church of Willow Glen, and Pastor Fred Harrell.

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/>



2 Sejin Oh
4 Amanda Bell
7 Vickie Rutan
8 Glenn Joy

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

Anniversaries

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

Presbytery News



This year's gathering takes up a pressing and timely theme: Christian Nationalism. The morning will feature two keynote addresses from Dr. Heath Carter and Dr. Hanna Reichel of Princeton Theological Seminary, followed by small group discussions and an armchair conversation with both speakers moderated by the Executive Presbyter. Drawing on their rigorous scholarship and experience, Drs. Carter and Reichel will offer theological and historical perspectives designed to inform and shape our practical action and prayerful response to Christian Nationalism. Lunch will be provided, along with a light breakfast.

Carpooling with Pastor Diane and others is recommended. Registration will begin in August.

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 we're 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 Room.
- ❖ 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. Watch announcements for location.

Saturdays at Trinity

- ❖ Sweet Pea Quilting: Every other Saturday from 9:30 am – 3:45 pm, Youth Room. NO meeting June 27.