



Weekly Newsletter

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Santa Cruz

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Come worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 am!
October 18, 2026 ~ The Rev. Diane Ford



Try this: every evening, make a list of five things you are grateful for, not repeating any item you already listed on a previous night. After a week, you will notice a shift in your awareness.

Sermon Teaser: If everything belongs to God, what does faithful stewardship look like—not only of our time and money, but of our attention, our words, and our courage? And how do we remain faithful when the powers around us ask us to look away from what is true and good?

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

Our Mission - A Statement of Faith by Trinity Presbyterian Church

Welcome to week 4 of our 5-week series on the Mission of our Church

To search for truth. When difficult decisions must be made we work and play together with all our means and might to discern what is true and just. As fallible humans we can never be certain that we know Truth, but our faith assures us that there is light to be found with God's help even when the way ahead seems difficult and obscure. – *Our Mission, paragraph 4*

Trinity's All-Church 1/2 Day Retreat - Saturday, October 17,



If you are unable to come this time, please send good wishes for our gathering, and we hope to see you next year!

In Memoriam

We were saddened to hear of three deaths recently. 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 had been a member of Trinity since 2020 – a man of faith, a veteran, and kind soul.

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 a.m.

John Christie, the son of Barbara and Michael Christie. John's memorial service will be at Trinity Presbyterian on Saturday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m.

Hospice of Santa Cruz County

On Sunday, October 25, Sigfrid Garman, Assoc. Dir. of Fund Development with **Hospice of Santa Cruz County** will provide an insight into the services Hospice provides. This presentation included in our worship service is a continuation of nonprofits and organizations that Trinity financially supports within our Mission budget. Their mission statement reads: "With compassion and excellence, we support people of all ages through the journey of serious illness and grief, ensuring that no one walks this path alone." Please plan to attend with ears wide open.



Sigfrid Garman is the Associate Director of Fund Development at Hospice of Santa Cruz County where she has worked for the last five years. She enjoys working with the Friends of Hospice volunteer group to raise funds through a spring golf tournament at Seascap Golf and a fall dinner at Lester Estate Wines. Sigfrid was born in Norway and has strong ties to family there. She has a bachelor's degree in art history from University of Oregon and a multiple subject teaching credential from San Jose State University. She is an active member of the Santa Cruz Sunrise

Rotary. Sigfrid's favorite past times are yoga, hiking, reading, watching live music, snowboarding, and traveling with her 20-year-old daughter.



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.

OOPS! Apologies to the Sunday Saints. Last week, Oct 11, I listed the wrong people supporting our Sunday Service. I mistakenly read the wrong line, and inserted servers for Oct 18. On October 11 we were fortunate to have Elizabeth and George Bunch as greeters, Kim Johnston hosting coffee hour, Marta Narus providing flowers, and Deb O'Connell as lector. Thank you all, your contributions are appreciated! -- Nicole

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 Westview Presbyterian Church, Watsonville,
and the Rev. Dan Hoffman.



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, and after service on Sundays.

The Ed Sams literary display is up and ready for your viewing or for checking out written or loved by our own beloved Ed Sams. Another local author, Nancy Lynn Jarvis is releasing a new book and is willing to give an authors talk here at Trinity. Watch for more on that.

In other news, book banning has reached another high point with Texas and Florida leading the way. Incredibly 22 states have or are proposing legislation to jail librarians for distributing banned books. Remember the enemies of libraries are enemies of independent thinking.

Regards Larry the Librarian <https://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.