



Weekly Newsletter
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Santa Cruz

July 23, 2026

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Come worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 am!
Sunday, July 26, 2026 ~ The Rev. Diane Ford

We continue our summer series on Wonder and Wondering. Have you noticed a glimpse of God at work this week? It is often through a person, nature, or challenge. Bring your story to share.

Sermon teaser: What if “wonder” begins when we learn to look where everyone else has stopped looking? Or when if we remain curious instead of judgmental?

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52 (Bartimaeus); Psalm 146

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.

Summer of Wonder at Trinity

From Vickie...

I subscribe to "This Day's Thought" and today's "smile" was

Wonder is the basis of Worship.

Thomas Carlyle

Looks like a lot of people are thinking about wonder!! 😊

From Lee...

If you're not familiar with Alan Lightman, you might find his writings of relevance to your summer theme. He authored a little book titled *The Shape of Wonder*.

<https://www.betterworldbooks.com/product/detail/the-shape-of-wonder-how-scientists-think-work-and-live-9780593702024>

This is the title of a current article in the Atlantic.

THE ORDINARY MIRACLE OF EXISTING

Being alive at all is the most extraordinary stroke of good luck any of us will ever experience.

From Diane...



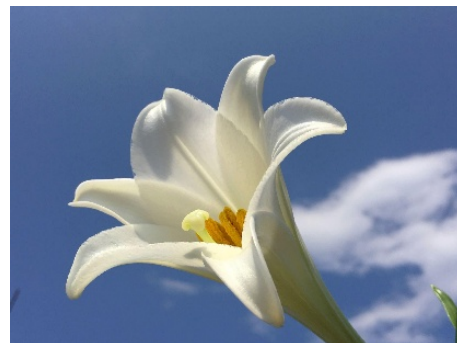
“Out of roughly 120 species of **Cuttlefish** in the world, the one from down under is the biggest of them all. The Giant Australian Cuttlefish, *Sepia apama*, lives fast and dies young, leading an extraordinary life during its short 1 to 2-year lifespan. These remarkable creatures have skin with a higher resolution than an iPhone X, panoramic vision, and more than a few sly mating

habits! With 3 hearts and blue blood, this Cuttlefish is one intriguing reef resident!” Click here for more facts. <https://octonation.com/giant-australian-cuttlefish-facts/>

Photo by Lawrence Scheele.

Dear Trinity Family,

It is with deep sadness that I share the news that our dear friend and church member, Ed Sams, passed away Monday morning, July 20. Our deacons have reached out to several of you to share this news. We are heartened to know that both his sons were with Ed in his last moments. When information about a memorial service is known we will share it.



Many of you have known Ed through various seasons of life. Some remember him as a young dad of Paul and Joe, others more recently as the proud grandfather of Quinn. Even as we grieve, individually and as a congregation, we hold fast to our faith in Christ. We trust that nothing—not even death—can separate us from the love of God.

*May “the God of all comfort...comfort us in all our affliction” (2 Cor.1:3–4),
and may the peace of Christ guard your hearts and minds.*

In Christ’s Promise,

Diane



This Sunday, July 26 after service...

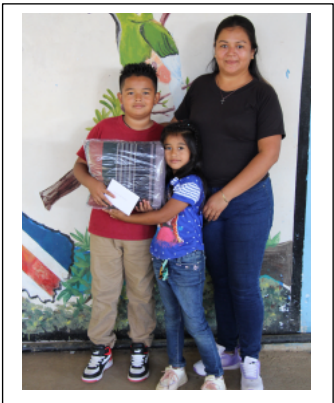
Pupusa Lunch Sunday

These prayer children and their families from the Guillermo Ungo School (some of you may recognize them) in El Salvador say “Muchas Gracias” for your generosity. They represent the best and the brightest from kindergarten to high school and with your help many will go further to universities in their country and graduate in areas of law, medicine, nursing, language skills, and agricultural science.

If you wish to donate but cannot make the lunch, checks can be made out to Santa Cruz al Salvador.

**** Breaking News ****

A very generous member of Trinity has pledged to match the total amount of contributions made for this fund raiser!



Presbytery Unity Candle:



This week we pray for [Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos](#), and Pastor Dave Watermulder.

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



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

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: Third Thursday of the Month, 4 – 6 pm.

Saturdays at Trinity

- ❖ Sweet Pea Quilting: Every other Saturday from 9:30 am – 3:45 pm, Youth Room.