

February 2010

Steeple Talk

Trinity Presbyterian
Church, Santa Cruz



Reclaiming God's Easter Promise

It is hard to believe that Lent is almost upon us. It seems as if we have just put away the Christmas decorations! Easter is early this year, April 4, and so Lent, the 40 days preceding Easter begins on February 17. As is our tradition we will begin the Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday service of prayer, reflection and the imposition of ashes and then continue through Lent with our Wednesday evening times of study and fellowship (see insert for details).

This week I came across a prayer that expresses well my desires for this Lenten Season. I have copied the prayer below. I look forward to sharing our Lenten journeys this year and exploring together in the weeks ahead, the ways in which God is helping us to 'reclaim again God's Easter promise'.

Faithfully,
Evie

God of mercy and love,
Turn your gaze upon us.

You have called us again to the journey called Lent.
We have framed our own world
And barriers have been made among us
Of hate and suspicion,
Of fear and reprisal.

God of mercy and love,
Turn your gaze upon us.

Teach us to reframe our world
As we turn our gaze toward you.
Help us claim, again, your Easter promise:
That everything and everyone we encounter
will be made new
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

(by Kathleen R. Flood, from *Weavings: A Journey for Christian Spiritual Life, February 2010*)

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Meetings:

Administration Committee,
February 4, 4:30 pm, Library

Mission Committee, February 4,
5:30 pm, Fireside Room

Spiritual Enrichment Committee,
February 9, 5:30 pm

Fellowship, February 9, 6:30 pm,
Fireside Room

Deacons, February 10,
6:00 & 7:00 pm, Potluck & Meeting,
Fireside Room

Session, February 25, 5:30 pm,
at the Duffus home

Outreach, February 28, 11:45 am,
Fireside Room

Dates to Remember:

Work Day, February 6,
9:00 am—12:00 pm

Sweet Pea, February 13,
9:00 am—2:00 pm, Youth Room

Ash Wednesday Service, February
17, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Lenten Studies Begin, February 24,
6:00 at the Hobbs' home

Book Club, February 22, 7:00 pm in
the Fireside Room at Trinity
Presbyterian Church

Trinity Committee News

Session

Moderator, Evie Macway, opened the January 21 Session Meeting with prayer. Wayne Norton will attend the January 23 Presbytery meeting as Trinity's commissioner for the first time. Evie Macway, Darrell Yeane and Kathleen Eschen-Pipes will also be attending.

The Session voted to nominate the following people to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2010: George Bunch, elder; Sally Walters, deacon; Meghan Collins, Mary Blanchard, Mary Ann Hobbs, and Tom Wichelmann, members-at-large, and Juanita Stock, elder and chair of the committee. Evie announced that the Lenten Studies begin February 24 and that a second study will be held on Tuesday, March 2nd at Dominican Oaks so those in our congregation who live there will have the opportunity to take part.

The Session received various committee reports. The Outreach Committee reported that Kim Durham has volunteered to design new 'Friendship Pads' that will be passed to everyone sitting in the pews on Sunday mornings. These will take the place of our current visitor forms. Leslie Austin is working with the committee on a brochure to be given to visitors.

Important dates to mark on your calendar:

- **Workday on February 6, from 9:00 am—noon.** The church needs volunteers to weed, plant succulents, clean gutters, clean sheds, power wash the church portico, replace burned-out lights, and wash windows.
- **Installation and ordination of new officers: January 31.**
- **Ash Wednesday Service on February 17 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.** Darrell Yeane will conduct the worship service.
- **Lenten Studies at 6:00 pm from February 24 through March 24.** For more information, see the article on these studies in this month's newsletter.
- **March 13 Officers' Retreat**

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Other items of interest: Charlie May will head the Mission committee and Ellen Bauerle will head the spiritual Enrichment Committee in the coming year.

Our thanks go out to Wayne Norton and Michael Christie, who previously chaired these respective committees. Appreciation was also expressed for the work Casey Powers did on the deaconate and Nancy Abbey's work securing people to give Minutes for Mission during worship.

Deacon—Sunday Coffee Hour

At their January 14 meeting, the Deacons revised the procedure for Sunday coffee hour. Deacons will be asking people to volunteer to be coffee hour hosts. Duties for coffee hour hosts are to set up and prepare the coffee/tea using supplies provided in the Fellowship Hall kitchen and bring their own juice from home. There will be a separate sign up sheet in the narthex for people who would like to provide food snacks. If there are no sign ups for food snacks on any given Sunday, only coffee/tea and juice will be served.

Spiritual Enrichment—Youth News

With the birth of Samantha, Alisa Sutherland is taking maternity leave from her job as youth director at Trinity Presbyterian Church. During this time the Spiritual Enrichment Committee will be supporting the youth and planning some youth activities. If you would like to volunteer to host a youth gathering or provide a meal after church please contact Ellen Bauerle, Spiritual Enrichment chairperson.

Haiti Relief

Members and friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church have donated \$545.00 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund to help the people of Haiti.

Year to Date Finance Report	
January through December 2009	
Total Income	\$165,515.91
Total Expense	160,899.24
Net Income	4,616.67



Work Day—Saturday, February 6

The Administration committee has scheduled a Work Day on the first Saturday in February from 9-12. Join us for the whole morning or any length of time you have to give.

So what are we planning to accomplish? Here are some of the projects we will undertake: power washing the front porch and possibly painting the door and sills; replacing burned out light bulbs both in the sanctuary and on the porch; clearing out the garden storage shed - removing duplicate tools (so if you need a garden tool, stop by and see what is available), and getting the clutter out and to the dump; window cleaning in the Fellowship building and the offices and nursery (supplies will be provided); clearing out the gutters (ladders provided); weeding and possible planting of additional succulents; cleaning out the drainage ditch at the Safeway end of the parking lot; dump runs and/or Goodwill drop off. . .

We need: trucks for dump runs and/or Goodwill trips; fearless, agile people who don't mind climbing tall ladders to change bulbs or clear out gutters; window "washers" ; people who like to play in the dirt; ruthless people to jettison clutter from the storage shed. . .



See you Saturday, February 6, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Presbyterian Women On The Move!

Spring Gathering, "*Beyond Boundaries . . . Breaking Barriers: Women and Religion in America*", March 13, 12:00 noon—3:00 pm at Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church. Includes lunch so please RSVP by March 8, 2010 to Claudia Hamm at 408-356-6665.

Pledge Thank You

Each year our church's income, mostly from pledges, gets behind during the middle of the year when many are on vacation. We often make a plea reminding everyone to keep their pledges current in order to meet bills and payroll. Last year, 2009, the congregation's response was overwhelming. We met and exceeded our budgeted pledge income target by \$4600. Thanks Trinity! - Bob Scott and the Administration Committee

Trinity Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays

1 Dolly Bass

5 Lee Duffus

15 David Gomez, Jim Bass,
Byron Bunch

27 Thelma Dalman

February Anniversaries

21 Jim and Dolly Bass



If you don't see your Birthday or Anniversary listed and would like it to be, please email the office at trinitysc@sbcglobal.net or call 423-8995 and let us know!

THREE CUPS OF TEA

On February 11th there will be fundraiser, Three Cups of Tea, for the Central Asia Institute. This is the organization started by Greg Mortenson, author of "Three Cups of Tea - Building Peace one School" at a Time, to raise money for schools in the back reaches of Afghanistan and Pakistan where there are no schools. The villagers build the schools themselves and the CAI provides building materials, school supplies and scholarships for these children.

The event will be held at the Rio Theatre. There will be a silent auction at 5:50 PM in which over 60 local artist donated their artwork. This will be followed at 7 PM by 2 speakers from the CAI: Julia Bergman, Bd. president of the CAI who will bring us up to date on the status of the schools already built (over 131) and Lou Renner, an Int'l Mountain Guide.

They will visit the Gault School during the day and speak to the children. The Gault School takes part in "Pennies for Peace" a fund raiser for the schools.

Tickets are \$10 and are available through Kate Miller (425-3532) and Nancy Abbey (465-8272). For more information and to view the items to be auctioned go to: www.3-cups-of-tea-santacruz.com



“Living the Questions” Series to Continue On February 7 and March 7

We will be engaging again with this stimulating conversation at 12:00 pm after worship on the above dates. A light lunch will be provided. The February session will be on Jesus, the March session on Paul. If you come, you may find that there are more ways to think about these two than you have ever heard about in Sunday school or in sermons! To get an advance copy of the discussion notes, send an email to pseever@prodigy.net

Annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

The annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner will be held on March 17th at 6:00 pm. This dinner is a fundraiser for the church’s general fund. It will be a traditional St. Patrick’s Day dinner with corned beef, cabbage, salad, dessert and beverages. The cost is \$7.50 per adult and \$5.00 per child.



UCCM Habitat for Humanity Work Day

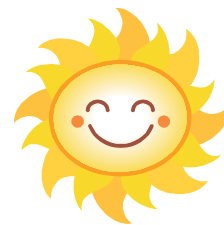
Kate Dalton, UCSC campus minister, has invited members and friends of Trinity to participate in the United Christian Campus Ministries Habitat work day. The work day will be Feb. 13, 9am – 3pm at the Dawn Lane site in Soquel. Come and join the UCSC students for all or part of this work day. Wear sturdy shoes and clothes you don’t mind getting dirty. You must be 16 years or older to participate. Lunch is provided. Contact Kate at uccm@ucsc.edu or (831) 459-8226 if you would like more information.

Per Capita

Our per capita payment is due to the Presbytery on February 4, 2010. General Assembly receives \$6.15, the Synod receives \$5.10, the Presbytery receives \$16.25, and Voluntary Emergency Assistance receives .50 for a grand total of \$28.00 per church member. Please make your check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church with a note that it is per capita.

Things That Make Us Happy. . .

- To see the children enjoying new Playschool chapel in the church nursery. The Eschen-Pipes family donated the toy in honor of Janet’s birthday last month.
- To hear that Emily Macway has the role of a Bird Girl in the Mountain View High School productions of Suessical the Musical. Congratulations Emily!
- To share lunch and see and hear the powerful presentation by Sue and Darrell Yeane and Paul Seever on their summer 2009 trip to the Middle East last month.
- To hear that Kate Collins made the Dean’s list at UC Berkeley last semester. Congratulations Kate!
- To hear that Jesse Brothers competed in a horse show last month. Jesse is quite the horseman.
- To hear that Alisa and John Sutherland had their baby. Samantha Joy was born on December 24. Welcome Samantha!



Church Officers

Welcome to the new church officers elected last month at the congregational meeting. Below is the list of Trinity officers for the coming year.

Session

<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
Emily Duffus	George Bunch	Ellen Bauerle
Juanita Stock	Wayne Norton	Charlie May
		Frank Miller

Deacons

<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
Joanne Clever	Elizabeth Bunch	Katherine Macway
Sally Walters	Mary Gilliland	Kate Miller
Bookie Nichols	Pete Halper	Karen Wichelmann

Prayers

A former pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Art Brown, died on January 10, 2010. He was retired and living in Davis. Please remember Art’s family in your prayers.

What is a Parish Associate and why should we have them?

According to the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church, our 'rule book' for how we live together as Presbyterians, a Parish Associate is, "a minister who serves in some validated ministry other than the local parish, or is retired, but who wishes to maintain a relationship with a particular church. Such persons may serve as Parish Associates. The relation shall be established, upon nomination by the pastor, between the parish associate, the session, and the presbytery. The parish associate shall be responsible to the pastor on an "as needed, as available" basis and with or without remuneration."

At the January meeting, upon approval of the presbytery and Evie's recommendation, the session voted to make Kathleen Eschen-Pipes and Darrell Yeaney parish associates at Trinity. We are delighted to have this official relationship with these two active members of our church family.

In the Presbyterian system pastors can not become members of particular congregations. Instead they are members of the presbytery. Often however pastors who are retired or are working in positions other than serving as a pastor of a church wish to become involved in the life of a particular congregation. Darrell and Kathleen have done this at Trinity. Making them parish associates acknowledges their commitment to Trinity and officially gives them an opportunity to serve their congregation using their skills as ordained pastors.

Darrell and Kathleen's participation at Trinity will not change much. I as pastor, will invite them to be available to provide pastoral care when I am unavailable, teach occasional classes and assist in worship. As the definition above states this will be on an 'as needed, as available' basis, and in our case without remuneration. This relationship must be evaluated and renewed each year by the parish associates, the pastor and the session of the church.

I have included below a brief bio of Kathleen and Darrell. Trinity is fortunate to have these two gifted clergy in our midst and I look forward to continuing the ministry we share.

A native of Florida, Kathleen Eschen-Pipes, received a B.A. in Theater from Smith College, an M.Div. from San Francisco Theological Seminary and an Master of Sacred Theology from Yale Divinity School. She has served in ministries with children and youth in San Francisco, Storrs, CT and Dailey Ridge, NY, in hospital chaplaincy at Yale/New Haven Hospital and in campus ministries at St. Lawrence University, Yale University, University of Hartford, Wesleyan University, Central Connecticut State University, UC Santa Cruz and CSUMB. She lives in Santa Cruz with her husband, Jake, and daughters, Bethany, 15, and Janet, 13. In recent years, she has sung in Trinity's choir, performed with Cabrillo Stage, and volunteered with the Resource Center for Nonviolence, Empire Academy's PTSEA and Central Coast Public Radio, KUSP.

The Rev. Dr. Darrell Yeaney, is a retired Presbyterian minister who lives with his wife Sue in Scotts Valley, CA. where they moved two years ago from Iowa. He has served most of his career as a Campus Minister, most recently at the University of Iowa, and prior to that, in Santa Cruz, CA at UCSC and Cabrillo College and also at Emporia State University in Kansas. He also served as the Organizing Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, Kansas. In addition to his Seminary degree, Darrell has earned degrees from Emporia State University in Kansas(M.S.) and Boston University (Ph D). He is also certified in conflict resolution and as a Spiritual Director. As a member of San Jose Presbytery he serves on the Presbytery's Peace & Justice Task Force. He is an active member of the PC (USA) Israel/Palestine Mission Network. He is currently active in an interfaith (Jews, Christians, Muslims) Dialogue group and a member of the Israel/Palestine Action Committee in Santa Cruz. He has traveled to Israel/Palestine ten times in the past 25 years. Darrell is co-coordinator with Sue, his spouse, of the 2009 Congressional Accompaniment Project (CAP) tour to Israel/Palestine. The Yeaneys have three children and five grandchildren.

February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> Office Closed AA 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	<i>2</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall AA 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Bible Study 1:00 pm, FS Admin. Meeting, 4:00 pm, Library Mission, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room AA 7:00-9:00 pm, YR	<i>5</i> Office Closed AA 7:30-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>6</i> Work Day 9:00 am— 12 noon
<i>7</i> Worship 10:30 am Boy Scout Sunday “Living the Questions” - 12:00 pm, Fireside Room	<i>8</i> Office Closed AA 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	<i>9</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH AA 5:00 pm, FH Fellowship Meeting, 6:30 pm, FS Spiritual Enrichment Meeting, 5:30 pm	<i>10</i> Deacons Potluck and Meeting, 6:00 pm, Fireside Room	<i>11</i> Bible Study, 1:00 pm, Fireside Room	<i>12</i> Office Closed AA 7:30-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>13</i> Sweet Pea 9:00 am— 2:00 pm, Youth Room
<i>14</i> Worship 10:30 am Transfiguration Sunday Endowment Informational Meeting/Potluck, 11:45 am	<i>15</i> Office Closed AA 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	<i>16</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall AA 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>17</i> Ash Wednesday Service, 6:00 pm S.C. Neuropathy Group, 1:00 pm, Fireside Room	<i>18</i> Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm Bible Study, 1:00 pm, Fireside Room AA 7:00-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>19</i> Office Closed AA 7:30-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> Worship 10:30 am First Sunday of Lent Endowment Informational Meeting with Skip Herbert, 11:45 am	<i>22</i> Office Closed AA 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall Book Club, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room	<i>23</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall AA 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>24</i> Ombudsman 12:00—2:30 pm, Fireside Room Lenten Study/Hobbs’ Home, 6:00 pm	<i>25</i> Session 5:30 pm, at the Duffus’ Bible Study, 1:00 pm, Fireside Room AA 7:00-9:00 pm, YR	<i>26</i> Office Closed AA 7:30-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> Worship 10:30 am Second Sunday of Lent Outreach Committee Meeting, 11:45 am, Fireside Room						
					YR=Youth Room FH=Fellowship Hall FS=Fireside Room	



Endowment Fund

Over ten years ago Trinity's leadership had a vision of establishing a "permanent fund," a source of perpetual support for missions and ministries. Today that vision has become a reality with the establishment of an Endowment Fund.

Trinity's Endowment Fund is managed by The Presbyterian Foundation, which was established in 1799. The foundation manages over 7,100 denominational endowment funds with a total market value of nearly \$528 million. The Foundation's fiduciary responsibility demands prudent investment of the funds entrusted to it. Trinity's Endowment Fund Policy document, approved by the Session, provides that the principal of the fund will be invested in perpetuity, and only 5% of the total value of the fund will be available for allocation.

To establish the fund, Session approved the transfer of \$10,000 from a bequest to the church. Over time, through the earnings on this initial investment and future contributions, our Endowment Fund will grow and become a source of revenue to support a variety of programs such as missions and operational needs such as facilities maintenance.

Additions to the Endowment Fund can be made by anyone in any amount. The church can accept numerous types of gifts, including cash, real property, appreciated stock, insurance policies, a designated charitable gift in a will or living trust, or other financial assets.

An informational meeting on the Endowment Fund will be held following worship on Sunday, February 14. Plan to attend come prepared with your questions about our fledgling Endowment Fund.

The following Sunday, February 21, Reverend "Skip" Herbert, the Presbyterian Foundation's development officer for northern California, will be our guest preacher. He also will be available following worship to present additional information about the Foundation and how Trinity's Endowment is invested.

Major Bay Area Conference

PALESTINE/ISRAEL & THE U.S.
AT THE CROSSROADS
A TIME FOR TRUTH, A TIME FOR ACTION

March 5 – 6, 2010

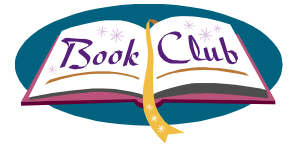
First Presbyterian Church
San Anselmo, CA

Registration and details at:
www.fosna.org/content/marin-countybay-area-conference-march-5-6-2010

The Presbytery of San Jose Newsletter

The current issue of the Monarch Messenger is available for pick up in the narthex. Find out what's going on the Presbytery of San Jose.

Trinity Book Club



The Book Club continues its gatherings on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 o'clock. The February meeting will be in the Fireside Room at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

February - "*The Believers*" by Zoe Heller

March - "*Stones For Schools*" by Greg Mortenson

April - "*Olive Kitteridge*" by Elizabeth Strout

May - "*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*" by Jamie Ford

June - "*People of the Book*" by Geraldine Brooks

July - "*The Help*" by Kathryn Stockett

Hospice of Santa Cruz County

Hospice of Santa Cruz County is offering training for Volunteer Visitors and Grief Support Volunteers beginning in February. Hospice of Santa Cruz County depends on volunteers to provide needed respite, support, and practical help to Hospice families as well as individual and group grief support to families as community members. For more information contact Isleen Glatt at 430-3000 or visit www.hospicesantacruz.org

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Sunday Saints



February 7 Communion Servers

Elders—*Emily Duffus and Wayne Norton*

Deacons—*Ann Collins and Pete Halper*

Greeter

Coffee

Usher

February 7	Annalea Collins	Boy Scouts	Elizabeth Bunch
February 14	Bookie Nichols	Sally Walters	Barbie Schaller
February 21	Pete Halper	Annalea Collins	David Gomez
February 28	Dolly Bass	Dolly Bass	Blanchards or Scotts

March 7 Communion Servers

Elders—To Be Announced

Deacons— To Be Announced