

February 2011

Trinity Presbyterian  
Church, Santa Cruz

# Steeple Talk



## The Pace Setter

Amid the busyness of the Advent/Christmas season back in December a member of the congregation shared with me the poem below. I read it, in a hurry, that day and promised myself I would return to it SOON. I did not do too badly. Only a week went by before I picked up the page once more and read the poem again, this time in a little less of a hurry. I have read it now several times since, as the holiday season gave way to the new year and plans and hopes for the months to come. I have come to appreciate author, Tokio Megashie's creative expression of the familiar 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.

I imagine each of us has our own definition of what makes a 'quiet interval' in our lives – those times that restore and renew us for the 'great many things' that fill our days - a prayer maybe, or a walk on the beach, a favorite hobby, a good book. These times are as critical to our being as are the tasks and callings before us.

As we move into 2011 with all of its 'great many things' may we also take time for the 'quiet intervals' that renew and refresh.

In Faith, Evie

*A Modern Version of Psalm 23*

*The Lord is my pace setter, I shall not rush.*

*He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals.*

*He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity.*

*He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind, and his guidance is peace.*

*Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day, I will not fret, for his presence is here. His timelessness, His all-importance will keep me in balance. He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity, by anointing my mind with his oils of tranquility.*

*My cup of joyous energy overflows; surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours.*

*For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord, and dwell in His house forever.*

## Trinity Vacation Bible Camp 2011!

The second annual Trinity Vacation Bible Camp will be August 8-12, from 1:00 pm—4:00 pm at the church. The camp is open to all children ages 4 years old through 5th grade. We will also need youth and adult volunteer helpers for the week. Plan to join in the fun! Look for more information to follow soon.

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## Meetings:

**Mission Committee**, February 3, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room

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

**Administration Committee**, February 9, 4:00 pm, Fireside Room

**Spiritual Enrichment Committee**, February 9, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room

**Session**, February 10, 5:30 pm, at the Duffus home

**Deacons**, February 20, following worship service, Fireside Room

## Dates to Remember:

**Thursday Bible Study**, February 3, 10, 24 at 1:00 pm, Fireside Room

**Sweet Pea**, February 12, 9:00 am—4:00 pm, Youth Room

**Book Club**, February 28, 7:00 pm, at Joanne Clever's home



## Trinity Committee News

### January Session Meeting Minutes

Moderator Evie Macway opened the January 13, 2011, Session meeting with prayer. Wayne Norton led the time of reflection with a discussion of the amendments to the Book of Church Order that have been sent to the presbyteries for consideration this year. A thoughtful conversation ensued. Wayne Norton and Juanita Stock were elected as Trinity's commissioners to the San Jose Presbytery. Louise Pollard was elected as an alternate.

The administration committee proposed the hours of the office administrator be increased from 12 to 15 hours per week because of increased activity at the church. This request was approved but it was decided that the church office hours would not change and LeAnn would use the 3 additional hours each week to address some of the financial and administrative needs of the church. The session voted to increase the 2011 church budget by \$7000 to cover increased insurance costs and the cost of the increase in administrative hours.

Several upcoming events in the life of the church were discussed. Some of the highlights include:



\* **March 13:** First session of **"Bridges to other Communities."** This concept, developed by Nancy Abbey, proposes to open up dialogues between various groups in our community (such as the homeless) and Trinity members.

\* The Spiritual Enrichment committee is planning a **Death, Dying, and Grief** seminar to be lead by Darrell and Sue Yeane. Date is yet to be set.

\* **March 9: Ash Wednesday Service.**

\* **Lenten Studies** on Wednesday nights will begin on **March 16.**

\* New **Safe Church Practices** training sessions will be available in March for church officers who have not yet attended a session.



### January's Congregational Meeting

The congregation met on January 23, 2011, to elect new deacons and elders for the year 2013. Joanne Clever, Carolyn Brothers, and Gwen May will serve as deacons. Emily Duffus and Peggy Minier will serve as elders.

The congregation also elected a new nominating committee: Ellen Bauerle (chair), George Bunch, Barbara Christie, Joanne Clever, Lee Duffus, Loren Edwards, and Paul Seever.

In addition the congregation elected the following people to be on Trinity's Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) that will work toward calling Evie Macway as our next installed pastor: Mary Blanchard, Gary Edwards, Gwen May, Frank Miller, Wayne Norton, Juanita Stock, and Paul Seever.



Emily Duffus presented the church's 2011 budget for questions and discussion.

### Fellowship Committee

On January 9th, the El Salvador delegation made their presentation and the Fellowship Committee provided a burrito bar lunch. Everyone was able to fill his/her own tortilla with a variety of offerings. Unfortunately, we miscalculated the number of people who would attend and we ran short. We will try to do better next time.

Next time will be February 13, when there will be a presentation on Estate Planning.

The meeting time for the committee has been changed to the second Wednesday of the month; our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 9.

### Coffee Hour Series

The Spiritual Enrichment and Mission Committees *Bridges to other Communities* coffee hour series will begin Sunday, March 13, following worship. This will be a six session series held on the second Sunday of each month. Topic of the first session will be Homelessness in Santa Cruz. Please plan to join us from 12 noon to 1:15 pm each Sunday.

## Looking Ahead to Lent

The season of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter, during which we, in a sense travel with Jesus to the cross, begins each year on Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday is March 9. As is our custom at Trinity we will have an Ash Wednesday service at the church at 6:00 pm on the ninth. This year we will also continue our Lenten custom of having a time of informal dinner, fellowship and study, each Wednesday evening between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week. We will meet in members' home from 6:00-7:30 pm, March 16, 23, 30 and April 6 and 13. Save the dates and look for more information soon. If you would like to host one of these Lenten Wednesday gatherings please call the church office or speak to Ellen Bauerle or Evie Macway.

## Rummage Sale

Save the date of May 14 for Trinity's Rummage Sale. Start collecting and saving your used but in working condition donations. We also accept clothing in good condition. More information to follow about when and where to bring your items.



### Need a Fire Extinguisher?

There are three fire extinguishers in the office that need a home. They are in working order but the church is not able to use them because they don't meet the standards for use in our building. If you would like to put one in your garage or home, please feel free to pick one up.

## Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

"Come and Encounter Immigration" - The Rev. Ben Daniel, pastor at Foothill church and author of *Neighbor: Christian Encounters with 'Illegal' Immigration* will introduce his book and discuss the controversial issues that surround undocumented migration in the USA through the spiritual, legal, and geographical front lines of the immigration debate. Ben's book will be available for purchase and is also available from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

Please RSVP to Claudia Hamm, (408) 356-6665 or e-mail [jnchamm@gmail.com](mailto:jnchamm@gmail.com)

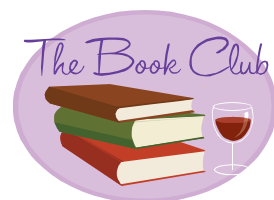
## Trinity Directory Alert

It's time to update the Trinity Directory. We want to be sure your facts (name, address, etc.) are correct from the last directory or need to be updated. We want your listing to be the way you want it to be in the new directory.

We are almost half way through the list—39 who have said their entry is correct or we updated it, and that leaves about 41 listings from whom we need to hear. Please send me an email: [suedy2@comcast.net](mailto:suedy2@comcast.net) or see me at church.

Thank you all for helping create the new directory.

Sue Yeaney :-)



## Book Club

Trinity's Book Club continues to meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at Joanne Clever's home. New faces are always welcome. At the last meeting books were chosen for the next several months.

February—*The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein

March—*Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers

April—*The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint* by Brady Udall

May—*Iron and Silk* by Mark Salzman

June—*An Uncommon Friendship* by Bernat Rosner, Frederic C. Tubach, Sally Patterson Tubach

The next regular meeting of the Book Club will be on February 28th.

## Boutique Workshop

The Boutique Workshop resumes on February 1st from 9:30 am—12 noon. They will meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month thereafter. If you are crafty or if you are looking for a creative ministry to join, then come and check out the Boutique Workshop.

## Things That Make Us Happy. . .

- To share the meaningful worship service led by our El Salvador mission travelers and to see the slide show presentation prepared by David Gomez.
- To hear that plans are in the works for a youth mission trip to Louisville, KY, this summer. The youth are studying what it means to be a Presbyterian and will be traveling to Louisville, which is the home of the headquarters of the PC (USA).
- To hear that Thelma Dalman turns 90 this month. Happy Birthday Thelma!!
- To hear that Kathleen Eschen-Pipes has scholarship money from the San Jose Presbytery committee on peace and justice and the national PCUSA Presbyterian Women to attend the 8th International Sabeel conference in Bethlehem later this month. We look forward to Kathleen sharing her experience with us when she returns.

## Youth News

The youth have begun meeting regularly for food and study. January 9th was the first lesson in a series on *What it Means to be Presbyterian*. The youth looked at national and international mission projects sponsored by the PC(USA). They also examined Trinity's Mission Statement and wrote a mission statement of their own. After participating in the congregational meeting on January 23rd, the youth learned about what it takes to run a church and met with several church leaders to learn more about their roles. Planning the mission trip is coming along smoothly. The youth have selected the second week of July (9-16) to travel to Louisville, Kentucky, where they will visit the national headquarters of the PC(USA), and work at a PCCCA (Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center Association) site, and learn about Presbyterian life in another part of our country. February meetings will be on the 6th and 20th from 12 noon-1:30 pm.



## Are Your Financial Affairs in Order?

Do you want to have *complete control* over the disposition of your estate?

Have you executed a will, and does it reflect your *current* circumstances and wishes?

How long has it been since you reviewed your designated beneficiaries, including charitable organizations?

Who needs an *Advance Health Care Directive* or a *Power of Attorney*?

What are the advantages of a *living trust*, and who needs one?

What are the differences between a revocable trust and an irrevocable trust?

How does one reduce the federal and state *tax consequences* of settling an estate?

How can I include Trinity Presbyterian Church in my estate plans?



These are just a few of the issues that will be addressed in a special seminar for the Trinity family, sponsored by the Endowment Committee, Sunday afternoon, February 13. A light lunch will be served by the Fellowship Committee in the Fireside Room.

The seminar will be presented by local attorney Jill Wilson, a specialist in estate planning, trusts and trust administration, wills, probate, and elder law. Ms. Wilson's presentation is intended for *all members* of Trinity, regardless of the size of one's potential estate, and all are welcome.

## 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 & 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](mailto:trinitysc@sbcglobal.net) or call 423-8995 and let us know!

## ¡Gracias a Nuestros Familiares Trinidad!

What a generous year 2010 was for Santa Cruz al Salvador thanks to the support of the Trinity family. First of all, nearly half of the November delegation was from our congregation. Then, it is important to know that 25 children and youth in the Guillermo Ungo community are being supported by the members and friends of Trinity. And through the alternate gift giving greeting card program Trinity contributed \$2050 to Santa Cruz al Salvador, which will be applied to basic needs of the community's school and help fund the salary of the part-time doctor who staffs the clinic. Unlike most charitable contributions, every dollar goes directly to the community. Santa Cruz al Salvador has no paid staff or administrative overhead, and delegates pay their own way.



¡Muchas gracias!

## Jesus Seminar on the Road

What might Jesus have thought about politics and how did he relate to empire in his time? And how might we as Christians learn from this about Christian faith and politics and empire today?

Members and friends of our congregation have an exceptional opportunity to hear and discuss these questions with two distinguished biblical scholars at a two day seminar in Santa Cruz (which our church is co-sponsoring.)

On Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5, 2011, local progressive churches and community organizations will hold a workshop on the theme: Jesus: Politics and Empire—Then and Now. The event will be held at the First Congregational Church at 900 High St., Santa Cruz, and feature biblical scholars Dr. Brandon Scott of Tulsa University and Dr. Thomas Sheehan of Stanford. The event is part of the “Jesus Seminar on the Road” sponsored by the Westar Institute.

The workshop is open to the public. People of faith as well as seekers are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration cost is \$60.00 until 2/19/11 and on site registration will be \$75.00 (Registration forms are in the narthex). Checks can be made out to FCC/JSOR and mailed to 900 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060. For more information call the Rev. David Grishaw-Jones at 831 426-2010 or e-mail the Rev. Darrell Yeaney at [suedy2@comcast.net](mailto:suedy2@comcast.net)

The sponsoring congregations and local community organizations include:

Calvary Episcopal Church, COPA, Committee for the Advancement of Religious Studies at UCSC, First Congregational Church, Resurrection Catholic Community, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, La Selva Beach Community Church (UCC), St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, The Circle Church, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, United Christian Campus Ministry, and the United Methodist Churches of Aptos and Santa Cruz.



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> Boy Scout Parents, 6:30 pm, YR Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH AA 5:00 pm, FH Boutique Workshop 9:30 am- 12 noon	<i>2</i> 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library	<i>3</i> Bible Study, 1:00 pm, FS Mission Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room	<i>4</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm FH	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am AA, 8-9 pm, FH Youth Group 12 noon-1:30 pm Youth Room	<i>7</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	<i>8</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH AA 5:00 pm, FH	<i>9</i> 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library Admin. Meeting, 4:00 pm, FS Spiritual Enrichment Meeting, 5:30 pm, FS Fellowship Meeting, 6:30 pm, FS	<i>10</i> Bible Study, 1:00 pm, FS Session, 5:30 pm, at the Duffus'	<i>11</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm FH	<i>12</i> Sweet Pea, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, YR
<i>13</i> Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Endowment Luncheon, 12 noon, FH AA, 8-9 pm, FH	<i>14</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	<i>15</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH AA 5:00 pm, FH Boutique Workshop 9:30 am- 12 noon, Youth Room	<i>16</i> 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library Neuropathy Group	<i>17</i> Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm, FH	<i>18</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm FH	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am AA, 8-9 pm, FH Youth Group 12 noon-1:30 pm Youth Room Deacons Meeting, after worship, FS	<i>21</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	<i>22</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH AA 5:00 pm, FH 4th Tuesday Senior Luncheon, 12:00— 1:30 PM, FH	<i>23</i> 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library Ombudsman	<i>24</i> Bible Study, 1:00 pm, FS	<i>25</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm FH	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am AA, 8-9 pm, FH	<i>28</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30-9:00 pm Youth Room Book Club, 7:00 pm, Joanne Clever's Home					

## Two Takes on the Whys and Hows of Education

This is a brief report on two events that I attended recently. When I first put them on my calendar they seemed unrelated but, as I reflect on them I see that they complement one another.

The first was a Saturday-long workshop meeting on Christian Education. About sixty or more folk, pastors, CE professionals and lay-leaders gathered at a Methodist church in Livermore to listen to and ask questions of two seminary professors who teach Christian Education. I went because I wanted to hear about what people are doing and thinking about this important area. What are prospective pastors and CE professionals being told about what to do when they get their calling?

The emphasis was pretty much on the “touchy-feely” side of things. The word “education” comes from the Latin “duco” which means lead and “ex” which means “out of.” That could mean quite a lot of things, and the scope of CE was depicted equally broadly, covering all aspects of Christian, or any, life and only in minor part the more cognitive and intellectual areas of, say, the Bible or theology.

The afternoon session that day was on reaching the “twenty-somethings” aka generation Y, not so often found at Trinity. There are plenty at the former First Presbyterian Church, now Vintage Faith and, indeed, Dan Kimball, one of the leaders there, was on the reading list. The gist of the message was that to reach those folk one had better listen to where their heads are. A good way is through their songs. But you had better really try to understand the songs, not simply include raucous “music” in your worship service.

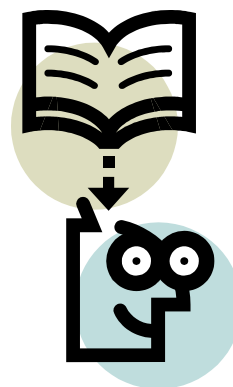
The other meeting was a Monday evening reception and talk with and by a professor from the electrical engineering department of a prestigious east coast institution devoted to teaching engineering and science. In his introductory remarks the professor used a canned puff piece from his department that, besides telling how many advanced degrees they were producing and in other ways how great they are, claimed that they are offering their students training in how to communicate and to work in teams. Well and good, but when he proceeded into his real subject, related to neuroscience and medicine, it became painfully clear that this man had become valuable and important without having learned even the rudiments of communication skills. His thing is technology. Ah well, should it be a surprise that things haven’t changed all that much during the almost sixty years since this listener last attended a class at that institution?

Now what is my point about this? That learning to communicate and how to connect with the intended audience is paramount? That all aspects of life are appropriate content for education? Yes, of course. But here we have an Institute of Technology that has been going along for 150 years by turning out people that can actually do stuff, really new and innovative stuff. They pay obeisance to the virtues of communication, etc. but, when push comes to shove, they focus on the “hard” content, material that requires intense study and application. And it seems to pay off.

Interesting? Does it tell us anything about what we need to be doing? - Paul Seever

## Fourth Tuesday Senior Lunch

On Tuesday, February 22, 12:00 pm, seniors of the church, the neighborhood, and all welcome guests are invited to a lunch, entertainment by teen musicians of the Trinity neighborhood, and a program on fire safety presented by the city fire department. Something for everyone! The main entrance will be the fellowship hall on Poplar Street.



### Year to Date Finance Report

January through December 2010

Total Income	\$ 196863.28
Total Expense	198,904.50
Net Income	<2041.22>



The 2010 end of the year financial report shows a \$2,000 deficit because the church paid \$11,000 towards the principal on one of its loans.

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## Sunday Saints



### February 6 Communion Servers

Elders— Emily Duffus & George Bunch  
Deacons—Sally Walters and Bookie Nichols

### Greeter

### Coffee

### Usher

Feb. 6	<i>Scott Whitley</i>	<i>Frank &amp; Kate Miller</i>	<i>Katherine Macway &amp; Loren Edwards</i>
Feb. 13	<i>Mary Ann Hobbs</i>	<i>Deacons</i>	<i>Isaac Beach</i>
Feb. 20	<i>Bookie Nichols</i>	<i>Sally Walters</i>	<i>David Gomez</i>
Feb. 27	<i>Betty Gangware</i>	<i>Mary Ann Hobbs</i>	<i>The Blanchards or Scotts</i>

### March 6 Communion Servers

Elders— Frank Miller and Emily Duffus  
Deacons—Katherine Macway

**Session:**

**2011 -- George Bunch, Wayne Norton**

**2012 – Ellen Bauerle, Charlie May, Frank Miller**

**2013 – Emily Duffus, Peggy Minier**

**Clerk of Session – Juanita Stock**

**Pastor (Moderator)**

**Committees of the Session:**

**Administration:**

The Administration Committee oversees the following functions of the church, along with the contact person(s): Buildings - Harry Blanchard and Sally Walters; Endowment – Russ Hobbs; Finances - Bob Scott; Grounds - Charlie May, Beth Hooley, chairperson for 2011 - Emily Duffus. Stewardship is a subcommittee of Administration. The committee is made up of representatives from all the other committees and is chaired by Frank Miller in 2011.

Committee members are:

Harry Blanchard, Emily Duffus, Russ Hobbs, Beth Hooley, Charlie May, Frank Miller, Bob Scott and Sally Walters.

**Personnel:**

This committee works with and supports the paid staff of the church. The committee is made up of one deacon, one session member and is chaired by the chairperson of the administration committee.

Wayne Norton (chairperson), Emily Duffus, Kate Miller

**Nominating:**

This committee is elected by the congregation and is charged with nominating members of the congregation to serve as officers in the church. The officers are elected each year by the congregation.

2011 nominating committee members are: Ellen Bauerle (chairperson), George Bunch, elder, Joanne Clever, deacon; Barbara Christie, Lee Duffus, Loren Edwards, Paul Seever, as members at large.

**Spiritual Enrichment:**

This committee is responsible for the Christian education and worship of the church.

Committee Members are:

Ellen Bauerle (chairperson), Michael Christie, Diana Dean, Juanita Stock and Darrell Yeane.

**Mission:**

This committee oversees the traditional "mission" work of the church -- both local and international.

Committee members are:

Charlie May, Nancy Abbey, Lee Duffus, Kate Miller, Wayne Norton, George Bunch, Kenn Clark, Kathryn Poething, Lucia van Diepen.

**Outreach:**

This committee is responsible for "evangelism" and, in that capacity we provide oversight for the church website and advertising. We also write notes to all visitors and look for opportunities to welcome new people into the life of the church.

Committee members are:

George Bunch (chairperson), Lee Duffus, Dave Macway, Kate Miller and Elizabeth Bunch.

**Deacons:**

**2011 – Elizabeth Bunch, Pete Halper**

**2012 – Katherine Macway, Kate Miller, Karen Wichelmann**

**2013 –Carolyn Brothers, Joanne Clever, Gwen May**

**Pastor**

**Committee of Deacons:**

**Fellowship:**

We plan activities for each month including lunches and dinners, hikes or walks, special celebrations.

Committee members are: Sheena Adams, Ann Collins, Mary Ann Hobbs, Karen Wichelmann, Diana Dean, Kate Miller, Joanne Clever, Beth Hooley, Dolly Bass, Barbara Christie, Sue Yeane, Betty Gangware