

June 2011

Steeple Talk

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Santa Cruz



Summer Being

It is that time again. The days are getting longer. The children and school teachers in our midst seem to be breathing a collective sigh of relief. There are weddings and graduations, baseball games and vacations. It is summer!

Summer brings with it an opportunity to change our pace and maybe live life a little differently for a few months. For some of us the change is significant. For others it is more subtle but we almost can't help but be affected by the length of our days and the beauty of our parks and gardens. Summer is a time to slow down, enjoy the beauty around us and maybe if we are fortunate, take some time to simply be.

These are very special times, these just-being times, because they give us the opportunity to reconnect with and remember God at work in us. I am certain that each of us feel God's presence in us and around us in all kinds of times and places. But there is something special about being out in the beauty of creation, about taking time out from our regular schedules, that seems to encourage our awareness of God at work. I hope this summer holds some special just-being times for you, that fill you with the awareness of the creative and loving power of God in your life.

Restfully yours,

Evie

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Meetings:

Fellowship Committee, June 1, 6:30 pm, Fireside Room

Mission Committee, June 2, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room

Stewardship Committee, June 8, 11:00 am, Library

Administration Committee, June 8, 4:00 pm, Library

Session, June 9, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room

Deacons, June 26, following worship

Spiritual Enrichment Committee, June 28, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room

Dates to Remember:

Presbytery Meeting, June 4, 9:00 am—1:30 pm, Sanctuary

Safe Church Practices Training, June 5, following worship

Boutique Workshop, June 7 & 21, 9:30 am—12 noon, Youth Room

Sweet Pea, June 11, 9:00 am—4:00 pm, Youth Room

Dad's and Grad's Celebration Brunch, June 19, following worship

Book Club, June 27, 7:00 pm, at Joanne Clever's home

Trinity Committee News

Session

The May 12 Session Meeting took place in the Fireside Room at 5:30 p.m. Moderator, Evie Macway, opened the meeting with prayer. Emily Duffus and Charlie May presented background to and summary of the Belhar Confession, which will be voted upon by the various presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (USA) this year.

In her pastor's report, Evie stated she will be gone on June 12, attending her daughters' graduation ceremonies, as well as the week of June 18 - 26 for a Macway family reunion. LeAnn will also be away that week. Session agreed not to meet in July.

Pastors filling the pulpit this summer include: Nan Swanson, June 12; Kathleen Eschen-Pipes, June 19; Brian Lyke, June 26.

Joseph Ribeiro will take July and August off. Some choir members are planning to provide special music during this time. The choir will be recognized and thanked during worship on the last Sunday in June. Plans are underway to offer adult education at 9:00 a.m. during the summer months.

The Session received various committee reports. The Mission committee's report included the following:

1. The inaugural Bob Hope Lecture is in the planning stage. Jim Burkio will be the first speaker on October 8 - 9. His lecture title: "The Bible and the Brain: Experiencing Christian Scriptures Through the Insights of Cognitive Science."
2. Twenty-four people, ten from Trinity, have expressed interest in the Thanksgiving trip to El Salvador.
3. Trinity raised over \$2,700 for the One Great Hour of Sharing.
4. A fund-raising event for the El Salvador Mission trip will be held on June 25 at the Bargetto Winery.
5. Garden beds for growing vegetables for Second Harvest are underway.
7. Trinity Youth have designated the Pentecost offering be given to the Presbyterian relief efforts for the Japanese tsunami disaster.

Deacons

Deacons met recently and every Deacon was at the meeting. In these busy times, that is a rare event! As usual, concerns were shared and prayer opportunities were discussed. Each Deacon has a parish to take care of. If you don't know who your Deacon is, call the church office and LeAnn will be able to tell you. Deacons try to make contact every month, but if you have need of any kind, don't wait for your Deacon to call . . . call him/her at any time. If you know of any need that a Deacon might be able to help with, call the church office, or Kate Miller who is the current leader/moderator of the group.

Fellowship

We're all getting excited about the Presbytery meeting soon to come to Trinity. Dolly has led the way ordering baked items to go with the morning coffee and juice. She has also ordered sandwiches from Safeway to be put into box lunches.

On June 19, we will honor both fathers and graduates with a brunch after morning worship. And on July 31 we're planning a BBQ and pot-luck after church. Please put those events on your calendar. The Three Cups of Tea party has been put on hold for the time being.

Youth Group

The last Sunday in May the Youth met for the final time this school year, and celebrated all of their successes. These celebrations include high school and middle school graduations, artistic and athletic accomplishments, new jobs, and another successful school year. They also played a "Youth Trivia" game where the students guessed facts about each other and got to know themselves more as a group.

The youth are looking forward to the quickly approaching mission trip to Louisville, Kentucky, which will take place the second week of July. There are also plans in the works for the youth to host a visiting youth group from Palo Alto on a beach cleanup and boardwalk day. The Palo Alto youth group is mostly middle schoolers, so it will be a great chance for our youth to mentor young Presbyterians and show them that there is a role in the church for young people. Youth Group will not be meeting regularly over the summer as families are traveling and the youth are busy with summer projects and jobs.

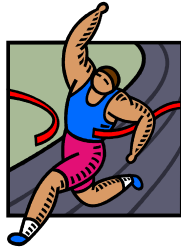
Things That Make Us Happy . . .



- To see the two newly constructed garden boxes in the back part of the church yard. The mission committee is beginning a gardening project and all produce grown in the garden will be given to Second Harvest.
- To see how beautiful the church building and grounds look in preparation for the presbytery meeting on June 4. Thanks to all who have worked so hard at cleaning and preparation.
- To hear that Trinity raised \$2701.53 for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.
- To be so blessed with our talented choir and music director Joseph Ribeiro. We give special thanks for them as they begin their summer break.

Dad's & Grad's Celebration Brunch

Join Trinity members and friends for a reception brunch to celebrate our graduates and our fathers on Father's Day, June 19, following the worship service. More details will be in an upcoming bulletin.



The Human Race

Congratulations to the following members of the Trinity community who participated in the Human Race last month: Diana Dean for the Santa Cruz Literacy Program; Tom and Karen Wichelmann for the Rotary Club; George Bunch for Santa Cruz al Salvador.

Fourth Tuesday Senior Luncheon Summer Break

The Fourth Tuesday Senior Luncheon will be taking a summer break for June, July, and August. Please join us again September 27 with a program by Legal Aid for Seniors. A program about Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities will be later in the fall.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The Trinity family generously contributed \$2,701.53 for the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This is about 60% more than last year. Thank you!

Congratulations Graduates

- Gwen May traveled to New Your City to see her niece, Alison Wynn, graduate from NYU. The graduation was held at Yankee Stadium with Bill Clinton as the guest speaker. Alison graduated from the Tisch School of Art with a double major of photography and French.
- Pete and Pam Halper's son, Ryan Howard Halper, is graduating from California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo. He will be receiving his Masters of Science in Aerospace Engineering.
- Jennifer Macway graduates from UC Davis on June 12. She will receive a BS in Psychology.
- Sarah Macway graduates from the Stanford School of Education with a Masters in Education on June 12. She will be teaching high school biology in East San Jose in the fall.
- Michael Stock, son of Stephen and Lynn Stock, and grandson of Juanita Stock, is graduating from Coral Gables High School in Coral Gables, FL. He will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall.
- Audrey Beach will be graduating from 8th grade at New Brighton Middle School.
- Isaac Beach will be graduating from 6th grade at Happy Valley School.
- Daniel Rudolph, son of Gary and LeAnn Rudolph will graduate from Soquel High School on June 10. Following a trip to Japan in the fall he will be attending San Francisco State University with a major in Visual Communication Design and a minor in Japanese.
- Carolee Todd's grandson, Andrew, is graduating from the University of Virginia Law School with a J.D. this spring.
- Meghan Collins is graduating from Harbor High School and will be attending Chico State as a Theater Major with a minor in Cinema Arts.



Year to Date Finance Report

January through April 2011

Total Income \$88,583.58

Total Expense 60,732.55

Net Income 27,851.03



Santa Cruz al Salvador November Mission Trip Deposit

Those interested in the Santa Cruz al Salvador November 18-26th Thanksgiving Week Medical Mission Trip to El Salvador should provide the \$100 deposit to George or David soon as the delegation is filling up fast. We have tentative commitments from 12 at Trinity and about 10-12 others with a limit of 24 in one group. To accommodate others who would like to go, but not be involved in the medical emphasis of the November trip, a second delegation will likely go in early January, though dates not set yet. Some of those from other Churches might switch to the January delegation once it becomes firm. As always this is a very interesting trip and we hope you can join us.

Vacation Bible Camp 2011

Trinity's annual Vacation Bible Camp is fast approaching. VBC will be held August 8-13.

The theme this year will be *Shake it Up Cafe* Vacation Bible Camp, "where kids carry out God's recipe." Registrations forms are available in the church office or on the website at www.trinitypressc.org. If you have questions please speak to Ellen Bauerle or Katherine Macway.



Exploring the Sacred in Poetry and Prose

During the summer months of July and August, when our choir is at rest, the Spiritual Enrichment Committee will offer reading and conversation, together with continental breakfast, from 9:00 to 10:15 each Sunday morning.

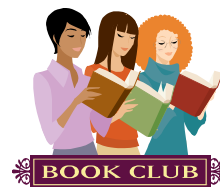
Led initially by Juanita Stock and Paul Seever, we will be exploring stories and poems that open windows onto our understanding of the sacred. Some, such as Parables and Psalms, will be taken from scripture. Others, such as short stories by Flannery O'Connor and poems by Robert Frost, will come from secular literature.

While the content will be meaningful and even thought provoking, the style for these sessions will be easy and informal, as befits the early hour. No one will be frowned upon for coming late, even at the last minute to grab a goody. All contributions to the conversation will be considered worthy, but silence will also be gracefully accepted. So plan to try it out, and enjoy.—The SE Committee

Pentecost Offering - June 12

"So I Send You" - John 20:21

Children at risk. Youth. Young adults. The Pentecost Offering is a powerful opportunity to minister for the future. The needs are great, the opportunities to help abundant. Jesus said, "As God has sent me, so I send you." We answer Christ's call with our gifts and with our very lives. Our gifts allow children to grow into thoughtful and centered young people and, in turn, into empathetic young adults with a healthy sense of self-worth and the selfless desire to serve others. It is our call, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to encourage young people to seek out ways to determine God's plan for them.



Book Club

Book Club will meet throughout the summer . . . more daylight hours in which to read . . . :)

Please join us if you can. New faces are always welcome. Meetings happen at Joanne Clever's home at 7 pm on the 4th Monday of each month.

If you want to read ahead, future books are:

June – *An Uncommon Friendship* by Bernat Rosner, Frederic Tubach, and Sally Patterson Tubach

July – *Forever* by Pete Hamill

August – *The Spirit Catches You And You Fall Down* by Ann Fadima

September – *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

Don't forget to look for the book cart at coffee hours. Proceeds from book sales go to Youth Activities.

Bargetto Winery 7th Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser for Santa Cruz al Salvador

On Saturday June 25, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Santa Cruz al Salvador is hosting the 7th Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Bargetto Winery, 3535 North Main St. in Soquel. Come enjoy the fine music, good food, fellowship, silent auction, and of course elegant wines for tasting and for sale. Suggested donation is \$25 per person. Tickets and directions are available from David or George. If you would like to contribute hors d'oeuvres, contact Jane DeVette.



Trinity Hike and Picnic at Rancho San Antonio - Tuesday, June 14

Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m.

You are invited to a Trinity family hike. Dave and Evie Macway will host a hike at one of their favorite hiking spots near their home. We will hike in the Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve in Los Altos. To learn more about the preserve visit http://www.openspace.org/preserves/pr_rancho_san_antonio.asp



We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and car pool over to Los Altos. All skill levels are welcome. The first part of the hike is flat and easy to the picnic area and working farm. From there those who chose can hike up to a look-out point with views of the valley. We will return to the picnic area and share a picnic lunch. The hike/walk will be about two hours, 'round trip.'

For directions to the park contact the church office.

Invitation to Join Hike with Friends from First Presbyterian Church, Palo Alto

A group from First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto will be coming to Santa Cruz on the morning of Saturday, June 11, for a hike along the cliffs at Wilder Ranch. It's an excellent opportunity for the hikers among us to get to know fellow Presbyterians from our sister church "over the hill." For more information call Paul Seever at 440-9018 or 566-8832.

Office Closure

The church office will be closed June 20-24. Phone messages will be checked and parish associates, Kathleen Eshen-Pipes and Darrell Yeane, will be available for pastor care as needed.



The Monarch Messenger

The latest copy of The Presbytery of San Jose newsletter, "The Monarch Messenger," has arrived. Pick up a copy in the narthex and find out what's happening in the Presbytery.

Trinity Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays

- 5 Isaac Beach, Joseph Ribeiro
- 12 Kate Miller
- 20 Jake Eschen-Pipes
- 21 Alisa Sutherland
- 24 Bethany Eschen-Pipes
- 29 Lenore Spalaris
- 30 Pat Owens



June Anniversaries

- 23 Dave & Evie Macway

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

Resource Center for Nonviolence

The Resource Center for Nonviolence holds regular events that are open to the public. Some of the upcoming events include:

Wednesday, June 1: Eyewitnesses in Egypt and Palestine with Maxine Kaufman-Lacusta and Sharat Lin.

Thursday, June 9: Robert Ellsberg - One Candle Lights Another - the Pentagon Papers, Gandhi, Dorothy Day and My Life with the Saints.

Safe Church Practices

Trinity Presbyterian church will offer a Safe Church Practices Training on June 5 in the Fireside Room following worship. Attendance at a training workshop is required by the Presbytery of all church officers and volunteers who work with children and youth.

Knitters

Don't forget about the basket in the narthex for premie hats. There is always a need for them. It's a good way to use scraps of yarn and a nice way to spend an evening knitting.

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library Fellowship Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Fireside Room	<i>2</i> Mission Committee Meeting, 5:30, FS Bible Study, 1:00– 2:30 pm, FS	<i>3</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm FH	<i>4</i> Presbytery Meeting at Trinity 9:00 am—1:30 pm, Sanctuary
<i>5</i> Worship 10:30 am AA, 8-9 pm, FH Safe Church Practices Training Following worship in the Fireside Room	<i>6</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	<i>7</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH AA 5:00 pm, FH Boutique, 9:30 am—12 noon, YR	<i>8</i> 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library Administration Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm, Library Stewardship Committee Meeting, 11:00 am, Library	<i>9</i> Session Meeting, 5:30 pm, FS	<i>10</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm FH	<i>11</i> Sweet Pea, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Youth Room
<i>12</i> Worship, Day of Pentecost, 10:30 am One Great Hour of Sharing offering AA, 8-9 pm, FH	<i>13</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	<i>14</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH AA 5:00 pm, FH	<i>15</i> 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library Neuropathy Group, 1:00-2:30 pm, Fireside Room	<i>16</i> Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm, FH	<i>17</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm FH	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> Worship 10:30 am AA, 8-9 pm, FH Dad's and Grad's Celebration Brunch following worship	<i>20</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	<i>21</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH AA 5:00 pm, FH Boutique, 9:30 am—12 noon, YR	<i>22</i> 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library Ombudsman, 12 noon –2:30 pm, Fireside Room	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm FH	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> Worship 10:30 am AA, 8-9 pm, FH Deacons Meeting, 11:45 am, FS	<i>27</i> Office Closed AA, 7:30-9:00 pm Youth Room Book Club, 7:00 pm, Joanne Clever's Home	<i>28</i> AA 5:00 pm, FH Spiritual Enrichment Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room	<i>29</i> 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library	<i>30</i>		
				Room Key: FS Fireside FH Fellowship Hall L Library YR Youth Room		

The Non-Prophet Corner

Rev. Darrell Yeaney—Parish Associate

The Journey from Easter to Pentecost

According to the Gospel accounts, especially Mark, the earliest of the four, the disciples of Jesus do not really “get it.” They do not seem to understand Jesus’ radical message or his real identity until well after his death and resurrection. They are portrayed as slow witted, rather bumbling followers, even cowards when they are described as fleeing at the time of his arrest and in the account of Peter’s denial. We do get a glimpse of their courageous witness and even martyrdom later. But it is not until the Pentecostal awakening with the gift of the Holy Spirit that they realize that Jesus’ way of life and death is to be their way as well. Much of Jesus’ ministry among them, it seems, was teaching them to unlearn their misinformed notions about God, their hope of a Messiah, and the meaning of life itself.

Until Pentecost they were under the impression that Jesus as the Messiah, would “do it” for them; that is, he would miraculously overthrow the Roman occupation and restore the Hebrew Kingdom of David. That is why they were so disappointed, fearful, and in hiding following his crucifixion. Even the stories about his resurrection appearances seem to leave them puzzled and questioning what he was all about.

But at Pentecost, they awoke to a new understanding of the power and life transforming effect of Jesus. Jesus, they came to realize, did not “do it” for them so that they would not have to “do it” themselves. Rather he showed them the Way of Life by living it among them. And now, his Spirit – the Holy Spirit that guided and empowered his life - was given to them to live as he lived.

For the Gospel writer Mark, life in Christ comes not by believing that Jesus substituted for his followers, paying the price for their sins to an angry judging God, as later Christian doctrine would have it. Rather, Life in Christ was a matter of their participating in Christ through his risen Spirit. That too was Paul’s understanding. “I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me.” The Pentecost awakening taught the disciples that they (and we) must pass through spiritual death to a new life (be reborn) here on earth.

The Journey from Easter to Pentecost is a life-long one because like the early disciples, we must overcome our conditioning, intellectually, emotionally, and yes, religiously, from relating to Jesus the Christ as a kind of idol to worship rather than a living Presence, daily renewing our minds and hearts.

As a campus minister, I often took my students on weekend retreats where they could reflect on the meaning of life in Christ for their own daily lives. During communion they would chant: “Jesus is with us, is with us, is with us. Jesus is with us, is with us today.”

We need each other on this journey, and that, I have come to believe, is what “church” is all about.



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If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, or if you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please send us an email or give us a call. Thank you!

Sunday Saints



Sign Up

If you have an abundance of flowers in your yard, or just like arranging flowers, consider signing up to provide an arrangement to enhance the Sunday worship experience. Look in the narthex for the sign-up poster.

	Greeter	Coffee	Usher
June 5	<i>Sue Yeaney</i>	<i>Jane DeVette</i>	<i>Wayne Norton</i>
June 12	<i>Carina & Byron Bunch</i>	<i>Peggy Minier</i>	<i>George & Elizabeth Bunch</i>
June 19	<i>Nancy Abbey</i>	<i>Beth & Mark Hooley</i>	<i>David & Weston Gomez</i>
June 26	<i>Sheena Adams</i>	<i>The Bunch Family</i>	<i>The Blanchards or The Scotts</i>

June 5 Communion Servers

Elders— George Bunch and Emily Duffus
Deacons—Carolyn Brothers and Scott Whitley

July 3 Communion Servers

Elders— George Bunch and Wayne Norton
Deacons—Scott Whitley and Katherine Macway