July/August 2011

Steeple Talk

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Santa Cruz

World Expanding Adventures

As I write this article three of the youth of our congregation, Meghan Collins, Loren Edwards, and Katherine Macway, along with our interim youth director, Sarah Macway, are preparing to leave for a summer mission trip to Louisville, Kentucky. Their plans include Sunday morning worship with a local congregation, three days of work at a Presbyterian camp and conference center, Cedar Ridge Camp (http://www.cedarridgecamp.com/), tours of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. national headquarters and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary as well as visits to Squire Boone Caverns, Muhammad Ali Center (http:/www.alicenter.org/), the Louisville Slugger Bat Museum and a dip in a local swimming hole that used to be a rock quarry. Their days promise to be full of learning, service and fun!

As I have shared in the excitement and anticipation with the travelers these last few weeks I have reflected once again on our connections as Presbyterians, Christians and simply fellow members of God's creation, and how those connections influence each one of us. When one member of our congregation goes out in mission or service and returns to us with stories of what he has done, what she has learned, how he has changed because of his experiences, how her world has expanded, the world, for all of us, expands just a bit as well.

This is, of course, most obvious when we as a congregation very intentionally commission and send out a group from our congregation to places, like El Salvador or rural Kentucky, and members of those traveling groups come back and share stories of their adventures with us during worship, as we did earlier this year with our El Salvador delegation and we will this month with our Kentucky travelers. But I think this expanding-of-our-world happens for us as individuals and as a community every time one of our community has an experience of growing in faith and then shares his or her story with us. The 'adventure' may take us far or it may be closer to home. Maybe it is a day of serving lunch at the Rebele Family Shelter, or preparing materials for the Vacation Bible Camp. Maybe it is attending a Bible study session or singing a particularly powerful anthem with the choir. Maybe it is serving on the board of a local non profit or sharing lunch time with some one who just needs to talk. Maybe it is traveling around the world and experiencing a new culture or traveling across town and meeting a stranger.

When our youth return and we listen to the stories of new adventures, new friends, and new experiences may we give thanks for many ways God opens our hearts and our minds to God's work and God's presence, expanding our worlds each and every day.

Adventurously yours, Evie

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Meetings:

Fellowship Committee, September 7, 6:30 pm, Fireside Room

Mission Committee, No July Meeting

Stewardship Committee, No Meeting July; August, TBA

Administration Committee, No Meeting July and August

Session, No July Meeting; August 18, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room

Deacons, No July Meeting; August 21, 11:45 am, Fireside Room

Spiritual Enrichment Committee, July 17, 12:00 pm, Fireside Room; August, TBA

Outreach Committee Meeting, No July Meeting; August 28, following worship

Dates to Remember:

Boutique Workshop, First & Third Tuesday of the month, 9:30 am—12 noon, Youth Room

Sweet Pea, August 13, 9:00 am—4:00 pm, Youth Room

Book Club, July 25 & August 22, 7:00 pm, at Joanne Clever's home

Trinity Committee News

Deacons

Deacons are working on a fundraiser! We will be selling reusable grocery bag totes with Trinity's logo on them. We have thought of many good uses for them (not to mention that, hopefully, each of you will buy one or two and use them around town, thus getting Trinity's name out there!) Who knows, maybe some grocery clerk will see one and come to church! They will also make great gifts to take to El Salvador, and will be a nice gift to give to visitors when they visit. We hope to have them by the end of summer or early in the fall.

It was decided to add flowers to the list of Sunday Saint volunteer opportunities, because folks weren't signing up on the flower chart and there were many flowerless Sundays. So, when a Deacon asks you to help with one of the Sunday chores, please smile and sign up! If you have a specific Sunday that you would like to honor or remember someone with flowers in church, speak to your Deacon, leave a message in the church office or sign the flower chart in the narthex.

Fellowship

For those who are not long distance hikers, I have a good walk for you! It's more of a saunter through Capitola: around the Esplanade where we can view all the wonderful tiles in the seawall, up the 88 steps and around Depot Hill where there are some unusual garden sculptures, down to Gayle's (stop for a coffee and pastry, if you like), over to Soquel Creek to see what ducks are there, and back to our cars on Opal Cliffs. We will meet at the end of Opal Cliff Dr., where it meets Portola and Cliff Drives at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 16. Do come. If you have questions, contact Betty Gangware.

Pentecost Offering - June 12

Trinity members and friends donated $629.97 to the Pentecost Offering, 40% of which will be retained by the church and donated to Japan Disaster Assistance.

Things That Make Us Happy

- To see all the members of the Trinity family who participated in the hike at Rancho San Antonio last month. See page 4 for some great pictures of the hike!
- To enjoy our guest musicians during worship this summer while Joseph and the choir enjoy a well deserved break.
- To see the artistic Vacation Bible Camp signs in the church yard. Thank you to Emily and Lee Duffus.
- To look forward to hearing all about the youth summer mission trip to Louisville, KY this month.

Trinity Hike To Nisene Marks Old Growth Loop Saturday July 23rd

A scenic mile and a half loop through the old growth Forest of Nisene Marks will be our next Trinity Church hike. This hike has gentle climbs, scenic river crossings, goes by an interesting "Twisted Grove" of Redwoods, and by the "Advocates Tree", tallest in park at 250 feet.

We will meet at Trinity at 9:00 a.m. to car pool as parking is limited, or you may meet us at 9:15 a.m. at The Forest of Nisene Marks entrance station parking lot. Parking lot is where the pavement ends 0.8 miles up Aptos Creek Road from Aptos Village Park. For details ask George.

Youth News

In a few days three members of the youth group, Meghan Collins, Katherine Macway, and Loren Edwards, will journey with youth leader Sarah Macway to Louisville Kentucky for a Mission and Study trip. On Sunday July 17th the youth will share their experiences and what they have learned with the congregation during morning worship. We are all very excited about the trip and can't wait to hear about their adventures when they return. We hope you can join us in worship that morning. We will also have a picture slideshow of their trip before and after worship.

Santa Cruz al Salvador November Mission Trip Deposit

Those interested in the Santa Cruz al Salvador November 18-26 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 are 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.

Exploring the Sacred in Poetry and Prose

While our choir is at rest, the Spiritual Enrichment Committee is offering reading and conversation, together with continental breakfast on Sundays through July from 9:00 to 10:15.

We are 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'Conner 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

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." Registration forms are available in the church office or on the website at www.trinitypressc.org. If you have questions please speak to Ellen Bauerle, Katherine Macway or Emily Macway.

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.

Book Club

Book Club meets every 4th Monday evening at 7 pm at Joanne Clever's home. We didn't meet in June, so we will probably be discussing two books at the July meeting. These books are "An Uncommon Friendship" by Bernat Rosner, Frederic C. Tubach, Sally Patterson Tubach and "Forever" by Pete Hamill. Future plans are to read "The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down" by Ann Fadiman and "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. New faces are always welcome. Think about reading a good book and joining in on the fun of talking about it.

Knitters Take Note

Your skills are needed to fill our basket with preemie hats! We take them to the Neo Natal Unit at Dominican Hospital where they are given to the wee babes to wear to keep the heat from escaping through their heads. Families with preemies appreciate them a lot. So, rather than have idle fingers as you watch TV some evening, knit a little hat. They are easy to do in an evening and a very worthwhile use of your time. The basket is on the table in the narthex. Instructions are in the basket if this is a new project for you.

Project Homeless Connection

There is a basket on the table in the narthex titled "Project Homeless Connection" and it's waiting to be filled with small shampoos, conditioners, lotions, etc. If you have collected any of these amenities from a recent hotel stay, you can help the homeless in our community by donating your extras.

Year to Date Finance Report

January through June 2011

Total Income	$124,296.72
Total Expense	108,143.21
Net Income	16,153.51

Trinity Rancho San Antonio Photos

Trinity Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Birthdays

6 Sue Yeaney
27 LeAnn Rudolph
29 Laverle McSweeney

August Birthdays

12 Mark Hooley
20 Kathleen Eschen-Pipes
23 Charlie May
25 Casey Powers,
Katherine Macway
27 Mark Pollard
28 Jeane McDade
29 Millie FitzGerald

August Anniversaries

4 John & Annalea Collins
10 Harry & Mary Blanchard
22 Lee & Emily Duffus
23 George & Elizabeth Bunch
29 Darrell & Sue Yeaney
31 Kostas & Lenore Spalaris

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed please email trinitysc@sbcglobal.net or call 423-8995.

July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	*2*
3 Worship 10:30 am AA, 8-9 pm, Fellowship Hall	*4* Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	*5* AA 5:00 pm, FH Boutique, 9:30 am—12 noon, YR	*6* 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library **Fellowship Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Fireside Room**	*7*	*8* Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	*9* Sweet Pea, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Youth Room
10 Adult Sunday School, 9:00—10:30 am, Fireside Room Worship 10:30 am AA, 8-9 pm, FH Youth Mission Trip	*11* Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room Youth Mission Trip	*12* AA 5:00 pm, FH Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall Youth Mission Trip	*13* 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library Youth Mission Trip	*14* Youth Mission Trip	*15* Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall Youth Mission Trip	*16* Youth Mission Trip
17 Adult Sunday School, 9:00—10:30 am, Fireside Room Worship 10:30 am **Spiritual Enrichment Meeting, 12:00 pm, FR** AA, 8-9 pm, Fellowship Hall	*18* Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	*19* AA 5:00 pm, FH Boutique, 9:30 am—12 noon, YR Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall	*20* 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library Neuropathy Group, 1:00-2:30 pm, Fireside Room	*21*	*22* Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	*23* Nisene Marks Hike 9:00 am
24 Adult Sunday School, 9:00—10:30 am, Fireside Room Worship 10:30 am AA, 8-9 pm, FH	*25* Office Closed AA, 7:30-9:00 pm Youth Room Book Club, 7:00 pm, Joanne Clever's Home	*26* AA 5:00 pm, FH	*27* 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library Ombudsman, 12 noon –2:30 pm, Fireside Room	*28*	*29* Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	*30*
31 Adult Sunday School, 9:00—10:30 am, FS Worship 10:30 am BBQ Potluck following worship AA, 8-9 pm, FH					***Room Key:*** **FS** Fireside **FH** Fellowship Hall **L** Library **YR** Youth Room	

August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	*2* Boutique, 9:30 am—12 noon, YR AA, 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	*3* 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library	*4*	*5* Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	*6*
7 Worship 10:30 am AA, 8-9 pm, Fellowship Hall	*8* Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room Vacation Bible Camp 1:00—4:00 pm, FH	*9* AA, 7:30-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall VBC————————- 1:00—4:00 pm, FH	*10* 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library VBC————————- 1:00—4:00 pm, FH	*11* VBC————————- 1:00—4:00 pm, FH	*12* Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall VBC————————- 1:00—4:00 pm, FH	*13* Sweet Pea, 9:00 am—4:00 pm, Youth Room
14 Worship 10:30 am AA, 8-9 pm, Fellowship Hall	*15* Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	*16* Capitola Walk, 9:00 am Boutique, 9:30 am—12 noon, YR Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall AA, 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	*17* 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library Neuropathy Group, 1:00-2:30 pm, Fireside Room	*18* **Session, 5:30 pm,** **Fireside Room**	*19* Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	*20* Boy Scouts, 11:00 am—4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
21 Worship 10:30 am AA, 8-9 pm, FH **Deacons Meeting,** **11:45 am, Fireside** **Room**	*22* Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room Book Club, 7:00 pm, Joanne Clever's Home	*23* AA, 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	*24* 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library Ombudsman, 12 noon –2:30 pm, Fireside Room	*25*	*26* Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	*27*
28 Worship 10:30 am **Outreach Meeting,** **11:45 am, Fireside** **Room** AA, 8-9 pm, Fellowship Hall	*29* Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	*30* AA, 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	*31* 12 Step 6:45—8:45 am, Library			
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The Non-Prophet Corner

Rev. Darrell Yeaney—Parish Associate

Confessions, Confession and Confessing: What's It All About?

Comfessions:

At the last meeting of the Presbytery of San Jose that took place at Trinity Church, the question of whether the Presbyterian Church (USA) should add The Belhar Confession to its formal Book of Confessions was debated and agreed to. The Confession of Belhar was originally adopted by the synod of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in 1986. It is a statement of faith designed to apply the Christian gospel to the specific problem of racial and ethnic exclusion and segregation in church and society that was practiced by the South African Apartheid (separation) political system.

There are 10 "Confessions," or statements of faith, which are sometimes called "creeds." contained in the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church(USA). If the Confession of Belhar is passed by 2/3s of the Presbyteries, it will become number eleven.

The Book of Confessions is part of the "Constitution" of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and every ordained leader (pastor, elder, deacon) in the church is asked to pledge that they "will be guided by the Confessions" as they carry out their duties.

Confession:

Each Sunday morning the liturgy of worship contains a "Prayer of Confession." It is both a reminder of our individual human weakness and moral failure to live a fully righteous life, and also a means of publicly and collectively acknowledging that reality. Its purpose is not to make us feel bad about ourselves, but to acknowledge our human imperfection and to open our hearts and minds to God's loving presence and to acknowledge each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, equal in the sight of God. This public prayer of Confession, is always followed by an "Assurance of Pardon," a reminder that our sincerity is the only requirement for receiving, by God's grace (God's free gift), God's loving forgiveness and restoration to wholeness.

Confessing:

This is a term, not too frequently used today, but often used in the past to indicate a process of stating the faith of the church to the larger society, particularly in times of serious and widespread social and political oppression. For example, the part of the church in Germany that took a public stand against the practices of the National Socialist (Nazi) government of Hitler and was forced underground, was called the "Confessing Church of Germany." The people of God need to be alert to the need from time to time to "speak truth to power" as a "Confessing Church."

You can borrow a copy of the Book of Confessions from the Trinity Church library, or order your own copy from PDS at 800-524-2612 or on line at www.pcusa.org

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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	Flowers
July 17	Vera Hope	Mary Ann Hobbs	David Gomez	Bookie Nichols
July 24	The Scotts	The Edwards	The Blanchards	Karen Wichelmann
July 31	Peggy Minier	Lee & Emily Duffus	The Duffus Family	The Duffus Family
August 7	August Sunday Saints will be posted in the narthex when available			

July 3 Communion Servers

Elders— George Bunch and Wayne Norton

Deacons—Scott Whitley and Katherine Macway

August 7 Communion Servers

Elders— Wayne Norton and Emily Duffus

Deacons—Karen Wichelmann and Joanne Clever