

October 2010

Steeple Talk



Trinity Presbyterian
Church, Santa Cruz



Comings and Goings

A couple of weeks ago our family moved our daughter, Emily, into her college dorm. Emily is the third daughter we have sent off to college so one would think this process would get easier. In some ways it has. We know the drill. Load the car. Don't forget the bike. Don't make any of the boxes too heavy because the trek to the dorm room will probably involve at least one flight of stairs. Make sure to remember a power strip, an Ethernet cable and a box of tissues.

In other ways however, this process of moving a child out on her own is still a challenge for me. As much as my head knows change like this is good and right and normal, it takes a little while for my heart to catch up.

It is times like these that I am especially grateful for the community of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Trinity is a place, a community, in which we share the comings and goings of our lives. We bring our normal, and our not so normal, life experiences and we create our life together. I marvel regularly at the variety of experiences you bring to the Trinity community. And how graciously you share what you are learning about yourselves, the world around you, and your own faith journeys in ways that support, challenge and nurture others.

I read a quote recently that seemed to fit well for me this month. Percy C. Ainsworth, a pastor in England in the early 20th century wrote, "Faith does more than hold our hand in darkness; it leads us into the light. It does not make experience merely bearable; it makes it luminous and instructive. It takes the separate or the tangled strands of human experience and weaves them into one strong cable of help and hope."

May we continue to grow together in our faith as we share the precious comings and goings of our lives.

In Faith,
Evie

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Meetings:

Outreach, October 3, following worship, Fireside Room
Spiritual Enrichment Committee, October 5, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room
Fellowship Committee, October 5, 6:30 pm, Fireside Room
Administration Committee, October 7, 4:00 pm, Library
Mission Committee, October 7, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room
Session, October 19, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room
Deacons, October 24, following worship, Fireside Room

Dates to Remember:

Sweet Pea, October 9, 9:00 am—4:00 pm, Youth Room
Boutique, every Tuesday, 9:30 am—12 noon, in the Youth Room
Bible Study, continues Thursdays, 1:00 pm, Fireside Room
Book Club, October 25, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room
Fourth Tuesday Senior Luncheon, October 26, 12 noon, Fellowship Hall
Halloween Luncheon and Party, October 31, following worship

Save the Date

Sunday, October 10, 2010
For the Stewardship Luncheon

What does God have in store for us next year – 2011?

Which one of Evie's last 40 Sermons has inspired
a theme for our 2011 Stewardship program?

How does an amazing process created by our Lord illustrate this theme?

The Fellowship Committee will be providing lunch and the Stewardship Committee
will share the great plans we have so far for 2011 at Trinity

Please call or email the church office to RSVP
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Gift Bags & Donations for Santa Cruz al Salvador Scholarship/ Prayer Partners

As nine of us from Trinity prepare to return to El Salvador with the November Thanksgiving week delegation, we are reminded it is time to gather one gallon gift bags to take to each of your scholarship/prayer partners. You might include a t-shirt, socks, cap, small toys, school supplies, book, and especially a letter (English or Spanish) and a picture of your family.

If you are able, we encourage everyone to make an annual contribution now to cover costs of uniforms, shoes, school supplies, and school meal supplement. Average cost for the Elementary/High School students is \$60 per year, but a donation of any amount is appreciated, even if you do not have a specific prayer partner. There will be a few new prayer partners available for those interested in joining this exciting project. University student scholarships are \$125 per month or \$1500 for the year. Donations can also be designated for clinic medical supplies or to help cover a stipend for the Health Promoters and the local Family Practice Physician Doctora Roxana. More information about Santa Cruz al Salvador mission can be found on line:
www.santacruzalsalvador.org

Please bring donations, gift bags, toiletry items (soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes), or over the counter medical supplies (Tylenol, Advil, Vitamins (not gummy bears), to David, George, or Lee any Sunday during October so we can prepare them for transport. Thanks to all who have been so generous with your donations.

Board/Committee Reports

Session

Moderator Evie Macway opened the September 16, 2010, Session meeting with prayer. Elder Frank Miller led the devotion. The Session then approved the August 19 minutes. Rev. Evie Macway stated she will attend the next Safe Church Practices session which will be held on October 2 in Palo Alto.

Special Events in the life of the church:

* October 10 Stewardship Luncheon. Plans for the Stewardship Drive are coming together.

* The Outreach Committee project is sponsoring a Seniors Luncheon which will take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

* The Mission Alliance for Human Rights is attempting to get area churches to work together for justice in the county. David Sweet came to the mission committee meeting and shared information about the Alliance and a conference they will be presenting, which will cost \$50/ person. The Session MSP that Trinity become a member of this organization.

* A Westar Institute's "Jesus Seminar on the Road" seminar is being planned for next March in Santa Cruz. The Santa Cruz seminar will be titled, "Jesus, Politics, & Empire Then and Now." The Session accepted the Spiritual Enrichment committee's recommendation that Trinity be a sponsoring church of the local seminar.

Juanita Stock

Year to Date Finance Report

January through August 2010

Total Income \$129,845.67

Total Expense 125,359.22

Net Income 4,486.45



Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee was delighted to welcome several new members to their committee: Dolly Bass, Kate Miller, Beth Hooley, Joanne Clever, and Barbara Christie. Barbara will not be able to attend meetings because of her work schedule, but she plans to participate in all our activities. On the down side, we will miss Jane Beach who has just resigned from the committee.

We are planning a Taco Salad Bar for the Stewardship Luncheon on October 10th, following worship. There will be plenty of goodies to choose from plus apple crisp for dessert.

Kate Miller will be planning the Senior Lunches on the fourth Tuesday of every month and has asked for help with that. Future plans include a lunch on Cantata Sunday in December and possibly something at Halloween time. Watch the bulletins!

Deacons

Deacons will now be meeting on a Sunday immediately following worship. \$50 food gift cards from Safeway will be purchased to help out where needed. Deacons will be calling their parishes about the Stewardship lunch and the Thursday Luncheon for seniors.

Now Hiring: Trinity Youth Director

The Session of the church has recently posted a job listing, seeking to hire a new part time Youth Director for the church. Please spread the word. The listing is available on the church website at www.trinitypressc.org or in the church office.



Things That Make Us Happy. . .

- To hear that \$460 was raised at the Papusa Luncheon last month. The money will go to buy supplies to be taken to El Salvador next month by our Al Salvador mission delegation.
- To learn that Emily Duffus' quilt, "Unplanned Joy" received the Popular Vote Award at a recent competition. If you haven't seen it, take a peek at it. It is hanging in Evie's office.
- To hear that Trinity received \$699.12 for the Pentecost Offering.
- The see that about 20 people attended the first Fourth Tuesday Senior Luncheon at the church.
- To hear that Emily Macway has been accepted into the University Chorus at UC Davis.



Fourth Tuesday Senior Luncheon

On Tuesday, October 26th, 12 noon to 1:30 pm in Trinity's Fellowship Hall will be our Fourth Tuesday Senior Luncheon. The musical program will be piano duets by Elizabeth Bunch & Cathy Parisie. Come, bring a friend, and enjoy good food, pleasant conversation, and entertaining music.

New Addresses

Kate Collins, Emily Macway and Veronica Christie are settling into their new homes at school. If you would like to drop them a line the old fashioned way their new mailing addresses are:

Kate Collins
2105 Lewis Avenue
Rockville, MD 20851

Veronica Christie
17950 Lassen Street
Northridge, CA 91325

Emily Macway
204A Thille C
255 Tercero Hall Circle
Davis, CA 95616



Youth News

The youth are planning a fundraiser for Sunday, October 31. It is a Halloween Party! The Fellowship Committee will be providing the luncheon following worship and the youth will be leading a costume contest, a pumpkin decorating contest and Halloween games. All the activities are for children and adults so dig out your best Halloween costume and invite your children, grandchildren and neighbors and come to the party! Funds raised will be used for a youth mission trip next summer.



Choir

The choir is beginning to prepare for another service of special music during Advent. Singers would be welcome to join us just for this Sunday event—in case you sing but can't commit to every Sunday with the choir.

Trinity Book Club

Book Club continues to meet on the 4th Monday of each month in the Fireside Room at 7 pm. New faces are always welcome.

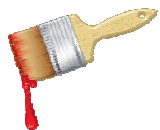
September: "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay
October: "To Kill A Mockingbird" by Harper Lee
November: "Daughter of Persia" by Sattareh Farman Farmaian
December: No meeting

Our Coffee Hour Book Sale continues, too. Now that we have portable shelving, look for the sale during most coffee hours. Remember to donate your books, too. We even take recycled books - books that you have purchased at our sale can be re-sold - especially if they are good reads!



A Job Completed

A BIG thank you to all who helped with the painting project on the Fellowship Building eaves. Rob McClure did much of the sanding and scraping. Russ Hobbs diligently primed the eaves. The others involved were Frank Miller, Betty Gangware, Sally Walters, Bob Scott, and Lee and Emily Duffus. The Blanchards provided snack goodies to go along with the midmorning coffee on at least one of the work Saturdays.



Fire Extinguishers

Trinity recently had our fire extinguishers serviced. We have four extinguishers that don't meet the regulation requirements for our building but they are still good for one time home use, boat use, etc. They are in the office and if you would like to take one, we are accepting donations in any amount to help defray the cost of replacing them. See LeAnn in the office if you would like one.



Women's Retreat

The women of the Soquel Congregational Church have once again invited the women of Trinity to join in their fall retreat. So mark the date: Saturday, October 23 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm AND plan to attend.

Trinity women have been asked to be at the sign in table and provide muffins and the like for the gathering time. The price of the retreat is \$15. box lunches will be served, with the choices being turkey, vegetarian or beef. Sign up in the church office before October 20. Talk with Emily Duffus if you are will to help at the sign in table and/or bring goodies.

The theme is "Finding Time for God and Finding Peace within. The presenter is T'Shala Olivieri.

Home Communion

If you or some one you know in the Trinity Church community would like to receive home communion please speak to Evie Macway or one of the elders currently serving on the Session, or contact the church office at 423-8995 or trinitysc@sbcglobal.net.



Trinity Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays

1 Ellen Bauerle
3 John Christie
5 Marie Imai
7 Mia Duffus
8 Jacob May
9 Barbie Schaller
13 Gwen May
22 Sara Manildi, Jane Beach,
Emily Macway
29 George Bunch
31 Vera Hope

October Anniversaries

5 Jim & Sally Walters
21 David & Jane Beach



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.

Membership Exploration Class Begins

A new church membership exploration class will begin Sunday, October 24 following worship. The class is open to anyone who is considering joining Trinity or would like to learn more about what it means to be a church member. We will meet from 12:00 noon -1:30 pm and lunch will be provided. There will be two more sessions of this class with dates to be determined by class members. If you would like to sign up for the class or learn more please contact Evie Macway (423-8995 or trinityscpastor@sbcglobal.net).

New, Improved Website!

Have some afterthoughts about a sermon? Need to confirm the date and time for a church event this week? If you haven't visited Trinity's website for a while, you are encouraged to check it out. If you missed participating in worship, you can read Evie's sermons on line. They are posted weekly, and there is a feedback page for you to share your comments and questions. The weekly calendar also is posted every week along with information about some upcoming events. The website is www.trinitypressc.org. Visit soon.

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of San Jose' Program Calendar 2010-2011

Gathering Theme for the year: "Come..."

November 6, 2010
12 noon—2:00 pm
Sunnyvale (Lunch)

Fall Gathering— "Come and Meet Our Sisters in South Dakota"
Norma Sherman, Synod of the Pacific's representative on the USA Mission Experience to South Dakota that takes place in September, will share her experiences and insights with us.

January 9, 2011
2:00—4:00 pm
Stone, San Jose'

Winter Gathering—Epiphany Tea— "Come and Follow the Star"
Begin the new year with a Taize' worship experience of music, chanting, and readings in the candle-lit sanctuary of Stone Creek.

March 12, 2011
2:00—4:00 pm
Foothill, San Jose'

Spring Gathering— "Come and Encounter Immigration"
The Rev. Ben Daniel, pastor at Foothill Church and author of *Neighbor: Christian Encounters With 'Illegal' Immigration* (released in August, 2010) will introduce his book and discuss the controversial issues that surround undocumented migration in the United States through the spiritual, legal, and geographical front lines of the immigration debate. Ben's book will be available for purchase.

April 30, 2011
9:00 am—2:30 pm
Santa Teresa Hills,
San Jose'

Spiritual Nurture Retreat— "Come and Be Nourished"
Retreat leader: TBA

June 5, 2011
2:00—4:00 pm
First Presbyterian
San Jose'

Annual Gathering— "Come and See Our Treasures" (and bring your own!)
Steven Yvaska, antiques appraiser and columnist for the *San Jose Mercury News*, will be with us to do antiques appraisals. There will be definitive information on this later in the year. This will be a fundraiser for Emmaus House in Hollister. We will also celebrate the conclusion of the program year with a short business meeting, Communion, and the Installation of the PWP Coordinating Team.

PWP Corrdinating Team meetings will be held on Wednesdays at The Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos at 9:30 am on November 10, 2010, January 26 and April 13, 2011.



October 2010

Sun

Mon

Tues

Wed

Thurs

Fri

Sat

					1 Office Closed AA, 7:30—9 pm, Fellowship Hall	2
3 Choir, 9:00 am Worship, World Communion Sunday 10:30 am Outreach Meeting, following worship AA 8 pm—9 pm, FH	4 Office Closed AA, 7:30-9 pm, YR	5 Boy Scout Parents, 6:30 pm, YR Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH Boutique, 9:30 am - noon, YR AA, 5:00 pm, FH Spiritual Enrichment, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room Fellowship Meeting, 6:30 pm, Fireside Room	6 12 Step, 6:45-8:45 pm, Library	7 AA, 7 - 9 pm, YR Ombudsman Training, 2-3 pm, Fireside Room Administration Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm, Library Mission Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, FS	8 Office Closed AA, 7:30—9 pm, Fellowship Hall	9 Sweet Pea 9 am—4 pm, YR
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17 Choir, 9:00 am Worship, 10:30 am AA, 8 - 9 pm, FH	18 Office Closed AA, 7:30-9 pm, YR	19 Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH Boutique, 9:30 am - noon, YR AA, 5:00 pm, FH Session, 5:30 pm, FS	20 12 Step, 6:45-8:45 pm, Library SC Neuropathy, 1-2:30 pm, FS	21 AA, 7 - 9 pm, Youth Room Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm, FH Bible Study, 1:00 pm, Fireside Room	22 Office Closed AA, 7:30—9 pm, Fellowship Hall	23
24 Choir, 9:00 am Worship, 10:30 am Deacon's Meeting, following worship AA, 8 - 9 pm, FH	25 Office Closed AA, 7:30-9 pm, YR Book Club, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room	26 Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH Boutique, 9:30 am - noon, YR AA, 5:00 pm, FH Trinity Fourth Tuesday Senior Luncheon, 12 noon, FH	27 12 Step, 6:45-8:45 pm, Library Ombudsman Training, 9:30 am-4:40 pm, FS	28 AA, 7 - 9 pm, Youth Room Bible Study, 1:00 pm, Fireside Room	29	30
31 Choir, 9:00 am Worship, 10:30 am Halloween Party AA, 8 - 9 pm, FH					YR=Youth Room FH=Fellowship Hall FS=Fireside Room	

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Sunday Saints



October 3 Communion Servers

Elders—Frank Miller and Ellen Bauerle
Deacons—Pete Halper and Kate Miller

Greeter

Coffee

Usher

October 3	Bookie Nichols	Gwen May	Dave and Katherine Macway
October 10	Gene & Mary Gilliland	Stewardship Luncheon	Gwen May
October 17	Carolyn Moyer	Sally Walters	David Gomez
October 24	Russ & Mary Ann Hobbs	Frank and Kate Miller	The Blanchards or The Scotts
October 31	Trinity Youth	Halloween Party Luncheon	

November 7 Communion Servers

Elders—Emily Duffus and Charlie May
Deacons—Katherine Macway and Elizabeth Bunch