

October 2011

Steeple Talk

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Santa Cruz



Preaching the Gospel

“Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.”

St Francis of Assisi

This quote from St. Francis of Assisi has long been a favorite of mine. In fact, I have it framed and hanging on the wall directly across from my desk in my office here at the church. When Jane Odell, a friend of Trinity and elder at our neighbor congregation, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Aptos, shared this quote as part of her ‘charge to the pastor’ at my service of installation last month I had to smile. They do seem like words a pastor should take to heart, don’t they?

Since the installation day (a wonderful day!) I have found myself reflecting on this quote a lot. It reminds me of how much preaching of the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ, happens here at Trinity, sometimes with words and sometimes without.

Though I am normally the one who preaches with words during our Sunday morning worship service, twice during the last few months we have had conversational style sermons and you, members of the congregation, have taken part in the sermon and shared your words on the topic and the text for the morning. These were powerful Spirit filled Sunday mornings for me, when our preaching with words has deepened as together we lifted up our voices in proclamation of the Gospel.

And then there are all the times and places you, members and friends of Trinity, are preaching without words: meals prepared, hands held, food served, prayers lifted up, hats knitted, quilts sewn, eyes and ears attuned to one in need. Preaching the Gospel, sharing the Good News of God’s life changing love and grace comes in many forms. It is a privilege for me to preach with you.

Faithfully,

Evie

Speaking of my service of installation, I don’t know where to begin to say thank you to all of you for the beautiful service of installation and reception we shared last month. The food, the flowers, and the kind words of support and welcome as we make my move from temporary to permanent pastor at Trinity official made it a day I will not forget. From the time I began at Trinity I have cherished the relationships we share and I look forward to growing in ministry together in the years ahead. Thank you for a very special installation day.

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Meetings:

- Spiritual Enrichment Committee,** Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room
- Fellowship Committee,** Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room
- Mission Committee,** Oct. 6, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room
- Administration Committee,** Oct. 12, 4:00 p.m., Fireside Room
- Session,** Oct. 13, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room
- Deacons,** Oct. 16, following luncheon, Fireside Room
- Outreach Committee Meeting,** October 30, following worship, Fireside Room

Dates to Remember:

- 1st Corinthians Bible Study,** continues Thursday at 1:00 p.m., Fireside Room
- Boutique Workshop,** Every Tuesday of the month except the fourth Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, Youth Room
- Hike,** Henry Cowell, October 5, 1:00 p.m.
- Sweet Pea,** October 8, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Youth Room
- Bob Hope Lecture,** October 8, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Stewardship Kick Off Luncheon,** Oct. 16, following worship
- Women’s Retreat,** October 22, 9:30 a.m., Congregational Church, Soquel
- Book Club,** October 24, 7:00 p.m., Fireside Room
- Fourth Tuesday Senior Luncheon,** October 25, 12 noon, Fellowship Hall

Save the Date

Sunday, October 16, 2011

A Stewardship Luncheon

Following the Worship Service

What does God have in store for us next year—2012?

The Stewardship theme for the coming year is:

“OUR VISION — TOGETHER IN FAITH”

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

For answers, join us for lunch on October 16

Seating is limited to 100 Trinity members and supporters, so please register now at the church office to reserve a place— and be not only surprised but really excited as to what you will see and hear!

Trinity Board/Committee News

Session Report

The Session met on September 15, 2011, in the Fireside Room at 5:30 p.m. Moderator, Evie Macway, opened the meeting with prayer. Frank Miller, speaking for the rest of Session, welcomed Evie as officially installed as Trinity's permanent pastor by the San Jose Presbytery on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Evie expressed her appreciation for the congregation's wonderful installation luncheon and party.

In her pastor's report, Evie stated she will be away on October 23rd and November 20th.

The following committee reports were heard:

Charlie May, reporting for the Mission Committee, said those who serve lunches on Tuesday at the Rebele Center will now be bringing a simple meal to share each week. The committee will ask for volunteers from the congregation to help provide the food. He also said committee members are being asked to take on one particular local mission project for the year and advocate for and publicize that particular project in the year ahead.

George Bunch, reporting for the Outreach Committee, displayed the banner Emily created to advertise the Senior Luncheons. The committee will also be surveying the congregation regarding how members use the church website.

Spiritual Enrichment reported that following a meeting with the youth, it has been decided that instead of hiring a youth worker, a youth board will be formed to support the youth program. Lee Duffus, Charlie May, and Dave Macway will serve on the board. They will act as mentors and advisers to the group.

Fellowship Committee

Fellowship has been busy in the kitchen again, preparing finger foods and drinks for Evie's installation reception, and desserts and drinks for the pupusa lunch. Coming up will be a pot-luck on October 16 and possibly a soup and bread lunch to start the Advent season. Watch the bulletin for details.

Vera Hope is going to lead an afternoon hike in Henry Cowell State Park on Wednesday, October 5. It'll be about a two-hour hike on Pipeline Road to the Overlook Bench. To get there, drive up Graham Hill Rd., a little past Sims Road to the little store's parking lot, close to Nepenthe Drive; it's close to the gate to the park and we will meet there at 1:00 PM.

Book Club

Book Club continues to meet at Joanne Clever's home. As always, we meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 o'clock in the evening. Future readings are listed below. Join us if you can!



October - *"Touchstone"* by Laurie King

November - *"Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant"* by Ann Tyler

January - *"State of Wonder"* by Ann Patchett

February - *"Nothing to Envy"* by Barbara Demick

Church Membership Exploration Class

A new Church Membership Exploration class will be forming this fall. If you are interested in learning more about Trinity Presbyterian Church or are considering joining the church, please speak to Evie or contact her by email at trinitypastor@sbcglobal.net or phone (831) 423-8995.

Office Closure

LeAnn is taking her remaining vacation days of the year in November. The office will be closed on the following days: November 3, 8, 9, & 10.

The answering machine will be checked daily and Evie will be available for calls and appointments on her regular days.



Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 22, 2011

The Congregational Church of Soquel and Trinity Presbyterian Church are once again hosting a Women's Retreat at the

Congregational Church, 4951 Soquel Drive, Soquel. All are invited to attend the 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. event on Saturday, October 22.

The speaker will be former Santa Cruzan, Barbara (Warner) Simpson. She is a sojourner in the faith, author, Bible Study leader, wife, mother, grandmother, retired high school English teacher. She will be focusing on Galatians 5: 22-23. Her topic is "A Woman's Heart: God's Fruitful Garden." A worship service will culminate the day with Evie Macway leading the communion service.

Register by calling the church office, 423-8995. \$15 will be collected on the day of the event and will cover coffee, tea, mid morning snack, and lunch. If you are interested in carpooling from Trinity, let LeAnn know when you register. Questions may be directed to Emily Duffus or Ellen Bauerle.

Trinity Tote Bags

Trinity tote bags are here! The deacons are happy to announce that the Trinity tote bags have arrived and are available for purchase!



Look for them at coffee hour or in the narthex after church. They will be sold for \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. They are not huge big, so we hope that you will want to buy two or more! Use them for your shopping, your knitting, your schlepping ~ it will be a way to get Trinity's name out into the world. Give them as gifts, deliver a meal to someone in one, think of creative ways to use them. Perhaps folks will see you carrying one and ask you about Trinity!! Cash or checks are fine, but please make checks payable to the Deacons. Thanks, and happy shopping!

New Addresses

Emily Macway and Sarah Macway have new addresses. Call the church office for more information.

Bridges To Other Communities This Fall

We'll start this year's series of "Bridges to Other Communities" on Sunday, October 9. Our guests will be people recently released from a Santa Cruz jail or prison and their mentors from Friends Outside. The panel will meet with us in the Fireside Room from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to share their stories and discuss the problems they face reentering society after incarceration.

Friends Outside has recently initiated a new program matching recently released 18-25 year old men with mentors. This is part of a recidivism reduction project funded by Santa Cruz County Probation Department that will provide funding for sober living environments, substance abuse treatment, job training, education, and family reconciliation groups.

Fourth Tuesday Senior Luncheon

The next Fourth Tuesday Senior Luncheon will be on October 25, from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. The speaker will be Kathleen Johnson from Advocacy, Inc., Long-term Care Facilities. We will be entertained by a local barbershop duo - Broken G Strings. Invite a friend or neighbor and come join us for some delicious food, great music, an informative program, and good fellowship. All ages are welcome.

Trinity Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays	October Anniversaries
1 Ellen Bauerle	5 Jim & Sally Walters
3 John Christie	21 David & Jane Beach
5 Marie Imai	
6 Sheena Adams	
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	



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

Evie, Evie, We Adore You

Evie, Evie, we adore you!
 How we've waited for this day.
 Sharing in your installation
 Makes us want to shout hurray.
 We are blessed to know that you chose us,
 That you will guide us in God's way.
 Guess God knew that you belonged here.
 Now we pray and hope you'll stay!

Evie, Evie, such a blessing.
 Just to know you'll be our guide.
 Trinity will grow and flourish,
 With you standing by our side.
 As you lead us faithful in service,
 Sharing your trust and hope and love,
 We will be your faithful partners,
 With God's blessings from above.

Sung to the tune: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
 Words by: Joanne Clever

Trinity Opportunity Fair

Have you ever wondered just what the Administration Committee does or how the Mission Committee allocates the church's mission dollars? Have you ever been curious about that new garden in the back of the preschool yard, wanted to learn more about the work of the church at the homeless shelter, suggest a topic for a Fourth Tuesday Luncheon, or volunteer to be a lector?

All these opportunities and more will be available at the **Trinity Opportunity Fair!** The committees and boards of the church will be sponsoring an opportunity fair following worship on October 30. This will be a time to visit with committee members and learn more about the activities and ministries of the church. There will be something for new members and old timers alike!



Year to Date Finance Report

January through August	
Total Income	\$158,318.74
Total Expense	140,010.09
Net Income	18,308.65



Trinity Youth Update

Following the departure of our interim youth director, Sarah Macway, the Spiritual Enrichment Committee met with the youth of the church and their parents in late August to talk about the future of the youth program at Trinity. There was much good conversation. The youth were clear that they wanted to continue having a youth program but instead of hiring a part time youth worker they would like to work with a youth board made up of three or four members of the congregation.

The board will meet regularly with the youth to plan programs and mission projects that interest the youth and fit into their busy schedules. The board members are Charlie May, Lee Duffus, Dave Macway, youth Loren Edwards and Katherine Macway, as well as any other youth who wish to attend and be a part of the planning process. We look forward to this new youth ministry program at Trinity.

Santa Cruz al Salvador—Items Needed

Once again this year we are collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, wash cloths, Tylenol, Motrin, vitamins, antihistamines, GI meds, antibiotic and steroid creams, new bandages and dressings. No outdated meds can be accepted. We are also collecting glasses (especially reading glasses) to distribute as there is no eye care in our Salvadorian communities.

For those with a Prayer Child, if you can continue to sponsor a child, now is time to contribute \$70 for annual scholarship (Jan.-Dec., 2012), write a letter to your child, and prepare a one gallon Ziploc bag filled with age appropriate items, such as T shirt, cap, school supplies, thin calculator, thin book in Spanish, inexpensive jewelry, or small toys. Because we have over 120 children we can only take one sealed gallon bag per child. The gallon bags will be taken in November to distribute at scholarship ceremony by second delegation in early January.

There are several new Prayer Children who need a scholarship if anyone would like to join in this worthy project. You may deliver above to George or David or place in designated box in the narthex.

Thanks to all for supporting our friends in the Salvadorian communities of Guillermo Ungo.

Things That Make Us Happy



- To hear that over \$400 was collected at the Pupusa Luncheon last month in support of the El Salvador Mission trip.
- To see the eye catching new sign in the church yard publicizing the Fourth Tuesday Luncheons. Thanks to the Duffus family for making the sign!
- To enjoy the service of installation for Evie Macway as our *permanent* pastor at Trinity. Thanks also to all who worked to make the reception following the service so lovely.
- To see the new Trinity Presbyterian Church blue grocery bags around town! If you would like a bag or two speak to one of the deacons or call the church office.
- To hear that Frank and Kate Miller celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Kate and Frank.

The Bible in 50 Words

God made, Adam bit, Noah arked, Abraham split, Joseph ruled, Jacob fooled, bush talked, Moses balked, Pharaoh plagued, people walked, sea divided, tablets guided, promise landed, Saul freaked, David peeked, prophets warned, Jesus born, God walked, love talked, anger crucified, hope died, love rose, spirit flamed, word spread, God remained.

<http://www.anglicansonline.org/special/50.html>

Thank You

Dear Trinity Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your generous check to the Food Program here at the Homeless Services Center. Your support in helping to provide food for families during this tough financial time is remarkable, kind, and unselfish.

You all are an inspiration to me and others here at the shelter.

Thank you for bettering our community.

Warm regards,

Megan

Homeless Services Center

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship, World Communion Sunday, 10:30 am AA, 8-9 pm, Fellowship Hall	3 Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	4 Boutique, 9:30 am—12 noon, YR AA 5:00 pm, FH SE Meeting , 5:30 pm FS Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall	5 Hike , Henry Cowell, 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting , 6:30 pm, Fireside Room	6 Bible Study, 1:00 pm, FS Mission Committee Meeting , 5:30 pm, FS 12 Step 7:00—8:30 pm, Library	7 Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	8 Sweet Pea, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Youth Room Bob Hope Lecture, 7:00 pm
9 Youth Board Meeting , 9:15 am, Library Worship Service 10:30 am Bridges to Other Communities, 11:45 am-1:00 pm, FS AA, 8-9 pm, FH	10 Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	11 AA 5:00 pm, FH Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall	12 Administration Committee Meeting , 4:00 pm, FS	13 Bible Study, 1:00 pm, FS Session , 5:30 pm, Fireside Room 12 Step 7:00—8:30 pm, Library	14 Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	15
16 Worship 10:30 am Stewardship Kick Off Luncheon, following worship Deacons' Meeting after Luncheon AA, 8-9 pm, Fellowship Hall	17 Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	18 AA 5:00 pm, FH Boutique, 9:30 am—12 noon, YR Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall	19	20 Bible Study, 1:00 pm, FS Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., FH 12 Step 7:00—8:30 pm, Library	21 Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	22 Women's Retreat 9:30 a.m. at Congregational Church of Soquel
23 Worship 10:30 am AA, 8-9 pm, FH	24 Office Closed AA, 7:30-9:00 pm Youth Room Book Club, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room	25 AA 5:00 pm, FH Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall Fourth Tuesday Senior Luncheon, 12 noon, Fellowship Hall	26 Ombudsman, 12 noon -2:30 pm, Fireside Room	27 Bible Study, 1:00 pm, FS 12 Step 7:00—8:30 pm, Library	28 Office Closed AA, 7:30 - 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall	29
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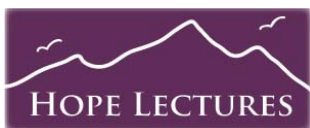
The Bible and the Brain:

Experiencing Christian Scriptures Through the Insights of Cognitive Science

- What is the role of the Bible in Christian faith?
- Does it prescribe our behavior as faithful people today, or does it describe the spiritual stories, both inspirational and cautionary, of faithful people who lived long ago?
- Is faith strengthened or weakened if we assume that the fantastic and miraculous events described in the Bible are mythical in nature?
- Can recent discoveries in neuroscience about the brain provide a bridge between ancient and modern interpretations of scripture?

AN EVENING WITH JIM BURKLO

Rev. Jim Burklo is the Associate Dean of Religious Life at the University of Southern California. Previously he was campus minister of the United Campus Christian Ministry at Stanford University. He also was the organizer and executive director of the Urban Ministry of Palo Alto. Burklo is the author of *BIRDLIKE AND BARNLESS: Meditations, Poems, Prayers, and Songs for Progressive Christians*, and *OPEN CHRISTIANITY*, a primer on the progressive Christian movement.



Inaugural Bob Hope Memorial Lecture

This public lecture is the first of an intended annual series of lectures

that relate to theological Issues and spiritual insights. The lectures are sponsored by Trinity Presbyterian Church to honor the legacy of Robert Bruce Hope, a lifelong Presbyterian and member of the Trinity congregation.

What: An evening with Rev. Jim Burklo

When: Saturday, October 8, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm Informal Reception,
followed by the Lecture

Where: Trinity Presbyterian Church
420 Melrose Avenue, Santa Cruz

Other: \$10 donation requested; no one
will be turned away. Books by Rev.
Burklo will be available for sale.

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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
Oct. 2	<i>Peggy Minier</i>	<i>Bob & Barbara Scott</i>	<i>Bob & Barbara Scott</i>	<i>Paul Seever</i>
Oct. 9	<i>Scott Whitley</i>	<i>George & Elizabeth Bunch</i>	<i>Mark & Beth Hooley</i>	<i>Jennie & Gary Edwards</i>
Oct. 16	<i>Dave & Katherine Macway</i>	<i>Betty Gangware</i>	<i>David Gomez</i>	<i>Carolyn Brothers</i>
Oct. 23	<i>Kathleen & Janet Eschen-Pipes</i>	<i>Gwen & Charlie May</i>	<i>Harry & Mary Blanchard</i>	<i>Joanne Clever</i>
Oct. 30	<i>Vera Hope</i>	<i>Frank & Kate Miller</i>	<i>Darrell & Sue Yeane</i>	<i>Karen Wichelmann</i>

October Communion Servers

Elders— Emily Duffus and George Bunch
Deacons—Kate Miller and Carolyn Brothers

November Communion Servers

Elders— Wayne Norton and Peggy Minier
Deacons—Elizabeth Bunch and Joanne Clever