

June 2010

Steeple Talk

Trinity Presbyterian
Church, Santa Cruz



Caring Hearts, Serving Hands, Open Minds: Trinity 2010

A couple of months ago we held our annual church officer's retreat. Here at Trinity this is a day when the elders, deacons and the pastor of the church take time away from the usual activities of life to think and pray about our life together at Trinity. This year the theme for the retreat was based on a phrase from our church's new mission study document. Together we explored the question, "Caring hearts, serving hands, open minds: what does this mean for Trinity in 2010?"

The conversations around the tables were spirited and Spirit-filled. Your officers have a lot of passion for the ministry that is happening and can happen here at Trinity. We broke into groups based on our interests. You may recall that the mission focus in our study document is divided into three areas: serving our congregation, serving our community and serving our world. The groups filled sheets of paper with ideas for how we might carry out mission in these three areas.

When we gathered together as a whole again we begin to prioritize and talk about which of the projects we had listed, God might be calling us to do now. The conversation had that wonderful mix of practical and passionate, a true mark of the Spirit, I think. We talked about resources in the congregation of time, talent and money. And we talked about where we were most excited to see Trinity's mission go in 2010.

In the months since March the committees of the church have been working on several of the projects we discussed that day. You can see details of the plans that are being made and the activities that are already happening in several of the articles in this newsletter. There is the new weekly effort to feed the homeless in Santa Cruz. The Vacation Bible Camp is planned for August. We will break ground for a community garden on the church property in the coming weeks. The Outreach and Fellowship committees are making plans for a monthly luncheon for community seniors. The church has a new brochure to give to visitors. We will welcome a visiting missionary this summer and our Al Salvador mission relationship is growing.

We do not know for sure where the winds of the Spirit will take us in the years ahead, but as we move into the summer months of 2010 here at Trinity may we rejoice in the breath and life of the Spirit among us today.

In Faith,
Evie

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Meetings:

Administration Committee, June 3, 4:00 pm, Library
Mission Committee, June 3, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room
Fellowship Committee, June 8, 6:30 pm, Fireside Room
Spiritual Enrichment Committee, June 10, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room
Session, June 17, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room
Deacons, June 23, 4:00 pm, Joanne Clever's home

Dates to Remember:

Sweet Pea, June 12, 9:00 am—4:00 pm, Youth Room
Boutique, June 1, 15, 9:30 am—12 noon, in the Youth Room
Music Sunday, June 27
Church Picnic, June 27, following worship
Book Club, June 28, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room



Trinity Committee News

Session

Moderator Evie Macway opened May 20th Session meeting with prayer. The Session reviewed and accepted the minutes of the April 23rd meeting. Evie thanked the painters for her office update and the painting done on the church's exterior. A letter was read from Sylvia Hammond a longtime former member asking for prayers for her sister Rachel.

The following Session committees reported:

Mission:

Pennies for Peace, a collection for Greg Mortenson's Afghanistan schools project was approved. A jar will be placed in the narthex on Sundays for contributions. Kate Miller will give a minute for mission regarding this mission.

A test vegetable/flower garden will be started in part of the lawn area on Poplar Avenue. Sunshine Duffus will lead the project.

Outreach:

The website, thanks to Paul Seever, George Bunch and Lee Duffus is up and running. Check it out!

Spiritual Enrichment:

After much discussion a consensus was reached that the church's banner will not be carried in this year's Gay Pride Parade. Though the theme of the parade was supported by session members some of the activity in and around the parade raised concern. The session will seek to learn more about how the parade is organized and how other churches in the area participate. There will be a commissioning of Trinity participants in the parade at the beginning of the worship service on June 6.

Stewardship:

Frank Miller presented plans for the upcoming Stewardship drive consisting of pledges of Time, Talents and Money.

Safe Church Practice:

The session adopted the "Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy" as required by the presbytery. All church officers, employees and those working with children and youth at the church will be required to attend training classes at the church in the upcoming months. More information will follow. Wayne Norton is organizing this effort for the church.

Fellowship

On Music Sunday, June 27, we will honor our wonderful choir with a BBQ after worship. The Fellowship Committee will provide hamburgers and hot dogs and the congregation is asked to bring side dishes and desserts. The choir will be on vacation July and August.

Deacons

The Deacons met in the Fireside Room on May 12th. Katherine Macway will be asking for volunteers to be Sunday Saints during June. Bookie Nichols and Joanne Clever will be Communion Servers. Reports were given and concerns shared. Deacons will provide gifts for the graduates - both from High School and from College. They will also provide the hot dogs and hamburgers for the picnic following worship on June 27th - the last Sunday in June. Deacons really want to be supportive and caring for Trinity's members. If you ever know of someone needing a visit, a card, any kind of support, please let a Deacon know. If you aren't sure who to call, call Sally Walters at 475-3726.

Outreach Committee

Please sign the new Attendance Pads in the pews each Sunday and pass back down the row to help learn names of our new participants and visitors. Be sure to introduce yourself and invite them to fellowship time in the Courtyard after Church. You may encourage prospective and new members to also take one of our new outreach brochures in the pews.

Other projects include help with publicity for special events and activities, so if your committee has a special event you want publicized, please notify George, Kate, or Joanne who have agreed to help our committee with publicity. Upcoming special events include Choir/Music Service and after Church Picnic on Sunday June 27th, evening Cameroon Missionary report from Christine and Jeff Boyd Sunday July 18th, Vacation Bible Camp Aug 2-6th, and plans for a monthly Senior Luncheon Program at our Church in the Fall. If you would like to help with planning for this new monthly senior luncheon and program please notify George or Evie. We are excited to be developing this special activity for our members, guests, neighborhood, and senior centers.

Music Sunday

Trinity's Choir is enjoyed by all each Sunday, and the Choir members enjoy working together to make music such a special part of Worship at Trinity. Joseph and the Choir will be taking the summer off, and plans are being worked on and music is being practiced for a very special Worship Service with an emphasis on MUSIC on the last Sunday the choir will be singing before summer. Most of the music will be familiar and the theme of LOVE has been chosen for the day. Be sure to plan to be in Worship on June 27th to hear the Choir sing several beautiful pieces and to enjoy their gift to you before they take their summer break. Bring a neighbor or a friend to enjoy this special service of music, too!

Things That Make Us Happy. . .

- To have Barbara Scott be our substitute clerk at our Session meeting in May, while Juanita Stock is home recovering from knee surgery. Thank you, Barbara!
- To hear of Ellen Bauerle's retirement from teaching after 30 plus years at Brook Knoll school. Congratulations Ellen!
- To see Carolee Todd featured in a recent article in the Sentinel for her work with the "Layette Ladies".
- To hear that at the academic awards assembly at his school last week, Loren Edwards received the following awards: Outstanding Academic Excellence (4.0 gpa for the year); Outstanding achievement in Spanish 1; Most outstanding achievement in the freshman class for Biology, Geometry and Geography.



Office Closure

The office will be closed the week of June 21 as both Evie and LeAnn will be out of town. Darrell Yeane and Kathleen Eschen-Pipes will be available for pastoral care. Phone messages will be checked daily.

Year to Date Finance Report

January through April 2010

Total Income \$64,923.33

Total Expense 62,679.54

Net Income 2,243.79



Vacation Bible Camp coming to Trinity

Save the dates of August 2-6 for The Great Bible Reef Vacation Bible Camp at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Click on Summer Fun for Kids on Trinity's homepage at www.trinitypressc.org for more information. You can register online or fill out a registration form in the Narthex and drop it off or send to the church office. If you are interested or have questions please speak to Ellen Bauerle or Katherine Macway.



Trinity Book Club

The Book Club continues to meet at 7:00 pm on the fourth Monday of each month in the Fireside Room at Trinity. New faces are always welcome, or feel welcome to come if we happen to be reading a book that is a favorite of yours. Future reading will be:

June - "*People of the Book*" by Geraldine Brooks

July - "*The Help*" by Kathryn Stockett

August - "*Cutting For Stone*" by Abraham Verghese

Summer Newsletter

The lazy days of summer bring with them a slower pace, a less hectic schedule, and fewer newsletter articles. With that in mind, the next issue of Steeple Talk will be a combined July/August issue. The deadline for articles will be July 1 with a publication date of July 11.

Trinity Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays

4 Isaac Beach,

Joseph Ribeiro

10 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 and let us

Santa Cruz al Salvador Mission Trips Filling Fast

Santa Cruz al Salvador November Thanksgiving Delegation with Medical Mission focus is filling up fast with a limit of 20 for Nov 19-28 return trip to rural North Central El Salvador. Total trip cost is about \$900 to \$1100, with earlier booking for better airfare (\$600-800 of the total cost) and to assure inclusion. A deposit (\$100) is due June 6th. You may mail your deposit to Ruth Cruddas, 3 Pajaro Vista Ct, Watsonville, CA 95076 or call Ruth (768-1580), George (600-8338), or David (429-5805) with questions. A second delegation about Dec 28-Jan 5th with VBS and Craft Projects emphasis is also taking \$100 deposits with a limit of 20 participants. Youth will be present in both delegations as well as several fluent Spanish speakers.

Save your Rummage Sale items for SC al Salvador Benefit Rummage Sale Saturday, July 17th at St Stephens Lutheran Church, 2500 Soquel Avenue, just South of Highway One Exit. We are collecting smaller sale items at the Church, but please take larger items to St. Stephens the afternoon of Friday, July 16th or call George or David for pick up. All proceeds will go toward El Salvador medical clinic and scholarships.

Be sure to check our updated website www.trinitypressc.org at least weekly for all special events and news about our Church.—George Bunch

Project Homeless Outreach

You may have seen the basket titled Project Homeless Outreach in the Narthex. This is a continuation of Trinity's mission to the homeless in our area. When you travel save those shampoos, soaps, lotions, etc. that you get in the hotels and donate them to this project. Any toiletry items are welcome. We will distribute them to the Homeless Center or our Saturday Outreach program.



Youth Group Schedule

June 6: No Youth Group, however, youth group members are invited to march at the Gay Pride Parade.

June 13: Youth Group, 12 noon—2:00 pm

June 20: Happy Father's Day! (No Youth Group)

June 27: Youth Group, 12 noon—2:00 pm

Congratulations Graduates

Kate Collins graduates from UC Berkeley with a double major in Rhetoric and Political Science. She will be attending American University in the fall.



Jesse Brothers is graduating from **Monte Vista Christian School** and plans to serve in Americorps, the domestic Peace Corp, next year.

Veronica Grace Christie is scheduled to graduate from **San Lorenzo Valley High School** on Friday, June 11, 2010. She plans to attend California State University Northridge as a freshman this fall.

Emily Macway is graduating from **Mountain View High School** and will be attending UC Davis in the fall (with her big sister!). She is currently planning to major in Human Development.

Sarah Macway is graduating from **Stanford University** and will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with honors in the field of Ecology and Evolution. She will be attending the Stanford School of Education next fall, working toward her Master's degree in education and her teaching credential.

Vivace Youth Chorus

Saturday, June 9 at 3:00 pm

In preparation for the Pacific International Children's chorus Festival, and the distinguished Bach Festival in Oregon, the Vivace Youth Chorus will be presenting "Pacific Gems," a bon voyage concert.

This concert will feature Brian Holmes' premiere performance of "The Song of Mr. Toad". It will also feature works by Bach, Bernstein, Conte, Chatman and Hatfield as well as settings of folk music from France (via Louisiana), Venezuela, and Newfoundland. Performers will include Jerry Holmes on baritone sax, and Margaret Collar on flute.

www.vivaceyouthchorus.org

Foothill Presbyterian Church

5301 McKee Road, San Jose, CA 95127

Contact: Jay Jordana, (408) 258-8133 x105

www.foothillpc.org

Suggested donation: \$10 per person

Donations benefit the Foothill Music Series to facilitate future concerts.

Mission Committee

Trinity's Mission Committee has recently been busy working on several mission related issues.

Missionaries Jeff and Christi Boyd will be visiting Trinity and giving a presentation related to their work the evening of Sunday, July 18th. Trinity has supported the work of the Boyds for many years. Jeff is regional liaison for central Africa, with special focus on Congo, Cameroon, and Equatorial Guinea. Jeff's area of expertise is education. He has been a PC (USA) mission worker since 1990, having served in Tanzania and Congo. He and Christi are based in Cameroon where Christi facilitates the Joining Hands Network. Please mark your calendar to attend, learn about the Boyds' mission, and show your support for them and their very important work.

Session approved the preparation of an "experimental" 4 foot by 6 foot vegetable garden in the yard adjacent to Poplar Avenue. We have been discussing for some time what might be a more appropriate use of this part of Trinity's property that has for many years grown grass and gophers. Sunshine Duffus has volunteered to help plan and work in the garden. We anticipate this to be a work in progress to determine the amount of participation that might be forthcoming from Trinity's members, youth, or maybe the neighbors. We hope there will be enough interest and support to require us to ask Session for permission to expand the garden's area.

We will also have to determine the appropriate mission related use of the harvested crop. If you would like to have input on the garden or would like to volunteer to help, please let Sunshine or someone on the Mission or Administration committees know your thoughts.

Knitting for Neo Natal Program

Just a reminder that the basket on the table in the narthex is waiting for preemie hats to go to the Neo Natal program at Dominican Hospital. There are patterns in the basket if you need one. These tiny hats don't take very long to whip up, are a good use for your odds and ends of yarns, and are needed to keep the heat in the tiny bodies of God's littlest babies. So, when looking for a way to use an hour or two wisely, get those needles clicking and don't forget to knit a bit of love in every stitch.



Pennies for Peace is coming to Trinity!



Starting in June there will be a Pennies for Peace jar in the narthex. We urge members to put their spare change in this container. This would be especially meaningful for the children.

Pennies for Peace or Building Bridges for Peace one Penny at a Time is part of Greg Mortenson's program to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Most of these schools are built in rural areas where there are few or no schools for girls. They are not expected to get an education. Many of the girls who have attended these schools have gone on to further education and return to their villages as leaders. When you educate a boy you educate a man, when you educate a girl you educate a village!

The money raised is used for building materials (the villagers build the schools themselves) to pay the teachers, for school supplies and equipment and for scholarships for the children. This is a great way to educate a child and promote peace at the same time.

Tour the Holy Lands—Steadfast Hope: People and Places of the Holy Land

Local Presbyterians and friends are invited and encouraged to participate in the 2010 Fall Pilgrimage to the Holy Land sponsored by the Presbyterian Israel/Palestine Mission Network (IPMN). This special informational tour is scheduled for October 31 to November 12, 2010. Details for this special 13-day travel tour can be found on the IPMN website;

www.israelpalestinemissionnetwork.org or at <http://www.gtd.org/post/pdfbrochure/101007.pdf>

This pilgrimage, especially designed for and by Presbyterians, will be led by Rev. Marthame Sanders, former Middle East Mission volunteer, and Donald Mead, Moderator of the IPMN travel Group. Participants will spend time in the major holy sites of Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee and Jerusalem; will meet Israelis and Palestinians, Jews, Muslims and Christians; and learn about a complex conflict through their eyes. Tour members will also lend a hand in the olive harvest and take part in a regional festival celebrating the harvest. An optional three day extension trip to Jordan and the famous "Red City of Petra" may be added.

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> Boy Scout Parents, 6:30 pm, YR Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH Boutique, 10 am - 12 pm, YR AA 5:00 pm, FH	<i>2</i> 12 Step 6:45-8:45 pm, Library	<i>3</i> Mission Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, FS Administration Meet- ing, 4:00 pm, Library AA 7—9 pm, YR	<i>4</i> Office Closed AA 7:30-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> Worship, 10:30 am AA 8 pm - 9 pm, FH	<i>7</i> Office Closed AA 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room Private Party 6:30—9:00 pm, Fireside Room	<i>8</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, FH AA 5:00 pm, FH Fellowship Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm FS	<i>9</i> 12 Step 6:45-8:45 pm, Library	<i>10</i> AA 7:00-9:00 pm, Youth Room Spiritual Enrichment Meeting, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room	<i>11</i> Office Closed AA 7:30-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>12</i> Sweet Pea 9:00 am— 2:00 pm, Youth Room
<i>13</i> Worship 10:30 am AA 8 pm - 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, Fellowship Hall Boutique, 10 am - 12 pm, YR	<i>16</i> 12 Step 6:45-8:45 pm, Library S.C. Neuropathy Group, 1:00 pm, Fireside Room	<i>17</i> AA 7:00-9:00 pm, Youth Room Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm, Fellow- ship Hall Session, 5:30 pm, Fireside Room	<i>18</i> Office Closed AA 7:30-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>19</i> Private Party, 2 pm—10 pm, Fellowship Hall
<i>20</i> Worship 10:30 am AA 8 pm - 9 pm, FH	<i>21</i> Office Closed AA 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	<i>22</i> Office Closed Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall AA 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>23</i> Office Closed Deacon Meeting, 4:00 pm, at Joanne Clever's home Ombudsman 12:00—2:30 pm, FS 12 Step 6:45-8:45 pm, Library	<i>24</i> Office Closed AA 7:00-9:00 pm, YR	<i>25</i> Office Closed AA 7:30-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>26</i> Private Party 3 pm—9 pm, Fellowship Hall
<i>27</i> Worship, Music Sunday, 10:30 am AA 8 pm - 9 pm, FH Picnic following worship	<i>28</i> Office Closed Book Club, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room AA 7:30 - 9:00 pm Youth Room	<i>29</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall AA 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	<i>30</i> 12 Step 6:45-8:45 pm, Library			
					<i>YR=Youth Room</i> <i>FH=Fellowship</i> <i>Hall</i> <i>FS=Fireside Room</i>	

**“Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers,
that you do unto me.”**

There are infinite ways to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and serving the hungry is among them. Since my first experience with Trinity, I have been graced with friendly *agape*:

- 1.) love that is wholly selfless and spiritual
- 2.) selfless love felt by Christians for their fellow human beings
- 3.) a communal meal held by a Christian community, especially in early Christian times in commemoration of the Last Supper.

As a new addition to Trinity Presbyterian, I am moved to affirm my faith to the community. God’s Love is so abundant that at times it feels impossible to contain it. My prayers for divine direction lead me to join the Missions Committee here at Trinity and there, the plan to feed the hungry was embraced and wonderfully supported. What a feeling of joyful peace in working together to follow the teachings of Christ our Lord. The presence of the Holy Spirit bubbles up and touches us all. Those being fed are consistently grateful and the *agape* is hungered for as much as the chili and cornbread.

The park setting is perfect logistically in this season of clement weather. We plan to continue that for the next weeks. Many hands make light work indeed. The cooperation has been a blessing and the ambience of togetherness is heaven sent. I am reminded of the verse from Isaiah:

Do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with the Lord.
Lucia van Diepen

Volunteer Opportunity

Wanted: any and all church members/people of faith who may be interested/lead to carry the message of Jesus's Love into Soledad State Prison. Twice monthly (the 2nd & 4th Monday from 6-8pm) a time of worship is scheduled. Volunteers for the Alternatives to Violence Project are also welcome especially among our Christian fellows.

If you are moved to either of these options, there is an essential prison orientation on Sat. June 12th and carpooling available. I have been volunteering there regularly since August 09 and witness the rampant spiritual hunger as well as the consistent reverent appreciation for the prison ministry.

Those who feel called to this work can contact me in order to be "cleared" through the institution's security procedure for June 12th. A one year clearance is then issued for religious volunteers.

May the Lord bless and keep you,
Lucia van Diepen
Graduate Theological Union
Pacific School of Religion/SFTS
Masters of Divinity Program



Room Needed

Church member and Fall seminarian Lucia van Diepen seeks a room within the faith community for the summer, July 1-August 22. Lucia is a non-smoker vegetarian and has no pets. If you have a room would like to help Lucia, please contact her by phone at 426-5311 or by email at: lav7@humboldt.edu



Thank you!

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Sunday Saints



June 6 Communion Servers

Elders—Ellen Bauerle and Wayne Norton

Deacons— Bookie Nichols and Joanne Clever

	Greeter	Coffee	Usher
June 6	Harry and Mary Blanchards	Gwen May	Barbara Christie
June 13	Lucia van Diepen	Sunday School	Barbie Schaller
June 20	Frank and Kate Miller	Sally Walters	David Gomez
June 27	The Macway Family	Betty Gangware	The Blanchards or the Scotts

July 4 Communion Servers

Elders—Charlie May and Frank Miller

Deacons—Kate Miller and Sally Walters