

# The Quest

## Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

April 2022

### WHO WE ARE



Trinity Church is an ecumenical Open and Affirming (ONA) congregation. We are affiliated with the American Baptist Church, the Episcopal Church, the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church.

Sunday service hours:

10 a.m. (Nursery care available)

Office hours:

Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

(413) 625-2341

Pastor - Rev. Marguerite Sheehan

Music Director - Keith Rollinson

Church Secretary - Brook Batteau

Nursery Attendant - Lisa Porter

Sexton - Greg Sudak

Leadership Team Chair- Virginia Ray

Sunday services can be viewed on Falls Cable, channel 17.

The scheduled broadcasts are:

Tuesday - 10 a.m., Thursday - 10 a.m.

Sunday - 9 a.m.

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### *From the Pastor*

Dear Faithful Friends,

I can only imagine that you, like me, are delighted that we have slid from winter to spring! Today I see crocus shooting up on the lawn and snow drops in the church garden. The "little sewing girl" is with us in the garden for another year and is greeting the spring birds and the warmer temperatures.

Dorrie and I and Penny are back from a mid-March vacation on the Cape – all of us rejuvenated from walks on the bike bath and runs on the beach. I am grateful for these weeks away. They make a difference for the long haul of faithful ministry. Thank you to Rev, Kate Stevens who filled in for me and for all of you dear friends for being who you are.

Are you enjoying the Grace Abounds daily devotional? I appreciate the variety of voices and meditations and prayers including this one. "O Jesus Christ, enter our lives, change our hearts, and reorient us to better things. Give us life and call us again to follow you. Amen."

That is what Lent (and Easter) is to me. A good long time to reorient, to welcome Jesus into my heart and with the help of God and you, to see better things. Especially in this time of strife and war, and a worldwide pandemic, it is hard to keep our sight on good things. This time of Lent and soon Easter gives us the chance to practice seeing the Light of Christ, even when it is dim and darkening. We cannot ignore the sorrow and pain of life on our planet. We can take that very sorrow and pain, those crosses, and bring them into the Light of Love. I call that abounding grace. Some others call it salvation.

This year we will walk with Jesus through his last days on earth. We start with Palm Sunday worship, remembering that last year we worshipped from home! Then we proceed to our

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service on Thursday April 14 at 6:30. We will not set up tables for a "last supper" in the sanctuary, but we will listen to the words of the Passion and to meditative music while we watch the light dim to darkness. Then, because after all we are Easter people, we will go out into the quiet night, expectant for what will come next.

On Good Friday, from noon to three, we will have music playing in the Sanctuary for those who would like to pray alone or with a friend. On Easter morning we will have a 6 am Easter Sunrise service on the lawn outside the church. Who knows, maybe we will even have a little Easter Sunrise coffee hour? Finally at 10 am our church will come alive with flowers and a choir and all of us singing Alleluia!

Easter arrives this year on Sunday April 17, but Eastertide is 50 days! Longer than Lent because there are more stories to tell, more songs to sing, more hope to rise up and share with the world. Darkness meets the dawn. Love, that came to birth in Bethlehem is still on the move, even after Good Friday.

Indeed, as our Lenten devotional attests, we will pray on Easter, "O wondrous God, who raised your beloved Son from hell's grasp, fill us with joy, on this festival day, that we might tell all the world that Christ is risen from the dead. Amen.

In Love and Light, *Marguerite*

*Marguerite may be reached at 413-687-1418 or 413-489-3031*

### COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET STORY

The other day at the clothes closet, one of our local residents was absolutely delighted to get a new Totes coat. She came in without a coat on, tried it on, I had her zip it up, and she left saying, "I can't believe I got a coat!"

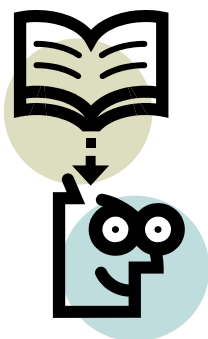
A woman who has six foster children selected some clothing, and she came back an hour later, bringing back the ones that didn't fit; she said how happy the kids were to have the clothes, and she selected a few more things.

I'm still thinking about this today, so thought I'd share.

Have a sunny day.

xxoo, *sherry Clark*

### STARKEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 1



Applications are now available in the mailbox on the church office door for the **Starkey Scholarship** interest free loans. Applicants must be members of Trinity Church. Applications need to be returned to the office no later than May 1, 2022.

## COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET

St. Pauly Textile, Inc., the company that oversees our clothing shed for the Community Clothes Closet at Cowell Gymnasium, reports that in 2021, 28,871 pounds of clothing was donated from our shed. That is enough to clothe an estimated 5,318 people around the world. Based on this volume, Trinity's Clothes Closet mission received \$1,155.

## CROP WALK 2021 REPORT

We donated \$1,725! As part of this walk, our Friday night Community Meal recently received a check for a bit over \$1600. That is almost the amount we raised. Amazing!

We have received information from Adam Smedberg, our Church World Service CROP WALK Engagement Specialist, reporting that The Franklin County CROP WALK is listed as number 78 out of the 500 CROP WALKS in the nation of last year. Your contributions of prayer, time, money, walking, helped to make this possible.

Monies raised nation-wide provided a mobile health unit in Haiti in response to an earthquake that damaged a community's hospital and several medical facilities.

Also, in Vietnam, in a school with limited bathroom facilities, CROP WALK money funded a team from Church World Service to go there, modernize the facility to better handle the number of students using it.

Trinity Church will participate in the 2022 CROP Walk again this year. The date is Sunday, October 2. It will be held at the United Methodist Church in Greenfield, so we know there are no hills involved. Let's raise more money this year for this worthy cause.

*Lois Bascom & Clare Chapman, Co-ordinators*

## GREAT STRIDES WALK FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS

**Save the date:**

**May 22nd is the 23rd Annual Great Strides walk for Cystic Fibrosis.**

**We walk in memory of Audrey Clark, a Trinity Parishioner.**

In the past, Trinity Church members have worn their red Trinity jackets. Would you like to join us? We have 2 routes available. A shorter 1.5 miles and a longer 3 mile loop. Both go over the lovely Bridge of Flowers.

For more information, please reach out to  
Sandy Gaffey: 413-625-0227 or [sandyclark@netzero.net](mailto:sandyclark@netzero.net).

You can also find out more about Audrey and the walk under the Shelburne Falls Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides page:

[https://fightcf.cff.org/site/TR/GreatStrides/74\\_Massachusetts\\_RI?team\\_id=103150&pg=team&fr\\_id=9091](https://fightcf.cff.org/site/TR/GreatStrides/74_Massachusetts_RI?team_id=103150&pg=team&fr_id=9091)

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## FROM LENT TO EASTER SUNDAY AND BEYOND!

- April 10 Palm Sunday Worship with a blessing of the palms.
- April 14 Maundy Thursday Evening Tenebrae Service at 6:30
- April 15 Good Friday – quiet time in the sanctuary from noon to 3. Come to pray and meditate at any time.
- April 17 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 6 and Sunday worship at 10.

**Followed by 50 days of Eastertide!**

### LECTIONARY IN APRIL

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April 3	Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8; Psalm 126
April 10	Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49; Psalm 31:9-16
April 17	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
April 24	Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150

## CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10 am Service.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10 am Palm Sunday Service. 9:15 Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	<b>13</b> 11 - 5 Clothes Closet.	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday. 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10 am Easter Service. 9:15 Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6 pm L.T. Meeting	<b>22</b> 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10 am Service.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group	<b>27</b> 11 - 5 Clothes Closet.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>30</b>

### Spring flowers in honor and memory of loved ones for Easter Sunday



If you wish to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter by ordering a plant, please fill out this form and return it to the church office by Sunday, April 10.

Plants will include Easter lilies, tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths <sup>2</sup> depending on availability. Flowers are \$7/each.

Checks should be made payable to Trinity Church. We will assume one plant per name is being ordered. If you need more space, please note more names below the printed matter.

Plants not picked up will be delivered to our elder parishioners and others who are not able to attend the worship service.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant(s) on Easter Sunday.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to deliver/pick-up my plant.