

The Quest

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

April 2023

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.

Regular Sunday service time

10 a.m. (Nursery care available)

Office hours

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

Thursday- 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

(413) 625-2341

Bridge Pastor: Rev. Dr. Donna Schaper

Leadership team co-chairs:

Lois Bascom & Eileen McCusker Rauch

Church Secretary - Brook Batteau

Music Director - Keith Rollinson

Nursery Attendant - Lisa Porter

Facilities Staff - Lisa Mroczek

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 Bridge Pastor,

Did you ever hear the word Midrash? Or its friendly abbreviation, a rash? It is the Hebrew word for a sermon. Rabbis speak about having to go work on their rash for the weekend. Christian clergy have been adopting this language for lay led commentaries on scriptures. Sermons are our word for what the "preacher" does. But we often have lay readers who read the lessons. Many are now including the midrash or rash at the moment of the reading in a five minute addition, which might be called "What this scripture means to me." Bridge pastors often love adding this feature to the Sunday morning worship because it is a tidy and efficient way to find out what congregants think about scripture. We are with you for such a short time. The getting to know you is very important. The more we know about how the faith sounds and reads to you, the better our sermons will be.

Anyone want to do a "rash" some Sunday, when you read? I'd love it.

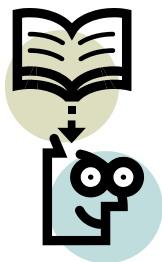
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STARKEY SCHOLARSHIP



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, 2023.

KIRTAN AT TRINITY

We are renting our space for something called kirtan, beginning in April. Kirtan is call and response singing, simple Sanskrit phrases, but loud, enthusiastic singing, drumming, dancing. Everyone who comes always says, "I didn't know what to expect, but this is fun." Kirtan is led by a yogi and master musician, Shubalananda, student of the great teachers of India. Shubal has years of experience and a beautiful singing voice. You can't think when you sing, so kirtan brings you to a natural meditative state that many say creates wonderful peace. Come and join us on the the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 in the Trinity Church sanctuary. This is a donations only event, and we are offering this unique experience to the Shelburne Falls community and especially the members of Trinity church. The dates for April are the 12th and the 26th.

COMMUNITY MEAL MORSELS

The West County Community Meals Program at Trinity Church continues to serve a delicious and nutritious meal every Friday Night at 5:30.

We also have continued to provide three options for enjoying the meal; dine in, take out and drive through.

Over the past year we have been serving approximately 35-50 people per week. After a two year absence due to Covid, students from the Academy at Charlemont have returned to offer their help. A group of 4-6 students and staff have been coming 2-3 times per month. They are great to have around. Shelburne Congregational Church continues to prepare and serve a great meal one Friday each month.

We are always looking for groups to sponsor a meal. You and your friends or coworkers could plan and cook a meal together. It's great fun and a terrific team building activity. We would love to have more involvement from Trinity members. Just pick a Friday night over the next few months and contact us. It only takes 3 or 4 people to do the job and requires only 2-3 hours of your time. The meals program will cover any cost and offer any support needed.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Please join us for an Easter Sunday Sunrise Service here at Trinity Church on Easter Sunday, April 9 at 7 a.m. The regular 10 a.m. Easter service will also happen.



EASTER FLOWERS

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 put it in the collection plate or return it to the church office by *Sunday, April 2*.

Plants will include Easter lilies, tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths — depending on availability. This year lilies are \$11/each and the others are \$6/each.

Please make checks payable to Trinity Church.

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 _____

Type of plant(s) you would like _____

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

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

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Leadership Team sends a warm thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting in person and on Zoom, where we did our required business in a wonderful spirit of collaboration and shared leadership! What a delicious potluck lunch was served and kudos to everyone who cooked, bought, set-up, took down, cleaned, and otherwise made it happen! Wasn't it wonderful to have the quilt from 1986 on display, and seeing all the historic photo albums was lots of fun!

Remember to put the Good Friday service at 3:00 pm on your Holy Week calendars, which will include readings, contemplative music and time for meditation. Please come if you can.

Easter Sunday will include a sunrise service at 7 am outside with good weather and in the narthex if not. Chairs will be available for anyone who prefers to sit. It's usually chilly, so be prepared! And, at 10 am our Easter Sunday service will happen at our regular worship time. We are so grateful to have the leadership of Pastor Donna with us for this Holy Week.

See you Palm Sunday!

Lois Bascom, Clare Chapman, Karyn Dufresne, Beth Martin, Eileen McCusker Rauch, Nancy Parland

MEDITATION, MUSIC AND READING



**Please join us for a
Good Friday Service in the
sanctuary on Friday, April 7
at 3 p.m. with meditation,
music and readings.**

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN APRIL

April 2	Matthew 2: 1 - 11; Isaiah 50: 4 - 9
April 9	John 20: 19 - 31. Psalm 118 1 - 2; 14 - 24
April 16	John 20: 19 - 31; Acts 2: 14a; 22 - 32
April 23	Luke 24:13-35; Acts 2:14a,36-41
April 30	John 10: 1 - 10, Acts 2: 42 - 47

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:30 Ukulele
2 10 am Palm Sunday Service. Donna Schaper- pastor.	3	4 10 am Tai Chi.	5 9:30 Playgroup.	6 7 p.m. AA	7 10:30 Kids Movement. 3:00 Good Friday Service. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	8 10:30 Ukulele
9 7 am Easter Sunrise Service. 10 am Easter Sunday Service. Donna Schaper - pastor.	10	11 10 am Tai Chi.	12 9:30 Playgroup. 11 - 4 Clothes Closet. 7:30 p.m. Kirtan	13 7 p.m. AA	14 10:30 Kids Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	15 10:30 Ukulele
16 10 am Service. Kate Stevens- pastor.	17	18 10 am Tai Chi.	19 9:30 Playgroup.	20 7 p.m. AA	21 5:30 pm Community Meal. 10:30 Movement.	22 10:30 Ukulele
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