

The Quest

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

August
2024

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: Monday - Wednesday - 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursday - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
(413) 625-2341

Leadership Team Co-chairs:
Beth Martin & Eileen McCusker Rauch
Music Director - Keith Rollinson
Church Secretary - Brook Batteau
Nursery Attendant - Lisa Porter
Facilities Staff- Pat Valeski

Recorded Sunday services are available on our website, Facebook, YouTube and Falls Cable channel 9.

Website: <https://trinityshelburnefalls.org>
Facebook: facebook.com/trinityshelburnefalls
YouTube: youtube.com/@trinitychurch7057

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From the Leadership Team

Praises to God and Jesus and Hallelujah!! We have a new Designated Pastor, Pastor Ben (Benjiman) Durfee! Thank you to all who voted at our special meeting on July 7th after hearing him lead us with a very moving service! We are grateful that the process has concluded with finding such an amazing new minister to lead our Beloved Trinity Church forward on our faith Journey together!

Thank you to Nancy and Eileen for leading us in a wonderful service on July 14th with the theme "what brings you Joy" as well as to Dusti for doing the Time for All Ages. Parishioners were asked to write a list of their joys within 45 seconds. Many folks then shared their Joys with the congregation. There are index cards on the Joy Bulletin board at the back left side of the church for those of you so moved to jot down a few things that bring you Joy as well.

The Reverend Marilyn Wilcox arrived in time for the Friday night Community Meal on the 19th and graciously delivered the opening prayer. She was happy to settle into the parsonage for her 2 week stay with us. Many Thanks to Gayle Davidson, Eileen, and Pat Valeski for getting the parsonage in tip top shape and to Carol and Don Paye for taking Marilyn on a village tour! Marilyn led us with prayers and special messages for these last 2 Sundays! We are very grateful for the many blessings of her visit!

The Buckland Pizza House stepped forward and donated all the pizzas for the Friday night Community meal on July 12th. Heartfelt Thank yous go out to Paul and Kim and Sam and their staff this generous donation! What a delicious treat for all who attended that night!

On the Trinity Calendar:

- August 4th will be worship under the tent beside our Memorial Garden lead by Lois Bascom.
- August 11th will feature a sermon from Wes Rice.
- August 18th's sermon will be given by Tom Williams.
- August 23 the Leadership Team is hosting the Community Meal.
- August 25th worship service, Give Peace A Chance, will be led by Gayle Davidson.
- September 1 Sandy Gaffey will lead us.

With Blessings to you Always,

The Leadership Team: *Eileen McCusker Rauch, Nancy Parland, Sarah Neelon and Beth Martin.*

A THANK YOU LETTER

I wanted to let you know that our healthy eating class was a huge success.

There were 7 diverse students (whose stats I will get you once I process the evaluations) who seemed to really get a lot out of the course and the fact that we could experiment together with simple recipes thanks to the use of the Trinity Church kitchen. I think people left more confident to create healthy meals and connected to others.

Thank you to the church for welcoming us. Every one of our students wanted to do another class so who knows, maybe we should do a repeat in the future.

Very best,

Andi

Andi Waisman (she/her)

Healthy Living Program Manager, LifePath



PORCHFEST

Porchfest this year was a great success.
Orlen, Gabriel and Avery played on our parsonage porch.



CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7 pm AA.	2 10:30 Kids Movement. 2 pm Farmers Market. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	3
4 10 am Service- Lois Bascom presiding.	5	6	7 9:30 Playgroup.	8 7 pm AA.	9 10:30 Kids Movement. 2 pm Farmers Market. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	10
11 10 am Service- Wes Rice presiding.	12	13	14 9:30 Playgroup. 11 – 3:30 Clothes Closet.	15 7 pm AA.	16 10:30 Kids Movement. 2 pm Farmers Market. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	17
18 10 am Service- Tom Williams presiding.	19	20 .	21 9:30 Playgroup.	22 7 pm AA	23 10:30 Kids Movement. 2 pm Farmers Market. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	24
25 10 am Service- Thad Bennet presiding.	26	27	28 9:30 Playgroup. 11 – 3:30 Clothes Closet.	29 7 pm AA	31 10:30 Kids Movement. 2 pm Farmers Market. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	29

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

August 4	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-13; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
August 11	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
August 18	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
August 25	1 Kings 8: [1, 6, 10-11], 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

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