

# The Quest

## Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

December 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.

#### 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

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 Leadership Team,***

As we write this message for December to the Trinity Church community we acknowledge and celebrate the approach of the liturgical season of Advent which begins on Sunday, November 27! The sanctuary is already being prepared, the music is being rehearsed, and messages are being written. All of us on the Leadership Team look forward to being present with you to sing, celebrate and anticipate both Christmas and the new year to come.

We are delighted to announce that Rev. Kate Stevens, David Fobes, Rev. Christine Fontaine and Rev. Linda Rhinehart Neas will be among those leading worship with us during Advent this year and we very much look forward to our time together. In addition, Rev. Rhinehart Neas has graciously agreed to continue providing pastoral support during the month of December and we ask that you call Lois Bascom at 413-625-2970 to contact Rev. Linda if needed.

In this transition period we want you to know that the Leadership Team, Building and Grounds Team and others are fully functional and caring for services each Sunday, plowing and sanding, monitoring the parsonage for temperature, and moving forward in discussion for pastoral leadership in 2023. With all of us working together and praying for the Trinity Church community we look forward to the new year as one of blessing and opportunity.

For more information or with questions please contact any member of the Leadership Team and visit our website at [www.trinityshelburnefalls.org](http://www.trinityshelburnefalls.org) for related details.

With God's support, we will continue to grow in faith and community as we journey together!

See you Sunday!

*Lois Bascom, Clare Chapman, Karyn Dufresne, Nancy Parland, and Eileen McCusker Rauch*

## ADOPT - A - FAMILY 2022



### **We are once again shopping for a family this year!**

We are providing gifts and food cards for a family of 4 in Franklin County.

You can help in 2 ways:

1. If you would like to donate to help with the purchase of food cards please mail a check (made out to Sue Mead) to the church or leave cash or a check in an envelope in the church office or offering plate.
2. If you would like to shop, choose a card from the Adopt-A-Family display board at the back of the sanctuary. Purchase the item listed on the card, wrap the gift and tape the card to the package. Bring the gift to church and leave it outside the office door or on the conference room table.

All money donations and gifts must be brought to the church by Sunday December 11 at noon.

Thank you for helping with this important mission to brighten Christmas for a family in need.

*Sue Mead*

## WANTED: VOCAL ENTHUSIASTS LOOKING FOR FUN!

### **The Trinity Choir will be giving voice to the Christmas season.**

Wouldn't you like to join us to sing in the holidays?

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, from 6:30-8:00pm, in the Sanctuary, and the dates are 12/08, 12/15, and 12/22.

Contact Keith with any questions, or just come on December 8 at 6:30pm – looking forward to singing with you!



## TRINITY WOMEN



Thank you!

To the bakers and makers and buyers and all who contributed to our first Trinity Women's Thanksgiving bake sale in four years. We made \$511.50 to put in our treasury for donations to the community/church organizations and initiatives of our choice.

Thanks also to Sarah, who donated some of her lovely crafts and participated in the indoor Shelburne Falls Farmers' Autumn Market and brought in \$150.50 for our future gifts.

Our next meeting is after the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Dec. 4. We'll make some choices about those gifts on that day.

*Sarah Neelon and Ginny Ray, co-chairs*

## THANK YOU!

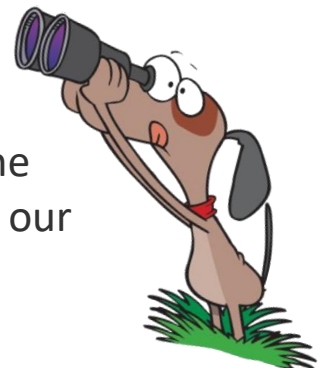


THANK YOU to Layla and Ella Tracy for filling the garden's bird bath every week this past spring, summer and fall. To their grandmother, Eileen Rauch, who helps them.



THANK YOU to Shelburne Falls Coffee Roasters for donations of freshly ground coffee for us to use at coffee hour. Please consider patronizing this wonderful place and thank them for their coffee donations to our church, telling them you are from Trinity.

THANK YOU to Anne and Dick Baker, neighbors of the parsonage. They report to Lois Bascom things like lights on in the church all night and a banging door on the parsonage. They are our Trinity angles and we appreciate their watchfulness.



A BIG THANK YOU to Sarah Davenport of Davenport's Mobil Service Station for making, donating and delivering/hanging this gorgeous wreath!



### LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

December 4	Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
December 11	Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11; Psalm 146:4-9 or Canticle 15 [or Canticle 3]
December 18	Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
December 25	Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14(15-20); Psalm 96

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 7 p.m. AA	<b>2</b> 10:30 Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10 am Service. Kate Stevens - Prchr.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group. 10:30 Ukelele	<b>7</b> 9:30 Playgroup 11 - 4 Clothes Closet.	<b>8</b> 7 p.m. AA	<b>9</b> 10:30 Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>10</b> 10:30 Ukelele
<b>11</b> 10 am Service. David Fobes- prchr.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	<b>14</b> 9:30 Playgroup	<b>15</b> 7 p.m. AA	<b>16</b> 10:30 Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>17</b> 10:30 Ukelele
<b>18</b> 10 am Service. Christine Fontaine - prchr.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	<b>21</b> 9:30 Playgroup 11 - 4 Clothes Closet.	<b>22</b> 7 p.m. AA	<b>23</b> 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10 am Service. Linda Rhineheat Nees- prchr.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group	<b>28</b> 9:30 Playgroup	<b>29</b> 7 p.m. AA	<b>30</b> 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>31</b> 10:30 Ukelele