

The Quest

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

January 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

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,

Happy New Year to everyone in the Trinity Church members, friends and broader community! We are excited about the coming year and, while we know there may be challenges we are also anticipating many blessings and opportunities to emerge as well. The Leadership Team meets regularly and we want to share some information with you as plans are confirmed.

As we announced in a December service, the Rev. Dr. Donna Schaper will be joining us as our "bridge pastor" beginning the first of March! A bridge pastor serves a church each Sunday for worship and other ministry for a longer period and, in this case, she will be with us for 3 months. While Pastor Donna will not participate in our search process, her leadership and presence will provide all of us with a stable and inspiring period of time in which to take essential next steps.

We want to let you know she will be writing to you in the February Quest just before she joins us. Dr. Schaper brings many gifts to Trinity, including extensive experience as pastor in churches large and small. She is a widely published author and a respected speaker and leader in the broader Protestant mainline world in addition to within the United Church of Christ and the American Baptist Churches in the USA. We are blessed!

Pastor Donna will be with us part time on weekends, will stay in our parsonage, lead Bible study sessions, offer office hours on a schedule, provide pastoral care, and participate in Trinity events as her schedule permits.

We are also blessed to have pastors Ken Downes, Mick Comstock and Kate Stevens with us in the month of January.

The Leadership Team would also like to announce that, in compliance with our bylaws, the Trinity Church Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 19th after church. The deadline for reports and plans for the meeting and related activities will be shared very soon. In addition, later in the month of January a

new security system will be installed that will provide more efficient and updated security for the buildings, grounds and everyone who uses them.

For more information please contact any member of the Leadership Team and visit our website at www.trinityshelburnefalls.org for 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

THANK YOU

January 1, 2023

Dear Church members,

I enjoyed the beautiful rose I received on my birthday! Thank you very much.

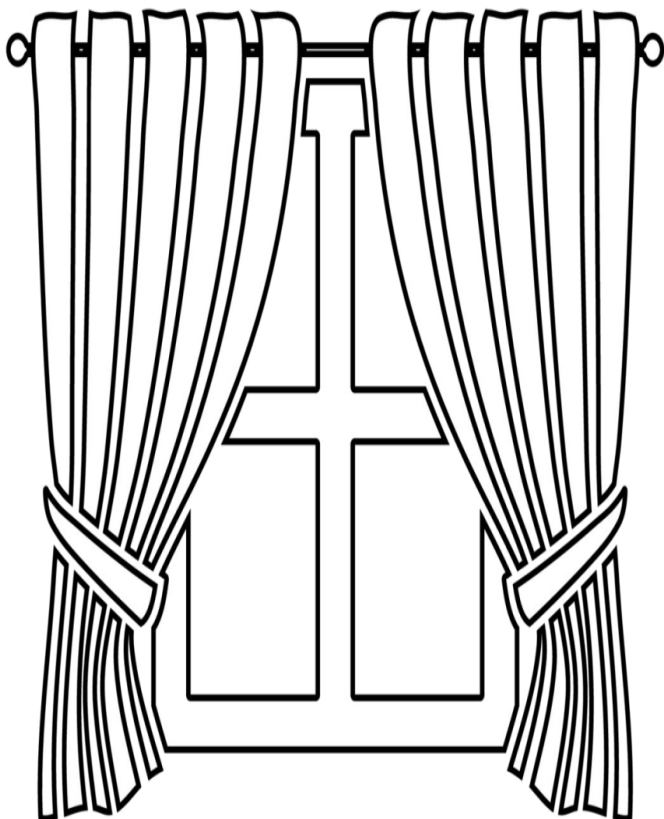
At this time I want to express my thanks to the Leadership Team for all their hard work for our church. Your dedication is so appreciated, and I thank you.

Best wishes,

Milly March



WELLS HOUSE



Dear Friends,

We are preparing the Wells House for our new interim minister, Donna Schaper. We are seeking some art work for the walls to borrow: 24" x 24"

We are also seeking curtains; three pairs of 66" x 27", and two pairs of matching curtains, 63" x 31".

If you have something, could you please email a picture to Sherry Clark, sclark124@yahoo.com

Thank you for your help,

Eileen Rauch and Sherry Clark

LIST OF GUEST PREACHERS

Here is a list of preachers from January 2023 to May 2023. Note that Donna Schaper is our new Bridge Minister and will be staying at the Wells House.

JANUARY 2023

- 8 Ken Downes
- 15 Mick Comstock
- 22 Mick Comstock
- 29 Kate Stevens

FEBRUARY 2023

- 5 Mick Comstock Communion
- 12 Mick Comstock
- 19 Kate Stevens
- 26 TBD

MARCH 2023

- 5 Donna Schaper Communion
- 12 Donna Schaper

- 19 Donna Schaper
- 26 Kate Stevens

APRIL 2023

- 2 Donna Schaper Communion
- 9 Donna Schaper
- 16 Kate Stevens
- 23 Donna Schaper
- 30 Donna Schaper

MAY

- 7 Donna Schaper Communion
- 14 Donna Schaper
- 21 Donna Schaper
- 28 TBD

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10 am Service.	2	3 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	4 9:30 Playgroup	5 7 p.m. AA	6 10:30 Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	7 Ukulele
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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN JANUARY	
January 1	Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7 or Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 2:15-21; Psalm 8
January 8	Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17; Psalm 29
January 15	Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42; Psalm 40:1-12
January 22	Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23; Psalm 27:1, 5-13
January 29	Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12; Psalm 15

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