

# The Quest

## Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



### 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,

We are in the swing of summer now and the church garden is in full bloom! Take a walk on the Walk of Grace sometime soon so you can revel in the beauty and peace of our outdoor church. I know that many of you spend a lot of time outdoors, as do I, and I believe that Jesus is with us. Remember how often he was out in a boat, walking the dusty roads, sitting in fields of flowers, and noting the scattering of seed? Let's keep his pace in mind this summer; slow enough to hear ourselves think and brisk enough to keep up with the changes that the season brings.

Speaking of changes, as noted in this Quest, the Leadership Team has requested that we forgo changing our worship time this summer from 10 to 9:30. Last summer, our first summer back after the pandemic began, we kept to our 10 am slot. This year we want to do that again. See you at 10am for Sunday worship, 11am on Tuesdays for "Listening to the Gospel", 5:30 pm on Fridays for our free community meal and any time of day or evening for walking in the peace of the garden.

This July Dorrie and I will take Penny up to the island in Maine for a 10 day or so vacation. Wish us the best as we try to teach an active and large puppy how to settle down in a boat to cross from mainland to the little island. And if she cannot stay settled, wish us the best as she learns to dog paddle!

As well as firmly in summer now we are also now in the church "Ordinary Time." Ordinary time isn't a season; it is just a way to describe the weeks between the seasons. The word "ordinary" means regular or plain but it also means "counted." Ordinal numbers are 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and so on; and this is the meaning of "Ordinary Time" since we count the weeks between the church's seasons in ordinal numbers.

The weeks of Ordinary Time number thirty-three or thirty-four depending on the year and are divided into two parts of the liturgical year. The first part of Ordinary Time begins on the Sunday after Epiphany and continues until Ash Wednesday. With the date of Easter varying every year, this first part of Ordinary Time may include as few as four weeks and as many as nine weeks. Part II of Ordinary Time begins the day after Pentecost and continues to the Saturday before the 1st Sunday of Advent. The color of Ordinary Time is green.

Friends, there is nothing ordinary about our time together. I celebrate every moment and am grateful for all the showing up (in nature and in worship) we get to witness. Keep an eye out for ordinary and extraordinary events this month and if you have a chance, let me know what you see!

In faith, *Marguerite*

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

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE



**We have decided to not switch to an earlier summer worship time but to keep to 10 a.m. through the summer and on into the fall.**

**See you at 10 this summer!**

### DEAN JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This year's scholarship awards of \$1,000 each were given to Mohawk Trail Regional High School students Alexandra M. Lilly of Shelburne Falls and Mya E. Lesieur of Colrain.

These awards are given through Trinity Church to a graduating high school student affiliated with one of the churches in Buckland, Colrain, and Shelburne and who are "noteworthy for service to school and community, as well as for good character particularly as demonstrated through dependability, loyalty, leadership and good scholarship."

The Deane Jones Memorial Scholarship Committee members are:  
*Susan Shauger, Eileen McCusker Rauch and Elizabeth Miles.*

## FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our team got a jump start on summer after meeting June 1.

We'll be preparing and serving a Friday Night Community Meal and we're also planning a Leadership Team mini-retreat — both in August — and we're looking forward to both.

We have again rented the Baptist Lot to the Shelburne Falls Farmers' Market for a nominal fee and the Market has a donation basket to collect money toward the irrigation system that we have decided to purchase for our beloved memorial garden. We will fundraise any money needed outside what we have in our garden line item. This is a much-needed addition, as Lois and Ginny aren't getting any younger, and when it's dry, it's dry out there. We're excited to have Snow's install it soon.

We've also been renting the tent (for a family reunion, the Bridge of Flowers plant sale, and the Buckland Historical Society's Buckland Day celebration) and Fellowship Hall, where we've hosted three memorial services in several weeks with one more scheduled for July 2.

We're also in process of redeveloping a new, more user-friendly website. Stay tuned for details soon.

On Monday, the church carpet will be cleaned. The job includes the sanctuary itself, the hallways, stairways, conference room/office/pastor's office, and nursery. It's been several years since we had the carpets cleaned and it's time.

We await a second bid for shingle repair at the parsonage. We also had an issue with our solar array (of course, after the warranty expired, although the company gave us a lovely deal), which has now been fixed. We continue to receive energy credits for our investment of about \$200/month.

We wish you a summer of cool breezes, sweet fragrances, and refreshed faith,

*Ginny, Eileen, Clare, Nancy, Dusti*

## COMMUNITY MORSELS



Thank you to Stephen Bourbeau, a fisherman from Southamptton who loves to fish the Deerfield here in Shelburne Falls. He also loves feeding hungry people too.

For 14 years Stephen has been donating the fish he catches to a community meal (where he now also volunteers to serve) in Easthampton. Marguerite and Dorrie met Steve on one of their dog walks at Gardner Falls. When he heard about our community meal he was quick to offer fish for us too!

Here he is one Saturday morning bringing his fresh frozen trout for the meal. What a blessing! Add in the loaves of bread that are donated frequently by McCusker's Market (food coop) and we may soon have a delicious loaves and fish meal to go!



## TOM KNIGHT MUSIC TIME



*We continue to enjoy  
lending our inside and  
outside spaces to  
programs for children  
and families in the  
community.*

*Here is Tom Knight  
offering music and  
movement.*



## SEXTON GREG SUDAK RETIREMENT

Our dear sexton Greg Sudak has announced his retirement as of July 15! Congratulations Greg. We will miss you and we thank you for your many years of service for our congregation, your wacky sense of humor and your stepping up with the changing needs of the church, including bringing the Holy Family, including the "Wise Guys", back and forth from the parsonage to the church every Christmas season.



## SAMANTHA THORPE RECEIVES STARKEY SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulations to Samantha Thorpe who received a Starkey Scholarship for her work in early childhood education at GCC this year.

Here she is at Sunday's service formally receiving the award from Lois Bascom.

LECTIONARY IN JULY	
July 3	2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 10	Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37
July 17	Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42
July 24	Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13
July 31	Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

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>	<b>8</b> 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10 am Service. Linda Neas-Prchr.	<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>	<b>15</b> 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10 am Service.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>23</b>
<b>24/31</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>