

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

Pastor - Re. Dr. Donna Schaper
Leadership Team Co-chairs:
Lois Bascom & Eileen McCusker Rauch
Music Director - Keith Rollinson
Church Secretary - Brook Batteau
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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Pastor's Perch

I will be doing wellness calls during July and August with everyone of you listed in our directory. These will be in person at your home or the church office and/or by phone or zoom. You choose the medium. I am pretty excited about this chance to get to know you and hope to hear from you first. If I don't hear from you, I'll start bothering you second. By bother I'll call or email you. That's all and I hope it is something to show my interest in you and us.

By wellness calling, I mean hello, how are you? How are you doing? What relationship do you want ongoing with Trinity Church?

Please email me a good time and preferred medium as soon as you can at RevdSchaper@gmail.com and we'll get started that way. Please also accept my inquiry if you don't respond first and also note my phone number, which may call you, is 413 687 1937. Please at least pick up? And if you don't want me to call for whatever reason, just say so in an email. Let's turn communication into a happiness and not a burden. And THANK YOU.

Pet Sunday!

Pet Sunday is July 9th. Bring your favorite furry or winged friend. We'll enjoy them especially during the coffee hour where pet treats will be served alongside human ones. And for whatever part of the service you want to enjoy, especially at the beginning, we will introduce and bless your animal. The sermon will be about the meaning of animals in and to our world today.



POTLUCK PICNIC



**REFRESH YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH
YOUR COMMUNITY CHURCH, THE
TRINITY CHURCH: POTLUCK PICNIC 5 - 7
THE DRIVEWAY, AUGUST 19**

Come set the button on refresh at Trinity Church, your open and affirming, open-minded and open hearted local source of Spirituality, Religion, Resilient Community and Belonging. (SRSB?)

No matter who you are or who you love or what you believe, you are welcome here. We are as much a community center as a good old fashioned religious congregation, tax exemption and all. Perhaps you want to hold a meeting here or a gathering or a ceremony? Or test an idea on your neighbors? Or engage your children in some spiritual development and/or just plain fun? Or baptize them? Or join us every week for beautiful music and song, worship that is Christian Plus? May you want help in plugging in what you have to offer to what this community needs? Worship is weekly at 10 a.m. Wardrobe casual.

On August 19, from 5 - 7 p.m. in our parking lot, bring a potluck dish to share. We'll provide the proteins. Show off what you know about cooking or what's in your garden. We'll let you hear our wonderful organ and piano as well as have a little dancing, weather permitting. (Yes, we can also meet inside if it rains)

Our favorite hymn is "Head, Shoulder, Knees and Toes." Bring a part of yourself to the potluck picnic and gather with a mutual aid society, the Trinity Church. Yes, we are four plus Christian denominations, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal and United Church of Christ, all of which are refreshing themselves this very minute. You might need a friend too."

A GARDEN INVITATION

Do like to spend time outdoors? Have you always wondered what deadheading a flower is about? Would you like the experience of weeding with friends? This is your invitation to join a few of us when we get together to weed and do other tasks in the Memorial Garden on a as needed basis. Let Lois Bascom know if you are interested. We would welcome you and your help.

BLESSINGS FOR THE JOURNEY TO DAVID NEIL



Rev. David Neil offered his final sermon before retiring at his home church, the United Church of Bernardston, on Sunday, June 4.

The title of his message, "Goodbye, Farewell, and Amen," comes from the final episode of his favorite TV show, "MASH."

As ever, David did not disappoint; his words were funny, touching, and inspiring and the music was perfect.

David was our pastor for 23 years and has been in Bernardston for a decade. A group from Trinity was present to give him good wishes on behalf of all of us.

We pray for good health and many blessings as David embarks on the next steps of his journey and we thank him for 45 years of faithful service.

THE NEW SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT-AN INTERVIEW

Join me Thursday July 6 when I interview Rebecca Solnit and Thelma Young Lutunatabua on their new book NOT TOO LATE: CHANGING THE CLIMATE STORY FROM DESPAIR TO POSSIBILITY. You will leave feeling better.

Rev. Dr. Donna Schaper

Thursday Jul 6, 2023 · 11:45am – 1:30pm (Eastern Time - New York)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://brooklynrail-org.zoom.us/j/86087343222>

Meeting ID: 860 8734 3222

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UKELELE CLASSES

**Dusti Dufresne will be having 2 ukulele classes
from 9:30 - 10:30 am and 10:30 - 11:30 am
every Saturday in July.**



CALENDAR FOR JULY 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:30 Ukelele 10:30 Ukelele
2 10 am Service. Kate Stevens- Pastor.	3	4	5 9:30 Playgroup	6 7 p.m. AA	7 10:30 Kids Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	8 9:30 Ukelele 10:30 Ukelele
9 10 am Service. Donna Schaper- Pastor	10	11	12 9:30 Playgroup 11 - 4 Clothes Closet.	13 7 p.m. AA	14 10:30 Kids Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	15 9:30 Ukelele 10:30 Ukelele
16 10 am Service. Tad Bennet w. communion	17	18	19 9:30 Playgroup	20 7 p.m. AA	21 10:30 Kids Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	22 9:30 Ukelele 10:30 Ukelele
23 10 am Service. Linda Neas-Pastor	24	25	26 9:30 Playgroup 11 - 4 Clothes Closet.	29 7 p.m. AA	28 10:30 Kids Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	29
30 10 am Service. Donna Schaper- Pastor	31					

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN JULY

July 2	Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42
July 9	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45: 11-18 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 16	Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
July 23	Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23 or Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
July 30	Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33,44-52