

The Quest

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

July 2024

About us:

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](https://www.facebook.com/trinityshelburnefalls)
YouTube: [youtube.com/@trinitychurch7057](https://www.youtube.com/@trinitychurch7057)

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From the Leadership Team

Dear friends,

Let us open this Quest letter with WONDERFUL NEWS from the Trinity Church Search Committee. (You have all received an email blast by now concerning this news.) The Search Committee received a strong recommendation from the Methodist Bishop and the Methodist District Superintendent about a candidate that they both felt was "The Perfect Candidate" for our beloved Trinity Church. We had a truly amazing in-person interview with this candidate last week with the District Superintendent assisting. After the interview we all agreed that this was a God given "match made from heaven". We are excited for all of you to hear this candidate preach on July 7th and open your hearts to the possibility of having them be our new designated pastor! We will have an open meeting following the service for a vote. Praise God for this Blessed opportunity!

Shall we all send a shout of Praise out to Clare Chapman and Nancy Parland and Eileen McCusker Rauch! Clare led us in a moving service on Father's Day with help from Eileen and the memorial candles! Last Sunday Nancy led us in a beautiful hymn sing service with lots of joyous words and music and with Keith as our amazing accompanist as always!! Lois Bascom has gratefully agreed to lead our service on August 4th yet we have openings for the rest of August for any who may feel the call to lead!

The parsonage family, the Haffners, were very happy to find a rental house in Greenfield. They have nearly completed their move and the cleaning of the parsonage.

It looks great so far! They expressed their great appreciation to us for the use of the Parsonage. We wish them godspeed! Many of you have offered your assistance in creating a better place for our guest preacher, Rev. Marilyn Wilcox, in July and now possibly our new preacher in September. We will be in touch about plans for getting the jobs done ASAP! Thank you in advance!

The Senior Center and *LifePath* began their Healthy Eating Class in our Kitchen this month! Onward to many more such amazing programs here at Trinity Church.

Ginny Ray has developed two amazing flyers to proclaim the Joys of our Beloved Trinity Church for publication in the Two Town News, the Quest and on our Facebook page!

During Coffee Hour last Sunday we had a good brainstorming session. We discussed ideas for the future in addition to an organ restoration plan and about our need to collectively find ways to bring more wonderful people to join our Beloved flock! Related to this, a list of projects that might be included in a capital campaign has begun. Under the direction of Jennifer Williams, a fundraiser professional, Ginny Ray has graciously agreed to lead a feasibility study of whether or not we will proceed with a capital campaign.

So far the list of possible projects includes:

- Organ restoration
- accessible bathroom construction by the office
- Audio-visual equipment updates including smartboards and projection screens.
- Green heating system construction
- Future mission outreach

Again, the sharing of your ideas is always encouraged.

May The Love and Blessings of God be always with you all!

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

COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET

The town of Shelburne has approved our request for an additional day for the Community Clothes Closet at Cowell Gym.

We will be open one Saturday a month from 9:00-12:00.

Our first Saturday will be August 10.

We are so excited to be able offer our free clothing to more people by having Saturday hours. If you are interested in volunteering on those Saturday mornings or our regular Wednesday hours, please contact me at 625-9070 or ricemead@yahoo.com.

Sue Mead



LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN JULY	
July 7	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
July 14	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
July 21	2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 28	2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

CALENDAR FOR JULY 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 <i>10 am Healthy Eating</i>	3 <i>9:30 Playgroup</i>	4 <i>7 pm AA</i>	5 <i>10:30 Kids Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal</i>	6
7 <i>10 am Service. Special Meeting</i>	8	9 <i>10 am Healthy Eating</i>	10 <i>9:30 Playgroup 11 – 3:30 Clothes Closet</i>	11 <i>7 pm AA</i>	12 <i>10:30 Kids Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal</i>	13
14 <i>10 am Service. Porchfest</i>	15	16 <i>10 am Healthy Eating</i>	17 <i>9:30 Playgroup</i>	18 <i>7 pm AA.</i>	19 <i>10:30 Kids Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal.</i>	20
21 <i>10 am Service.</i>	22	23	24 <i>9:30 Playgroup 11 – 3:30 Clothes Closet</i>	25 <i>7 pm AA</i>	26 <i>10:30 Kids Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal.</i>	27
28 <i>10 am Service.</i>	29	30	31 <i>9:30 Playgroup</i>			29