

The Quest

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

July 2025

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 is available.)

Office hours:
Monday - Wednesday - 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Thursday - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
(413) 625-2341

Pastor - Benjiman Durfee
Leadership Team Co-chairs:
Beth Martin & Wayne Perrea
Music Director - Keith Rollinson
Church Secretary - Brook Batteau
Nursery Attendant - Lisa Porter
Facilities Staff- Pat Valeski

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From Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Dear Trinity,

June 18-21, I attended the UMC New England Annual Conference in Danvers, MA. Clare Chapman, Trinity's lay delegate to annual conference, attended virtually. The theme of



our conference this year was Hope with Joy, and I have to say, from the music to the preaching, to some of the resolutions we passed, I certainly felt the Hope AND Joy!

The NEUMC Creation Care Circle had a table at the conference, which included information about what we do, as well as a *Stations of Creation* liturgy that I helped to create alongside my colleagues. I hope to use this resource at Trinity Church in the near future. This picture shows Rev. Bumshik Min (Founder of the Green Church Network), Grace Pugh Hubbard (NEUMC Creation Care Coordinator), and myself (Chair of the NEUMC Creation Care Circle) at the conference center.

This month, I will be away from July 7th through the 21st. The first week will be spent reading, creating, imagining, and planning for the Fall. While I won't be in the office, I'll certainly be thinking of you as I discern where the Spirit is calling us during our second year of ministry together. The second week, I will be traveling up to Wells, ME for a week of Spiritual Renewal, staying at the Epworth Retreat House with gratitude to the Preacher's Aid Society.

On July 13th, you will be blessed to have Rev. Mick Comstock returning to lead you in worship and on July 20th, you can look forward to a special, outdoor “Vacation Bible School” themed Sunday led by Amy Roberts Crawford, Sue Roberts, and Lois Bascom. I have arranged for emergency pastoral coverage while I’m gone. Should you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the Leadership Team first.

While things often slow down during the Summer months, the Spirit doesn’t stop moving. May the special time you spend with family and friends, traveling, outdoors, or just at a slower pace, fill you with grace and renew your spirit.

With hope,

Pastor Ben

JULY COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET DATES



Two Wednesdays, July 9 and 23 from 11:00-3:30.

Two Saturdays, July 12 and 25 from 10:00-12:00.

CREATION CARE CIRCLE

We are very happy to report that we are composting on site now!

We are grateful to Lois for her vision, leadership, energy, focus, and persistence. We can also give *a big thank you to Janice and Dan Fleuriel* who gave us the receptacle!

We started using it after coffee hour and the Friday night community meal. Yay!

Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 4 at 6:00 pm in the garden, and you are invited!

We would love for you to be with us!

Clare, Beth, Eileen, Lois, Pastor Ben



FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Happy Spring Dear Trinity Family. We hope you managed to stay warm during the cool spell earlier in June and also found some way to stay cool in the extreme heat wave this past week. We were pleased to be added to the list of Cooling Center's for the hottest days!

Our wonderful community Meal folks came to ask us if it would be alright to "clean house" and donate excess stainless steel place settings to the Salvation Army as well place the many unused items left over the years on the free table. Any items not taken would go to either the Salvation Army or the Survival Center. Look for these free items on the back table in the near future.

Ushers have noted over the last year that there are fewer and fewer parishioners requesting small bulletins. This certainly is not a sign that we are getting too old, simply that we like the feel of the larger printed bulletins! Brook will now be printing only large bulletins which will make his Thursdays easier.

We are very excited to inform you that Dusti and Karyn Dufresne have offered up their beautiful voices to entertain us once again during another Trinity Church and Community Pic-Nic this summer. They are looking at dates in August therefore please look for more Information on this Fun event.

Trinity Church will be hosting the Friday night Community Meal on July 11th. Please look for sign-up sheets on the back information table about ways to support this important function.

All who were seated in the pews this past Sunday were blessed with a service fully dedicated to the wonders of all things composting. Thanks to Lois Bascom for her informative explanation about our new compost system and how we will be following through with its usage. Many Thanks as well to Pastor Ben as well for his amazing sermon, prayers and the specific prayer dedicating our new Compost Bin.

Last Sunday afternoon was the funeral for our Beloved Trinity Friend, Angie Arsenault. Thank you to Pastor Ben, Angie's Family and friends for creating a truly Beautiful and profoundly moving service. Angie's physical presence will be deeply missed in our pews and in our lives. However, her Loving Spirit will remain with us always!

With Many Blessings from The Leadership Team,

Nancy Parland, Sarah Neelon, Wayne Perrea, Beth Martin

CALENDAR FOR JULY 2025

Tuesday	1	
Wednesday	2	9:30 Playgroup; Climate Chorus (7-8:30 pm)
Thursday	3	9:30 am Recovery Support; 11 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	4	10:30 am Kids Movement; 5:30 pm Community Meal, 6:30 pm Recover Project
Saturday	5	
Sunday	6	10 am service
Monday	7	9:30 Playgroup
Tuesday	8	
Wednesday	9	9:30 Playgroup; 11 - 3:30 Clothes Closet
Thursday	10	9:30 am Recovery Support; 11 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	11	10:30 am Kids Movement; 5:30 pm Community Meal.
Saturday	12	10 am -12 pm Clothes Closet
Sunday	13	10 am service w. Mick Comstock preaching
Monday	14	9:30 Playgroup
Tuesday	15	
Wednesday	16	9:30 Playgroup; Climate Chorus (7-8:30 pm)
Thursday	17	9:30 am Recovery Support; 11 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	18	10:30 am Kids Movement; Farmers Market; 5:30 pm Community Meal., 6:30 pm Recover Project
Saturday	19	
Sunday	20	10 am. Service; VBS Sunday (Outdoor worship)
Monday	21	9:30 Playgroup
Tuesday	22	
Wednesday	23	9:30 Playgroup; 11 - 3:30 Clothes Closet
Thursday	24	9:30 am Recovery Support, 11 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	25	10:30 am Kids Movement; Farmers Market; 5:30 pm Community Meal., 6:30 pm Recover Project
Saturday	26	10 am -12 pm Clothes Closet
Sunday	27	10 am service
Monday	28	9:30 Playgroup
Tuesday	29	
Wednesday	30	9:30 Playgroup

LECTIONARY FOR JULY 2025	
July 6	2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 13	Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37
July 20	Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42
July 27	Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

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