

The Quest

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



About Trinity Church

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,

As many of you know, I am not taking a break from my studies this summer. Instead, I am completing my Field Education right here with Trinity Church as my placement. Each week, I meet with my clergy mentor—who will be preaching for us on July 26th!—and participate in a three-hour meeting with my Field Ed Cohort. While Field Education looks a lot like my regular ministry work, the key difference is that I began the summer by setting three personal and vocational goals to work toward, alongside a Contextual Analysis project.

Through this project, I hope to capture and tell the story of who we were, who we are, and who we are becoming. To do that, I would love to invite you into the conversation.

- What are your joys, hopes, and expectations for this church?
- What are your concerns, worries, or challenges?
- What stories about Trinity resonate most deeply with you?

Whether you are brand new to Trinity, have been here your entire life, or engage with us from afar, I want to hear from you. If you would like to explore these questions with me, please reach out!

The great news is that this project isn't just for a grade, nor will it end when my Field Education concludes. It is designed to benefit our whole community as we update our website and printed materials, and as we step into this next chapter of our ministry together on the heels of the Building Joy Campaign.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Starkey Scholarship Committee for their continued support of my seminary education. My first year in this program has been absolutely wonderful, and I am deeply grateful for the ways this congregation supports me as we continue to grow together.

With gratitude,

Pastor Ben

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

On the last Sunday in May we experienced together our Amazing Building Joy Capital Campaign Kick-Off Celebration at the Shelburne Falls Pub and Brew! Last Sunday on June 28th, we joined together in our own Fellowship Hall for our Celebration Sunday! This was a day to acknowledge with Immense Gratitude, all of those who have worked relentlessly from the early feasibility phase, through to the Kick-Off, and through to this last month of our Campaign's journey! We Rejoiced with drum rolls and then announced the new figure of \$220,000. Our Campaign Prayer and Cake and fellowship followed! We will continue to pray together with Joy, Anticipation and Gratitude as the Building Joy Campaign moves forward to fruition!

Mark your Calendars, The next Trinity Church/ Community Church Pot Luck Picnic will be on July 19th! This will be another fun filled event following our Sunday Service. Plan to bring your family and friends and main dish or desert of your choosing! Grilled Hamburgs and hot dogs and drinks will be provided. There will Amazing music from our own Dusti and Karyn Dufresne and any others who wish to join in on their microphone! There will certainly be Dancing throughout as well! Do Not Miss this day to celebrate our Beloved Church and Community!

With many Blessings,

Sarah Neelon, Clare Chapman, Wayne Perrea and Beth Martin

CLOTHES CLOSET JULY DATES

Wednesdays, July 8 and 22, 11:00-3:30

Saturdays, July 11 and 25, 10:00-12:00



COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Trinity Church's Annual Community Potluck

Sunday, July 19th | 11:30 AM

Outside Under the Tent (Fellowship Hall, if it rains)

17 Severance Street, Shelburne Falls

Bring your favorite dish to share — or just bring yourself!

Burgers & Hotdogs provided.

All are also welcome to join us for Worship at 10:00 AM!

All Neighbors are Welcome!

CELEBRATION SUNDAY PHOTOS

Last Sunday, June 28, we celebrated the progress that has been made for the Building Joy-Capital Campaign.



STARKEY SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION



CALENDAR FOR JULY 2026

Wednesday	1	9:30 Playgroup; Climate Chorus (7-8:30 pm)
Thursday	2	7 pm AA
Friday	3	10:30 am Kids Movement; Farmers Market; 5:30 pm Community Meal
Saturday	4	
Sunday	5	10 am service
Monday	6	9:30 Playgroup
Tuesday	7	
Wednesday	8	9:30 Playgroup; 11 am - 3:30 pm Clothes Closet
Thursday	9	11 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	10	10:30 am Kids Movement; Farmers Market; 5:30 pm Community Meal
Saturday	11	10 am - 12 pm Clothes Closet
Sunday	12	10 am service
Monday	13	9:30 Playgroup
Tuesday	14	
Wednesday	15	9:30 Playgroup
Thursday	16	11 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	17	10:30 am Kids Movement; Farmers Market; 5:30 pm Community Meal
Saturday	18	
Sunday	19	10 am service
Monday	20	9:30 Playgroup
Tuesday	21	
Wednesday	22	9:30 Playgroup; 11 am - 3:30 pm Clothes Closet
Thursday	23	11 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	24	10:30 am Kids Movement; Farmers Market; 5:30 pm Community Meal
Saturday	25	10 am - 12 pm Clothes Closet
Sunday	26	10 am service
Monday	27	9:30 Playgroup
Tuesday	28	
Wednesday	29	9:30 Playgroup
Thursday	30	11 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	31	10:30 am Kids Movement; Farmers Market; 5:30 pm Community Meal

July 2026



CFCE

Exciting, Educational & Engaging!
Free activities for families with young children

PLAYGROUP

Trinity Church, 17 Severance St., Shelburne Falls

Mondays 9:30-11am July 6, 13, 20, 27

Wednesdays 9:30-11am July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Hawlemont School Gym, 10 School St, Charlemont

Saturday 9:30-11am July 18



STORY TIME

Griswold Memorial Library, 12 Main Rd, Colrain

Fridays 11am-Noon July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Wiggle-Jiggle and Play with Megan

Trinity Church, 17 Severance St., Shelburne Falls

Fridays 10:30-11:30 July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31



Are you curious about your child's development?

Complete the ASQ-3 screening questionnaire to learn about your child's development.

Here is the link: www.asqonline.com/family/0f5cc8

Questions?

Please feel free to email Melissa Pincus, the CFCE Coordinator if you have any questions about resources for your young children or questions about our programs: mepincus@mtrsd.org



All CFCE Programs are free to families with children ages birth to six. The CFCE program is funded by a grant from the MA Dept. of Early Education and Care in collaboration with MTRSD/HRSD



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LECTIONARY FOR JULY 2026

July 5	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 12	Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
July 19	Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
July 26	Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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