

The Quest



Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

June 2024

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,

May arrived and we at Trinity Church have begun our time with some amazing pulpit supply ministers. We still have a number of Sunday slots to fill over the summer, so if anyone has any friends or family members or are yourselves interested in leading us with a sermon, please let Sarah Neelon know. 413 625-9088. Thank you for helping with this.

Our May Quest left us awaiting the results of a the Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser for our own Community Meal. The afternoon was full of FUN and laughter and great food. Thanks to the creative and talented meal team who planned this event! Thanks as well to all who participated either as bowlers or donors to the raffle table and or those who supported with monetary donations. The Community Meal Team is happy to report that approximately \$3,300 has been raised thus far with the Facebook/Go Fund Me remaining open for a while longer.

The Cystic Fibrosis walk with Audrey's Angels went well. We are remembering Audrey Clark, with Sandy Gaffey, Audrey's mother, leading the charge. Thank you Sandy and all who participated and/or donated!

The beauty of our garden really is stunning! Gratitude for our dear gardeners. Have you taken in the colorful and fragrant blooms? Please help yourself to a stroll through and enjoy the ever-changing ambiance.

Trinity Church was very happy to welcome Bishop Peggy Johnson to the pulpit on Mother's Day. She led us with a wonderful sermon and joined us for coffee hour after the service. We are very grateful that she and her wife were able to be with and bless us.

We have received another thank you from Margret Olin for allowing the Farmer's Market to use the Baptist Lot (between Main and Water Streets) at the same rate this year. She reported that their first event, on the May 24, was a success. Many nods of gratitude to Bob Spencer for continuing to donate his time and mowing skills to keep the lot in great shape!

We are pleased to announce that the first month with our new accountant has gone smoothly. Lewis Goodnow of **George and Goodnow LLC** is taking over the bookkeeping. Thank you to all who brought this to fruition!

The parsonage family is continuing the process of searching for a home in this area. They have formulated plans for temporary housing over the summer after the planned move out of the parsonage in June. They are grateful for the comfortable home we have lent them for six months.

Our Trinity Church family was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of one of our beloved matriarchs, Milly March. She was a faithful parishioner at Trinity for decades and her contributions to all aspects of Trinity Church life are immeasurable. There are no words that describe how greatly Milly will be missed. We send our deepest condolences to her daughter Debbie as well as to all other extended family and friends beyond our church. Milly's request was to have a memorial grave side service. We will await a future date for this service to be held at Arms Cemetery.

With Grace and Peace to you in Christ's name,

Beth Martin, Eileen McCusker Rauch, Nancy Parland, Sarah Neelon
Your Trinity Leadership Team

GREAT STRIDES UPDATE

Thank you to all who supported our 25th Annual Shelburne Falls Great Strides - a walk to cure Cystic Fibrosis.

We had 20 walkers with many more financial supporters - totalling over \$10,800!

We are striving to reach our goal of \$11,000 and donations are still welcome.

Please make check payable to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation,
or make an online donation: tinyurl.com/CysticFibrosisWalk

You can drop the check off to the church for Sandra Gaffey
or call for more details 413-800-2461

Sincerely, *Sandra Gaffey*

MEMORIAL GARDEN UPDATE

Our garden looks wonderful this year with all the bulbs that have bloomed and are still blooming and other flowers bursting into bloom.

We have created an extension to the back side of the building, moving some ferns there and it is becoming a fairy garden. Be sure to take a look the next time you are at the church.

Wayne Perrea sanded and re-painted the black post for the new sign, showing our garden as a certified Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. This was originally certified 27 years ago. It means that we do not use chemicals or poisons in the garden so that birds and other pollinators can thrive while visiting there.



A few of us mulched the garden recently and now it is a matter of weeding and maintaining what we have for the rest of the growing season. Soon, the pots by the front door will be planted and a few more pots may find their way into the garden beds. Many thanks to all who help in this garden in some way. If you like to weed and deadhead, let Lois know and you can get paired up with one of us to get started. We will need people to water the pots of plants, also. *Lois Bascom*



Mulching the Garden



LIFEPATH'S FREE HEALTHY LIVING WORKSHOP

Healthy Eating for Successful Aging (In Person at the Trinity Church, Shelburne Falls, MA in collaboration with the Shelburne Falls Senior Center) For adults hoping to improve their nutrition in order to avoid or live well with chronic conditions, this workshop teaches nutrition basics, label-reading, and meal planning, and practices cooking basic recipes to overcome barriers to healthy eating for older adults. Tues., June 11–July 16, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, contact Andi Waisman, Healthy Living Program Manager, at 413-773-5555 x2297, 978-544-2259 x2297, or <mailto:awaisman@LifePathMA.org>.

2024 DEANE JONES MEMORIAL AWARD

The Deane Jones Memorial Award Committee through Trinity Church has announced that Sophia Goodnow of Shelburne is the 2024 recipient of the Deane Jones Memorial Award in the amount of \$1,000.00, an award given to a graduating high school senior who is affiliated with one of the churches in Buckland, Shelburne, and Colrain and "noteworthy for service to school and community, as well as for good character particularly as demonstrated through dependability, loyalty, leadership and good scholarship".

BOWLATHON SUCCESS PHOTOS



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

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN JUNE	
June 2	1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20); Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6
June 9	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15); Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
June 16	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,[11-13],14-17; Mark 4:26-34
June 23	1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20 or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16; Psalm 133; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
June 30	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43



The Wednesday morning Playgroup here at Trinity Church is taking advantage of the weather!