

The Quest

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

May 2022

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-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

(413) 625-2341

Pastor - Rev. Marguerite Sheehan

Music Director - Keith Rollinson

Church Secretary - Brook Batteau

Nursery Attendant - Lisa Porter

Sexton - Greg Sudak

Leadership Team Chair- Virginia Ray

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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From the Pastor

Dear Faithful Friends,

Easter Sunday is long gone but Eastertide is still going on – for a big fifty days, ending on Pentecost Sunday June 5. We have plenty of time to wish each other a Good Easter, sing Alleluia, and dive deep into this most amazing story of Christ who keeps on living, even after death. I know that it takes me that long every year to take the full story in because I am not so different from doubting Thomas and the disciples who kept trying to get back to life as normal, rather than take on their commission to preach and act the Good News of Resurrection Living.

Spring helps a lot. I can't imagine what Eastertide must feel like in the Southern Hemisphere of our planet. For us, the light keeps increasing and the gardens are already starting to bloom. Thank you everyone who has already begun to help out in our Trinity Church garden. I know that it gives hope and inspiration and "holy tranquility" to many of our church members and neighbors. Once again, I am seeing young children and their families walking (and sometimes racing) on the Walk of Grace, and I am so grateful for their presence. They remind me of all the walking and running that the disciples did. When I see someone sit on the bench, or when I take a moment to sit there inhaling the perfume of the garden, I pause to remember that life is not just a race to the end. It is a precious gift to be savored.

How are you savoring the days that you have been given? How are you caring for and about our lovely church home? Showing up for worship (and when you cannot be here in person then sitting with the weekly video) is one important way to take in the Eastertide message. Caring for each other in times of suffering is another way. Sharing in a community meal or a coffee hour. Helping out at the clothes closet. Contributing

financially and with all your kinds hard to count gifts and talents. Being willing to bring up challenging conversations is yet another. The list goes on. Maybe that is why Eastertide is fifty days long!

When I list all that, my heart starts racing and I think again about the God Pause that Jesus brings us, and I go outside again to sit on that bench. Because as we said on Easter Sunday, the key to living is paying attention, being astonished, and telling about it. And we cannot do that when we are always going full speed ahead.

Dorrie and I and Penny are taking another week down on the Cape this month as a different way to pause. We hope that our family comes for a few days. I am grateful, once again, for the time given to me to rejuvenate and renew my spirit. To take in the breath that Jesus breathes on me – the Spirit that fills me up.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed.

Marguerite

Marguerite may be reached at 413-687-1418 or 413-489-3031

TOM KNIGHT FAMILY MUSIC

In April our church hosted the Tom Knight Family Music evening for the Mohawk Trail Regional School District parent/child playgroup. Here is a sweet photo of children and adults "rocking it out" in the fellowship hall. Be on the lookout—you might see them again this spring on the lawn outside our church. We are so glad that our building and grounds are being used by communities of care including AA, Tai Chi, and this wonderful parent/child playgroup.



THE BIG YELLOW SCHOOL BUS!

*Wednesday morning
the big yellow school bus
visited the kids at playgroup!*



COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!



Welcome Back to coffee/fellowship hour after our 10 a.m. worship service!

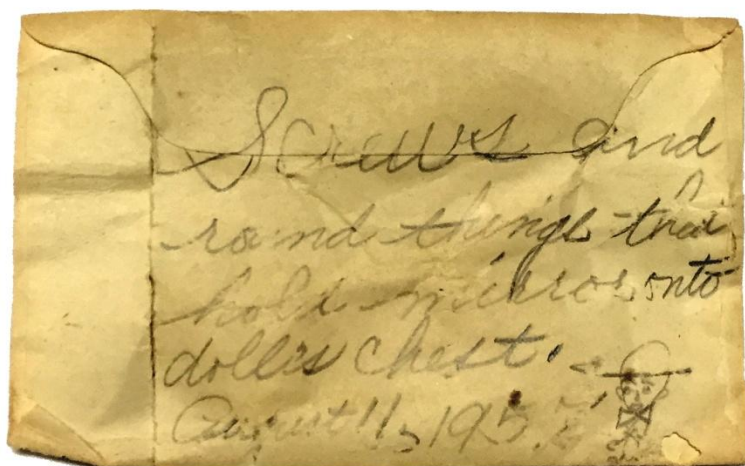
After a long pandemic hiatus we have begun again to have coffee hour on Sundays. Lisa Porter is once more taking responsibility to set out a signup sheet (in the back of the church) and have enough paper products for every week. This spring we are asking those who want to host a coffee hour to bring in your own milk/cream and offerings such as sweets, savories, cheese and crackers, anything of your choosing.

Consider asking a friend or someone you don't know but would like to, to put on a coffee hour together. It can be as simple as coffee/tea and lemonade. We call this our fellowship hour because while the snacks are fun and the coffee is welcomed, what we really love is to be with each other in a relaxed setting.

TRINITY CHURCH HISTORY

John Gerry-Karajanes's friend Kyle Landrew's wife Anne found this offering envelope in a box while cleaning their attic in their home outside Boston.

In the 50s Anne grew up on Warren Ave, up the hill from Trinity Church (Trinity Fellowship at the time), where she attended Sunday school.



CROP WALK – OCTOBER 3RD!**The United Methodist Church in Greenfield – Begins at 2 pm!!!**

As we have done for more than 30 years, Trinity Church's "Red Wave" will gather to walk and raise money to help end hunger in this world through the CROP Hunger Walk. This year we will meet at the United Methodist Church in Greenfield and, wearing our red jackets, walk the streets of town!! We encourage everyone to start reminding family and friends to sponsor you for walking, which will begin in earnest in August. Trinity Church is registered, and our walk will be posted on the Church World Service website very soon. In addition, information will be available on our trinityshelburnefalls.org website and our Facebook page.

For this year we have an additional fundraising effort to raffle off a beautiful quilt handmade by Lois Bascom!! The small quilt measures 57 and $\frac{3}{4}$ inches by 43 inches and is made of cotton. We will have the quilt available to view on Sundays at church beginning on May 29th, we will have a display at the Shelburne Farmer's Market on Fridays 2 times per month, and at Asma's Food Trailer on Saturdays 2 times per month. There will be raffle tickets available for you to purchase and sell to your friends, and photos of the quilt will be online as well (website and Facebook.)

Our goal is to increase our Trinity Church contribution to the CROP Walk this year!! As you know, Church World Service is very active in relief efforts around the world and certainly now in Ukraine. There are many ways to participate in this important ministry, from *walking*, to *selling raffle tickets* on display days!! We hope you can join us, of course, and welcome your prayers.

Your CROP Hunger Walk Team, *Lois and Clare.*



TAKING DOWN THE STABLE



Big thanks to Tony Hanna, Walker Miles, Steve Miles, Steve Pelletier, Don Bascom, Al Shippee, Greg Sudak and Steve Howland.



CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10 am Service.	2	3 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	4	5	6 5:30 pm Community Meal.	7
8 10 am Service. Chris Fontaine, guest preacher.	9	10 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	11 11 - 5 Clothes Closet.	12	13 5:30 pm Community Meal.	14
15 10 am Service.	16	17 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	18	19	20 5:30 pm Community Meal.	21
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May 1	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19; Psalm 30
May 8	Acts 9:36-43; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30; Psalm 23
May 15	Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35; Psalm 148
May 22	Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9 ; Psalm 67
May 29	Acts 16:16-34; Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26; Psalm 97