

The Quest

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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 - 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Thursday - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(413) 625-2341

Pastor - Re. Dr. Donna Schaper

Leadership Team Co-chairs:

Lois Bascom & Eileen McCusker Rauch

Music Director - Keith Rollinson

Church Secretary - Brook Batteau

Nursery Attendant - Lisa Porter

Facilities Staff- Lisa Mroczek

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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Pastor's Perch

Dear Faithful Friends,

It was wonderful to spend a rare night in the church parsonage and to be greeted with a pick up truck and rig on the front lawn of the church early that Easter Saturday morning. People I didn't know were right there in "my" space and I didn't want to hurt them or shoo them off or worse. It was actually their space and your space, not my space. Interestingly, it is not even my space or your space or their space but God's space. We simply steward it.

The 6 men quickly took the manger apart, loaded it into their equipment and stored it in the garage. It was just in the nick of time.

The Easter tree was being set up with its flowers that look so real that more than one person asked where they had been obtained. The lilies were walking in, even more than we expected. Well, not really walking in but that Easter spring in our steps was showing. Likewise, with the manger's removal. One season gone, another season Risen. It's enough to make you hum alleluia.

New Members will be received May 7th. If you would like to formally become a member of the Trinity Church, please email me or text me at 413 687 1937. Email is revdschaper@gmail.com

I saw this church sign (also coming by mail) on a place in New London, Connecticut last week. It told me all we need to know about church, about being lost and then being found.

Rev. Dr. Donna Schaper

MANGER THIEVES

The day before Easter!



CALENDAR FOR MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	3 9:30 Playgroup	4 7 p.m. AA	5 10:30 Kids Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	6 10:30 Ukelele
7 10 am Service. Donna Schaper-Pastor. New Members	8	9 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	10 9:30 Playgroup 11 - 4 Clothes Closet.	11 7 p.m. AA	12 10:30 Kids Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	13 10:30 Ukelele
14 10 am Service. Donna Schaper-Pastor	15	16 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	17 9:30 Playgroup	18 7 p.m. AA	19 10:30 Kids Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	20 10:30 Ukelele
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28 10 am Service. Kate Stevens-Pastor	29	30 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group	31 9:30 Playgroup			

TALENTS WANTED



Do you have a talent and a desire to help out here at Trinity Church?

—from preparing for and helping serve communion, singing in the choir, singing solo, videographing, being an acolyte (light candles), greeting/ushering/collecting the offerings, to reading, welcoming and meeting new faces who came to worship, hosting or attending coffee hour, working in the garden,,....

What's your talent/super power?

Are you savvy with technology?

Are you an artist?

Good at fundraising?

Want to make periodic visits to home-bound parishioners?

Able to telephone others to visit/check-in or give reminders, etc.?

Do you have an aptitude for numbers?

Would you like to send out notes on behalf of the congregation when occasions arise?

Want to help with Community Meal(s)?

We welcome your ideas, offerings, good attitude!

Take this note with you. Think about it. Or, if you already feel inspired:

Write your name and number on the back of this with what you might like to do! Put it in the collection plate or hand it to one of us or mail it to us (17 Severance Street, Shelburne Falls MA 01370). We will be in touch.

What would you like to be asked to do? What are we missing about you?

Thank you!

The Leadership Team:

*Rev. Donna Schaper, Beth Martin, Lois Bascom, Nancy Parland,
Karyn Dufresne, Clare Chapman, Eileen McCusker Rauch*

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN MAY 2023

May 7	Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
May 14	Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21; Psalm 66:7-18
May 21	Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
May 28	Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39; Psalm 104:25-35, 37