

The Quest

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

November 2024

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 & 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: www.facebook.com/trinityshelburnefalls

YouTube: [youtube.com/@trinitychurch7057](https://www.youtube.com/@trinitychurch7057)

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From Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Dear Trinity,

Throughout the month of November, the Stewardship Team is inviting us to explore our many blessings through the theme: “Grounded in Gratitude.” You might notice over the next four weeks that we’ll take a detour from the appointed scripture of the lectionary to explore our theme through a sermon series. We will also be learning about different gratitude practices during Time for All Ages and you’ll be hearing the reflections of fellow congregants during gratitude moments in the service. The Stewardship Team has put together images and quotes that will be used as bulletin covers and on social media and starting the first Sunday of November, we’ll be creating a Gratitude Tree together right in the sanctuary. All of this will lead up to November 24th, which we’ll deem Gratitude Sunday, an invitation for us, out of a deep heart of gratitude, to joyfully pledge some of our time, talent, and treasure back to God.

I hope that you will find our worship and the support of our stewardship ministry to be inspiring and uplifting. Especially at the end of a divisive election cycle, where so much focus has been placed on what we do not have and what we should fear losing, it seems necessary to “set our minds on things above” (Col 3:2), not to look over the reality we face here on earth, but to face it with the minds and hearts of Christ. When we ground ourselves in gratitude, we’re reminded that we are all one body, called to live in the abundant grace and love of God.

As we journey through this month of gratitude together,

I invite you to think about your own gratitude practices and if now might be the right time for you to reinvest in them or find new ways of giving thanks. And I invite you to bring your gratitude to church with you. You'll be invited to share what you are grateful for in writing to add to our gratitude tree and see it grow from week to week, but I will also be encouraging us to lift our joys in thanksgiving during our times of prayer. My hope is that gratitude will not just be the theme of this month, but will become a part of who we are and how we worship our God who has blessed us with so much.

With gratitude for each one of you,

Pastor Ben



ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Adopt a Family

We will be helping 2 families this year.

Both are families of 5 with 3 children.

We will buy gifts and donate money for food cards.

The tags for these items will be available at church starting November 24th. The gifts and donations for food cards must be brought to church by December 15th.

Thank you for your continued support of this important annual mission to help local need. Contact Sue Mead with questions and money donations.

413-230-9643

A scenic photograph of a river flowing over large, grey rocks in a lush, green forest. In the background, there are rolling hills or mountains under a clear blue sky. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

Contemplative Prayer
Thursdays at 11am
all are welcome. no experience necessary.

 **Trinity Church**
17 Severance Street
Shelburne Falls

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hallowed wishes to all you Blessed ones during this Halloween week of fun and "Trick or Treats". We are very grateful to have been a part of the 33rd Annual Franklin County Crop Walk at the Shelburne Congregational Church on October 6th. Many Thanks to all who were able to walk on that glorious day and to all of you who donated to this very important event to end local and world Hunger! Our Church members raised an incredible \$2,700 to add to the Franklin County total yet to be announced!

On Wed. Oct. 30th we had a Trinity Table at the West County Resource Fair held at Mohawk from 3-7 p.m. Thanks to Nancy Parland for coordinating this once again and to Julie Bailey, Sarah Neelon, and Pastor Ben for staffing the table. A Shout of thanks goes out to Ginny Ray for creating the wonderful Trinity bookmarks and to Brook Batteau for getting copies of our Community Meal and Clothes Closet fliers for the table.

Once again we are beginning to find ways to implement a fragrance-free environment for Trinity Church. Thoughts include placing signs in the church, notices in the Sunday bulletins, Quest and on our website. Any other ideas from you all are certainly welcome.

Many Thanks to Nancy Parland for organizing the wonderful new Sunday Welcome sign at the end of Severance Street. Please let her know if you can help with the set up and take down of the sign on Sundays.

News from the Feasibility Study group will be forthcoming as progress is made. They have been meeting and coordinating with Jennifer Williams, our consultant.

Stewardship planning for Trinity Church for 2025 is underway. Pastor Ben has created a Stewardship Team who have created a theme for this year's Stewardship season: "Grounded in Gratitude". Learn more about our stewardship season in Pastor Ben's Quest article.

November events:

- Nov. 1 -Trinity is hosting the Friday night Community Meal.
- Nov. 8 - Margery Heins is leading the Greenfield Community College Chorus in a concert at Trinity Church at 7:30pm.
- Nov. 23 -Trinity Women Bake sale in front of Keystone Market.
- Nov.24-Trinity will have a Craft Table at the Autumn Market at BSE
- Nov. 29 - Moonlight Magic-Trinity Church will have a Table set up with our beautiful new pens designed by Pastor Ben, and our bookmarks and fliers from the Community Meal and the Community Clothes Closet. Please be in touch with Pastor Ben if you would like to volunteer at the table that night.

With Blessings and Love from the Leadership Team,

Eileen McCusker Rauch, Nancy Parland, Sarah Neelon and Beth Martin.



GREENFIELD
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

GCC



Community Chorus

Performances - Fall 2024

Margery Heins, Conductor - John Yannis, Accompanist

Free Concerts - Donations Welcome at the Door

Preview Concert: Four Centuries of American Music

Friday, Oct. 18, 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Sloan Theater, Greenfield Community College

Full Performance: Four Centuries of American Music

Friday, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Church, Shelburne Falls

Annual Holiday Concert

Friday, Dec. 6, 12:15-12:45 p.m.

GCC Main Lobby

Come relax and enjoy the music!

Sponsored by GCC Community Engagement

For more information: contact GCC Community Chorus director Margery Heins at heins@gcc.mass.edu.

Greenfield Community College is an AA/EO institution. For a disability accommodation, please contact the Office of Disability & Accessibility Services (413) 775-1812.

Annual Meeting
 Southern New England Conference
Franklin Association, UCC
Sunday November 3, 2024
2:00

Join us to
 Vote on the slate of new officers
 Vote on the proposed 2025 budget
 Worship
 Enjoy a time of fellowship

Program theme is “Facing Fear and Embracing Hope”
 led by Rev. Kate Stevens

Each church is asked to please bring a plate of cookies or goodies to share

First Congregational Church of Montague
4 North Street
Montague, MA



LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER	
November 3	Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
November 10	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
November 17	1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8
November 24	2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-13 (14-19); Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Calendar for November 2024

Friday	1	5:30 pm Community Meal.
Saturday	2	
Sunday	3	Daylight Savings Time ends; 10 am service
Monday	4	
Tuesday	5	6:30 pm Interfaith Prayer vigil
Wednesday	6	9:30 Playgroup; 11 - 3:30 Clothes Closet
Thursday	7	11 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	8	10:30 am Kids Movement; 5:30 pm Community Meal. 7:30 pm GCC Chorus Concert at Trinity Church
Saturday	9	10 am -12 pm Clothes Closet
Sunday	10	10 am service
Monday	11	
Tuesday	12	
Wednesday	13	9:30 Playgroup
Thursday	14	11 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	15	10:30 am Kids Movement; 5:30 pm Community Meal.
Saturday	16	
Sunday	17	10 am service
Monday	18	
Tuesday	19	
Wednesday	20	9:30 Playgroup; 11 - 3:30 Clothes Closet
Thursday	21	11 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	22	10:30 am Kids Movement; 5:30 pm Community Meal.
Saturday	23	10 am -12 pm Clothes Closet; Trinity Bake sale
Sunday	24	10 am service; Shelburne Falls Autumn Market
Monday	25	
Tuesday	26	
Wednesday	27	9:30 Playgroup
Thursday	28	Thanksgiving
Friday	29	10:30 am Kids Movement; 5:30 pm Community Meal. Moonlight Magic.
Saturday	30	

PRAYERS FOR THE ELECTION

*The Interfaith Council of Franklin County
invites you to*

F A C I N G F E A R &
E M B R A C I N G H O P E

a gathering of hope and healing

PRAYERS FOR
THE ELECTION

*Monday, November 4, 6:30 pm
Episcopal Church of Saints James & Andrew
8 Church Street, Greenfield
at the outdoor community labyrinth next to
the church or inside the Whiteman Room
depending on weather*

**A circle of prayer and reflection
offered on the night before the national
election--Buddhist, Hindu, Christian,
Jewish, Muslim, and more faith
offerings to hold our hearts together**

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CROP Walk 2024!

