The Quest

TRINITY CHURCH, SHELBURNE FALLS

November 2026

About Trinity Church

Trinity Church is an ecumenical Open and Affirming (ONA) congregation.

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,

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. famously spoke of the "Beloved Community," a community in which everyone is cared for, absent of poverty, hunger, and hate; a community of unconditional love and radical hospitality.

As we look toward the year ahead, this year's stewardship campaign invites us to step boldly into that vision. Starting Sunday, November 1, we kick off our four-week stewardship series, titled "Co-Creating Beloved Community."

Rather than viewing stewardship as merely "paying the church bills," this season will invite us to see our giving for what it truly is: an act of co-creation. When we pool our financial resources, our time, and our hearts, we directly fund a sanctuary of welcome, a generator of justice, and a community where everyone can thrive.

Throughout November, our worship services and reflections will trace a path toward building this vision together. We begin on All Saints Sunday by honoring our shared heritage and celebrating that everyone belongs at God's table. From there, we explore how our resources act as tools for repair, care, and justice in our wider neighborhood, while learning to reject the fear of scarcity in favor of bold trust and abundance. Finally, on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we bring our pledges forward as an act of hope, committing our resources to actively build the world we want to see.

Each Sunday, you will hear a brief testimony from a member of our church family sharing how this community has impacted their life and why they choose to invest in its future. You will also be receiving a letter and pledge card in the mail at the beginning of November. We invite you to spend this month reflecting, praying, and dreaming with us. Ask yourself: How is God calling me to help co-create Beloved Community here and now at Trinity Church?

Together, let's journey from remembering our past to actively building our future.

With hope, gratitude, and love,

Pastor Ben

Food Drive



On October 25th, we blessed 60 pounds of pasta and 58 jars of sauce (enough to provide 240 meals for our neighbors!) which will be donated to the Community Free Fridge and Pantry outside the Buckland town hall. Thank you to everyone for their generosity to our monthly food drive!



Throughout November we will be collecting Thanksgiving Fixings (stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, etc).



Adopt-a-Family

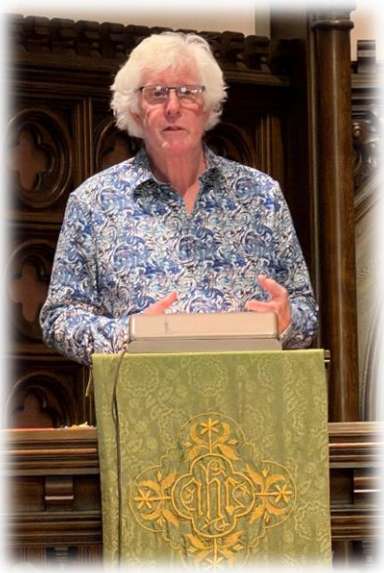
Trinity Church will once again be participating in this important mission during the Christmas season. We will be helping 2 families with gifts and food cards. The gift tags will be put in the sanctuary on November 22nd.

The wrapped gifts and monetary donations for food cards are due by Sunday, December 13.
See or call Sue Mead with any questions. 413-230-9643

Organ Farewell Recital

On October 25 the “farewell, for now” recital for our wonderful 1883 Hook and Hastings organ was a grand success. Thanks to Keith for a wonderful concert and to all for a successful capital campaign. The funds are (almost) all in to give our beloved organ its second lease on life. Great appreciation to all who came, listened and donated.





DA CAMERA SINGERS CONCERT

Please join us for this splendid concert
at Trinity Church on Sunday 11/15 at 3:00 pm

Da Camera Singers

Sheila Heffernon, artistic director
Meghan MacFadden, accompanist

Hear Our Voices: We've Always Been Here

Celebrating the music of LGBTQ+ composers throughout the centuries

Guest Artist: Justina Golden, mezzo-soprano

Free Admission



Donations accepted at the door & on our website

Supported by Mass Cultural Council

Friday, November 13	Sunday, November 15
7:30 pm	3:00 pm
Helen Hills Hills Chapel	Trinity Church
123 Elm St.	17 Severance St.
Northampton, MA	Shelburne Falls, MA

www.dacamerasingers.org

Moonlight Magic

Trinity Church at Moonlight Magic

Trinity will once again be present at Moonlight Magic to share information about our services and programs, give out candy canes, and spread holiday cheer! Volunteers are needed to help staff the table (which will be under a new donated tent (thank you, Dusti & Karyn!), with new donated tent sides (thank you, Sarah!), and proudly displaying our new donated Trinity banner (thank you, Nancy!).

If you can donate an hour or two of your time between 3pm and 9pm on Friday, November 27th, please contact Pastor Ben at pastordurfee@gmail.com!

These are from last year's Moonlight Magic





From the Leadership Team

The first Sunday of October was a very important one for Trinity Church. After another wonderful Church service lead by Pastor Ben many Trinity folks headed to the Whately Congregational church for the annual Franklin County Crop Hunger Walk. The weather was perfect and just cool enough for us to wear our Red Trinity jackets to create the "Trinity sea of red" coursing throughout the 1 and 3 mile routes. Afterwards we enjoyed the delicious spread that the church provided and had some time to catch up with our friendly church neighbors from around the county. We are happy to announce that this years total raised by Trinity was $2,065! We will anxiously await the announcement of the grand total of all monies raised. Remember that gratefully 25% of these funds remain here for our local food programs. Many thanks to all those who walked and to all who donated to this very important Trinity Church mission!

On October 11th we were blessed to have Jennifer Sanborn as our pulpit supply leader. Jennifer is the American Baptist Director of Legacy Giving. She delivered a very informative sermon enjoyed by all who attended. We were also grateful to have Nancy

Parland, Julie Bailey and Clare Chapman assist with the remainder of the service. We are in the process of researching a suggestion by a local resident to place a "Happy to Chat Bench" on the Baptist Lot. Wayne has agreed to spear head this exciting prospect along with possibly replacing the picnic bench that was eliminated on the lot due to disrepair.

We are deeply indebted to Keith Rollinson, our beloved music director, for creating a most amazing solo organ recital on October 25th using our beautiful 1883 Hook and Hastings organ. The pews were filled and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful musical selections he performed as well as the very interesting history about each piece and the composers. This truly was a spectacular send off for our organ destined to be fully restored over the next year. We are also grateful to Keith's wife Marianne for the delicious pumpkin bread she baked and all the other wonderful food and drink they provided at the reception following the recital. Due to the incredible generosity of the folks who came, a total of $689 in donations towards our Building Joy Capital Campaign was collected. Onward to a most anticipated welcome back recital by Keith when the work is completed……If that is okay with you of course Keith. Thank you again with all our collective Trinity hearts!

With many blessings,

Sarah Neelon, Clare Chapman, Wayne Perrea and Beth Martin

EV Chargers are Live!

Thanks to a grant obtained through the New England Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, 4 EV Charging stations have been installed in the parking lot at Trinity Church. The Level 2 chargers are now open for use by the public 24/7. While the church will not directly profit from these chargers in the foreseeable future, they represent the church's commitment to caring for the Earth by building out the infrastructure needed to help lower emissions. All community members and visitors are welcome to use them!



Community Clothes Closet November Schedule

Wednesdays, the 11th and 25th, 11:00-3:30
Saturdays, the 14th and 28th, 10:00-12:00.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time in 2026 ends on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 2:00 a.m., when clocks fall back one hour to 1:00 a.m.



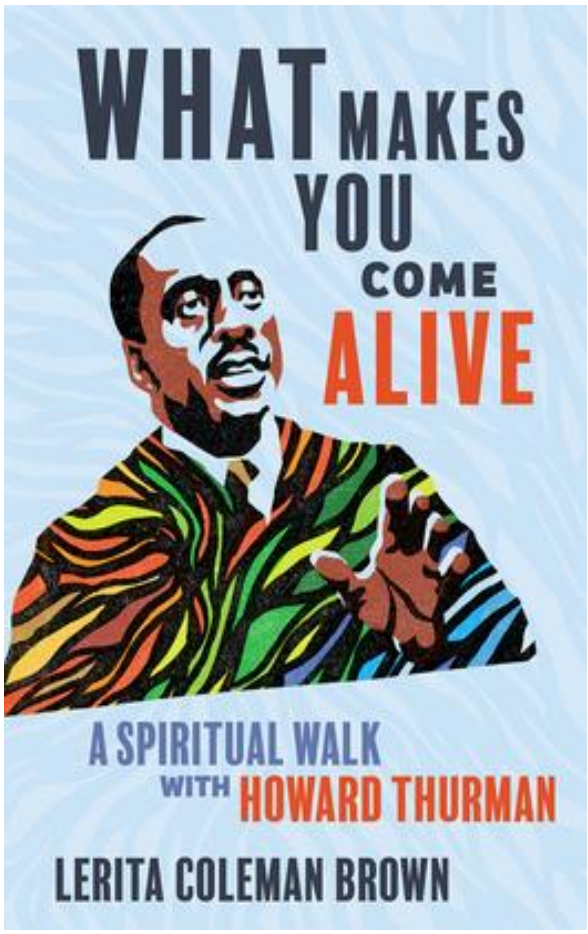
Election Day Prayer Service & Open Sanctuary



Trinity Church (17 Severance Street, Shelburne Falls) will host a non-partisan Election Day Prayer Service at 12 noon on Tuesday, November 3rd. All are welcome to come lift up prayers for our country, our poll-workers, our elected leaders, and the mid-term elections. If you cannot attend the mid-day service, you are welcome to stop by the open sanctuary (open 9am-2pm) for private prayer before or after heading to the polls.

Book Group Forming

"What Makes You Come Alive" Book Group Forming at Trinity Church



Pastor Ben of Trinity Church will be leading a study of Lerita Coleman Brown's book **"What Makes You Come Alive: A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman" on Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30pm, from November 17 to January 26.** Known as the godfather of the civil rights movement, Howard Thurman served as a spiritual adviser to Martin Luther King Jr. and other leaders and activists in the 1960s. In this biographical and practical book, "Brown walks with us through Howard Thurman's imitable life and commitments as he summons us into centering down, encountering the natural world, paying attention to sacred synchronicity, unleashing inner authority, and recognizing the genius of the religion of Jesus. We learn from Thurman's resilience in the psychology terrorizing climate of the Jim Crow South, his encounters with Quakers and with Mahatma Gandhi, and his sense of being guided by the Spirit. Each chapter illuminates an aspect of Thurman's work and includes reflection questions and spiritual practices." If you are interested in participating in this transformative study, please reach out to Pastor Ben at pastordurfee@gmail.com.

Turkey Dinner



Trinity Church Hosts Annual Turkey Dinner Friday before Thanksgiving

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 20th at 5:30pm for a free community Turkey dinner at Trinity Church. Both Dine-in and Take-out meals are available and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. At this table everyone is fed!

Community Clothes Closet



Trinity Church in Action

New Banner! Thank you Nancy Parland



CROP Walk 2026!



Blessing of the Animals





CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2026		
Sunday	**1**	10 am service
Monday	**2**	
Tuesday	**3**	12 pm Election Day Prayer Service
Wednesday	**4**	9:30 Playgroup
Thursday	**5**	10:30 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	**6**	10:30 am Kids Movement; 5:30 pm Community Meal
Saturday	**7**	
Sunday	**8**	10 am service
Monday	**9**	5:30 Hilltown Resilience Network
Tuesday	**10**	
Wednesday	**11**	9:30 Playgroup; 10 am - 12 pm Clothes Closet
Thursday	**12**	10:30 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	**13**	10:30 am Kids Movement; 5:30 pm Community Meal
Saturday	**14**	10 am - 12 pm Clothes Closet
Sunday	**15**	10 am service; 3 pm Da Camera Singers Concert
Monday	**16**	
Tuesday	**17**	1 pm Book Group
Wednesday	**18**	9:30 Playgroup
Thursday	**19**	10:30 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	**20**	10:30 am Kids Movement; 5:30 pm Community Meal with Turkey dinner
Saturday	**21**	
Sunday	**22**	10 am service
Monday	**23**	
Tuesday	**24**	1 pm Book Group
Wednesday	**25**	9:30 Playgroup; 10 am - 12 pm Clothes Closet
Thursday	**26**	Thanksgiving
Friday	**27**	10:30 am Kids Movement; ; 4 pm Moonlight Magic; 5:30 pm Community Meal
Saturday	**28**	10 am - 12 pm Clothes Closet
Sunday	**29**	10 am service
Monday	**30**	

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LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 2026	
November 1	Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
November 8	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13
November 15	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46
November 22	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46
November 29	Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18