

# The Quest

## Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

October 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.

#### Regular Sunday service time

10 a.m. (Nursery care available)

#### Office hours

Tuesday- Wednesday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

(413) 625-2341

Pastor - Rev. Marguerite Sheehan

Music Director - Keith Rollinson

Church Secretary - Brook Batteau

Nursery Attendant - Lisa Porter

Facilities Staff - Lisa Mroczek

Leadership team co-chairs:

Lois Bascom & Eileen McCusker Rauch

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,

Dear Faithful Friends, it will likely come as no surprise that I have been putting off writing this last Quest letter to all of you. Even as I am packing up my church office and Dorrie and I are cleaning out the parsonage for whoever is to follow me I want to let you know that my love for all of you is stronger than it has ever been.

Time has only sweetened our connections and while it is, as I have said, a "bittersweet" parting, the gratitude and confidence I have and am witnessing in you for the new day that is coming is awesome.

It is a great joy for me to see new teams emerge in the congregation. The enthusiasm and collaboration I see in the Search and Call and the Buildings and Grounds team is also evident in the Leadership Team and in the congregation.

In this Quest you will see an invitation to join the church as a formal member. What a testimony it is to the vitality of this congregation that even in a time of transition some of you have come forward to say that this is the time that you are ready to declare that Trinity is your church home.

The congregational response in our new members recognition service declares "Let us, the members, and friends of Trinity Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ. We welcome you with joy in our common life and we promise you our friendship, our encouragement, and our prayers. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowing and love and be witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ as we strive to follow him every day."

This is what I see at Trinity Church. A great faith that we are

not alone, not even when the church is in a pastoral transition. The power of the Holy Spirit is active among you and guiding you, and also guiding me toward what is ahead. We are in God's world where good things await. There will be times when it is hard to wait and wonder. I will miss you dearly and many of you have already expressed the same to Dorrie and I. Change is hard, and it is also very exciting.

Friends, in this last month together if you see my eyes watering up know that it is because I am feeling tender toward you and toward the people in Shelburne Falls and beyond who have blessed me in this decade of service.

We have weathered a pandemic. We have celebrated the work of being an Open and Affirming Church. We have cared for and about our neighbors in a myriad of ways. The Great Love that holds us in the palm of Love's hand is steady and embracing.

Thank you seems too small a prayer and yet it is the most powerful prayer of all.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. In peace and in grace, *Marguerite*

*Marguerite may be reached at 413-687-1418 or 413-489-303*

## CROP WALK!



### **CROP Hunger Walk 2022 is October 2<sup>nd</sup>!!!**

Please walk with us in person or in spirit on  
Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> to  
End hunger here in Franklin County  
and around the world!

Greenfield United Methodist Church, 2 pm

Donate online at:

[events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/trinity-church-shelburne-falls-ma](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/trinity-church-shelburne-falls-ma)

See you there!!

**PRAYER CHAIN**

We are a praying church. We pray for each other and our friends and neighbors during Sunday worship. We call on each other for prayers. And we also use an “electronic prayer chain” to get the word out that someone needs prayer. Many times those requests go directly to Marguerite and other times people call requests into the church office and Brook posts them on the chain and sends them out to the congregation. With Marguerite retiring we have asked one of the Leadership Team members, Karyn Dufresne, to be on the receiving end of requests. You can still call Brook to put your requests for prayer on the chain or you can call or email Karyn if you would like to speak with her about your concern. She will then, with your permission, get it to Brook who will send it out. If you are not already receiving these calls for prayer and want to be on the receiving end, please let Brook know and he will put you on the list. To contact Karyn you can call her at 413- 834-8882 or email her at [mallard1166@yahoo.com](mailto:mallard1166@yahoo.com)

**THANK YOU BUILDINGS AND GROUND TEAM****A Big Thank You!**

Thank you to the newly formed Building and Grounds Team: Don Bascom (team leader), Verne Bissell, Michael Rauch, and Al Shippee.

They are working closely with the Leadership Team to see that our church, parsonage and grounds are well maintained.

## ANOTHER THANK YOU



A word of APPRECIATION to Bob Spencer for mowing the Baptist Lot every week in the summer.

Bob has been doing this for countless years and we want to thank him for this.

***THANK YOU, BOB!***

## NEW MEMBER MEETING



Are you considering becoming a member of our church? Would you like to hear more about the joys and responsibilities of church membership?

We are having an informal "new members meeting" on October 16 right after Sunday worship. We have invited a couple of people from the church who are already members and would like to share what membership means to them. We will also have time to share a bit of our own spiritual/religious/church journey and to talk about the special nature of our ecumenical church. We have also scheduled a new members recognition service that will happen in the worship service on Sunday October 23rd. This will be a time for the congregation to welcome and offer blessings for the new members.

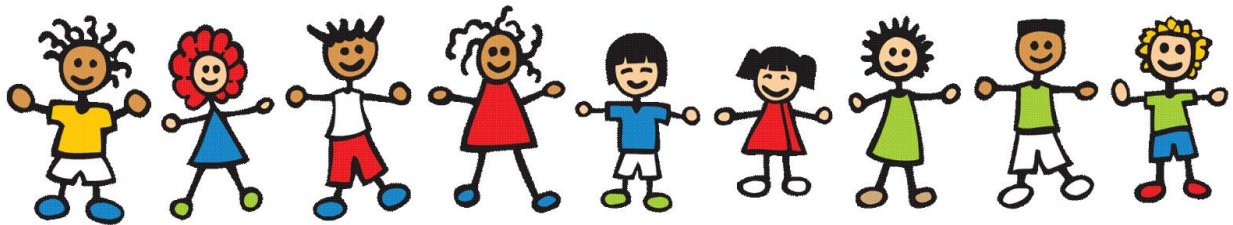
Questions? Call the office and talk with Brook or talk with Marguerite. In this time of transition here at the church this may just be the time to affirm that Trinity is your church home!

## TRINITY WOMEN

**Calling all Trinity Women!**

We're planning to meet during coffee hour after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, Nov. 6 to talk about what we'd like to do this year. Ideas to discuss include a table at the Autumn Festival hosted by the Shelburne Falls Farmers' Market, a Thanksgiving pie/rolls sale on Bridge Street, and a small Christmas craft fair on Dec. 10. Please plan to attend and bring your ideas. We're looking forward to seeing you and sharing our thoughts, Ginny and Sarah.

## SUNDAY FRIENDS

**Sunday Friends Starts Up Again!**

Our Sunday Friends (friendship, mentoring, Christian Education) program has begun again this year with Kyle Porter meeting with his new adult friend Janice Waldron-Hansen and Nicole Porter meeting with her adult friend Sandy Gaffey. The friendship teams meet once a month after our Time for All Ages. They engage in fun and creative activities designed to build and strengthen church friendships and service. Thank you to all our Sunday friends, both youth and adults. And thank you Lisa Porter for your presence in the front pew at Trinity where you are always on the lookout for any preschoolers and younger children who need a friend to provide nursery care on Sundays.

## FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

It appears that both the calendar and the weather are in sync and it is officially Fall!! This is a wonderful time of year for so many reasons, and this time it also marks the beginning of our final month with Pastor Marguerite here at Trinity Church. As you probably assume these are indeed busy days and there is much to share. In addition to the information you see here in The Quest please also check our website at [www.trinityshelburnefalls.org](http://www.trinityshelburnefalls.org) and our FaceBook page for the latest updates and changes.

Several groups have now formed, including the Celebration of Ministry Committee (Lois Bascom, Sherry Clark, and Beth Martin), the Search and Call Committee (Eileen McCusker Rauch chairing, Dusti Dufresne, Beth Martin, Walker Miles, and Al Shippee), and the Building & Grounds Team (Don Bascom chairing, Verne Bissell, Michael Rauch, and Al Shippee). All have now met and are fully operational, so if you have questions or suggestions please reach out to them! Thank you all for your leadership!!

As you know, Trinity Church went solar a short time ago and after having a recent energy assessment we are now preparing for an energy upgrade through MassSave before year end! Both initiatives will provide savings and make Trinity Church a much greener member of the Shelburne Falls community! The energy upgrade will include both the main sanctuary building and the parsonage.

See you Sunday for church and the CROP Hunger Walk!!

*Lois Bascom, Clare Chapman, Karyn Dufresne, Nancy Parland, Eileen McCusker Rauch, and Marguerite Sheehan.*



CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 10 am Service.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10 am Service. Christine Fontaine- Prchr.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	<b>12</b> 11 - 4 Clothes Closet.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10 am Service. New Member Class.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10 am Service. New Member Service.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10 am Tai Chi. 11 a.m. Listening to the Gospel Group	<b>26</b> 11 - 4 Clothes Closet.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:30 pm Community Meal.	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10 am Service. Celebration and Pot Luck for Marguerite.						

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER	
October 2	Lamentations 1:1-6; Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
October 9	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-11; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
October 16	Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
October 23	Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14
October 30	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10