

# 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:  
Monday - Wednesday - 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:  
Beth Martin & 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*

I started my bridge ministry with you all March 3; it is now October. It feels like such a long short time or is it a short long time? Both seem true. So much left undone, so much begun, all with the knowledge that it takes a whole life to become a Christian and even longer to become a church. Every generation matters. All who have gone before; all who will come. We dare not steal church from our grandchildren nor borrow it from our forebears. Instead, we gather all the wisdom into a big stew pot and make something worthy of nourishment. That means we use the "legacies", spiritual and material, in such a way that they feed the children yet coming.

We have come through snow and floods and Covid and death and music and potlucks and new life and new members and have found our way into each other's hearts. Bridge is such a funny word for a pastor, especially in a town where two bridges need repair.

What I will remember about you all is your opening words: no matter who you are or what you believe or doubt or who you love you are welcome here. I came to you with a boatload of doubts and a boat load of beliefs. I love as much as I know how and then get greedy with my affections at just the wrong time. Like the big flood of this spring some time my dams just break. Other times I overflow with beautiful water enough to make us all keep the vows we made at baptism.

I attach here the asset mapping our little refugia group ddi. You might want to add your own thoughts. You showed up in my life at just the right time and for that I thank you very much. Our next stop is the American church in San Miguel Mexico. Let's stay in touch and become builders of even more wonderful legacy right here. Imagine when the bridges are all repaired! *Rev. Dr. Donna Schaper*

## BOOK STUDY

### Tuesdays in October until Oct. 24, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

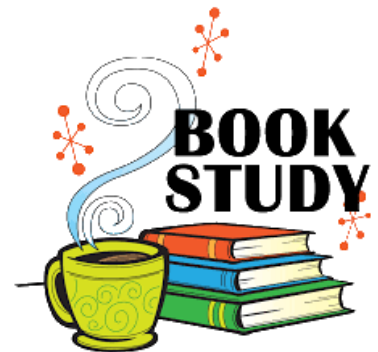
A book, *the Rock, the Road and the Rabbi* by Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel.

The book study includes video discussion questions, Bible exploration and personal study and reflection materials for in-between sessions.

It is recommended that participants purchase the Study guide and preferably the book as well. The book itself can be borrowed from a library. Give yourself plenty of time to request it, as it might be an inter library loan. Also, I can make copies of the pages we use in each session and copies of the short chapters that are recommended to read before each session, saving you money.

Please let me know of your interest so I can prepare accordingly.

*Lois Bascom*



## ONE HOME ONE FUTURE

Kate Stevens invited us to join this campaign. Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas does Creative Care work with the Episcopal Church and brought this to Kate's attention.

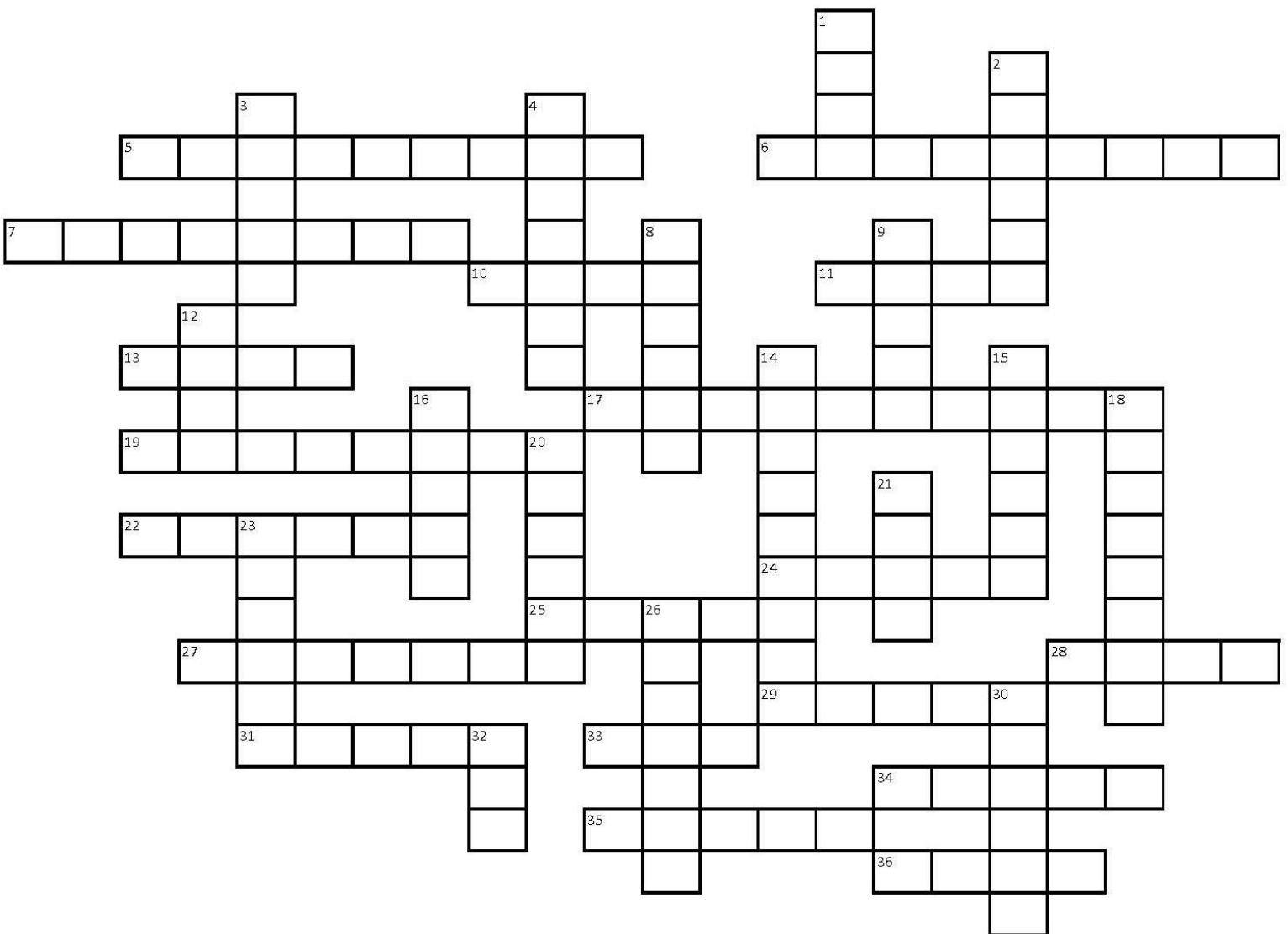
ONEHOME ONE FUTURE is a multi-faith campaign to strengthen vitality, relevance, and community connection across generations in local congregations nationwide. It is a coalition effort of US faith denominations and organizations for visible and collective climate action by people of faith to educate, activate and empower clergy, congregants, youth and all spiritual people in meaningful and just climate solutions. Kate will be preaching about Climate Change during her six months as our next Bridge Pastor.

The Leadership Team registered for this and received a free banner. We are one of the first of one thousand churches nationwide to sign up and receive this banner. Lois Bascom and Robin Glod Shapiro will give leadership to this campaign. There will be articles in the newsletter each month that relate to this.

*Lois Bascom*

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The crossword puzzle created by Nicole and Sandy came from congregation members as well as family and friends of Trinity Church. The below represent the bible stories that they read. Each story also has the Chapter and verse so you can find the clues (if needed). There are a couple that we needed to search online as we had the answers in Children’s Books, but not clearly in the bible verses.



Clues on next page...

Noah and the Rainbow	
"When the World Started Over Again"	
Genesis 6-9	
26 Down	What multi-colored thing did God give as a promise?
19 Across	One of the animals on Noah's ark
21 Down	What animal did God send to find land?

The Sermon on the Mount	
Matthew 5-7	
31 Across	What shouldn't we hide in order to shine?
35 Across	"Blessed are they that _____, for they shall be comforted."
4 Down	Who does Jesus tell us to love? Our _____ and pray for people who are mean to us

Moses in the Bulrushes	
Exodus 2: 1-10	
25 Across	Who was hired to take care of baby Moses?
18 Down	Pharaoh's _____ found Moses hidden in the bulrushes
22 Across	Sister to Moses

Parable of the Talents	
Matthew 25: 14-30	
10 Across	How many talents did the master give his first servant?
32 Down	How many talents did the second servant make?
3 Down	Where did the third servant bury his lord's money? In the _____.

The Day Jesus Died	
Matthew 27: 27-66	
Mark 15: 21-47 & Luke 23: 26-56	
27 Across	Who else was crucified on either side of Jesus? Two _____
34 Across	What hour did Jesus die?
9 Down	What was put upon Jesus's head? _____ of Thorns

Book of Ruth	
30 Down	What did Boaz give to "seal the deal" when he bought the land?
36 Across	Who was Ruth's husband?
16 Down	Who returned to Bethlehem with Ruth?

Parable of the Lost Sheep	
Luke 15: 3-7	
17 Across	How many sheep were in the flock of the parable of the lost sheep?
33 Across	How many sheep were lost and then found?
14 Down	Where was the sheep placed? On the _____

Birth of Jesus	
Luke 2: 1-7	
24 Across	Luke referred to Bethlehem as the City of _____
5 Across	What was Jesus wrapped in? _____ clothes
2 Down	Name an animal that may have been near Jesus in the manger

Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors	
Genesis 37: 1-36	
13 Across	What did Joseph's brother do to his robe? _____ it
6 Across	How old was Joseph when he was given the robe by his father?
29 Across	Joseph dreamed about the sun, the moon, and eleven _____

Moses and the Frogs	
Exodus 8: 1-15	
8 Down	Which plague had frogs?
11 Across	What did Moses do to make the frogs go away?
1 Down	The frogs shall leave and only be left in the _____

Jacob's wives	
Genesis 29	
28 Across	Who did Jacob marry first?
23 Down	Who did Jacob want to marry?
7 Across	How many years did Jacob work in order to marry his first love?

Parable of the Sower	
Luke 8: 4-15	
20 Down	Three places that the seeds fell that the farmer scattered
15 Down	
12 Down	

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10 am Service. Donna Schaper- Pastor.	2	3 10:30 Book Study.	4 9:30 Playgroup	5 7 p.m. AA	6 10:30 Kids Movement. 5:30 pm Community Meal.	7
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29 10 am Service. Leslie Fraser -Pastor	30	31				

### LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

October 1	Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
October 8	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
October 15	Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
October 22	Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
October 29	Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

# CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

**Saturday, Oct. 7**  
**9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Trinity Church parking lot  
17 Severance Street, Shelburne Falls

*Hosted by Trinity Women*  
*Proceeds benefit local charities and the church's Memorial Garden*

**To rent a space, call 413.522.5046**

**\$15 without a table; \$20 with a table, while supply lasts**

**Great view of fall foliage and good company!**  
**Please, no early birds**

# *Potluck*

*Reception for  
Rev. Dr. Donna Schaper*

*Sunday, October 15*

*At Trinity Church  
17 Severance St  
Shelburne Falls*

*After Sunday service.  
Bring a dish to share.*

*Welcome our new bridge minister,  
Rev. Kate Stevens.*

