



The Quest

TRINITY CHURCH, SHELBURNE FALLS



2026

About Trinity Church

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 & 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,

The other day, I was at the grocery store, going down the aisles and checking things off our list. I know some people love grocery shopping—I don't. I try to get in and out of there as quickly as possible! I've learned the layout of Aldi well and have a good routine. When I saw pasta on my list, I picked up the bag of shells and started to walk away, when my I suddenly remembered that we're collecting pasta and sauce this month for the Community Free Fridge and Pantry. I stopped my route, backed up, and grabbed a few extra bags and jars and then continued on my way. The theme worked exactly as planned!



This month, we are introducing a monthly theme for our on-going food drive. Over the past year, we've been collecting food with very few parameters. We've had a wonderful response, but over the past several months, the grocery cart has often been empty. I don't think it's because you've all decided to stop supporting this cause; instead, I bet my own experience at the grocery store isn't super unique. I bet a lot of you have your shopping routines, your lists, and try to get in and out of the store spending as little money as possible! And without something to jog your memory while you're there, I think it can be easy to forget until you see the empty grocery cart at the back of the church on Sunday mornings.

With a simple theme each month, the hope is that we can make our food collection simple, memorable, and fun!

We will be collecting Pasta and Sauce through the end of October. To kick us off, I announced a goal of 50 pounds of pasta and 50 jars of sauce. Knowing your generosity, I bet we won't just reach that goal, we'll surpass it!

Thank you for all the ways you continue to bring hope and love to this community!

With gratitude,
Pastor Ben

P.S. In November, we'll plan to collect food for Thanksgiving (stuffing, gravy, canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, etc.). If you have fun ideas for a monthly theme, let me know!

FAREWELL RECITAL FOR OUR ORGAN

Prior to the organ's dismantlement and trip up to VT for restoration – still scheduled to begin in November – I will be giving a “farewell, for now” recital on our wonderful (if ailing) 1883 Hook and Hastings organ. Thanks to a successful capital campaign, the funds are (almost) all in to give our beloved organ a second lease on life. Come listen to selections from six centuries of organ literature on **October 25 at 4:00pm**. No admission charge, though free will offerings gladly accepted, with refreshments in Fellowship Hall to follow. Be sure to tell your family and friends, and I hope to see many of you on the 25th.

Keith Rollinson



Music for Organ
Sweelinck · Boyvin · Buxtehude · J.S. Bach
Vierne · Vaughn Williams · Hindemith · Glass
Performed on the historic 1883 Hook & Hastings Organ
Keith Rollinson
organist
Sunday, October 25, 2026
4:00 pm.
Trinity Church
17 Severance Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
Free will donations are welcome in support of Trinity's "Building Joy" capital campaign to fund a much-needed restoration of the organ.

CLOTHES CLOSET DATES IN OCTOBER

Saturdays, 10th and 24th, 10:00-12:00
Wednesdays, 14th and 28th, 11:00-3:30

TRINITY MEN'S BREAKFAST

Come join us for the Trinity Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 3 at 8 am.

Please sign the list at the back of the sanctuary so we know many will be attending.



Men's Breakfast
Join us for
food, faith, and
fellowship

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Happy Fall everyone!

Trinity Church was Blessed with another wonderful month! We were grateful to have the Rev. Judy Jones and the Rev. Lesley Frasier in our Pulpit to cover for Pastor Ben's vacation, a much needed break for him before returning to us and another busy school year.

On September 17th Trinity Church hosted a table at the West County Resource Fair. This event was well attended and we provided information about our Community Clothes Closet, Community Meal Programs, the Capital Campaign and so much more. Pastor Ben fashioned an informational sleeve to go around lollipops along with our beautiful Trinity pens and Bookmarks for give away.

The following Sunday we enjoyed another successful Trinity Potluck. Due to inclement weather, the Celebration was in our Fellowship Hall instead of under our tent. Once again the food was delicious and the conversations lively! We will be planning a winter Potluck to keep the tradition ongoing.

Finally, a long awaited project, the installation of two EV Chargers, was completed in our back parking lot. These will be activated soon and ready for the greater community to come and utilize as needed. We certainly hope folks will come into our beautiful sanctuary while they are waiting.

Sunday October 4th is the date for this year's annual Franklin County Crop Hunger Walk. Trinity Church has been participating in this amazing event for decades and it is one of our dedicated missions. The First Congregational Church of Whately is the host this year. We hope to have many Trinity folks join together in either the one mile or the 5K walk. If the weather is cool, we will have our Trinity Church blazers available to become the Trinity "sea of red". Registration is at 1 with the walks beginning at 2pm. If you are unable to attend the walk please plan to make a donation to someone who is walking or on Trinity Church's online site listed below.

Our very own Keith Rollinson is planning to send Trinity's beautiful 1885 Hook and Hastings organ off in great style! He will be performing an Organ Recital for all of us and the greater communities to enjoy on October 25th at 4pm. This will surely be a concert you will not want to miss! There is no admission fee for the performance however any donations will be gratefully accepted. Delicious refreshments will be provided afterwards in fellowship hall. Please plan on attending this special event.

With Many Blessings,

Sarah Neelon, Clare Chapman, Wayne Perrea and Beth Martin.

CROP WALK 2026

The 34th Annual Franklin County CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 4 at the First Congregational Church of Whately, 177 Chestnut Plain Road, Whately, MA [Google Maps](#).



This important event has been one of Trinity Churches missions for decades. The money raised helps fight food insecurities worldwide and 25% of the money stays right here in Franklin County.

Anyone can join this Fun event! There are two walking distances to choose from a 1 mile or a 5k. We will have our red Trinity Jackets available and of course a group photo will happen!

Registration begins at 1pm and the walk will start at 2pm.

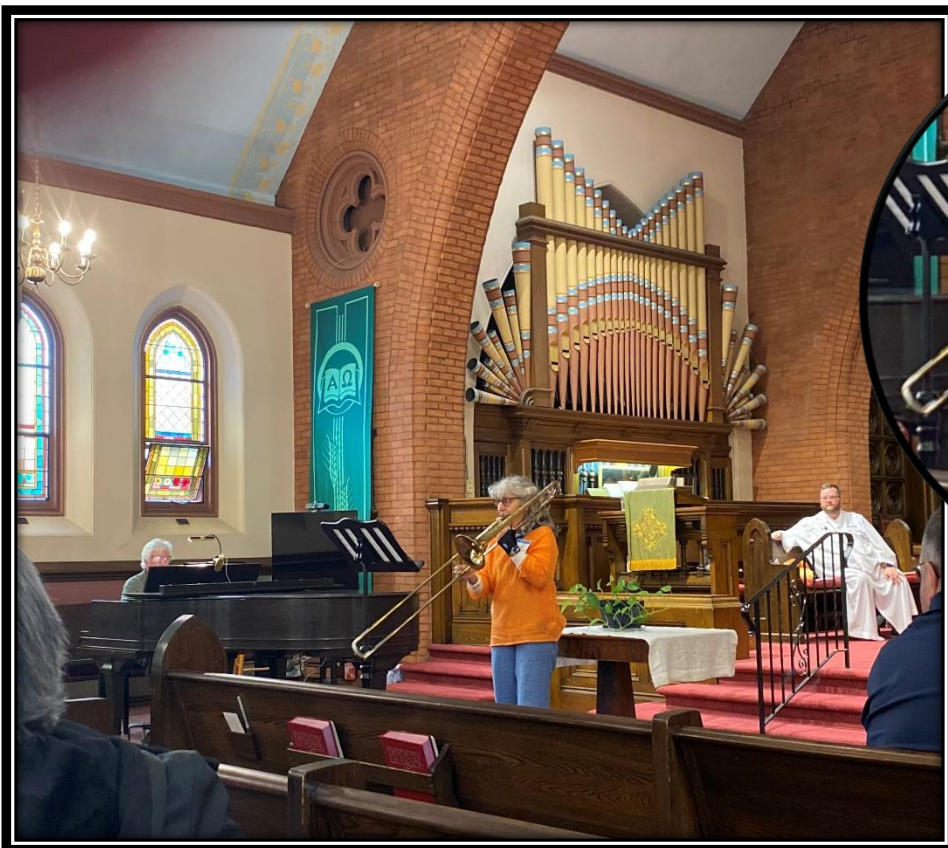
To donate you may offer cash or a check made out to CWS/Crop at the event or to any walker or you may drop off the donation at the Trinity Church office. You may also donate online following this link:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/trinity-church-shelburne-falls-2>

Please call Beth Martin at 413 772 9937 for any assistance or for more questions! Thank you in advance for your participation in any way that you can!

TROMBONE!

Nancy Parland joined our music director Keth Rollinson playing *Hymn Medley No. 9* during the offertory on Sunday, September 20.





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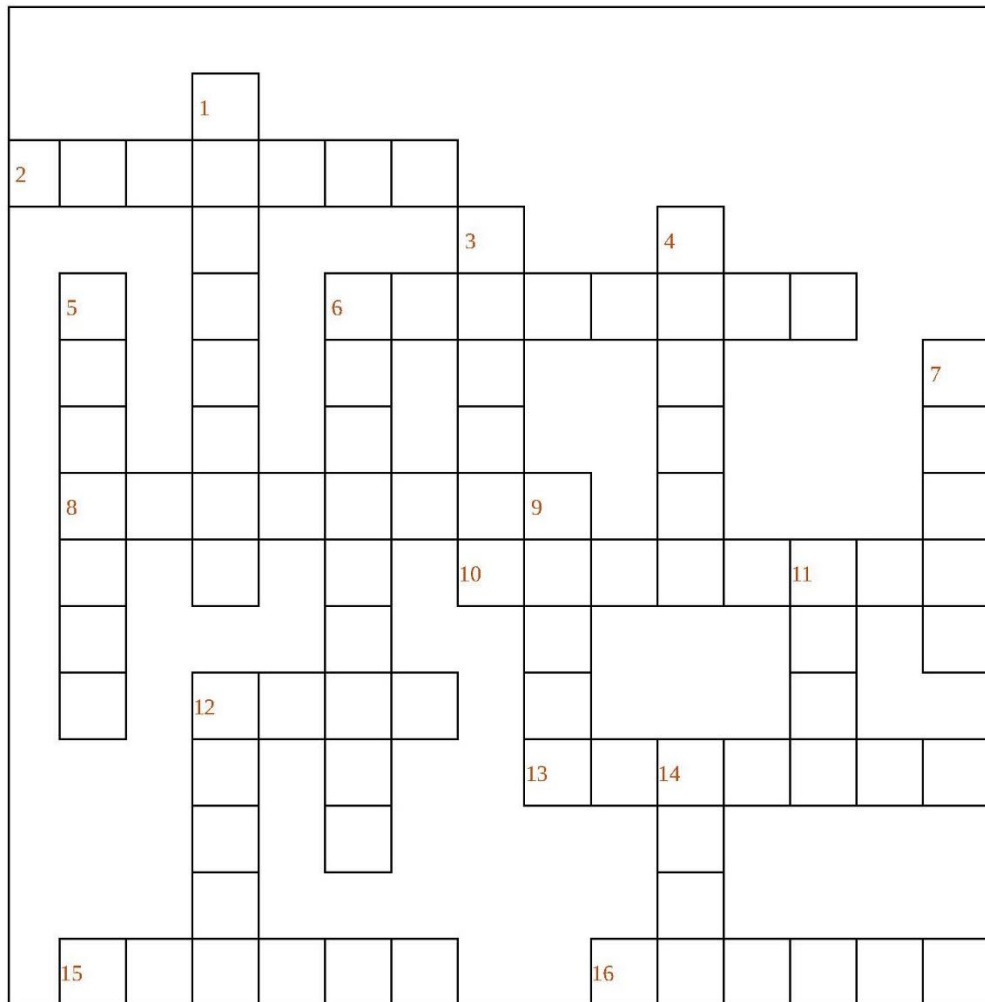
Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4th at 10am

In celebration of St. Francis Day, you are invited to bring your pet (or a picture of your pet) for a special blessing in gratitude for the blessing our pets are to us! All are welcome!



Fall



Across

- 2 Halloween month
- 6 Rodent that hordes nuts
- 8 People at the first Thanksgiving
- 10 Thanksgiving month
- 12 Yellow vegetable that grows on stalks
- 13 To gather farm crops
- 15 Thanksgiving main dish
- 16 Falls from trees

Down

- 1 Sport played with a brown ball
- 3 Another name for Fall
- 4 a color and a fruit
- 5 Great for pies or for carving
- 6 Keeps birds away from fields
- 7 Nut from an oak tree
- 9 Birds fly _____ for the winter
- 11 Bundles of hay
- 12 Drink made from apples
- 14 Tool to clean up leaves



CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2026

Thursday	1	10:30 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	2	10:30 am Kids Movement; 2 pm Farmers Market; 5:30 pm Community Meal
Saturday	3	8 am Trinity Men's Breakfast
Sunday	4	10 am service w. Blessing of the Animals; 1 pm CROP Walk
Monday	5	
Tuesday	6	
Wednesday	7	9:30 Playgroup
Thursday	8	10:30 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	9	10:30 am Kids Movement; 2 pm Farmers Market; 5:30 pm Community Meal
Saturday	10	10 am - 12 pm Clothes Closet
Sunday	11	10 am service
Monday	12	5:30 Hilltown Resilience Network
Tuesday	13	
Wednesday	14	9:30 Playgroup; 10 am - 12 pm Clothes Closet
Thursday	15	10:30 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	16	10:30 am Kids Movement; 2 pm Farmers Market; 5:30 pm Community Meal
Saturday	17	
Sunday	18	10 am service
Monday	19	
Tuesday	20	
Wednesday	21	9:30 Playgroup
Thursday	22	10:30 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	23	10:30 am Kids Movement; 2 pm Farmers Market; 5:30 pm Community Meal
Saturday	24	10 am - 12 pm Clothes Closet
Sunday	25	10 am service; 4 pm Organ Recital
Monday	26	
Tuesday	27	
Wednesday	28	9:30 Playgroup; 10 am - 12 pm Clothes Closet
Thursday	29	10:30 am Contemplative Prayer Group; 7 pm AA
Friday	30	10:30 am Kids Movement; 2 pm Farmers Market; 5:30 pm Community Meal
Saturday	31	

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LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 2026

October 4	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
October 11	Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
October 18	Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
October 25	Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46