

# The Quest

## Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

September

### 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:  
Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
(413) 625-2341

Pastor - Rev. Marguerite Sheehan  
Music Director - Keith Rollinson  
Church Secretary - Brook Batteau  
Nursery Attendant - Lisa Porter  
Sexton - Lisa Mroczek  
Leadership Team Chair- Virginia Ray

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,

Most of the readers of The Quest have heard that I am retiring from active church ministry at the end of October. This means that my last worship service with you will be on October 30th, and this is my second to the last letter in The Quest. In between, which is where we are now, is a bittersweet time for me and for our congregation. We have already begun to share memories, hope, and dreams as well as some tears and questions. This is a precious time, and I am holding all of you tenderly. I know that you also are holding Dorrie and me in tender bittersweet love as we anticipate the next stage of our life together in our family home in Amherst.

When we moved, almost 10 years ago, to Shelburne Falls and Trinity Church we knew that we were being planted in good soil here and would thrive for as long as the time was right. Now I am feeling that Dorrie, and I are not being "uprooted" but that we are being "transplanted." Transplanting is delicate gardening. There is faith and good planning and lots of hope involved, watered with tears of hope, sadness, and anticipation. I know that Dorrie and I are being guided by the Holy Spirit and I know that this is true for Trinity Church as well. With the support of our Leadership Team, our four denominations, our church staff, and so many other people and entities, we are all in good, healthy shape to go through this process of transplanting and tilling the soil for what and who is to come along next.

The Leadership Team (as you will see in their letter) is also going through some transitions and is actively connecting to the denominations. It sounds like there is a celebration to be planned and a search to begin! Please keep all the teams – Leadership, Search, Celebration, Community Meal, Clothes

Closet, Garden, CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday Friends (who did I miss?) in your prayers. May we all be open to change and trusting that we are enriched by each other, our history, and our desire to be with God as God is always with us.

This month Dorrie and I will be taking one more vacation week and one of our church members, the Reverend Christine Fontaine, will be with you in the pulpit. Chris is a retired interim pastor, and she has graced our pulpit a few times during my years at Trinity.

On September 24 at 1 p.m. we will be celebrating the life and mourning the death of our emeritus pastor, The Reverend Ben New. It was a long time ago that Ben was pastor here at Trinity. We were blessed when he and Mary Helen moved back to New England and transplanted themselves back here in our church. I hope that many of you are able to attend the service. Mary Helen and the three adult children are looking forward to being in our sanctuary and our fellowship hall. Such good memories!

Dear friends, thank you so much for all the ways that you blessed Dorrie and I in our time at the church and in Shelburne Falls. We have loved living in the parsonage and watching the garden and the children grow. You have nourished us, strengthened us, and challenged us to grow spiritually. I am glad that we have two more months to be together.

In faith, *Marguerite*

*Marguerite may be reached at 413-687-1418 or 413-489-3031*

## **11<sup>TH</sup> HOUR BELL RINGING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE**



Congregants of the Ashfield Congregational and St. John's Episcopal churches and friends are gathering to ring their church bells for 11 minutes on the 11th day of each month at 11 a.m.

The effort is part of a national expression of hope and determination that together we can act boldly to address the climate crisis, thought to be in its 11th hour.

If you'd like to ring our church bell on the 11th of the any month and participate, call the office at 625.2341.

## **FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The month of August was a busy one for Trinity Church! We learned that Pastor Marguerite plans to retire from full-time active ministry at the end of October and we have been both happy and sad to get that news! Now that we have had a little time to get our bearings, the Leadership Team is in the process of naming two important committees: The Celebration of Ministry Committee for Pastor Marguerite, and the Search Committee for leading us in discernment as a congregation about what comes next. Please take a moment to consider if you feel called to service on either of these committees and, if so, contact either Eileen or

Lois to express your willingness to serve. The committees will be named within the next 2 weeks, so please be in touch with them by Tuesday, September 13th.

August also saw changes for the Leadership Team, as Ginny stepped down after a remarkable and faithful time as a member of the team, in chairing the team and in her role in office as our Moderator. In addition, Dusti Dufresne stepped down from the leadership team with our warm thanks and gratitude for her leadership. Joining the team this month are Karyn Dufresne and Lois Bascom, both warmly welcomed. At our most recent meeting, Eileen and Lois agreed to serve as co-chairs for the period of time until our next Annual Meeting, which will occur in late January or early February.

Please take a moment on or after September 1st to visit our website at [www.trinityshelburnefalls.org](http://www.trinityshelburnefalls.org)! It has just been rebooted, revised and updated. Tell us what you think of it! We will keep it current for announcements/events/news. A new way to allow online donations will be offered, and links to our FaceBook page will make it easy to use both.

See you Sunday!!

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

## **CROP HUNGER WALK 2022**

### **We Walk to End Hunger**

October 2, 1 PM at the United Methodist Church of Greenfield, will find many of us walking in the Franklin County CROP Hunger Walk with other people of faith from the area. This is the community fundraising event for Church World Service ([www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org)). You can also get the link when you visit our new Trinity Church website ([www.trinityshelburnefalls.org](http://www.trinityshelburnefalls.org)) on or after September 1st!! Our website will also have detailed information on donating and all the options available. Checks are preferred instead of cash made out to CWS/CROP.

Clare and Lois will be available after the service each Sunday in September to give you a Walker Donation envelope. Walkers are encouraged to approach family and friends, neighbors, and co-workers, to raise money for this worthy cause. Twenty five percent of monies raised will return to Franklin County, another 25% remains in this country and 50% of monies raised are used globally. This year will see money going to Haiti where the people are still recovering from last year's hurricane, and Ukraine, which needs no explanation.

Lois has placed canisters in various stores in Shelburne Falls, as another way to get donations. There is also a QUILT RAFFLE and tickets will be available after service each Sunday in September with the drawing on the day of the walk, October 2nd! We have raised over \$400 to date! Let's see how much money Trinity Church can raise to help alleviate hunger here at home and around the world.

The walk itself will be easier than most because it is on flat terrain. Come join us as we wear our red jackets, walking as The Red Wave of Hope, from Trinity Church!

*Lois Bascom & Clare Chapman*

LECTIONARY IN SEPTEMBER	
Sept. 4	Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33
Sept. 11	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
Sept. 18	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
Sept. 25	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

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