TRIAD God Church Family

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Worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00am in-person and Online

October 15, 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship at 10:00am
in-person in the Sanctuary
and Online by Zoom.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Jonathan Ryder, Ordained UCC Minister

Fellowship Hour:

The Memorial Gifts Committee

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

For ages 2.9 years and potty trained through Gr 8.

October 10, 2023

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Sare the Date!

150th Anniversary
Celebration
of
Central
Congregational
Church—
Saturday,
May 4, 2024.

October 22, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 10:00 am in-person in the Sanctuary and Online by Zoom.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Fisk, (Retired), Baptist Minister

Fellowship Hour:

Peg Robinson for the Mission Committee

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

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Insight - Future of Our Church Initiative

We have been on a journey, as a congregation, to discover, articulate and claim a deep sense of our God given WHY. Who we are, acknowledging our identity and purpose as Central Congregational Church in Attleboro Falls. Our description as having a **caring** and **joyful** spirit experienced in fellowship together and demonstrated in our ministry to others seems to describe a portion of our God given WHY.

Add to that the sense that our church is an **Oasis**. A place that serves as a refuge, providing relief and a pleasant change whether one enters the church doors for worship or the fellowship hall for a public activity or event. The church becomes a refuge at that moment from the usual, annoying, or difficult experiences the individual or family may be facing. Our stories seem to resonate with these descriptions.

Understanding the current demographics, dynamics and needs of our community is also important. Who is our neighbor and what do they need that our church could possibly provide is another area to be explored. As an Oasis, with people who are caring and joyful servants of the Lord, what does our community need us to be best at doing or providing?

Please continue to pray for the Future of Our Church. Believe that new stories will be shared as our doors of refuge and friendship are entered by new people visiting with us. It may already be happening!

Please God, let us be content for you to lead the way.

Help us to be willing to live your plan each day.

Keep us very close to you all through the coming week,
and let our hearts be open wide to hear you when you speak.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Central Church Calendar

Tuesday, October 10th

7:00pm Deacons meet/Vestry & Zoom

Thursday, October 12th

7:00pm Choir/Sanctuary

Sunday, October 15th

9:45am Sunday School/Hall
10am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom
Fellowship Hr: Memorial Gifts Cmt
11:15am—2pm(No earlier, please).
RUMMAGE & Children's Clothing,
Books and Sports Equipment
DROP-OFF for both /HALL (NOT VES-TRY TODAY).

Monday, October 16th—Wednesday, October 18th

Rummage Drop off and Help Needed: 1-4pm and 6:30pm—8pm/HALL NOTE—NEW DROP OFF TIMES.

CHILDREN'S COTHING, BOOKS & SPORTS EQUIMENT: Drop off

10am—4pm to the VESTRY.

SALE DATES FOR BOTH EVENTS: THURS, 10/19 9am—6pm FRI 10/20 9am—4pm Sat 10/21 10am—1pm

Thursday, October 19th

7:00pm Choir rehearsal/Sanctuary

Sunday, October 22nd

9:45am Sunday School/Hall 10:00am Worship/Sanctuary by Zoom with Rev Dr John Fisk, Retired, Baptist Minister, guest preacher.

Fellowship Hr: Peg Robinson for Mission

Tuesday, October 24th

7:00pm Mission meets/Vestry & Zoom.

Thursday, October 26th

7:00pm Choir rehearsal/Sanctuary

Sunday, October 29th STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School/Hall 10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Monday, October 30th— Friday, Nov 3rd

Set up for the Village green Fair—more details to come soon!

Saturday, Nov 4th 9am VILLAGE GREEN FAIR/HALL

Sunday, November 5th

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS.

Remember to "FALL BACK" one hour

Saturday night.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School/Hall 10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom. **Fellowship Hr:** *Trustee, Mike Dunbar*

Our Parish Register

At Home, Hospitalized or residing in Nursing Home Care...

Please call or send an email to the church office if you wish to have your name or another person's name added to this prayer list.

In a Rehab Facility...

Rev Carole remains at a rehab facility near Seattle, WA. We are keeping in touch through her family. Updates to follow as we receive them and will be given in Church on Sundays.

REMINDER...

Please remember to call the Church Office when a family member, church member or even when you, yourself are ill or hospitalized, or are in need of prayer. If you cannot make the call yourself, please ask a family member to call us.

We won't know if you don't call us!

We want to keep you in our prayers in your time of need.

TRIAD DEADLINES

to submit information:

Tuesdays— October 17 & 31 And November 14 & 28



BEGINNING MARCH 19, 2023 NEW ZOOM LINK

To join us in Worship and to join in your church meetings—no waiting to be admitted:
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j2148198082?

pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVRZSD JTVnc5dz09 Meeting ID: 214 819 8082

Passcode: 1234 One tap mobile +13092053325,,2148198082#

October Birthdays

01 Ellis Badger	14 Doreen Cheney	25 Donna Hickey
03 Judy Holland	15 Gil Reynders	26 Amy (Goss) Sullivan
08 Colton Shuman	18 Martin Martinez	26 Heather Norton Bonfilio
11 Cynthia Lavoie	21 Julieanna Wilanson	28 Kim Winship
11 Alexandra Burroughs	21 Pam Morse	29 Laurie Richardson
13 Karin Marroquin	22 Heather Davis	31 Mario Marroquin
14 Nancy Brigham	24 Warna Reynders	31 Mike Dunbar

From the Board of Deacons

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00pm Vestry & Zoom.

Summer Worship will be held on Sunday mornings at **10:00am** in person in the Sanctuary and online by Zoom.

Elevator Operators Wanted

We are seeking people willing to be trained on operating the elevator in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings and possibly weekdays for funerals (if you're available for this). If interested, please contact Wayne Nettnay, Chairman, Board of Deacons, at wnettnay@gmail.com or 508 695 6000 for more information.

Tech Team Members Wanted

We are seeking a few more people who are willing to learn how to operate Zoom online so that anyone can join us in worship on Sunday mornings from their laptop or computer. Training will be provided. This is a good Volunteer opportunity for High School Teens needing Community Service Hours! Please contact Rich Goss at richgoss58@gmail.com or 508 243 8330 for more information.

From the Board of Trustees

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7:00pm Vestry & Zoom.

From the Christian Education Committee

Our next meeting will be held on <u>Tuesday, November 7th</u> at 7:00pm in the Vestry and by Zoom.

SS Christmas Event Planning Meeting, Sunday, October 15th 11:15 am in the Daggett Lounge

This will be an important gathering of the Sunday School Staff and any volunteers interested in helping with the SS Christmas Event and/or Pageant. Costumes to me made, decorations to be gathered, props to be made and more. Anyone interested and willing to help is welcome to attend this meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is BACK!!!

Friends are always welcome to Sunday School! Please feel free to share the information with family and friends.

CCC Kids' Care Mission Project for Octo-

ber and December is collecting small toys, hats, scares, gloves and wrapped (not nut candies) to donate to Christmas is for Kids. While the adults of the church are "adopting" families provided by Christmas is for Kids, the children will be making their own contributions to the effort to make Christmas a brighter one for other children.

YOUTH GROUP – Save the Date!
Our first Youth Group event will be on Sunday, October 29th at Flint Farm in Mansfield, MA. We will be doing the Corn Maze and if time permits, we will visit the Ice Cream Shop. Children in grades 4th – 7th are welcome to join us. We will meet at 1:00 pm at Flint Farm. Please let Sharilyn know if your child plans to attend. If you have any questions, please email cccafsundayschool@gmail.com.

From the

Memorial Gifts Committee

Our next meeting will be held on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>November 9th</u> at **6:00pm** in the Vestry & by Zoom.

From the Executive Council

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00pm in the Vestry & Zoom.

From the Stewardship Committee

2023/2024 Stewardship Pledge Campaign letters will be dropped in the mail on October 2, 2023.

Keep and eye out for them in your mail. If you do not receive a letter, pledge cards are available in the narthex or in the church office.

<u>Stewardship Commitment</u> <u>Sunday is October 29, 2023.</u>

We will be collecting pledges in the service that morning. Of course, if you want to turn your pledge in before that, you are welcome to do so. Thank you, in advance, for your prayerful and generous gift.

A Stewardship Story from our Sunday School...

It was time for the offering to be collected. Several children were eager to take the offering plate around to receive the colorful Sunday School offering envelopes brought by the children that day. Colton, an exuberant 5-year-old, was selected for the privilege. Stewardship is talked about in Sun-

day School throughout the year with a special focus given during Stewardship month in October. The complexity of Stewardship is a concept that adults have difficulty understanding. Likewise, as do our children. But on that morning at Sunday School the generosity of the givers and the eagerness with which they placed their little envelopes on the offering plate spilled over on the floor of the CE hall. Colton was quick to pick them up as he tried to keep the very full plate from spilling out. I am sure that God was filled with much joy as He watched His precious little ones give with cheerful hearts and open hands (thanks to the parents)! Might we be inspired by their example as we prepare our hearts to make our pledges for the new year.

As a reminder...

We have the option of using our online giving app through the church's website: Home | Central Congregational Church of Attleboro Falls (myvanco.com) or by scanning the QR Code:



A Note from the

Women's Christian Fellowship-

Following the current trend to live green, we are presenting a new table at November's Village Green Fair, a Green Table. This table will feature reusable household items, such as fabric "paper" towels, dishcloths, fabric totes, scrubbies, etc. This, of course, is in addition to all the tables we traditionally do. If you would like to make and donate items for the fair - "green" or not - please reach out to Cheryl Peterson at 508-245-1563 or cgppeterson@aol.com.

A Note from Jacqui Howard, Congregational Care Member...

If you have any "Get Well" or "Sympathy" cards you can donate, please bring them to the vestry or to the church office. Jacqui sends cards to our church family to let them know we are thinking of them. Blank note cards and Birthday cards always welcome, too. Thank you!

From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has begun their work for the 2024 calendar year. If you are interested in lending a hand to serve your church, please contact—*Keith Darling, Judy Holland, Kathy Dolley, Martha McHatton or Kathy Trowbridge*—to see which positions are open, and to learn more about the work the Boards and Committees do for the Church.

There are also many things that need doing for the church where you would not be elected but can jump in to lend a hand as needed. It takes many hands to do the work of the Church to keep our church functioning at a high level of success and faithfulness. Please consider your gifts and talents and jump in where you can. *Thank you!*

<u>LIVE and LEARN—</u> HELPFUL COMMUNITY INFORMATION...

If you are a person or a family that depends on electrically powered life-sustaining medical equipment in your home, even something like a Nebulizer, restoring electricity to your home is a priority in the event of a power outage. Did you know that electric companies maintain a Medical Emergency List? It is IMPORTANT that you contact he company and request to be added to their Medial Emergencies List. You will need to provide information such as the type of Life-Saving equipment and whether you have a back-up battery or generator. The questions do not imply that you should have the back-up battery or generator before asking to be added to the list. This is so that the company has the information to know the urgency of your situation.

From the Mission Committee

Our next meeting is scheduled at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 24, 2023

in the Vestry.

Attending via Zoom will be offered.

"The purpose of the Mission Committee is to enable Central Congregational Church to fulfill its calling – to go out into the world and minister to those in need." - CCC By Laws

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16 (English Standard Version)

October Mission Project – 3rd Annual Free Children's Clothing & Sports Equipment Give-Away!

NEW addition: Also accepting Children's Books.

As in the past this event will coincide with the CCC Rummage Sale dates and will function out of the Vestry. Donations gratefully accepted Sunday, October 15th from 11:15 AM - 2:00 PM at the Hall of the CE Building, Monday – Wednesday, October 16 – 18 donations will be accepted in the Vestry from 10:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Clothing items accepted include new or gently used clothes and shoes for Infant/Toddlers, Children and Teens through High School age. We will also accept usable sports equipment for children and teens such as baseball, basketball, football, hockey, lacrosse, softball, soccer, and volleyball. We are unable to accept large, heavy equipment. And we'd like to receive gently used children's books with no missing or torn pages. We need your donations and please share our event and donation needs with your family and network of friends.

Giveaway dates are Thursday, October 19th – 9am -7 pm; Friday, October 20th – 9am – 4pm, and Saturday, October 21st from 10am – 1:00 pm. Please promote the 'giveaway' dates with those you believe will appreciate and benefit from this giveaway. Everything is FREE!

UPDATES & OUTCOMES

<u>September Mission Project - St. Claire</u> <u>School, Jacmel, Haiti</u>

We continue to receive donations for the St. Claire School and will present an initial check for \$1,000 at the Parisot Foundation

Annual Dinner being held Saturday, October 5th. In Norwood. An additional check will be sent no later than the end of October. The Mission Committee recently approved the St. Claire School as a new Overseas Child Sponsorship program for the next three years – 2024-2026. Anticipate other opportunities to support the school throughout the year. Pray for the people of Haiti and especially the children, parents and staff of the St. Claire school located in Jacmel.

The people of Haiti continue to persevere despite the political instability, natural disaster, and poverty that grips their country. The World Bank reports the Haitian economy contracted for four consecutive years by 1.7% in 2019, 3.3% in 2020, 1.8% in 2021, and 1.7% in 2022. A child born today in Haiti will grow up to be only 45% as productive as they could be if he or she had enjoyed full access to quality education and healthcare. Families in Haiti lack the benefit of work, education, and healthcare that most of us take for granted.

The St. Claire School supported by The Reverend Jean M. Parisot Foundation in Jacmel, Haiti is a haven for over 100 children from kindergarten through eighth grade. Since public education is not a reality in Haiti, families must pay to send their children to school. The St. Claire School does not charge tuition. The generosity of their donors allows the students the opportunity for education and food daily during the school year at no cost to their families.

The St. Claire School employs local teachers and administrators who are familiar with the people and culture of Jacmel. The Parisot Foundation's mission is to support Jacmel through education of the children and opportunity for the community. All building maintenance / repairs are completed by workers within the city. It is important to the Foundation that independence is part of the school's curriculum.

Please make your donation check payable to **Central Congregational Church** and add "**Haiti School**" in the memo line. Thank-you for supporting the children of Haiti.



Fall 2023 RUMMAGE SALE

Drop off your donations on Sunday, October 15th between 11:15am – 2pm/HALL (Due to Sunday School classes, No Earlier, Please)

Donations accepted and workers are needed:

Monday, October 16th thru Wednesday, October 18th From 1pm-4pm and **6:30pm-8pm** - **NOTE** - **NEW TIMES!**

Items to donate include: craft items, kids toys, games, small household items, seasonal decorations, knick-knacks, baby items, Fall and Winter clothing, and shoes in **good wearable condition**.

*Please note that we cannot accept:

Lrg Appliances, Bikes, Car Seats, Computers, TV's, Furniture, Stuffed Animals, Microwave Ovens, Or Strollers.

~ SALE DATES ~

Thursday, October 19th from 9am-6pm Friday, October 20th from 9am – 4pm Saturday, October 21st from 10am – 1pm

**Please see/contact Cheryl Peterson (<u>CGPpeterson@aol.com</u>)
if you can lend a hand– HELP IS NEEDED to sort and fold
the clothing during the week and on Sale days.**

October 2023 Mission—CHILDREN'S CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

3rd Annual Children's Clothing Giveaway—Including Children's Books & Basic Sports Equipment!

The Mission Committee is planning this event to coincide with the dates and times of the Fall 2023 Rummage Sale. We've included asking for donations of basic sports equipment which can be costly for families with children participating in multiple sports programs. New this year – we are also seeking donations of gently used Children's Books. This event will be held in the Vestry from October 19-21, during the same times the Rummage Sale is being held in the Hall of the CE building.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY HOURS:

Thursday, October 19th 9am – 6pm, Friday, October 20th 9am – 4pm and Saturday, October 21st 10am – 1pm.

YOU can be helpful by donating, and telling your family, friends, and neighbors. Share the flyers being released via email, or pick up a few hard copies are available outside the church office and on the table under the mission bulletin board in the vestry. Thank you for your interest, promotion, and prayers for this effort.

<u>Donations</u>: Requesting new or gently used clothing and shoes in *clean, wearable condition* for infant/ toddlers, children, and teens. Seeking clean, usable basic sports equipment. New this year – seeking Children's Books in good useable condition – no torn out pages or books that have been colored in. **PLEASE NOTE**: *We are unable to accept large, heavy, sports equipment.*

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED:

Sunday, October 15th from 11:15am – 2pm / <u>CE Bldg HALL</u> And Monday, October 16th – Wednesday, October 18th 10am – 4pm / **VESTRY – basement of white church building.**

Thank you for supporting this and all of our Church Missions!

Together, we are changing lives in a positive way –

one person, one family at a time!

October 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 HOLY COMMUN- ION TODAY. 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL /Hall 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship Hr: 11:30am GIFTED for the COMMON GOOD Work- shop/Vestry	7:00pm Parent Support Group/ Daggett Lounge	3 TRIAD DEADLINE 7:00pm CE Meets / Vestry & Zoom	4 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COUNCIL Meets/Vestry & Zoom	5 5:45pm PRAYER TEAM MEET- ING/VESTRY 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal /Sanctuary.	6	7
8 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TOAY. 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship Hr: Nancy Brigham	9 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY	7:00pm Deacons Meet /Vestry & Zoom	11	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal /Sanctuary	13	14
SUNDAY SCHOOL/ Hall 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship Hr: Memorial Gifts Committee RUMMAGE & CHILDREN'S CLOTH- ING, BOOKS & SPORTS EQUIP DROP-OFF: 11:15am—2pm /HALL for BOTH	RUMMAGE & DROP-OFF/ HALL 1-4PM AND 6:30PM—8PM (NOTE NEW DROP-OFF TIMES) CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, BOOKS & SPORTS EQUIP DROP-OFF: 10am—4pm VESTRY	17 TRIAD DEADLINE RUMMAGE & DROP-OFF/ HALL 1-4PM AND 6:30PM—8PM (NOTE NEW DROP-OFF TIMES) CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, BOOKS & SPORTS EQUIP DROP-OFF: 10am—4pm VESTRY 7pm Trustees LOCATION— TBA	RUMMAGE & DROP-OFF/ HALL 1-4PM AND 6:30PM—8PM (NOTE NEW DROP-OFF TIMES) CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, BOOKS & SPORTS EQUIP DROP-OFF: 10am—4pm VESTRY	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal /Sanctuary 9AM—6PM RUMMAGE SALE/HALL AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, BOOKS & SPORS EQUIP GIVE- AWAY/VESTRY	9AM—4PM RUMMAGE SALE/HALL AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, BOOKS & SPORS EQUIP GIVE- AWAY/VESTRY	10AM—1PM RUMMAGE SALE/HALL AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, BOOKS & SPORS EQUIP GIVE- AWAY/VESTRY
22 9:45am SUN-DAY SCHOOL/Hall 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship Hr: Peg Robinson for the Mission Committee	23	7:00pm Mission Committee Meets/Vestry & Zoom	25	26 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal /Sanctuary	27	28
29 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL/Hall 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship Hr: Women's Christian Fellowship	30	31 TRIAD DEADLINE HALLOWEEN REFORMATION DAY				

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Services of: October 15 & 22, 2023

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Tuesday & Thursday - 8:30am—4:30pm