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God Church Family

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

November 10, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 10:00 am
in-person in the Sanctuary
and Online by Zoom
with Rev. Don Remick, Interim Pastor

Sermon Notes: *Psalm 23*

Scripture Lesson: *John 16:16-24*

Fellowship Hr: *The Bachand Family*

November 5, 2024

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**Being a Good Steward
is Building the future
of our church—
together!**

November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 10:00am
in-person in the Sanctuary
and Online by Zoom
with Rev. Don Remick, Interim Pastor

Sermon Notes: *Psalm 23*

Scripture Lesson: *Matthew 11:25-29*

Fellowship Hr: *Deacons Co-Chairs,
Pam Morse and Martha McHatton*



Pastor's Ponderings...Coaching

As I write this I am almost midway through a week of intensive training in coaching. It is one of my 2 study weeks this year. Coaching is a widely used word in our culture indicating everything from sport coaching to life coaching. And it is emerging around the world as a way for folks to work on challenges within themselves and within the circumstances and relationships of their lives. This week is the second of 2 levels of training through the International Coaching Federation.

As a pastor, coaching is one of the ways I live out what I sense is the Calling God has given to me: I serve as a minister, "*Because I believe that authentically living and partnering with the Love, Justice and Compassion of Jesus will heal and transform our people, our parishes and our planet and our selves*". Coaching helps us find our individual and collective (congregational) purpose and identity in life which shapes our vision and mission. I use coaching a lot in my interactions with people and groups, in addition to individual intentional sessions. And in the ministry we have together

in this transitional time, you will hear me sometimes say that "I am putting on my coaching hat" so that I can more faithfully and effectively help you discover and discern God's path into your next chapter.

I look forward to seeing you this coming All Saints Sunday as we remember, honor and celebrate the people who have shaped our lives and honor the grief in their loss.

*See you in Church,
Pastor Don*

Central Church Calendar

Tuesday, November 5th

ELECTION DAY—Be sure to cast your Vote Today.

Wednesday, November 6th

7:00pm Executive Council/Vestry & Zoom

Thursday, November 7th

7:00pm Choir/Vestry

Sunday, November 10th

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: The Bachand Family

Monday—Friday, November 11-15

Set up the VILLAGE GREEN FAIR/HALL.

Drop off Baked Goods—Fri 11/15 by 6pm

Drop off To-Go Foods (hot and ready to be served) on Saturday by 8am.

Thursday, November 14th

7:00pm Choir/Vestry

Saturday, November 16th

9am—2pm VILLAGE GREEN FAIR/Hall

Come start your Christmas Shopping here! Handmade knits, quilts, craft items wanted. Homemade to-go foods, Baked Goods, and Candies wanted. Please make a donation to support our annual Christmas Fair. Thank you!

Sunday, November 17th

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Pam Morse & Martha McHatton

LAST DAY To order Apple Pies!

Our Parish Register

Prayers are requested for:

Jane, Ed, Jake, Nick, Abby, Tyler, Kayla, Andy Valerio, Jacqui Howard, Jason, Rev Carole, Amos Robinson, Harry, Ed Dyer, Jen DiSalvio, Sandy Thibodeau, Rich, Mark, Jeanine, Estelle, Richard, Linda, Mike, Cher, Isabella Rose, Derik, Jason, Karen, Kavanis Family, Lexi, Sue, Amy, Claire, Gary.



Tuesday, November 19th

7:00pm Trustees/Vestry & Zoom

Wednesday, November 20th

7:00pm CE meets Vestry & Zoom

Wednesday, Nov 20—Saturday, Nov 23rd

HALL AND CE KITCHEN RESERVED for APPLE PIE DAY

Thursday, November 21st

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6:00pm Memorial Gifts/Vestry & Zoom

7:00pm Choir/Vestry

Friday, November 22nd

9am APPLE PEELING/Hall

Saturday, November 23rd

10am ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP: HELP NEEDED.

12-2pm Pick up your pre-ordered Apple Pies/Hall

Sunday, November 24th

REIGN OF CHRIST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

FAMILY SUNDAY—No Sunday School Today. All Families are invited to join us in worship during the 10am service in the church building.

Fellowship Hr: Barbara Bilsborough

Tuesday, November 26th

7:00pm Mission meets/Vestry & Zoom

Thursday, November 28th

THANKSGIVING DAY

No Choir Rehearsal Tonight.

Friday, November 29th

10am—4pm LIVE Wreath Sale/Outside on CE lawn. **Help wanted to staff the Sale. Contact Cheryl Peterson at cgp-peterson@aol.com if you can lend a hand.**

Saturday, November 30th

10am—4pm LIVE Wreath Sale/Outside on CE lawn.

10am Deacons decorate the Sanctuary and Vestry for Advent/. All welcome to join in the fun! Older students who wish to help (accompanied by a parent,) are welcome!

Sunday, December 1st

1st Sunday in Advent

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Mike Dunbar

Wednesday, December 4th

7:00pm TRI-MEETING between the Board of Trustees, The Executive Council and the Finance Committee/Vestry.

TRIAD DEADLINES

to submit information:

Tuesdays—

November 12 & 26

December 10 & 24



November Birthdays

05 Kayla Valerio

17 Ashley Hession

20 Dan DiSalvio

11 Heather Wilanson

17 Kim Embree

26 Barbara Bilsborough

13 Judy Eustace

17 Walter Thibodeau

14 Jacqui Howard

19 Dennis Cloutier

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/](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVRZSDJTVnc5dz09)

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[JTVnc5dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVRZSDJTVnc5dz09)

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Passcode: 1234

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Committee Corner

From the Board of Deacons

Our next meeting will be held on
Wednesday, November 13th
at 7:00pm/Vestry & Zoom

From the Board of Trustees

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, November 19th
at 7:00pm in the Vestry & Zoom.

Annual Fall Clean-up

Saturday, Nov 23rd starting at 10am. ALL HANDS NEEDED—see ad in this issue.

From the Christian Education Committee

Our next meeting will be held on
Wednesday, November 20th
at 7:00pm in the Vestry & Zoom

• News from Sunday School: The Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) is our topic for nine weeks. Each week we learn about how God's Holy Spirit living in us helps to show that fruit in our lives. We are also learning some fun new songs which we may share on Family Sunday, November 24th.

• Parents, please let Sharilyn know if your children will be absent from Sunday School. We understand it is sports season as well as cold and flu season, but it will be helpful to the Sunday School staff to have a heads up when preparing for our weekly time with the kids.

Important dates to put on your calendar:

- December 1 – The Sunday School Christmas Event
- December 8 – Christmas Pageant rehearsal and extra special preparation for Christmas
- December 15 – Christmas Pageant in the 10:00 am Worship Service
- Youth Group meeting November 24th..

From the Memorial Gifts Committee

Our next meeting will be held on
****NEW DATE**—Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 6:00pm /Vestry & Zoom.**

From the Executive Council

Our next meeting will be held on
Wednesday, November 6th
At 7:00pm in the Vestry & Zoom.

From the Stewardship Committee

Thanksgiving Giving

Gratitude is the right attitude for November – the month when we take inventory of our blessings and thank God for them. And how

much do you have to be thankful for this year? For many of us, it's a lot – a decent place to live, enough nutritious food, nice clothes and people who love us.

These are the huge everyday blessings that many of us take for granted. Are you one of them?

After all, though many of us sit down on Thanksgiving to a table brimming with turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and more, lots of our neighbors will have a meager meal. This Thanksgiving, why not do more than just raise up a prayer of thanks. Instead, express your gratitude with a gift that would benefit someone who has much less than you? No doubt your church could make good use of a special contribution for their feeding ministry or other social outreach. Certainly, there are other community charities that would appreciate a donation. This year, thank God for your blessings and take the extra step of blessing someone else.

--Robert Blezard

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From the Prayer Fellowship Group **"Prayer Fellowship – Refreshing Moments with God!"**

Everyday has its own whirl of responsibilities. We easily get caught up in the daily spin within the revolving wheel of relationships, obligations, and activities. The still axis of any wheel is able to maintain its center no matter how fast the wheel is turning. Without the axis being still, the wheel would wobble off or else bind up and bring everything lurching to a stop. Stillness is what gives stability. It is also what keeps the wheels from falling off our lives. Taking time for stillness before God provides the best source of stability. God is always available and hears our prayer at any time of day!

Coming together with others is an opportunity to share and encourage as we pray together. Celebrate the Lord's blessings with thanksgiving! Pray for the 'concerns of our church' and any concern on our heart. It's a wonderful way to wind down after a busy day! You'll be refreshed!

Prayer Fellowship will meet on the second & fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 pm via zoom = Oct 28 and Nov 11 &

25.

Use the same zoom link as used for Sunday worship.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVRZSDJTVnc5dz09>

Containers for leaving Prayer Requests are found on the table in the Narthex & on the Vestry table under the Mission bulletin board. Index cards and pens are next to the containers. Requests are shared with Prayer Fellowship members. You may also continue to send a prayer request in an email to the church office at centralucc@verizon.net or call the church office at 508-699-7700.

From the Nominating Committee...

We have several open positions to fill for Leadership roles within our Church. Most especially, we are seeking people to serve as the Clerk of the church and 4 Trustees. If you are interested in learning more about what each of these entities do for us, please speak with a Trustee directly, or contact the Church Office and Kathy will send you the official descriptions from our By-Laws booklet. If you prefer, you may take on one task for a Board or Committee, either year 'round or one time. ***To continue to grow into a bright and hope filled future, we need you to come forward and help us to build it. Every one of us is important and needed.***

From the Memorial Gifts Committee...

Our newest members to be memorialized on our bulletin board by the Memorial Gifts Committee are Wade Pooler, Jean Jones and Alan Norton. Wade and Jean were long time, active members who contributed their time and dedication to our church. Wade served as the Sunday School Superintendent and as a Trustee. Jean was also a supporter of the Relay for Life program. Alan Norton was Heather Bonfilio's Dad. He was born in England and lived in Connecticut. Be sure and take a look at the bulletin board in the vestry during Fellowship Hour and pay tribute to them.

From the Mission Committee

Our next meeting will be held on

Tuesday, Nov 26th at 7:00pm

in the Vestry and by Zoom.

"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

Committee Corner

"If you then...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:11 (English Standard Version)

November Mission – Christmas is For Kids

Time for our 'Annual' CHRISTMAS IS FOR KIDS (CIFK) campaign supporting the program operated by the **Greater Attleboro Area Council for Children**. Through your 'gift' purchases, we will be providing Christmas gifts specifically requested by six children.

On Sunday, November 10th, Christmas 'tag' trees will be located in the Church Narthex & CE Building office area. Anyone attending Sunday Worship Service will be able to take tags before and after the service. Otherwise, Church members and friends can come to the CE Building Office area on Tuesday's and Thursday's between 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM to select tags. **Important: In both the locations there will be a sign out sheet on a clip board to indicate the number on the tag(s) you have selected.**

In the left column look for the printed tag number(s) selected from the tree. On the same line, print your name in the center column and phone number in the right column for our follow-up if needed. In the Sanctuary a clip board, with sign out sheet, will be on a stand next to the tree. In the CE building the clipboard will be on the counter next to the tree. Please note that interested participants who are unable to visit either location may call Kathy Trowbridge in the church office, request a tag, and provide information by phone.

DELIVERING PURCHASED GIFTS: Boxes labeled *Christmas Is For Kids* will be under the counter in the C.E Building so purchased gifts can be dropped off during office hours. A similar box will also be in the Vestry on Sunday's. **IMPORTANT:** When delivering your gifts please have them in bags. Please include with each gift the tag taken from the tree and **gift receipts for any clothing purchases**. Gift receipts will be given to care providers in case an exchange is required. Frequently throughout the weeks of November these boxes will be checked for your deliveries, and items removed and safely stored until delivered to CIFK program site. **The DEADLINE FOR GIFT DROP-OFF is SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st!** We are counting on your usual fantastic support! Thank you!

UPDATES and OUTCOMES:

October Mission Project - Homes for our Troops (HFOT)

Homes for our Troops is celebrating its 20th Anniversary! "HFOT continues to work tirelessly to restore some of the freedom and independence our Veterans sacrificed while serving

our country, through the gift of a specially adapted home. There are now 375 Veterans and their families living in barrier-free environments, with more than 70 home-build projects in various stages of construction nationwide. Based on Veterans Affairs numbers, it is estimated that over 1,000 severely injured post-9/11 Veterans are still in need of adapted housing." ***One of these homes is being built today in Holden, MA for Marine Sgt. Craig Brady, and his family! Our donations to HFOT will be designated to support this local construction project. Contributions are being received through Sunday, November 10th. Please contribute and make your check payable to Central Congregational Church. Note your gift designation in the check memo line – Homes for our Troops or HFOT.***

Our International Sponsorship Programs for Children

The Reverend Jean Parisot Foundation - St. Claire School, Jacmel, Haiti

The sole focus of the Reverend Jean M. Parisot Foundation in Jacmel, Haiti is the operation of a recently built liberal arts and vocational school and dormitories for one hundred impoverished youth. Currently due to the difficult situation in Haiti, the Foundation is running a grammar school for 125 children in preschool thru eighth grade. Every child receives a nutritious meal in addition to a free education. Presently, local workers in Jacmel, employed through the foundation, has added a second floor to the original construction which fulfills another portion of their vision! The foundation is presently based in Wrentham, MA.

Since the first inception of raising funds to build a school, Central Congregational Church has provided an annual financial gift to \$1,000 toward fulfillment of their vision and mission. The Mission Committee recently approved the **St. Claire School** as an additional International Child Sponsorship program for the next three years – 2024-2026. Opportunity to provide financial support throughout the year, in addition to our September Mission Project, is encouraged.

Pray for the people of Haiti and especially the children, parents, and staff of the St. Claire School. 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, like Central Congregational Church, allows the students the opportunity for education and food daily during the school year at no cost to their families.

Thanks for your recent contributions in September & October. A second gift of \$900.00 has been provided for the operation and ministry of the school.

Tibetan Refugee Self Help Center, Darjeeling, India Pray for our 'Godchild:' Thupten Gyaltzen. The UCC Global Ministries Child & Elder Sponsorship Program has informed us that Thupten will age out of the sponsorship program on his 18th birthday - December 6, 2024. We celebrate his birthday, the educational progress he has achieved and his plans for the future! However, it also means that funds will no longer be sent to him. The Mission Committee has voted to request that we be matched with another child who needs assistance from the same center if one is available or consider a child from another center.

Year-Round Missions

Lenore's Pantry – We will continue to receive your purchased items. Mission committee members will deliver them to Lenore's Pantry. Place items in the marked bins located in the vestry or in the hallway of the CE building outside the church office. We always gratefully receive your financial donations that provide funds to purchase gift cards used by pantry volunteer shoppers or may be given to a family to purchase items not in stock at the pantry. Be sure to write Lenore's Pantry on the memo line of your check.

When shopping please purchase these preferred items as requested by Lenore's Pantry.

FOOD: Lenore's is seeking protein items such as Spam, canned chicken, solid white tuna fish in oil or water. Other items seldom received but requested by families include canned hash, hot cereals (oatmeal), canned vegetables: beets, carrots, beans, peas, and canned fruit. Other shelf-stable items sought include canned chili/beef stew, canned pasta and soups, complete pancake mix and maple syrup, and potato mixes.

HEALTH & BEAUTY ITEMS: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels, and laundry detergent.

Our Shriner's Hospital Aluminum Tab Collection - If you're not involved, join our regular contributors by saving the tabs from beverage cans and dropping them into the labeled round containers on the counter outside the church office or the container on the windowsill in the entry to the CE building. There is also a container in the Vestry located on the table under the Mission bulletin board.



APPLE PIE DAY

Saturday, Nov. 23rd

Must pre-order by Sunday, Nov 17th

by calling 508 699 7700.

\$15ea. Cash/Check Payable at pick up.

Pick-up on 11/23 between 12noon – 2pm/ Hall

Help Wanted

For Peeling, (possibly) Pie Crust Dough Making, Rolling, Pie Assembly.

Please contact Sue Dunbar
if you will lend a hand

susan.dunbar@comcast.net or 508 409 9632

ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

(Outside)

Saturday, Nov 23 starting at 10am

All Hands needed!

Please BYO Gloves, Rakes, Push Brooms, etc to help us clean up and prepare our exterior grounds and parking lots for winter.

Older or supervised Students needing community service hours for school welcomed.



Please contact the church office to let us know you will lend a hand.



LIVE!

Christmas Wreaths 2024

10am – 4pm each day

or until we run out!

Friday, Nov 25th and

Saturday, Nov 26th

Outside on the CE Lawn

All Live Wreaths are fully decorated and ready to bring home and hang on your door!!

Help is needed on Sale days—

any amount of time you have to give is greatly needed and very much appreciated. Please contact Cheryl Peterson at cgppeterson@aol.com or call 508 245 1563 if you can lend a hand.



November 2024

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3 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY <i>The Sacrament of Holy Communion Today</i> 9:45am Sunday School/Hall 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship Hr: <i>Joe Brigham</i>	4 6-9:30pm CCI Class/Vestry Rental	5 TRIAD DEADLINE	6 7:00pm Exec Council meets/Vestry	7 6-7pm 150th Anniversary Planning Team/Vestry Only 7:00pm CHOIR REHEARSAL/Vestry	8	9 <i>12noon—5pm HALL RENTAL</i>
10 9:45am Sunday School/Hall 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship Hr: <i>The Bachand Family</i> 11:30am BAKING for the FAIR /CE KITCHEN	11 HALL RE-SERVED FOR FAIR SET-UP --> --> 6:30pm Prayer Fellowship/Zoom Only	12 --> --> 7:00pm Trustees / Vestry & Zoom	13 --> --> 7:00pm Deacons /Vestry & Zoom	14 --> --> 7:00pm CHOIR REHEARSAL/Vestry	15 --> --> <i>Baked Goods—del by 6pm</i>	16 9am—2pm VILLAGE GREEN FAIR/Hall --> --/ <i>Hot foods To-Go = del by 8am hot and ready to serve.</i>
17 9:45am Sunday School /Hall 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship Hr: <i>Pam Morse & Martha McHatton</i>	18	19 TRIAD DEADLINE	20 HALL RESERVED FOR APPLE PIE DAY --> --> 7:00pm CE Committee/ Vestry & Zoom	21 **NEW DATE** 6pm Memorial Gifts/Vestry --> --> 7:00pm CHOIR REHEARSAL / Vestry	22 9AM Apple Peeling/Hall --> -->	23 10am CLEAN-UP DAY/OUTSIDE XXX Pick up your pre-ordered Apple Pies 12noon—2pm/Hall
24 FAMILY SUNDAY THANKSGIVING SUNDAY No Sunday School 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship Hr: <i>Barbara Bilsborough for the Mission Committee</i>	25 6:30pm Prayer Fellowship /Zoom Only	26 7:00pm Mission/Vestry & Zoom	27	28 THANKSGIVING DAY **NO CHOIR REHEARSAL TONIGHT**	29 10am—4pm WREATH SALE/LAWN	30 10am DEACONS decorate the Church bldg. for Advent. 10am—4pm WREATH SALE/LAWN

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday - 8:30am—4:30pm