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

February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Worship at 10:00am in-person/Sanctuary
& by Zoom

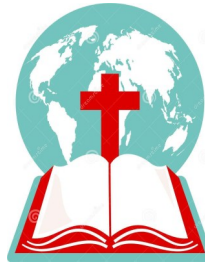
Sermon Topic: *Joyous Resilience*

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 31:12-18,
Mark 2:23-28

Fellowship Hr: Trustee, Dennis Cloutier

January 28, 2025

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February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship at 10:00am in-person/Sanctuary
& by Zoom

Sermon Topic: *Joyous Resilience, Pt 2*

Scripture Lesson: Leviticus 23:1-8,
Matthew 12:1-14

Fellowship Hr: *Deacon Co-Chair,*
Pam Morse

Honoring Rev. Dr Martin Luther King Jr

This month we have been honoring and remembering those who have gone before us. On January 12th we dedicated gifts to our church's mission and ministry that have been made possible through donations that celebrated beloved lives. On January 20th we celebrate the life, model and teachings of Rev. Dr Martin Luther King. We have several opportunities to honor this day, this man and the movement and work that continues:

In our community we have the 38th Annual Commemoration of Dr King Monday. Their website tells us: As our nation, and communities, become increasingly divided by hateful rhetoric and the persistent threats of war, poverty, and racism, it's imperative that we seek new paths to peace and justice. Inspired by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy of nonviolent resistance, we invite you to explore how individual actions can ripple into profound societal change. You can find all the details here: [2025 | 38th Annual Celebration of the Rev. Dr. King](#)

Our denomination is offering an opportunity: The live event — which will also be live streamed — will be held at the Healing Cathedral Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee, the city that King visited several times and where he spent his last days supporting the Memphis Sanitation Workers' Strike before his assassination in April 1968. People interested in attending in person or virtually are encouraged to [register for the event](#).

Perhaps one of the best ways to honor Rev. Dr King is by living his legacy. Dr King's dream was to build a world of love and justice with equity. One of the best ways to honor this is through community service. This Monday holiday would be one of the ideal times to engage in some action or service that makes our community a better place. From meal programs to cleaning up parks you may have a number of ideas. And if you need some prompting, Attleboro has some ideas: [Donations, Nonprofits & Volunteer Opportunities | Attleboro, MA](#)

Central Church Calendar

Tuesday, January 28th

7pm Mission Committee/Vestry & Zoom

Sunday, February 2nd

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Trustee, Dennis Cloutier

Monday, February 3rd

6-9:30pm CCI Vestry Rental

Tuesday, February 4th

TRIAD Deadline to submit Information.

Friday, February 7th

4-7pm NA GIRL SCOUTS/Hall Use

Sunday, February 9th

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Deacon, Pam Morse

Monday, February 10th

6-9:30pm CCI Vestry Rental

Wednesday, February 12th

7:00pm Deacons/Vestry & Zoom

Sunday, February 16th

****No Sunday School Today****

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Julie Goss

***TICKETS GO ON SALE TODAY** for the 15th Annual O'Congregational Corned Beef Supper! Get your tickets after worship in the vestry on Sundays or from the church office during office hours.

Monday, February 17th

PRESIDENTS' DAY

No CCI Vestry Rental Tonight

Tuesday, February 18th

TRIAD Deadline to submit Information

7:00pm Trustees meet/ Vestry & Zoom

Friday, February 21st

4-7pm NA GIRL SCOUTS/Hall Use

Monday, February 24th

6-9:30pm CCI Vestry Rental

Tuesday, February 25th

7:00pm Mission meets/Vestry & Zoom

Wednesday, February 26th

7:00pm CE Committee meets/Vestry & Zoom

Sunday, March 2nd

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr:

11:30am ALL CHURCH LEADERSHIP MEETING—Watch for official announcement /VESTRY

Tuesday, March 4th

TRIAD Deadline to submit Information.

Wednesday, March 5th

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00pm Executive Council meets in vestry & by Zoom

Thursday, March 6th

7:00pm Choir/Vestry

Friday, March 7th

4-7pm NA GIRL SCOUTS/Hall Use

Saturday, March 8th

9am—5pm Scrapbook group Rental/ Vestry

10:00am HELP WANTED to set up the Hall for the Corned Beef Supper. (Tables, chairs, tablecloths, decorations, etc) Please let Kathy Trowbridge know if you will lend a hand.

4:30pm Doors Open/5pm Supper

Our Parish Register

Please submit names for the February Prayer List by 01/28/2025.

Jacqui, Harry, Rev Carole, Ed, Jen, Sandy, Rich, Richard, Mark, Madi, Jeannine, Gary, Cher, Judy, Thomas, Warna, Matthew, Charlotte, Mike, Tony, Bob, Isabella, Devin, Kathy, Brianne, Cole, Buzz, Ryan, Anthony, Dave, Bill, Regina, Joanne, Nancy, Diane, Raymond, Tyo Family, Rev Betsy Waters & Family

- ◆ Our College Students: Hannah, Juliette, Madison, Allison, Megan, Nick.
- ◆ Prayers have been requested for more empathy and kindness in our world.
- ◆ The LA Fire Victims and all emergency disaster services workers.
- ◆ The Hurricane and flood victims of the Carolinas and Florida.
- ◆ The leaders of our nation and our world.
- ◆ The Homeless

TRIAD DEADLINES

to submit information:

Tuesdays,

February 4 & 18, March 4 & 18

NEW ZOOM LINK 03/2023 –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVRZSDJTVn c5dz09>
Meeting ID: 214 819 8082 Passcode: 1234



February Birthdays



01 Andrew McCally

11 Cailey Alexandre

16 Bob Schumm

03 Camryn King

13 Pete Lavoie

20 Sue Dunbar

06 Sylvia Kelly

15 CJ Peterson

Committee Corner

From the Board of Deacons

Our next meeting will be held on
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
at 7:00pm/Vestry & Zoom.

ELEVATOR OPERATORS WANTED:

We are seeking several people who are willing to be trained (State law requirement) on how to safely operate the elevator in the Sanctuary during Sunday services. If you're interested in learning about this, please speak with Martha McHatton any Sunday.

From the Board of Trustees

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, February 18, 2025
at 7:00pm /Vestry & Zoom.

PROJECT COORDINATORS WANTED

Interested in over-seeing a project—as in when we have contractors performing work around our properties, or are you interested in doing handy-man work and other small tasks around the church? Maybe you're interested in working on a fundraiser or other types of events we hold here at the church? If you're interested in any of this, please contact the church office. We'd like to have a list of folks who will lend a much needed hand from time to time. We would call on you to see if the project or help we need is something you'd like to do. You can always decline if the project doesn't suit your skills or time schedule.

From the Christian Education Committee

Our next meeting will be held on
Wednesday, February 26, 2025
at 7:00pm /Vestry & Zoom

From the Memorial Gifts Committee

Our next meeting will be held on
Thursday, March 13, 2025
at 6:00pm/Vestry

From the Executive Council

Our next meeting will be held
Wednesday, March 5, 2025
at 7:00pm/Vestry & Zoom

From the Prayer Fellowship Group

"Prayer Fellowship—Refreshing Moments with God!"

Dates: Monday's: January 27th, February 10th & 24th, March 10th & 24th

Time: 6:30 PM via ZOOM.

Everyone is welcome to participate in our

Prayer Fellowship! Coming together to pray for others is also an opportunity to share and encourage each other. Together we celebrate the Lord's blessings with thanksgiving! We pray for the 'concerns of our church' and any concern in our heart. Silent prayer is always an option. It's a wonderful way to wind down after a busy day! You'll be refreshed!

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 Sanctuary 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.

Urgent Mission Request – California Wildfires 2025

On January 7, 2025, wildfire activity began in Los Angeles County, California. These fires have caused substantial damage throughout LA County, making this event the largest fire disaster in the county's history. As of January 20th, it's reported that fires across LA area have killed at least twenty-seven people, destroyed more than 14,000 structures, and charred some sixty square miles. The strongest winds were weakening, giving firefighters a much-needed break but the National Weather Service said dangerous conditions are expected later this week. Officials said tens of thousands of people in LA County remain under evacuation orders even as the orders were listed in many other places.

Since the onset of this disaster, the **UCC Global HOPE Team** has been coordinating with ecumenical partners and a national network of voluntary organizations active in disasters (VOAD)

as it shapes our long-term response. As we continue to pray for and support those who experienced unimaginable loss, we invite you to support the UCC's recovery efforts.

You can visit UCC.org and make an on-line gift at the "California Wildfires 2025" site.

Or mail a check payable to the United Church of Christ, PO Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194.

Or make a check payable to Central Congregational Church. Please be sure to note "**California Wildfires 2025**" in the memo section of your check. Our church has already committed over \$4,100 to support those in need in LA County.

UPCOMING WORSHIP: January & February 2025

As January moves into February we will be spending a couple weeks looking at the concept of Sabbath. We'll be drawing from the wisdom and learnings of tradition and adding some insights from a book by Anjali Sherin called *Joyous Resilience*.

For the remainder of February I'll be turning to a book by Valarie Kaur entitled *See No Stranger*. Valarie was a keynote presenter for our Southern New England UCC Annual Meeting a few years ago. She has some exceptional perspectives and experiences from the Sikh tradition that speak to the heart of Christ's life and teachings when she asks us to reclaim love as a revolutionary act. Her insights speak about relationship of love to Self, Others and the Opponent.

You can learn a little more from her TED talk here: [Valarie Kaur: 3 lessons of revolutionary love in a time of rage | TED Talk](#)

Pastor Don



Committee Corner

From the Mission Committee

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, January 28, 2025
At 7:00pm/Vestry & 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

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

January Mission – College Student 'Thinking of You Care Packages'

As we begin a new year the Mission and Christian Education Committees are once again promoting a joint effort to send **'Thinking of You Care Packages'** to our **six youth presently attending College**. Last year the Youth were very surprised and grateful when they received our surprise package.

Below is a list of recommended gift items. Purchase items from one of the specific categories or a mix of items per your preference. **Boxes marked 'Thinking of You Care Packages'** will be placed in the vestry and in the hallway of the CE Building, under the Sunday School bulletin board, to drop off your purchases. **Return date for items is no later than Sunday, February 2nd**. If you decide to provide 'homemade cookies' **only deliver them on February 2nd**, when packages will be packed for shipping.

FOODS: Healthy snack food: granola bars, nuts, dried fruit, prepacked meals, snack bags, Cereal bars, honey, peanut butter, candy, popcorn, Cup of Soup... etc. **Coffee items:** instant coffee, coffee powdered creamer, disposable hot cups with lids; **Homemade cookies, etc.**

COLD and FLU CARE ITEMS: Tissues, Cough drops, Lip balm, Tylenol; Microwaveable heat pad; Face masks

GENERAL ITEMS: Laundry detergent sheets; Playing cards, Puzzle book, Puzzles, books of humor, etc.

GIFT CARDS: Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks gift card; Visa or Mastercard gift card; Door dash gift card.

COZY WINTER APPAREL: hat, gloves, scarf, socks

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: sticky notes, note-cards, pens, highlighters

AT-HOME SPA SUPPLIES: facial masks, exfoliation scrubs, etc.

TOILETRIES: toothpicks, toothpaste, band aids, lip balm, etc.

PARTICIPANTS: For our planning purposes, sign-up sheets will be posted in the vestry on the bulletin board by the stairway and on the Sunday School Bulletin Board in the CE Building. **PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME and INDICATE the GIFT CATEGORY or ITEMS YOU WILL PROVIDE.**

UPDATES and OUTCOMES:

December Mission – The Christmas Fund

The **Christmas Fund** has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay church employees of the United Church of Christ for over one hundred years. Through your giving we've been blessed with over \$1,040 received for this mission endeavor. Thank you for your generous giving as an expression of your loving appreciation for UCC retired clergy and lay employees.

Our International Sponsorship Programs for Children

Tibetan Refugee Self Help Center, Darjeeling, India

UCC Global Ministries Child & Elder Sponsorship Program : 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 beginning in January 2025. Pray for our 'Godchild' Thupten Gyaltzen who, at 18 years of age, has graduated from the program and will be pursuing university level education.

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. Please pray for the school, its leadership, teachers, and students!

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.

We thank you for your generous continued support of all of our Mission projects year 'round. Central Congregational Church is helping to spread the Love of God all around the world, thanks to your support! Happy New Year to all!



February 2025

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2 <i>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</i> 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL/Hall 10am Worship /Sanctuary & Zoom Fellowship Hr: <i>Dennis Cloutier</i> 5-9:30pm AA GROUP/Hall	3 6-9:30pm CCI Class Rental/Vestry 7-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall	4 TRIAD DEADLINE 7-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall	5 <i>No Exec Council Meeting Tonight. See you March 5th!</i>	6 7-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall	7 4-7pm Girl Scouts/Hall	8
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23 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL/Hall 10am Worship /Sanctuary & Zoom Fellowship Hr: The Mission Committee 1:00-2:30pm YOUTH GROUP MEETS/Daggett Lounge 5-9:30pm AA GROUP/Hall	24 6-9:30pm CCI Class Rental/Vestry/Last One. 6:30pm PRAYER FELLOWSHIP via Zoom Only 7-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall	25 7:00pm Mission Committee meets/ Vestry & Zoom 7-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall	26 7:00pm CE Committee meets / Vestry & Zoom	27 <i>No Line Dance Tonight</i>	28	MARCH 1

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday - 8:30am—4:30pm