#### **TRIAD** God Church **Family**

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# Worship Sunday Mornings JUNE - AUGUST at 9:30am in-person and Online

# **August 3, 2025**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost** The Sacrament of Holy Communion Worship at 9:30am in-person/Sanctuary & by Zoom

#### **Summer Series:**

Blending God's Wisdom in Scripture with the Soul's Wisdom in Poetry Poem: "Now You Know the Worst" by Wendell Berry

**Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Sermon: "Now You Know the Worst" by Rev Don Remick

Fellowship Hr: Peter & Beverley Drayton and the Congregation. Please contact them if you'd like to lend a hand.

July 29, 2025

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Read the Good Book under the shade of a big beautiful tree this summer!



# August 10, 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30am in-person/Sanctuary & by Zoom

#### **Summer Series:**

Blending God's Wisdom in Scripture with the Soul's Wisdom in Poetry

Poem: "My Life" by Billy Collins Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34 Sermon: "Our God Is an Awesome God"

by Rev Don Remick

Fellowship Hr: Deacon, Kathy Dolley

# **August 17, 2025**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost** Worship at 9:30am in-person/Sanctuary & by Zoom

#### **Summer Series:**

Blending God's Wisdom in Scripture with the Soul's Wisdom in Poetry

Poem: "The Layers" by Staney Kunitz Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31 **Sermon:** "Living in the Layers Not the Litter" by Rev Don Remick

Fellowship Hr: Martha McHatton

## August 24, 2025

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost** Worship at 9:30am in-person/Sanctuary & by Zoom

Scripture: Luke 13:10-17 Sermon: "Love Rules" By Rev. Dr. John Fisk, Pastor Emeritus, First Baptist Church, Attleboro.

Fellowship Hr: Barbara Bilsborough for the Mission Committee

## **August 31, 2025**

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30am in-person/Sanctuary & by Zoom

**Scripture:** Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Sermon: "Let Mutual Love Continue" By Rev. Dr. John Fisk, Pastor Emeritus, First Baptist Church, Attleboro.

#### Fellowship Hr:

Women's Christian Fellowship

### **Pastor's Ponderings**



### "Summer Worship Series"

Recently I came across a worship idea: blending God's wisdom in scripture with the soul's wisdom in poetry. This summer I'll be experimenting with this idea. Each week I'll be sharing a poem along with scripture as the basis for a time of reflection and prayer. I'll share some insights from the background of the poem and scripture.

AND I'll be inviting reflections in worship from the congregation as well. It will be a little more interactive, informal and conversational than other Sundays and, I expect, fun and engaging.

Here are the poems I'll be using till August 17 if you want to get a head start:

8/3: "Now You Know the Worst" by Wendell Berry and 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

8/10: "My Life" by Billy Collins and Matthew 6:25-34

8/17: "The Layers" by Stanley Kunitz and Genesis 32: 22-31

Remember, the Sanctuary is Air-Conditioned, (and "Prayer"- Conditioned!) making coming to worship a cool way to start off a summer Sunday morning – refreshed and re-charged, ready to conquer your week ahead!

See you in Church,
Rev Don

## **CENTRAL CHURCH CALENDAR**

<u>Sunday, August 3rd 9:30am</u> Worship in the Air-Conditioned Sanctuary with the Sacrament of Holy Communion with Rev Don and by Zoom. Fellowship Hr: The Congregation is invited to bring a snack, pastry or other treats to share for Fellowship Hour today. Cheese & Crackers, Juice, lemonade and cream will be provided.

6-9pm AA GROUP/HALL

Monday, August 4th

6:00pm – 9:30pm CCI Certification Course/Vestry 6:30-9:30pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Tuesday, August 5th
6:30-9:30pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Thursday, August 7th NO LINE DANCE

Sunday, August 10th

<u>9:30am</u> Worship in the Air-Conditioned Sanctuary & by Zoom with Rev. Don.

Fellowship Hr: Deacon, Kathy Dolley 6-9pm AA GROUP/HALL

Monday, August 11th

6:00pm - 9:30pm CCI Certification Course/Vestry

6:30pm PRAYER GROUP/ZOOM 6:30-9:30pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Tuesday, August 12th
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Wednesday, August 13th
NEW - 7:00pm Deacons meet/Vestry & Zoom

Thursday, August 14th NO LINE DANCE

Saturday, August 16th

4pm - 9:30pm HALL RENTAL

Sunday, August 17th

9:30am Worship in the Air-Conditioned Sanctuary and by Zoom with Rev Don.

**NOTE: PLEASE REMAIN IN THESANCTUARY** for a few minutes following Worship today for a Baptism.

Fellowship Hr: Martha McHatton

Monday, August 18th

6:00pm – 9:30pm CCI Certification Course/Vestry 6:30-9:30pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Tuesday, August 19th

TRIAD DEADLINE to submit news for the Newsletter.

6:30-9:30pm LINE DANCE/Hall

#### Thursday, August 21st NO LINE DANCE

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 12noon – 6pm HALL RENTAL

<u>Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup></u> 9:30am Worship in the Air-Conditioned Sanctuary and by Zoom with Rev Dr. John Fisk, Pastor Emeritus, First Baptist Church/Attleboro. **Fellowship Hr:** Barbara Bilsborough for the Mission Committee

Monday, August 25th

6:00pm – 9:30pm CCI Certification Course/Vestry 6:30pm PRAYER GROUP/ZOOM 6:30-9:30pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Tuesday, August 26th

6:30pm – 9:30pm LINE DANCE/Hall 7:00pm Mission Committee meets in Vestry & by Zoom

<u>Sunday, August 31st</u> 9:30am Worship in the Air-Conditioned Sanctuary and by Zoom with Rev Dr. John Fisk, Pastor Emeritus, First Baptist Church/Attleboro. **Fellowship Hr:** The Women's Christian Fellowship

## **Our Parish Register**

Please submit names for the September Prayer List by 08/26/2025.

Jacqui, Harry, Rev Carole, Ed, Jen, Gary, Jeannine, Richard, Judy, Megan, Mark, Madi, Carmen, Karen, Suzanne, Sandy, Tyler, Rich, Alicia, Kathy, Frank, Heather Ann, Sally, Barbara, Laurie, Lee Ann, Marjorie, Tracy, Andrea, Dot and Elaine.

## <u>TRIAD DEADLINES</u>

to submit news and information:

Tuesday, September 2, 16 & 30

NEW ZOOM LINK FOR WORSHIP AND MEETINGS AS OF 03/2023

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198 082?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWV RZSDJTVnc5dz09

> Meeting ID: 214 819 8082 Passcode: 1234

# **August Birthdays**

23 Deb Trowbridge

26 Grant Mitchell

26 Dave Valerio

01 Pam Tarallo

02 Lee Ross 03 Tom Fish

03 Jen DiSalvio

04 Adam Higgins

04 Mia Alexandre

07 Ken Mitchell

08 Carolynn Will 16 Katie Ovoain

19 Hannah Bachand

20 Del Nunes 26 Richard Lamoureux

21 Jason Wilanson 30 Bob Ovoian

## From Dave Valerio, Music Director

Seeking vocalists and musicians to play/sing special music during worship on Sunday mornings in August. If interested, please sign up on the sheet in the vestry and/or see Dave Valerio any Sunday ahead of the day you wish to perform. *Many thanks!* 

#### From the Board of Trustees

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 7:00pm /Vestry & Zoom.

## **COMMITTEE CORNER**

#### From the Board of Deacons

Our next meeting will be held

Wednesday, August 13th, 2025

at 7:00pm / Vestry and by Zoom.
SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

9:30am Sunday mornings June – August in our Air-Conditioned Sanctuary – join us!

10am Worship resumes Sunday, September 7, 2025.

# From the Christian Education Committee Our next meeting will be announced.



Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime as we "cruise" through all 66 Books o the Bible with our ROAD TRIP – Route 66! Buckle up – *the journey kicks off Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am.* #Route66BibleAdventure

Rediscover old friends and meet new faces, each sharing their own remarkable stories of faith. Dive into the marvels of God's Word and His world!

This intergenerational road trip isn't just for kids – Sunday School adventurers will travel together every week, while adults can follow along via the TRIAD, our Website, and FaceBook updates. Families can join the fun, too, through the Sunday School Facebook Group. Let's hit the road and explore together!

#### From the Pastor

#### **Summer Sermon Series:**

Over the years preachers have often used the summer as a time to weave a worship theme through all the Sundays of the season. This year I am using an approach I discovered recently. It is the weaving together of poetry and scripture. We'll draw on the insights of some familiar poets to help deepen our understanding of scripture and our own faith journeys. My summer will have time away as its bookends. The first 2 weeks of July I will be with family on vacation. The last 2 weeks of August I will be on my annual Study Leave taking an 8-day Silent Directed Retreat. In between, we'll discover where poetry, scripture and the Holy Spirit takes us.

## TO ALL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

In case you were planning to clean out your areas in the Church or CE Buildings over the Summer, the dumpster is scheduled to be emptied:

August 12th.

## From the Executive Council

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 7:00pm/Vestry & Zoom

#### **From the Memorial Gifts Committee**

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 4th, 2025 at 6:00pm/Vestry & Zoom

The committee will be adding new names to the Memorial Bulletin Board in the vestry after our September meeting. Completed projects: Toys for the Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in the Vestry were purchased in memory of Sandie MacLeod. The chairlift has been installed in the C.E. building and is a wonderful addition providing greater access to the offices and Fellowship Hall. The committee will be working on taking inventory of current memorial gift plagues and those that are still needed. An embroidered cloth "plaque" is planned for the Dossal cloth in the Sanctuary.

Please contact any member our committee if you have suggestions for a new Remembrance Project!

## From the Prayer Fellowship Group

"Prayer Fellowship—Refreshing Moments with God!" Dates: Monday's: August 11th & 25th (second & fourth Monday's)

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=b2krNFNOODR TQiVuWVRZSDJTVnc5dz09

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.

## From the Mission Committee

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26th, 2025 At 7:00pm/Vestry & Zoom.

The Committee will be "On Call" throughout the Summer to address matters that require action.

"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)

## Early August Action Alert! September Mission Project Promotion Our 5th Children's Free Clothing & Book Give-away!

Location: CE Building - Fellowship Hall

**Donations Received:** 

Sunday 9/21 -11:15 AM - 1:30PM

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 09/22 - 09/24

from 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Give-Away Dates: Thursday & Friday, Sept. 25th -26th

from 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Our Mission Community Outreach aims to help more families through our church-wide act of kindness. Early promotion is essential! We ask all church members to share the donation needs and promotion flyers with family and friends. We are collecting new or gently used, clean clothes and shoes for infants, toddlers, and teens, and children's books in good condition. Please support our mission by encouraging family and friends to donate these items.

Be sure to also promote the 'giveaway' dates with those you believe will benefit. Everything is FREE! Clothing not taken will be donated to selected elementary school nurses in the North Attleboro School District.

Beginning immediately after Labor Day, Sept. 1st Mission Committee members will be distributing flyers to businesses and contacting various news outlets to promote the event and announcing the need for clothing and book donations. Lawn signs will be available! Help by placing one at your home or in a key neighborhood spot. We are also exploring how to boost promotion via Facebook.

## **UCC Disaster Ministries –** Flooding - Kerr County, Texas, and other areas

"Flooding has become one of the most common natural disasters affecting communities across the United States. Disaster Ministries supports the long-term recovery of communities through a variety of mechanisms in the months and years after the initial disaster event," Long-Higgins said. "These efforts are made possible by the generosity of the wider church. Gifts made to Disaster Ministries designated for "severe storms" will be used in full (100%) to assist the victims of this flood and other like flooding disasters."

You can also support the relief and long-term recovery of those affected by these severe storms, and other communities that have experienced similar events across the US by clicking <u>HERE</u> (select "Severe Storms" as the designated gift.)

You may also contribute by writing a check made payable to Central Congregational Church. Indicate on the memo line of the check ' UCC Severe Storms'. Thank you!

## <u>Updates & Outcomes</u> <u>June & July Mission – KIDS' SUMMER CAFÉ</u>

The Kids' Summer Café is a program of the Attleboro Area Interfaith Collaborative. This program's goal is to make nutritious lunches available to children of school age up to age 18 years, throughout the summer; replacing the free or reduced-price lunch they would normally receive during the school year. There are no registration or income guideline requirements. The Kids' Summer Café helps keep good nutrition available to children and helps to alleviate the burden on families to provide another meal per child during the summer months.

# <u>The Lunch program will operate Monday – Friday / June 30</u> – August 15, 2025

<u>Locations</u>: Lee's Pond, Gardner St (12:15 – 12:45 PM); Briggs Playground, East St. (12:00 – 1:00 PM); Norton Glen, 4 Norton Glen Rd. (11:30 AM – 12:30 PM); and Hayward Field, 73 North Ave, (12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM – Wednesdays only.)

**Volunteers are needed** to assist with meal preparation, delivery to sites, and /or site distribution & clean-up. Feel free to call Pam Tarallo at AAIC if interested in helping. Preferred shifts, duties, days available to help, location preferred are all flexible.

<u>Monetary Donations</u> are being accepted through August 3<sup>rd</sup>! - Please include "Kids' Café" on the memo line of your check. Thank you for supporting families and children in need of nutritious meals this summer in our greater Attleboro area.

#### Our International Sponsorship Programs for Children

• <u>Tibetan Refugee Self Help Center, Darjeeling,</u> India

The new child we are sponsoring through UCC Global Ministries Child & Elder Sponsorship Program is TENZIN YANGZOM. She is 8 years of age. Her father runs a small street restaurant where he is the sole breadwinner of her family as her mother is a homemaker. Tenzin is studying in Class II. She loves singing and dancing and spending time drawing. Look for Tenzin's picture on the mission bulletin board in the Vestry.

More than 650 Tibetans live in a cohesive and productive community at the Self-Help Center. This rehabilitation organization trains adults in handicraft arts to support their families while children are provided <u>free</u> education, in both Hindu and English, and textbooks and school supplies. <u>Please pray for Tenzin</u>, her family and all of the families and children at the center.

#### • <u>The Reverend Jean Parisot Foundation - St. Claire</u> 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 the Foundation is running a grammar school for 125 children in preschool through eighth grade. Every child receives a nutritious meal in addition to a free education. Please pray for the school, its leadership, teachers, and students! Please feel free, anytime throughout the year, to send a donation for the school. Make your check payable to **Central Congregational Church** and add "**Haiti School**" in the memo line. Thanks for supporting and praying for the children of Haiti.

#### **Year-Round Missions**

<u>Lenore's Pantry</u> — We still collect food for Lenore's Pantry! Food is always needed! We are pleased to receive purchased items. Mission committee members will deliver them to the Pantry. Place items in the marked bins located in the vestry or in the hallway of the CE building outside the church office. We also 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. <u>Be sure to write</u> **Lenore's Pantry** on the memo line of your check.

#### 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.

# **August 2025**

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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17 9:30am Worship/Sanct & Zoom BAPTISM AFTER WORSHIP TODAY - PLEASE STAY! Fellowship Hr: Martha McHatton 5-9:30pm AA Group/Hall	18 6:-9:30pm CCI Course/Vestry 6:30-9:30pm LINE DANCE/HALL	TRIAD DEADLINE  6:30-9:30pm LINE DANCE/HALL	20	21 NO LINE DANCE	22	23 12noon- 6pm HALL RENTAL
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**Services of: August 2025** 

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday & Thursday – 8:30am – 4:30pm