

TRIAD God Church Family

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Worship on Sundays at 9:30am Now - August

August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Worship at 9:30am
in-person/Sanctuary & by Zoom

"Summertime Poetry and Scripture"
With Rev Don.

Fellowship Hr: Stacey Boss, Trustee

July 28, 2026

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August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 9:30am

in-person/Sanctuary & by Zoom.

Guest Preacher, Rev. Bernie Hinckley, UCC

Rev. Bernie Hinckley, a 1998 graduate of Andover Newton Theological School, brings 27 years of pastoral experience to the pulpit. He most recently served in Norton, MA, for 20 years. In addition to his ministry, he serves as the Fire Chaplain for the Norton Fire Department and is a member of the Bristol and Norfolk County Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) teams. Rev. Hinckley lives in Natick with his partner & fiancé, Janet, and their chocolate lab, Casey. He is the proud father of two college-aged daughters, Julia and Alexandra.

Scriptures: Genesis 32:22-31
Matthew 22:34-40

Fellowship Hr: Pam St. John, Deacon

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 9:30am
in-person/Sanctuary & by Zoom

Sermon: "Just a Five Loaves and
Two Fish Kinda Day"
By Guest Preacher,
Rev. Bonnie Steinroeder, UCC.

Bonnie Steinroeder is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She holds a Master of Theological Studies and A Master of Divinity from Boston University School of Theology. Bonnie has recently retired from full time ministry after serving as the senior minister of the First Congregational Church in Holliston for 17 years. She and her husband, Bill, are the parents of three grown children and five grandchildren.

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

Fellowship Hr: Kathy Dolley,
Asst. Treasurer & Church Clerk

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

Worship at 9:30am
in-person/Sanctuary & by
Zoom

**"Summertime Poetry and
Scripture" With Rev Don.**

Fellowship Hr:
The Mission Committee



August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 9:30am
in-person/Sanctuary & by Zoom

Sermon:

By Guest Preacher,
Dave Valerio,

Music Director,
Central Congregational Church

Fellowship Hr:

The Women's Christian Fellowship

Pastor's Ponderings - Summertime

Parades and Festivals. As we have moved into and through the beginning of summer I am remembering, with gratitude, our church's presence at 2 Pride festivals and our town's 250th parade. I remember grateful smiles from kids as we gave them toys and candy. I remember gratitude from parents with a cool bottle of water. I remember people expressing appreciation that our church offered its witness of inclusive love, even as voices of shame and oppression echoed around them.

It's hard to underestimate the impact we have when we make our Welcome Statement tangible in love and witness. A tube of bubbles, a string backpack, a granola bar or Hersey kiss, a smiling ball; they were not just free giveaways. They were moments of connection. They offered love and acceptance without cost or expectation. Our faith calls that grace.

In a world where love is too often transactional, we offer it generously. In a world with judgment and condemnation flow too easily, we offer understanding and acceptance in abundance. Our world needs that.

I am grateful to many of you who helped with our Pride booth on windy days. I am grateful for many of you who stood in line over an hour waiting for the parade to start on a hot day. I am grateful that our church is intentional about countering the message that too many people hear from too many churches. We are indeed an Oasis of Caring and Joy.

SCHOOL BLESSING SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 13th

We are going to bring a special focus to our September 13th worship service. The children of our church and community will be starting up a new school year. And we want to bless them and their teachers and all those who dedicate time and energy to helping our kids thrive.

We will be offering a "Blessing of the Backpacks and Learning Tools" as part of worship on the 13th.

We invite all our families to bring their kids' backpacks to church. But more than that, we invite you to bring sports equipment they use for town sports, musical instruments they use in band or their lessons, art equipment they use with clubs and classes, and any equipment they use as part of their learning to be fully human and fully alive. We will bless them all. And we will bless the kids as they begin a new school year. And we'll bless their parents who are so crucial to their integration of the lessons they are learning. And we will bless the teachers, and administrators, and custodians, and school nurses, and teachers aides, and coaches and everyone who comes alongside our children and youth as their minds and lives are growing and learning.

Let your friends know about this so that everyone feels welcome to our church where we say each week: "You are welcome here. You are loved here. You are home here."

SCHOOLS SUPPLIES GIVEAWAYS

For the last few years our Mission Committee has sponsored a free Children's Clothing Give Away. You will be hearing more about that from the Committee in the weeks to come. This year we want to add another element to that; Free School Supply Give Away. As part of our blessing of backpacks (and everything else) we are inviting church members to bring in supplies that kids need for their daily school classes and lessons. With cost-of-living increases and family and community budget challenges this is one more way we can bring Christ's love out into our community.

Here is a list of things that kids need for their schoolwork: Pens, Pencils, Highlighters, Single subject spiral notebooks college ruled, Composition notebooks wide ruled, Colored Pencils, erasers, lined paper (three hole punched), copy or printer paper. Bring it to church on our School Blessing Sunday or any Sunday, and up till Thursday, September 24th.

BREAKFAST CHURCH - SEPTEMBER 27th :

Last spring we tried a potluck breakfast worship as an experiment. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and an inspiring way to worship differently. The clear sense of the congregation was to gather like this again at times throughout the year (we were aiming for every fifth Sunday). There are several times this coming year when this might be a wonderful way to worship.

One of those will be September 27. That weekend our Conference, the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, will be holding its Annual Meeting. The Meeting will be all weekend long and will culminate in a worship service at 10 am on the 27th at the DCU Center in Worcester. They will be live streaming this worship and we will join them remotely from our vestry around our breakfast worship tables in the vestry.

Be sure to let us know what you can bring for this potluck. There will be more information and sign-up sheets in the vestry beginning August 23rd.

*See you in Church,
Rev. Don*

CENTRAL CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 28th

No Mission meeting Tonight. See you on August 24th!

Thursday, July 30th

6-9pm Dance / Hall

Saturday, August 1st

9-10:30am AA Cleans the CE Hall

Sunday, August 2nd

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

9:30am Worship Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Trustee, Stacey Boss

Monday, August 3rd

6-9pm Dance/Hall

Tuesday, August 4th

6-9pm Dance/Hall

Thursday, August 6th

No Dance/Hall

Sunday, August 9th

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

With Rev. Bernie Hinckley, UCC

Fellowship Hr: Deacon, Pam St. John

Monday, August 10th

6-9pm Dance/Hall

Tuesday, August 11th

6-9pm Dance/Hall

Wednesday, August 12th

7:00pm Deacons meet in Vestry & by Zoom

Thursday, August 13th

No Dance/Hall

Saturday, August 15th

9-10:30am AA Cleans CE Hall

1-5pm HALL RENTAL

Sunday, August 16th

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

with Rev Bonnie Steinroeder, UCC

Fellowship Hr: Deacon, Pam St. John

Monday, August 17th

6-9pm Dance/Hall

Tuesday, August 18th

6-9pm Dance/Hall

Thursday, August 20th

No Dance/Hall

Sunday, August 23rd

9:30am Worship Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: The Mission Committee

Monday, August 24th

6-9pm Dance/Hall

Tuesday, August 25th

6-9pm Dance/Hall

7:00pm Mission Committee meets/Vestry & by Zoom

Wednesday, August 26th

7:00pm CE Committee meets – **To Be Confirmed.**

Thursday, August 27th

No Dance/Hall

Sunday, August 30th

9:30am Worship Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: The Women's Christian Fellowship

Monday, August 31st

6-9pm Dance/Hall

Our Parish Register

Please submit names for the September Prayer List by 08/25/26.

Rev Carole, Ed, Jen, Mark, Madi, Jeannine, Richard, Rich, Heather-Ann, Carmen, Karen, Suzanne, Lee, Helen-Anne, Jen, Noli, Elliot, Follett Family, Karen & Bob, Kristen, Kerrin, Donald & Lori, Heidi, Isabella, Shawn, Derik, Jackie, Herb, Rev. Dr. Jon Fisk, Pat, Megan, those living in nursing homes, those living in war torn areas around the world, world peace in our lifetime.

TRIAD DEADLINES

to submit news and information:

Tuesday, August 25th – back to issues every 2 weeks.

Tuesday Deadlines – September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVZSDJTVnc5dz09>

**Meeting ID: 214 819 8082
Passcode: 1234**



August Birthdays

01 Pam Tarallo	16 Rich Follett
02 Lee Ross	20 Del Nunes
03 Jen DiSalvio	21 Jason Wilanson
03 Tom Fish	26 Grant Mitchell
07 Ken Mitchell	26 Dave Valerio
08 Carolyn Will	26 Richard Lamoureux
13 Sharilyn Hepburn	30 Bob Ovoian
16 Katherine Ovoian	

COMMITTEE CORNER

From the Board of Deacons

Our next meeting will be held
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 7:00pm /
 Vestry and by Zoom.

SUMMER WORSHIP continues through August.

Worship will be held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings.

Come worship this summer in our "Prayer" Conditioned Sanctuary!

On Sunday, September 6th, we return to 10am Worship in the Sanctuary and by Zoom.

From the Profile Writing Team

Throughout the winter and early spring we have held congregational gatherings to get input into the development of our Local Church Profile. We are nearing the completion of our Profile. In the coming month we hope to have a draft completed that we can bring to the congregation for their affirmation.

Once we have completed the Profile we will get the Search Team up and running. We collected a list of Search Team member possibilities from the congregation and our leadership committees. Our Executive Council will build the team from that list. With the help of our Conference the Search Team will begin the interviewing process for our next Settled Pastor. And we will be holding them in prayer as they do.

From the Board of Trustees

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, September 15th, 2026 at 7:00pm
 In the Vestry & Zoom.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP - We are talking with Rev Kelly Thibeault, Pastor at First Congregational Church, Oldtown, to get information from her for a group who restores and repairs

old cemetery headstones. Our cemetery behind the church could use some love. If you are interested in learning how and doing the cleaning or restoration, please contact Kathy in the church office. She will keep a list and pass along the info to our group of volunteers once we have it.

SUMMER YARD WORK DAY – We are looking to see if anyone is interested in getting together to do some additional clean-up work around the Church and CE Buildings this Summer. We held a July Clean-up day several years ago and it was a huge success! After the clean-up day we enjoyed a free lunch in the cool vestry with donated sandwiches, chips and desserts. Waters and Gatorades were available throughout the morning as well. We began at 8am and finished at 12noon. We are hoping to put together something similar. ***Please contact Kathy in the church office if you'd like to end a hand. You need not stay the entire time – any time you have to give is needed and greatly appreciated.*** The exact day and times will be determined by those who volunteer and their availability. Students needing community service hours welcome. Older students accompanied by a parent or guardian are also welcome.

Here's a few things we'd like to have done:

1. Using a string trimmer to weed whack the weeds and grass growing in the cracks in the sidewalks around both buildings, and the vines growing along the rock wall at the cemetery on the Towne street side.
2. Using a home-made, organic weed killer solution to kill the weeds growing in the church parking lot, and spray the sidewalk areas after the weeds are removed.
3. Clear the brush and spray weed killer all around the tomb at the point - end of the cemetery.
4. Straighten up any HEAD IN PARKING signs along the hill in the church parking lot as needed
5. Spread the crushed pavement material out into areas where it dips and water puddles
6. Pull weeds from the garden area in front of the church building.
7. Anything else you can think of...? ***(remember to get approved by Trustees before doing).***

From the Christian Education Committee

Our next meeting will be **tentatively** held on
August 26th, 2026 in the Vestry & Zoom.
Enjoy the Summer!

From the Executive Council

Our next meeting will be held on
Wednesday, September 2nd at 7pm/Vestry & Zoom.

From the Memorial Gifts Committee

Our next meeting will be held on

Thursday, September 10th at 6:00pm/Vestry & Zoom

The Committee is taking inventory of all the member names that have been memorialized on our bulletin board in the Vestry and are making a list of names to be added in the future. Please notify a committee member if you know of a member name to be added.

Bruce Carpenter completed a project to enclose and protect our Church membership book in a case and place it on a stand for better viewing. Be sure to take a look.

Two new memorial donations were received in memory of Claire Mattson and Mary Coogan. The plaque and Memorial Book update projects continue.

From the Prayer Fellowship Group

"Prayer Fellowship—Refreshing Moments with God!"

Our Prayer Fellowship Group meetings via zoom will resume on **Monday, September 14th at 6:30 PM.**

Throughout the summer our 'faithful four' will continue to pray for the requests listed in 'Our Parish Register' included in the Triad and other requests we receive.

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

From the Mission Committee

Our next meeting will be held on

Tuesday, August 24th, 2026 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

2026 marks our church's Sixth Annual FREE Children's Clothing, Shoe, and Book Give-away!! The actual Give-away will occur on Thursday, Sept. 24th and Friday, Sept. 25th from 1 – 7pm in Margaret Kay Fellowship Hall in the CE Building, but in order for this to happen, we will need donations. **We are seeking donations of new or gently used Children's clothing in sizes Newborn through High School, as well as Children's and Teen's shoes, all in good wearable condition. We are also accepting *new* (New Only) underwear and socks.**

Children's books with no written-on, missing or torn pages, would also be welcome additions to our donation tables. This year Rev. Don has asked for donations of school supplies, which will be a part of the School Blessings Sunday in September. Any over-abundance of supplies brought in will be included in the Clothing and Book Give-away. **See the list of most wanted school**

supplies in Rev Don's Pastor's Ponderings page in this issue of the Triad, and look for bulletin inserts coming in August, as well.

During August we will be presenting opportunities for the congregation to help prepare for this event. By assisting with distributing Flyers and Posters, you can help spread the word!

GIFTS CARDS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS - During August, we will be collecting Gift Cards for our students who are now attending college or other post graduate studies away from home. **Suggested Stores to purchase GC's from are:** Staples, Target, Walmart, CVS, Dunkin Donuts, McDonald's, Starbucks, Pizza Restaurants (Chains, not small local businesses). **Some GC's for Gas might be helpful for commuter students, too. Mobil or Shell are probably most popular.**

Preferred dollar amounts for each Gift Card = \$15, \$20 or \$25. No higher amounts, please. You may place the GC's in the offering plate on Sundays or hand directly to: Sally Robinson, or a Mission Committee Member. Thank you for your Thoughtful support.

July Mission Updates Our June and July Mission focus has been on the Kids Summer Café, organized by the Attleboro Area Interfaith Collaborative. On Sunday, July 12th, we were very happy to have a guest speaker from the AAIC, Pam Tarallo, Food 'n Friends Kitchens Coordinator, who explained the history of the program and related to us the many ways that our donations can help provide healthy meals for the children of the greater Attleboro area. The Mission Committee will be happy to accept monetary donations for this program through the first Sunday in August, 8/2/26. Checks can be made out to **Central Congregational Church**, with a notation in the Memo line of **"Kids' Summer Café"**.

In July we received an appeal from the United Church of Christ and Global Ministries for monetary aid to assist in the Venezuela Relief after their devastating earthquakes. The casualty count is over 5,300 at this time, but search efforts still continue. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this rescue effort. We will be accepting donations for Venezuela's earthquake relief efforts through August 2nd. Checks can be made out to **Central Congregational Church**, with a notation in the Memo line of **"Venezuela Relief"**.

From the Pumpkin Patch Team - Fall 2026

The Pumpkins will be delivered here on **Saturday, September 26th at 9am. HELP IS WANTED AND NEEDED!** Please speak with Peter and Bev Drayton or Heather Bonfilio if you can lend a hand for an hour or two. Teens needing to complete Community Service are welcome, too. Every bit of help is greatly appreciated!



August 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SA
						01 9AM – 10:30AM AA CLEANING/ HALL
02 THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION 9:30am Worship/ Sanct & Zoom Fellowship Hr: <i>Trustee, Stacey Boss</i>	03 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	04 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	05	06 <i>No LINE DANCE/HALL</i>	07	08 9AM – 10:30AM AA CLEANING/ HALL
09 9:30am Worship/ Sanct & Zoom Fellowship Hr: <i>Deacon, Pam St. John</i>	10 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	11 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	12 7:00pm Deacons meet in Vestry & by Zoom	13 <i>No LINE DANCE/HALL</i>	14	15 9AM – 10:30AM AA CLEANING/ HALL 1-5pm HALL RENTAL
16 9:30am Worship/Sanct & Zoom Fellowship Hr: <i>Kathy Dolley, Asst. Treasurer and Church Clerk</i>	17 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	18 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	19	20 <i>No LINE DANCE/HALL</i>	21	22 9AM – 10:30AM AA CLEANING/ HALL
23 9:30am Worship/Sanct & Zoom Fellowship Hr: <i>The Mission Committee</i>	24 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	25 TRIAD DEADLINE 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL 7:00pm Mission Committee meets in Vestry & Zoom	26 7:00PM CE Meets in the Vestry & by Zoom – TO BE CONFIRMED.	27 <i>No LINE DANCE/HALL</i>	28	29
30 9:30am Worship/Sanct & Zoom *LAST 9:30am SERVICE FOR THE SEASON. Fellowship Hr: <i>The Women's Christian Fellowship</i>	31					WORSHIP will return to 10:00am on September 6th. AA Group meets every Sunday 6-9pm/Hall

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Services of: August, 2026

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MUSIC DIRECTOR – Dave Valerio
*CHURCH SECRETARY – Kathy Trowbridge***

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