

TRIAD God Church Family

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Worship on Sundays at 10:00am beginning September 6th!

September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

Fellowship Hr: Tammy Matthews, Trustee

September 1, 2026

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September 13, 2026

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*Fellowship Hr: Deacons,
Scott & Kelliann Bachand*

FALL 2026 EVENTS SCHEDULE

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING GIVE-A-WAY - Sunday, September 20th from 11:15am – 1pm Begin to drop off Children's Clothing, Shoes, Books and School Supplies/Hall

Monday – Wednesday, September 21-23 = 1-7pm Drop off Children's Clothing, Shoes, Books and School Supplies/Hall

Thursday, September 24th and Friday, September 25th 1-7pm Children's Clothing, Shoes, Books and School Supplies GIVE-A-WAY DAYS/Hall

PUMPKIN PATCH SALE – Unloading the truck of pumpkins on Saturday, Sept 26th at 9am – HELP NEEDED - Sale starts Sunday, September 27th and runs Every Day in October – Volunteers needed. Watch for sign-up sheet/Vestry & Online Calendar coming soon.

RUMMAGE SALE - Sunday, October 18th 11:15am – 2pm DROP OFF RUMMAGE/HALL

Monday – Wednesday, October 19-21 = 1-4pm and 6-8pm DROP OFF RUMMAGE & Volunteers needed /HALL

Thursday, Oct 22nd RUMMAGE SALE= 9am – 6pm/Hall – **Volunteers needed all 3 Sale days. See Cheryl Peterson to let her know when you can lend a hand.**

Friday, Oct 23rd RUMMAGE SALE = 10am – 3pm/Hall

Saturday, Oct 24th RUMMAGE SALE – 9am – 1pm/Hall

VILLAGE GREEN FAIR – Sat, Nov 14th – 9am – 2pm/Hall Drop off hours and Volunteer set-up hours - TBA.

APPLE PIE DAY - Saturday, Nov 21st – Pick up 12noon/Hall. Dough makers, rollers, and apple peelers wanted. More info to come soon.

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE – Friday, Nov 27th and Saturday, Nov 28th from 10am – 4pm or till sold out. Volunteers Needed. See Cheryl Peterson for details.

Pastor's Ponderings – September 2026

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. Although not a 5th Sunday, 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, September 1st No Dance/Hall

Wednesday, September 2nd

7:00pm Executive Council meets/Vestry & Zoom

Saturday, September 5th

9am – 10:30am AA Cleaning the CE Hall floors, etc

Sunday, September 6th

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

10:00am Worship Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Trustee, Tammy Matthews

6-9pm AA Group Meets/Hall

Monday, September 7th

LABOR DAY - No Dance Tonight - No CCLI Class Tonight

Tuesday, September 8th **TRIAD DEADLINE**

6-9pm Dance/Hall

Wednesday, September 9th

7:00pm Deacons/Vestry & Zoom

Thursday, September 10th 6-9pm Dance/Hall

6pm Memorial Gifts/Vestry & Zoom

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Vestry

Saturday, September 12th

9am – 10:30am AA Cleaning the CE Hall floors, etc

Sunday, September 13th

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS DAY

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Deacons, Scott & Kelliann Bachand

6-9pm AA Group Meets/Hall

Monday, September 14th

6-9pm Dance/Hall

6-10pm Last CCLI Class/Vestry

Tuesday, September 15th

6-9pm Dance/Hall

7:00pm Trustees/Vestry & Zoom

Wednesday, September 16th

Vestry Reserved for Search Team, if needed.

Thursday, September 17th

6-9pm Dance/Hall

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/vestry

Saturday, September 19th

9am-10:30am AA Cleaning the CE Hall Floors, etc

9am – 5pm Scrapbooking Vestry Rental

Sunday, September 20th

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: *The Nominating Committee – Keith Darling, Martha McHatton, Dennis Cloutier and Kathy Trowbridge*

11:15am – 1:30pm BEGIN TO BRING SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING TO THE HALL.

6-9pm AA Group Meets/Hall

Monday, September 21st

1-7pm DROP OFF HOURS FOR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CLOTHING GIVE-A-WAY/HALL

6-9pm Dance/Hall

Tuesday, September 22nd

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Wednesday, September 23rd

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Thursday, September 24th

1-7pm CHILDREN'S SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CLOTHING GIVE-A-WAY/HALL

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/vestry

Friday, September 25th

1-7pm CHILDREN'S SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CLOTHING GIVE-A-WAY/HALL

Saturday, September 26th

9am – 10:30am AA Cleaning the CE Hall floors, etc

9am – PUMPKIN DELIVERY! HELP NEEDED! Please see Cheryl Peterson or Heather Bonfilio or the Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet in the Vestry.

Our Parish Register

Please submit names for the October Prayer List by 09/22/26.

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVVRZSDJTVnc5dz09>

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



September Birthdays

09-02 Heather Lockavitch	09-12 Bruce Carpenter
09-04 Susan Ferrari	09-21 Nancy Melendy
09-07 Sandy Thibodeau	09-22 Jennifer Shuman
09-11 Martha McHatton	09-27 Kelliann Bachand

COMMITTEE CORNER

From the Board of Deacons

Our next meeting will be held

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 7:00pm /
Vestry and by Zoom.

WORSHIP

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 of interested volunteers and pass along the info to our group once we have it.

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 September.

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. Free Waters and Gatorades were available throughout the morning as well. We began on a Saturday 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 lend 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. Individual participation (Your own day and time) is also welcome! 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, 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.

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 Memorial Gifts Committee did not meet over the summer months but we are looking forward to getting back to work at our next meeting. Please notify a committee member if you have any suggestions for a gift in memory of someone.

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, September 22nd, 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 Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday in September. Any over-abundance of school supplies will be given away here, too. **See the list of most wanted school supplies in Rev Don's Pastor's Ponderings page in this issue of the Triad.**

DROP OFF CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, SHOES, BOOKS AND EXTRA SCHOOL SUPPLIES ON SUNDAY, SEPT 20TH FROM 11:30AM – 1PM/HALL AND MON 09/21 – WEDS 09/23 FROM 1-5PM/HALL.

By assisting with distributing Flyers and Posters, you can help spread the word!

Goody Bag Gift Cards for Graduates We are very proud of our church's youth, who have graduated from their High School and/or Vocational programs. As they

move on to the next phase of life, we would like to collect some gift cards to make their days pleasant.

You may place the cards in the offering plate on Sundays or hand directly to Sally Robinson or another member of the Mission Committee. **We will be collecting cards through Sept. 13th.** Thank you for your thoughtful support.

Stores to purchase GCs from are: Staples, Target, Walmart, CVS, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, gasoline chains such as Shell or Mobil, and pizza or sub chains. **Preferred dollar amounts for each Gift Card are \$15, \$20 or \$25; no higher amounts, please.**

Thank you to everyone for their generous support of **the AAIC Kids Café program**, and thank you again to Pam Tarallo for coming to speak to our congregation in July to give us a first-hand description of the ways that this program helps the families, and especially the children, of our nearby communities.

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 Cheryl Peterson or Heather Bonfilio if you can lend a hand for an hour or two. Teens needing to complete Community Service hours are welcome, too. Every bit of help is greatly appreciated! Look for the Volunteer Sign-up sheet in the Vestry coming soon! There will also be an online calendar for Volunteers to sign up for a shift or as many shifts as you'd like to fill. Thank you for making this fundraiser a huge success each year!

September 2026



SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SA
		01 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	02 7:00pm Exec Council meets in Vestry & by Zoom	03 <i>No LINE</i> DANCE/HALL	04	05 9AM – 10:30AM AA CLEANING/ HALL
06 THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION 10am Worship/ Sanct & Zoom Fellowship Hr: <i>Trustee, Tammy Matthews</i>	07 LABOR DAY <i>No LINE DANCE Tonight/Hall</i> <i>No CCLI Class Tonight/Vestry</i>	08 TRIAD DEADLINE 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	09 7:00pm Deacons meet in Vestry & by Zoom	10 6pm Memorial Gifts/Vestry & Zoom 7pm Choir Rehearsal/Vestry 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	11	12 9AM – 10:30AM AA CLEANING/ HALL
13 10am Worship/Sanct & Zoom Fellowship Hr: <i>The Bachand's</i>	14 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL 6-9pm LAST ONE - CCLI Class/Vestry	15 7pm Trustees/Vestry & Zoom 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	16	17 7pm Choir Rehearsal/Vestry 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	18	19 9AM – 10:30AM AA CLEANING/ HALL 9am – 5pm SCRAPBOOK GROUP/VESTRY
20 10am Worship/Sanct & Zoom Fellowship Hr: <i>The Nominating Committee – Keith Darling, Martha McHatton, Dennis Cloutier & Kathy Trowbridge</i> 11:30am – 1pm DROP OFF CHILDREN'S CLOTHING & SCHOOL SUPPLIES/HALL	21 NO LINE DANCE/HALL 1-5pm DROP OFF CHILDREN'S CLOTHING & SCHOOL SUPPLIES/HALL	22 TRIAD DEADLINE NO LINE DANCE/HALL 1-5pm DROP OFF CHILDREN'S CLOTHING & SCHOOL SUPPLIES/HALL 7:00pm Mission Committee meets in Vestry & Zoom	23 1-5pm DROP OFF CHILDREN'S CLOTHING & SCHOOL SUPPLIES/HALL	24 1-7pm CLOTHING GIVE- a-WAY/HALL NO LINE DANCE/HALL 7pm Choir Rehearsal/Vestry	25 1-7pm CLOTHING GIVE-a- WAY/HALL	26 9AM – 10:30AM AA CLEANING/ HALL 9am PUMPKIN DELIVERY TODAY! Help Wanted. 9am – 5pm Scrapbook Group/Vestry
27 10am Worship in the VESTRY Today & by Zoom Fellowship Hr: BREAKFAST CHURCH – Be sure to let the Church office know what you will bring.	28 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	29 6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	30			NOTE: AA Group meets every Sunday 6-9pm/Hall

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Services of: September 6 & 13, 2026

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