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

June 22, 2025

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sermon: "Who Is It About?"
(Elijah's Story)

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-15a

Fellowship Hr: Gil Reynders
for the Mission Committee

June 17, 2025

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June 29, 2025

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sermon: *Elijah's Story Continues*
Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Fellowship Hr:
The Women's Christian Fellowship



Pastor's Pondering - Pride in our Church

For several months we have been talking about claiming our church as an Open and Affirming Congregation (ONA). ONA is a formal designation for churches who have chosen to vote a statement about their inclusivity of people regardless of race, background, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, economics, physical, mental, and emotional abilities etc. We have been claiming this as part of our Worship Welcome each week as a reflection of what we have been saying and believing about our church all along.

One June 1st we held a Special Meeting of our congregation. Though it was our first Summer Worship time we had a heartwarming response of folks who joined us onsite and online. When it came time for discussion and questions after the initial presentation of the statement there was no need for comments. Our church was already there and voted unanimously for the statement shown below:

*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."
(John 13:34)*

Following the One who we believe is Sovereign and Savior, we affirm that each individual is a beloved child of God. Therefore, we, the Central Congregational Church of Attleboro Falls, UCC, value and welcome God's diversity in our congregation. We are an Open and Affirming (ONA) church, believing that each of us is created in God's image. We celebrate everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive, or emotional abilities, education, or spiritual and religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and mission of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe and nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"

We commit ourselves to the ongoing work of being an ONA congregation, one that lives out the belief that God is still speaking. With God's grace, we journey together in Christian faith."

It was a blessed and faithful way to begin Pride month in our community and world. We claim our place along the spectrum of theological opinions and scriptural interpretations. And it is a place that is so very needed in our world where the incidence of hate and harm against our LGBTQ+ siblings is on the rise. Love is just Love. We affirm, as we believe our faith affirms, any love that is mutual, tender, self-giving and life giving. And the world needs as much of that kind of love as possible.

CENTRAL CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 17th

7:00pm Trustees/Vestry & Zoom

6:30-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Thursday, June 19th

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6:30-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Friday, June 20th

4-7pm NA GIRL SCOUTS MEET/Hall

(Last one for the summer)

Saturday, June 21st

9am -5pm Scrapbook Group meets/Vestry

Sunday, June 22nd

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: *Gil Reynders for the Mission Committee*

6-9pm AA GROUP/HALL

Monday, June 23rd

6:30pm PRAYER GROUP meets by Zoom (only).

6:30-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Tuesday, June 24th

TRIAD DEADLINE for all July Info.

6:30-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Wednesday, June 25th

68th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Thursday, June 26th

6:30-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Saturday, June 28th

NORTH ATTLEBORO PRIDE FESTIVAL:

Our church has secured a table space at the North Attleboro Pride Festival on Saturday, June 28th from 2-6pm at Veteran's Park and the Town Hall. We will have a banner, Frisbees and candy to give away and flyers that tell our story of affirmation and love. We welcome anyone who wants to take a turn covering our table during that time, joining Rev. Don, who plans to be there the whole time. BYO lawn or folding chair. If you can help please contact Rev. Don. revrem@comcast.net

Sunday, June 29th

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: *Women's Christian Fellowship*

6-9pm AA GROUP/HALL

Monday, June 30th

No LINE DANCE Tonight

Friday, July 4th

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Sunday, July 6th

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom with Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. John Fisk, Pastor Emeritus from First Baptist Church/Attleboro.

Fellowship Hr: *TBA*

6-9pm AA GROUP/HALL

Thursday, July 10th

6:00pm Memorial Gifts/Vestry & Zoom

6:30-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Sunday, July 13th

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom with Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. John Fisk, Pastor Emeritus from First Baptist Church/Attleboro.

Fellowship Hr: *Deacon, Pam Morse*

6-9pm AA GROUP/HALL

Our Parish Register

Please submit names for the July Prayer List by 06/24/2025.

Jacqui, Harry, Rev Carole, Ed, Jen, Gary, Jeannine, Richard, Judy, Megan, Kristen, Mark, Madi, Charlotte, Ricardo, Jermaine, Wilburt, Lorna, Carmen, Karen, Suzanne, Sandy, Del, Tyler, Rich, Alicia and Family, Kathy, Frank, Heather Ann, Sally, Wyatt, Barbara, Lorrie, Jose, Lee Ann.

TRIAD DEADLINES

to submit news and information:

Tuesdays, June 24 for all of July and July 22 for all of August.

**NEW 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**

June Birthdays

04 Emery Macie
09 Michael Riendeau
10 Ann Dupre
10 Amelia Macie
12 Dennis Bisio
14 Beth Bolles

COMMITTEE CORNER

From the Board of Deacons

Our next meeting will be held
on **Wednesday, September 10, 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!

Refuge and Revelation: Our Southern New England United Church of Christ Conference:

<https://www.sneucc.org/impact-report>

"Welcome to the Southern New England Conference Impact Report! There are seasons in our shared life when the Church is called to be more than a refuge, we are called to be a revelation. To show the world what it looks like to love boldly, to act justly, and to walk humbly with God even amid the tremors of history. I believe this past year was such a season, and you, the people of the Southern New England Conference, met that moment with holy courage.

I hope you see the signs of this as you walk through our 2025 Impact Report." ~ Rev. Darrell Goodwin, Executive Conference Minister

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.

16 Ashley (Peterson) Cavalieri
21 Nick Lockavitch
23 Ken McHatton
28 Will Bachand
28 Beverley Drayton

TO ALL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

In case you were planning to clean out your areas in the Church or CE Buildings over the Summer, these are the dates the dumpster is scheduled to be emptied:
June 17th, July 15th and August 12th.

From Dave Valerio, Music Director

Seeking vocalists and musicians to play/sing special music during worship on Sunday mornings in June, July & 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, June 17, 2025
at 7:00pm / Vestry & Zoom.

From the Christian Education Committee

Our next meeting will be announced.

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, July 10th, 2025
at 6:00pm/Vestry & Zoom

Our newest members to be memorialized on our bulletin board by Memorial Gifts are Willa Hamant, Dennis Hillman and Ginnie Hillman. Willa was a member of our church and served on the Mission Committee and was a faithful assistant to processing the Triad back when we printed over 240 copies for US Mailing. Ginnie was a longtime member of our church and served in a variety of capacities including Vice President and President of the Women's Union, a church Trustee and a member of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee. Dennis Hillman died less than 2 years after his mother, Ginnie. Mr. Hillman returned to North Attleboro from Maine to be a caregiver

to his mother. He was also a longtime member of our church. Be sure and take a look in the vestry during Fellowship hour and pay tribute to them.

From the Prayer Fellowship Group

"Prayer Fellowship—Refreshing Moments with God!"

**Dates: Monday's: June 23rd, July 14th & 28th,
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=b2krNFNOODRlTQjVWVRZSDJTVnc5dz09>

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

June & July Mission – KIDS' SUMMER CAFÉ – FREE MEALS & NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED



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.

Specific dates and locations will be released as soon as received. Annually the program begins late June, after local schools close for the summer.

Monetary Donations are being accepted through June and July - 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.

AAIC Mission: *Inspired by diverse faiths and shared values, Attleboro Area Interfaith Collaborative advances a healthy, secure, and meaningful life for all within our community.*

AAIC Vision: *With multi-faith understanding and compassion, Attleboro Area Interfaith Collaborative alleviates hunger, promotes stability, and inspires the community to thrive.*

UPDATES and OUTCOMES:

MAY MISSION – Project Bread - WALK FOR HUNGER

Although the 'Walk for Hunger' event has taken place, Project Bread is still receiving donations supporting their efforts to support and decrease the number of families dealing with food insecurity in Massachusetts. Donations made through our church are being received through Sunday, June 8th. Our participant, Bill Bentley, completed his twenty-mile walk, supporting Project Breads' Walk for Hunger on Friday, May 2.

TWO WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE to help Bill Bentley exceed his fundraising GOAL!

On-Line Giving: Go to www.projectbread.org

Follow the directions: 1/After the site opens click on **The Walk for Hunger 2025**. 2/Click on **2025 Event**. Scroll down to **Support A Fundraiser**. In box provided type **William J Bentley Sr** 3/ Click on Bill's Name 4. Proceed to select payment method and complete transaction.

IF On-line giving is not preferred, write a check payable to Central Congregational Church. On the memo line write 'Project Bread'. We'll be sure your gifts are designated for Bill toward achieving his goal.



In the picture here, Bill is wearing his Walk for Hunger pin vest with the nineteen badges received for participation and fund-raising efforts. Over 19 years Bill has raised over \$38,000. He hopes to break \$40K this year!

Our International Sponsorship Programs for Children

- **Tibetan Refugee Self Help Center, Darjeeling, India**
The new child we are sponsoring through UCC Global Ministries Child & Elder Sponsorship Program is **TENZIN YANGZOM**. She is 8 years of age having celebrated her birthday on January 12th. 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 free education, in both Hindu and English, and textbooks and school supplies. Please pray for Tenzin, her family and all of the families and children at the center.

- **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 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

Lenore's Pantry – 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. Be sure to write 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.

God Always Remembers

By Lillian Sumner

(A Church Member from Confirmation in 1925 – until her passing in 2018. A remarkable 93 years!)

God always remembers to send the sun
to waken His people and say, “Day's begun”.

He always remembers to send the rain,
refreshing the hills, the valley, the plain.

He always remembers the buds for the trees,
the flowers, the blossoms and tiniest leaves.

He always remembers the birds in Spring,
and hurries them north on jubilant wing.

He always remembers at close of day,
to set the sun in a beautiful way.

Painting the clouds a delicate hue
in splendor no artist on earth can do.

He always remembers to send the night
to rest us and help us to start the day right.

Now, if all of these things never slip God's mind
then isn't He able to guide your life and mine?



Why Go to Church?

A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher. "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

From: Baldwin UP Church, Pittsburgh, PA

The End of Slavery

At the close of the eighteenth century the slave trade was a thriving and very big business. Prominent families held slaves and interests in the slave business, a vast swathe of people depended on slavery for their livelihoods, and public opinion was undisturbed by it. When Clarkson threw in his lot with a small group of Quakers in opposition to the trade the odds of success were seemingly impossible.

On May 22, 1787 Clarkson and about a dozen others met in the James Phillip Bookstore for the first official meeting of the Committee of the Slave Trade. They devised a strategy to gather intelligence on the trade, expose its inhumanity via pamphlets, posters and public lectures, and build momentum for a banning of the British slave trade. Clarkson became their only full time anti-slavery campaigner. He travelled tirelessly throughout England seeking to gather intelligence on the slave trade and to draw people's attention to its cruelty and inhumanity.

The task was incredibly difficult. Few of those involved in the slavery business would talk to him; he received death threats, and at least one attempt on his life; many mocked him. In that first year he noted

I began now to tremble, for the first time, at the arduous task I had undertaken, of attempting to subvert one of the branches of the commerce of the great place which was

then before me.... I questioned whether I should even get out of it alive.

Yet the tide of opinion began to turn. Petitions containing thousands of names started to find their way to Parliament. More people joined themselves to the cause, including the potter Josiah Wedgewood, who crafted a relief of a kneeling slave with the words "Am I not a man and a brother?" that became a popular and influential adornment, and parliamentarian William Wilberforce, who championed the cause in Parliament. Hundreds of thousands stopped using sugar, the major slave produced good in England, and slave-free sugar started appearing. The autobiography of freed slave Olauda Equiano became a best seller and many heard him speak.

Within five years of that first meeting at the James Phillip bookstore public opinion had turned against the slave trade. Parliament however would take longer to conquer. William Wilberforce was the spearhead of the parliamentary campaign.

So enormous, so dreadful, so irremediable did the trade's wickedness appear that my own mind was completely made up for abolition. Let the consequences be what they would; I from this time determined that I would never rest until I had effected its abolition

Like Clarkson, Wilberforce met with fierce opposition and derision. Admiral Horatio Nelson for example, condemned "the damnable doctrine of Wilberforce and his hypocritical allies". He also found the support of colleagues such as the Prime Minister, William Pitt. Bills against the trade were moved in 1791, 1792, 1793, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1804, and 1805, all without success, until on February 27, 1807 a bill for the abolition of the slave trade passed the House by a vote of 283 to 16. The anti slavery activists had assumed that once the shipping of slaves was outlawed slavery would collapse. This assumption proved naive. While no more slaves were shipped, slaves continued to be held on British owned plantations in the West Indies and their children enslaved. This set off continued campaigning. A mass uprising of slaves in 1831 signalled the oppression of slaves was no longer sustainable, and in 1833 the Emancipation Act finally saw the end of British slavery. It took fifty six years, but who'd have thought that from that meeting of a dozen people in the James Phillip Bookstore on May 22, 1787, armed with nothing but their determination and their voices, would issue such a result?

Source: StoriesForPreaching.com



June 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
01 THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION 9:30am Worship/Sanct & Zoom Fellowship Hr: Frank Bonfilio 5-9:30pm AA Group/Hall	02 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	03 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	04 7:00pm EXEC COUNCIL/Vestry & Zoom	05 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	06	07
08 PENTECOST SUNDAY – PLS WEAR RED TO CHURCH. BAPTISM TODAY. 9:30am Worship/Sanct & Zoom Fellowship Hr: Nancy Brigham 5-9:30pm AA Group/Hall	09 6:30PM PRAYER GROUP/ ONLINE ONLY 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	10 TRIAD DEADLINE 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	11 6:30pm DEACONS and CE COMMITTEE MEET TOGETHER /Vestry & Zoom	12 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	13 4-7pm GIRL SCOUTS/HALL	14 FLAG DAY
15 TRINITY SUNDAY FATHERS' DAY 9:30am Worship/Sanct & Zoom Fellowship Hr: Heather Bonfilio 5-9:30pm AA Group/Hall	16 NO LINE DANCE TONIGHT	17 7:00pm TRUSTEES /Vestry & Zoom 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL Dumpster due to be emptied today.	18	19 JUNETEENTH 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	20 4-7pm GIRL SCOUTS/HALL – Last one for the Summer.	21 9am – 5pm SCRAPBOOK GROUP/VESTRY
22 9:30am Worship/Sanct & Zoom Fellowship Hr: Gil Reynders 5-9:30pm AA Group/Hall	23 6:30PM PRAYER GROUP/ ONLINE ONLY 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	24 TRIAD DEADLINE for ALL JULY NEWS & INFO 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	25 68th ANIVERSARY OF THE UCC	26 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	27	28 2-6pm PRIDE EVENT at Veteran's Park in NA
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Services of: June 22 & 29, 2025

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