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

May 25, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

~ MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ~

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

Sermon: "Beyond the Stained Glass"

Fellowship Hr: Sally Robinson
for the Mission Committee

May 20, 2025

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June 1, 2025

7th Sunday of Easter

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Sermon: "Behave"

Fellowship Hr: Trustee, Frank Bonfilio

**SEE WARRANT for a SPECIAL MEETING
– DISCUSSION AND VOTE - TODAY after
the 9:30am Worship Service/Vestry.**

WARRANT FOR A SPECIAL MEETING

CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ATTLEBORO FALLS, MASSACHUSETTS

In accordance with the by-laws of Central Congregational Church, Article VI, Section 2 (c), a special meeting is called for **Sunday, June 1, 2025 following the 9:30am worship service, in the Vestry.** The purpose of the meeting is to act upon the following business:

Article I - To discuss and Vote upon the following statement in order for us to become a recognized Open and Affirming Congregation:

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Article II – To act upon any other business that may come before the Special Meeting.

Kate Marsland

Moderator

CENTRAL CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 20th

7:00pm Trustees meet/Vestry & Zoom

6:30-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Thursday, May 22nd

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal—*Last One for the season.*

Vocalists and Musicians—please look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Vestry if you would like to provide special music during worship over the summer months or speak with Dave Valerio.

6:30-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Sunday, May 25th

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

10am Worship/Sanctuary *This is the Last Sunday for the Choir to sing during Worship for the Summer season.*

Fellowship Hr: Sally Robinson for the Mission Committee

5-9pm AA GROUP/HALL

Monday, May 26th

MEMORIAL DAY

6:30pm Prayer Group Meets by Zoom (only)

Tuesday, May 26th

TRIAD DEADLINE to submit news and information.

7:00pm Mission Committee meets/Vestry & Zoom

6:30-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Thursday, May 29th

ASCENSION DAY

6:30-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Friday, May 30th

4-7pm NA Girl Scouts meet/Hall

Sunday, June 1st

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr:

Trustee, Frank Bonfilio

5-9pm AA GROUP/HALL

Wednesday, June 4th

7:00pm Executive Council/Vestry & Zoom

Thursday, June 5th

6:30-9pm LINE DANCE/Hall

Sunday, June 8th

BAPTISM TODAY –

For Bowen Gasque

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Deacons, TBA

Monday, June 9th

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

Tuesday, June 10th

TRIAD DEADLINE

Wednesday, June 11th

7:00pm Deacons meet/Vestry

Friday, June 13th

4-7pm NA GIRL SCOUTS MEET/Hall

Sunday, June 15th

FATHERS' DAY

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: TBA

Tuesday, June 17th

7:00pm Trustees/Vestry & Zoom

Thursday, June 19th

JUNETEENTH

Our Parish Register

Please submit names for the June Prayer List by 05/27/2025.

Jacqui, Harry, Rev Carole, Ed, Jen, Gary, Jeannine, Richard, Judy, Megan, Kristen, Mark, Madi, Charlotte, Calvin, Estelle, John, Jack, Cheryl, Greg, Nancy, Ricardo, Jermaine, Wilburt, Lorna, Carmen, Karen, Suzanne, Sandy, Del, Tyler.

TRIAD DEADLINES

to submit news and information:

Tuesdays,

May 27, June 10

June 24 for all of July

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**

May Birthdays

02 Joanne Whitelaw (Krasner)
04 Valerie Welch-Ovoian
04 Frank Bonfilio
07 Michael Tolivaisa
10 Megan Bonfilio
15 Mark Trowbridge
17 Cheryl Rogers
18 Kathryn McNamara
20 Eve Pecora
21 Joan Lindstrom

22 Derek MacLeod
23 Emily DiSalvio
25 Julie Goss
26 Kyle Trowbridge
26 HeatherAnn Krasner
28 Nick Darling
29 Madison Follett
30 Ryan Marsland
30 Anna Marsland
30 Kailey Lockavitch

COMMITTEE CORNER

From the Board of Deacons

Our next meeting will be held
on **Wednesday, June 11, 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!**

ANNUAL UCC CONFERENCE

Saturday, June 6, 2025

9am—1pm

Online (Only)

*Rev Don is attending along with Kathy Dolley
and Tammy Matthews.*

From the Board of Trustees

Our next meeting will be held on

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

at 7:00pm / Vestry & Zoom.

***MANY THANKS to all who came out for our Annual
Spring Clean-up Day held on May 3rd. A special
THANKS to the AA Group members
for lending a hand!***

From the Christian Education Committee

Our next meeting will be announced.

Celebrate with us the successful purchase of 2 flocks of chicks, 1 goat, and a honeybee colony through Heifer International due to the year - long fundraising of the Sunday School! On Sunday, May 11th, we announced to the kids that we were able to collect \$201.00 with our Heifer change banks. As part of our celebration in Sunday School, kids selected the animals they wanted to specifically purchase. Good news! The Sunday School gift will be matched by Heifer International, doubling the blessings for families in need! For more information regarding Heifer International check out Heifer.org. We hope you were able to join us for the Children's Day events on May 18th. The kids brought much joy to the worship service as they rapped with L'I Shar, sang with the Choir, and shared what they learned about Life's Steet Signs. Our little ones in Miss Donna and Miss Julie's class spread smiles throughout the congregation as they received the morning offering and Danny Wilanson "lit up the room" as the acolyte for the day. The Church Family picnic that followed the service was a wonderful time of fellowship and fun encouraged by DJ Tyler Valerio and our "Mr. Dave." A big thank you to our wonderful grill men, Rich Goss and Keith Darling, for cooking up delicious burgers and dogs! Sunday School is on hiatus for the summer, but we will meet up in September to begin our "Trip on Route 66". Have a wonderful summer and don't forget the church is always open at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings!

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 Executive Council

Our next meeting will be held
Wednesday, June 4, 2025
at 7:00pm/Vestry & Zoom

From the Prayer Fellowship Group

"Prayer Fellowship—Refreshing Moments with God!"

Dates: Monday's: May 26th, June 9th & 23rd
(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=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.

From the Mission Committee

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, May 27, 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

MAY MISSION 2025

Project Bread - WALK FOR HUNGER

BACKGROUND: For 19 years Bill Bentley has participated in and completed the twenty-mile Walk for Hunger held annually by Project Bread. The actual 20-mile walk that took place in Boston for many years was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID. In 2022, the Walk for Hunger was promoted as a virtual walk to be completed locally. Bill planned his route. Walking it three times he achieved twenty miles! Since 2023 Project Bread has promoted a one-mile route through the Boston Common. Participants are encouraged to complete the one-mile loop three times, or as many times as they desire. Bill sticks to the 20-mile walk!

THIS YEAR: On Sunday, May 4th, the Walk for Hunger took place at the Boston Common.

For Bill, this was the 20th year he participated in the 'Walk for Hunger'! Let's support the work of PROJECT BREAD providing food to organizations that operate meal programs or pantries providing food for individuals and families experiencing food insecurity.

TWO WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE to help Bill 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 below (next page) Bill is wearing his Walk for Hunger pin vest with the 19 badges received for participation and fund-raising efforts. Over 19 years Bill has raised over \$38,000. He hopes to break \$40K this year!



GET INTO THE ACTION! When you decide you're donating, be creative!

1/ Why not consider a dollar amount per mile times the twenty miles Bill is walking. 2/ Another option for 'walkers! Set a personal donation goal per mile for yourself for one or several days in a selected week. Let's say you'll give \$5 for every mile you walk. Enjoy your walk and contribute that amount toward Bill's goal. 3/ Or make it a family fun walk! As a group, set your contribution goal per mile. Multiply miles completed by the number of walkers in your group. Make your donation.

UPDATES and OUTCOMES:

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 Hindi 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.

RE: BECOMING AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION.

Friends,

For the past several months we have been expanding out worship Welcome with a more inclusive statement. We've talked about this with Executive Council and Deacons as we developed that Welcome. Those conversations led to a deeper reflection about becoming an Open and Affirming congregation.

An Open and Affirming (ONA) congregation is one that our UCC Denomination recognizes as explicitly and intentionally welcoming a full and specific diversity of people into the full life of the church. Our Triad and our website have included that Welcome statement and you can see the diversity named within it. Every conversation we have heard around this idea has been affirming of moving forward. Often folks expressed that this was overdue.

Our Executive Council recommended forming a team to draft an official Open And Affirming statement, following the UCC guidelines, which we could bring to our congregation for discussion and vote. We emailed and mentioned the formation of this team in our communications and announcements to seek any insight or ideas from our congregation.

That team was gathered and reviewed ONA materials from our UCC denomination's website. That included some recommended models and specific guidelines for ONA statements. The team used this as a basis to help craft the statement below.

This process and statement was sent to all of our church's leadership for reflection and input. All of that was gathered to our Executive Council who affirmed the statement and process and voted to bring this to a congregational meeting for vote.

On June 1st, after church, we are calling a Special Meeting (SEE WARRANT ON PAGE 1) where we'll have a chance to review and discuss the statement and vote on it so that we can be recognized as an Open and Affirming Congregation.

Here is the statement that has been crafted and affirmed by our church leadership:

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Rev. Don Remick,
Interim Pastor



May 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	TH	FRI	SAT
REVISED 05/06/2025				01 7pm Choir/Vestry 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	02 4-7pm GIRL SCOUTS/HALL	03
04 <i>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</i> 151st Anniversary of CCC <i>Remembrance of Departed WCF Members</i> 9:45am Sunday School/Hall 10am Worship/Sanct & Zoom Fellowship Hr: Dan DiSalvio 5-9:30pm AA Group/Hall	05 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	06 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	07 7:00pm EXEC COUNCIL/Vestry & Zoom	08 6:00pm Memorial Gifts/Vestry & Zoom 7pm Choir/Vestry 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	09	10
11 MOTHERS' DAY 9:45am Sunday School/Hall 10am Worship/Sanct & Zoom Fellowship Hr: Martha McHatton 5-9:30pm AA Group/Hall	12 6:30PM PRAYER GROUP/ ONLINE ONLY 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	13 TRIAD DEADLINE 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	14 7:00pm DEACONS/Vestry & Zoom	15 7pm Choir/Vestry 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	16 4-7pm GIRL SCOUTS/HALL	17 9am – 5pm SCRAPBOOK GROUP/VESTRY 1-5PM BDAY PARTY / HALL RENTAL
18 CHILDRENS' DAY 10am Worship/Sanct & Zoom NO FELLOWSHIP HR – COME TO THE ALL CHURCH COOKOUT /CE LAWN 5-9:30pm AA Group/Hall	19 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	20 7:00pm TRUSTEES /Vestry & Zoom 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	21	22 7pm Choir/Vestry – LAST ONE for the Season. 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	23	24
25 10am Worship/Sanct & Zoom FELLOWSHIP HR: <i>Peggy Robinson for the Mission Committee</i>	26 MEMORIAL DAY 6:30PM PRAYER GROUP/ ONLINE ONLY 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	27 7:00PM MISSION COMMITTEE MEETS/VESTRY 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	28	29 ASCENSION DAY 7-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL	30 4-7pm GIRL SCOUTS/HALL	31

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