

TRIAD God Church Family

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Worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00am In-person and Online

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Worship at **10:00am** in-person
in the Sanctuary and Online by Zoom.

Sermon: "The Wrong Question?"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Fellowship Hour: The Mission Committee

9:45am Sunday School Meets—Hall

11:00am Parent Meeting,

"Growing Up in This Age" /Daggett Lounge.

All Parents welcome to attend.

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January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship at **10:00am** in-person
in the Sanctuary and Online by Zoom.

Sermon: "Happiness"

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Fellowship Hour:

Women's Christian Fellowship

9:45am Sunday School Meets—Hall

HOLD THE DATE:

As announced on Sunday, December 11th, the first 'Future of Our Church' Meeting, led by our consultant, Rev. Don Remick, is scheduled for **Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.** (Location—tba)

The purpose for this orientation meeting is to anchor church leadership and membership in the fundamental principles, the process, and the timeline as we begin this initiative of seeking, discerning and understanding God's vision for transforming our church.

Please block this date and time in your calendar and make a personal commitment to be in attendance! Pizza will be served.

Please RSVP by January 17th

by Calling the Church Office at 508 699 7700 or send an email to centralucc@verizon.net.

Or, look for the sign-up sheet in the vestry on the bulletin board by the stairway or the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the office hallway.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ATTLEBORO FALLS, MASSACHUSETTS

In accordance with the by-laws of Central Congregational church, Article VI, Section 2 (a), the 148th Annual Meeting is called for **Sunday, January 29, 2023**, at 11 AM in the Vestry and via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to act upon the following business:

Article I - To receive and approve the Annual Reports of the Officers, Boards, Committees and Auxiliary organizations of the church

Article II - To hear a report on the use of the 2022 Bequest funds

Article III – To hear a report on the "Future of Our Church"

Article IV – To report on potential capital improvements

Article V – To discuss and fund a new electronic sign outside the Christian Education Building

Article VI – To hear and discuss a plan in the event of an active shooter.

Article VIII - To remember our departed members.

Article VIII – To act upon the report of the Nominating Committee

Article IX – To act upon any other business that may come before the Annual Meeting.

Robert Ovoian,

Moderator

Central Church Calendar

Tuesday, January 17th

7:00pm Trustees meet- Vestry & Zoom

Thursday, January 19th

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Saturday, January 21st

5:00pm *The Future of Our Church* committee holds an informational meeting for the Congregation tonight. **See front page for more details.**

Sunday, January 22nd

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary & by Zoom

Fellowship hr: *Mission Committee*

11:00am PARENT MEETING

“Growing Up in This Age” presented by the CE Committee/Daggett Lounge

Tuesday, January 24th

TRIAD DEADLINE

Thursday, January 26th

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Sunday, January 29th

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and by Zoom **Fellowship Hr: *Women’s Christian Fellowship***

**January 29th—Continued...
The 148th ANNUAL MEETING of Central Congregational Church takes place in the vestry following Worship Today. See Warrant on Page 1. All church members are encouraged to attend.**

Wednesday, February 1st

No Executive Council Meeting this month. See you on March 1st!

Thursday, February 2nd

7:00pm Mission Committee meets in the Vestry & by Zoom

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Sunday, February 5th COMMUNION

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and by Zoom with the **Sacrament of Holy Communion.**

Fellowship Hr: Trustee, Kathy Dolley

Monday, February 6th

7:00pm PARENT SUPPORT GROUP meets in Daggett Lounge

Tuesday, February 7th

TRIAD DEADLINE

7:00pm CE Committee meets in the Vestry & by Zoom.

Wednesday, February 8th

12noon WCF meets for lunch—offsite.

Thursday, February 9th

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Sunday, February 12th

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and by Zoom

Fellowship Hr: *Deacons*

Tuesday, February 14th

7:00pm Deacons?

Our Parish Register

At Home Jen DiSalvio, Roberta Bumpus, Loretta Lomov, Richard Lamoureux, Ed Dyer, Ben, Eamon (Jan Meierdiercks’ Grandson) Bob Krajewski (Deb Trowbridge’s husband), Nancy Kelly (Kathy Trowbridge’s Mom), Sandy Thibodeau.

Residing in Elder Care...

Carolyn Farrell

The Falls at Cordingly Dam
2300 Washington St.
Newton Lower-Falls, MA 02462

Jackie Glass

Maples Rehab and Nursing Center
90 Taunton St., Wrentham, MA 02093

Our Sympathy to...

Deb Trowbridge on the death of her husband of nearly 30 years, **Robert J. Krajewski** on Dec 29th. Calling Hours will be held on Saturday, Jan 21st from 1-3pm with a service to follow at Dyer-Lake Funeral Home in Attleboro Falls, MA.

TRIAD DEADLINES to submit information:

**Tuesdays—
January 10th & 24th
February 7th & 21st**

January Birthdays

01 Hunter Wilanson	05 Kim Burroughs	11 Kaitlyn DiSalvio	23 Shayla Bolles
03 Tyler Valerio	05 Chad Winship	11 Melissa Dunbar	27 Ryan Spooner
03 Gretchen Morin	09 Robert L. Glass	17 Nancy Tolivaisa	27 Tom Lockavitch
03 Lauren Bisio	09 Amber Follett	19 Lee Ann Spooner	28 Laurel Peter
04 Brian Meierdiercks	09 Joe Brigham	20 Steve Martino	30 Bridget Bolles
04 Abigail Jones	11 Juliana Carpenter	21 Emily Brigham	31 Stacey Boss



From the Future of the Church Leadership Team

DON'T FORGET TO BLOCK THIS DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR: SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Future of Our Church meeting lead by Rev. Don Remick. PIZZA will be served! Therefore, please email the church or call Kathy Trowbridge in the Church Office to confirm your attendance TODAY!

The Future of Our Church Initiative is about coming together as church members to seek God's guidance and to understand and discern His vision for growing and transforming our church, so we will become more relevant in meeting the needs of people in our community.

Prayer Group Formation: As encouraged by Rev. Remick, a Prayer Group is being formed for grounding our visioning process in prayer. Gil Reynders has volunteered to guide and coordinate this important process. **We are seeking volunteers interested in joining the group.** If you are willing and/or interested in receiving more insight regarding expectations, **contact Gil directly by calling or texting him at 508-594-9619 or through conversation following Sunday worship.** You may also express your interest by calling the church office, speaking with Kathy Trowbridge, who will notify Gil of your call.

Leadership Team: Our group meeting is scheduled at 7:00 PM on January 11, 2023. Meeting will be held in the Vestry and through Zoom.

Reflection:

"Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes."
– Carl Jung

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

From the Board of Deacons

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 7:00pm Vestry & Zoom.**
To Join us in Zoom Worship:

(Please sign in a few minutes early to check your audio and video)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/2148198082>
Meeting ID: 214 819 8082

From the Board of Trustees

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Vestry & by Zoom.**

From the Christian Education Committee

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00pm in the Vestry and by Zoom.**

◆ **Sunday School Kids Care Mission**
During the month of **January** we will be collecting **breakfast** food items to donate to Lenore's Pantry. Suggested items include: cold cereals, pop tarts, cereal bars, pancake mix, Carnation instant breakfast, muffin mixes, non-refrigerated juice boxes, Parmalat milk (canned).

◆ **Parent Meeting on "Growing Up in This Age"**
The CE Committee will be hosting a meeting for parents of children in grades 1st – 6th grade on **Sunday, January 22nd in Daggett Lounge immediately following Sunday School.** This meeting is to raise awareness of what kids are encountering *growing up in this age.* Amy Riendeau will join us as a parent guest to share from her professional experience as a NP working in the Hasbro Emergency Room. There will be an activity planned for the children in the CE Hall while parents meet. If you have any questions, you can contact Sharilyn Hepburn at sharilyn.hepburn@gmail.com.

◆ **Parent Support Group**
We will be starting a parent support group for parents and caregivers of children dealing with mental health and behavioral challenges, such as anxiety, depression and/or substance abuse. Our hope in offering this group is to provide an opportunity for parents dealing with similar experiences and challenges to meet together to provide support and help to each other. This group will

meet once a month on Monday night. The first meeting will be on **Monday, February 6th at 7 pm in Daggett Lounge.** If you have any questions, you can contact Sharilyn Hepburn at sharilyn.hepburn@gmail.com.

◆ **Youth Group – SAVE THE DATE**
Our next Youth Group gathering will be on **Sunday, February 5th.** Details will be shared in the coming weeks.

Questions on Sunday School or Youth Group? Interested in being added to the Sunday School and Youth Group Facebook groups? Contact Sharilyn Hepburn at 781-704-5454, sharilyn.hepburn@gmail.com or message on Facebook.

From the Memorial Gifts Committee

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 12th at 6:00pm** in the Vestry & by Zoom.

From the Executive Council

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00pm in the Vestry and by Zoom.**
This gives the Boards and Committees a chance to meet and organize prior to an Exec Council meeting.

From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is seeking to fill open positions on the Board of Trustees and the Board of Deacons, to be elected at our annual meeting on January 29th. If you'd like to find out more, please contact Rev Carole on/before January 17th. Without you volunteering to serve, our church's work will have to be done by *less* people doing *more* work or we will need to discuss which type of church work could be discontinued. Please prayerfully consider accepting a position on one of these Boards.



From the Stewardship Committee

New Year's resolutions to steward your life

Have any resolutions for 2023? (It's not too late to make them!) New Year's resolutions are a great way to boost the stewardship of your life. After all, resolutions are just goals for enriching our lives.

Here are some areas to consider:

Spirituality: Grow in faith by engaging spiritual practices. Resolve to pray and read scripture daily, attend worship, give generously, cultivate spiritual relationships, serve church and community.

Health: Gain vitality by resolving to lose weight, eat healthfully, exercise regularly, learn about health and nutrition and get checkups at your doctor and dentist.

Intellect: Keep your mind active by resolving to read books, check out educational programs and podcasts, take a class to learn a new language or skill.

Relationships: Resolve to make new friendships and deepen existing ones. Work on family relationships to strengthen bonds and bring people closer to you and other family members.

Leisure: Include resolutions to help you enjoy life! Vacations, hobbies, activities, getaways, day trips.

Financial: Get your financial house in order. Resolve to make and keep a budget, reduce debt, increase income, save more and become more learned in money matters.

We are stewards of the life that God has given us. For 2023, pray for God's guidance and make a few resolutions that address your priority issues. And pray for God's help in keeping them. Blessings for 2023!

--Rob Blezard

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As a reminder...

We have the option of using our online giving app through the church's website: [Home | Central Congregational Church of Attleboro Falls \(myvanco.com\)](#)

or by scanning the QR Code:



Please remember Central Congregational Church in your will and trusts.

From the Mission Committee

Our next meeting will be held on
Thursday, February 2, 2023
at 7:00pm

in-person in the Vestry & by 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

Bible Verse: "The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him." Psalm 28:7 (English Standard Version)

January 2023 Mission – Give the Gift of Warmth

During these uncertain times, thousands of local households, possibly in your own town or neighborhood, are facing the question, "Heat or eat?". The **Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund** is available to any Massachusetts resident who, because of temporary financial difficulty, cannot meet a month's energy expense and is not eligible for state or federal emergency assistance. Income must fall between 60% and 80% of the state's median income levels. **A household may qualify for up to \$500 in assistance.** Participating energy companies, like [North Attleboro Electric Company](#), participate assisting those in need and encouraging their customers to

contribute to the **Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund**. Statewide the utilities oversight committee for the Good Neighbor Energy Fund, selected The Salvation Army to administer this program. Committee members help with processing donations during the busy winter months. Marie McCabe, from North Attleboro Electric Department, is presently the Chairperson of the Good Neighbor Energy Fund.

When donating, please write Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund or GNEF on the memo line of your check. You may place your check in the offering plate during Sunday services or drop off your check donation at the church office on Tuesday's or Thursday's. You may also donate by using our on-line giving program through Vanco.

More information about GNEF is available online at: <http://magoodneighbor.org>

UPDATES & OUTCOMES

December Mission – The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross –

Thank-you for your contributions that to date total \$1,233.00! Through our generous giving to **The Christmas Fund**, many retired clergy, church staff, and their families will benefit as our gifts support their pensions, maintain supplemental health insurance and address unexpected emergency needs.

Year-Round Missions

Keep supporting **Lenore's Pantry** - Thanks for your frequent donations. The Sunday School has adopted Lenore's Pantry from October 2022 through May 2023 and will be providing donated food items each month! Food donations can be dropped off by placing in the bins provided in the CE building, outside the church office, or in the Vestry. Direct drop off of food donations at North Attleboro Town Hall, Lower Level, Board of Health, is still available weekdays.

Our **Shriner's Hospital** Aluminum Tab Collection continues. Join our regular contributors by saving the tabs from beverage cans and dropping them into the collection containers located in the vestry, found on the table under the Mission bulletin board, or the container on the counter outside the church office in the CE bulletin.



January 2023

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<p>1 <i>Holy Communion</i></p> <p>No Sunday School Today 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship HR: <i>Warna Reynders</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7pm CE Committee -Vestry & Zoom</p>	<p>4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No Exec Council this month.</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>7pm Mission Committee—Vestry & Zoom. 7:00pm CHOIR/Sanctuary</p>	<p>6</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>EPIPHANY</p> </div>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:45am Sunday School/Hall 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship HR: <i>Deacons—tba</i></p> <p>1pm Youth Group/Daggett</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 TRIAD DEADLINE 10am Help Wanted taking down Christmas decorations <u>/HALL</u> 7:00pm Deacons—Vestry & Zoom</p>	<p>11 12noon Women’s Christian Fellowship Luncheon—TBA 7:00pm Future of Our Church Committee <i>Leadership only meets/Vestry</i></p>	<p>12 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TODAY 6pm Memorial Gifts—Vestry & Zoom 7:00pm CHOIR/Sanctuary</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:45am Sunday School/Hall 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship HR: <i>Memorial Gifts—</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY</p>	<p>17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00pm Trustees—Vestry & Zoom</p>	<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN (Through 01/25)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00pm CHOIR/Sanctuary</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 5PM Future of Our Church—all invited for Update and Pizza— location—tba</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:45am Sunday School/Hall 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship HR: <i>Mission—</i> 11:00am PARENT MEETING “Growing Up in This Age”/Daggett Lounge</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TRIAD DEADLINE</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00pm CHOIR/Sanctuary</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship Hr: <i>Women’s Christian Fellowship</i> 11:30am ANNUAL MEETING/ VESTRY</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>31</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">REVISED 01/17/2023</p>

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ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR – *Dave Valerio*

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SECRETARY – *Kathy Trowbridge*

Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday - 8:30am–4:30pm