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God Church Family

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

April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

New Members Joining the Church Today

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

Sermon: "The Beginning of the Church"

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:9-10

Fellowship Hour:

Women's Christian Fellowship

April 25, 2023

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May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Rededication of Our Church**

***149th Anniversary of our Church**

***Women's Christian Fellowship**

Remembrance of Departed members

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

Sermon: "The Unknown God"

Scripture: Acts 17:22-37

Fellowship Hour: *Trustee, Dennis Cloutier*

Insight - Future of Our Church Initiative

PRAY SEEKING TO KNOW OUR 'WHY' AS A CHURCH - INDIVIDUAL DISCERNMENT STEPS

Step 1: Preparation Begin in silent prayer, then ask of your deepest, truest self, "What does God want of Central Congregational Church?" Then ask this question weekly. Keep the focus on what God is inviting you (us) to be or do. Even if you feel the answer is hard to determine.

Step 2: Holy Indifference to Outcome Can you be at peace with whatever God shows you in this discernment, regardless of the outcome? If not, ask God to help you with that. Do you desire to know what God wants in this situation? If there is fear or a block, acknowledge it and ask God for help.

Step 3: Practical Considerations What are the facts surrounding the original question, "What does God want of CCC?" What are the practical considerations and options? The pros and cons for each option? What beliefs and values affect the question?

Steps 4 -7 will be shared in the next Triad.

Below is the prayer provided on Palm Sunday to post at home on your refrigerator. Pause and quietly say the prayer throughout the week.

Please God, let me (us) be content for you to lead the way.

Help me (us) to be willing to live your plan each day.

*Keep me (us) very close to you all through the coming week,
and let my (our) heart(s) be open wide to hear you when you speak.*

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Central Church Calendar

Tuesday, April 25th

TRIAD DEADLINE

7:00pm Mission meets/Vestry & Zoom

Sunday, April 30th

NEW MEMBERS JOINING TODAY

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10:00am worship in person and by Zoom

Monday, May 1st

7:00pm **PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

meets in Daggett Lounge—3rd flr in CE Building.

Tuesday, May 2nd

TRIAD DEADLINE

7:00pm CE Meets in Vestry & Zoom

Wednesday, May 3rd

7:00pm Executive Council meets in Vestry & by Zoom

Thursday, May 4th

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Sunday, May 7th

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

REDEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH

Women's Christian Fellowship Remembrance of their departed Members.

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Trustee, Dennis Cloutier

1-3pm YOUTH GROUP/OUTDOOR GAMES

5:30-7pm TEEN OUTREACH/Vestry

Tuesday, May 9th

No Deacon Meeting this month—please set a reminder for the important June 13th meeting.

Wednesday, May 10th

12noon Women's Christian Fellowship meets at a restaurant for lunch—tba.

Thursday, May 11th

6:00pm Memorial Gifts/Vestry

7:00pm Choir/Sanctuary

CHURCH PARKING UPDATE:

We respectfully request all attendees for Sunday worship and weekday meetings to park in our own church lot. At the end of our lot, on the gravel, please park "Head-In", facing the dirt hill—not parallel to the dirt hill. You may also park along Towne Street on Sunday mornings and in our CE Building lot as space allows. **Please avoid** parking on the river bank "street" paved area. Those spaces are not our property and belong to our neighbors.

Thank you,
Board of Trustees.

Our Parish Register

At Home Jen DiSalvio, Roberta Bumpus, Loretta Lomov, Richard Lamoureux, Ed Dyer, Ben, Eamon (Jan Meierdiercks' Grandson), Sandy Thibodeau.

In the Hospital...

Paul Homer is at the Veteran's Hospital in Boston. Cards may be sent to him at home: 100 Taunton St. B120 Plainville, MA 02762

Residing in Elder Care...

Carolyn Farrell

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

Nancy Kelly (Kathy Trowbridge's Mom) is at the Maples in Wrentham. **Your prayers are gratefully appreciated.**



TRIAD DEADLINES

to submit information:

Tuesdays—

May 2nd, 16th & 30th

June 13th & 27th (For all of July info)

July 25th (for all of August info)

May Birthdays

03 Charlie Wroblewski	15 Mark Trowbridge	23 Emily DiSalvio	30 Ryan Marsland
04 Valerie Welch	17 Cheryl Rogers	23 Dexter Harmon	30 Anna Marsland
04 Frank Bonfilio	18 Kathryn McNamara	25 Julie Goss	30 Kailey Lockavitch
05 Hannah Barth	20 Eve Pecora	26 Kyle Trowbridge	31 Carolyn Farrell
06 David Burt	20 Claire Mattson	28 Nick Darling	
10 Megan Bonfilio	21 Joan Lindstrom	28 Andrew Silva	
12 Nathan Rubyck	22 Derek MacLeod	29 Madison Follett	



BEGINNING MARCH 19, 2023 NEW ZOOM LINK

To join us in Worship and to join in your church meetings—no waiting to be admitted:

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVRZSDJTUmc5dz09)

[j/2148198082?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVRZSDJTUmc5dz09)

[pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVRZSD](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVRZSDJTUmc5dz09)

[JTVnc5dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVRZSDJTUmc5dz09)

Meeting ID: 214 819 8082

Passcode: 1234

One tap mobile

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From the Board of Deacons

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
at 7:00pm Vestry & Zoom.

From the Board of Trustees

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, April 18, 2023
at 7:00pm Vestry & Zoom.
WE NEED Y—O—U !

All Hands needed for our Annual Spring Outdoor Clean-up day—**Saturday, May 6th starting at 10am.** Please let the church office or Rich Follett know if you will lend a hand. *More Hands Makes Lighter Work!*
Contact Rich by Calling
(no texting or email) 508 277 5056.
Please *BYO* Gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc.

Want to get more involved in the success of your church fundraisers?

Here's what we have coming up next and where we need your help:

May 20th Yard Sale—Volunteers needed to man the Food table, our own Yard Sale tables and help line the grass area for the renters, bring down tables and chairs from the Hall to outside, set up a tent. If you'd like to know more or sign up to lend a hand, please contact Mike Dunbar at Michael.dunbar@comcast.net.

June 3rd —Electronics Recycling Day

See Kathy Dolley to lend a hand on Saturday, June 3rd. Contact her at kadolley421@verizon.net
This is an easy one!
Come volunteer and see!

From the Christian Education Committee

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00pm
in the Vestry and by Zoom.

♦ **SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS CARE MISSION**

During the month of **April** we will be collecting **dinner food items** to donate to Lenore's Pantry. Suggested items include: **plain pasta, mac-n-cheese, hamburger helper, rice mixes, baked beans, Sloppy Joe Mix, Pasta Roni, Pasta Salad mixes.**

♦ **Parent Support Group**

Feeling alone living with a teen struggling with mental health issues? The Parent Support Group is an opportunity for parents and caregivers of children/teens dealing with mental health and behavioral challenges, such as anxiety, depression challenges, such as anxiety, depression and/or substance abuse to meet with other

parents dealing with similar experiences. The group meets once a month on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting is **May 1st at 7:00 pm** in the Daggett Lounge.

♦ **Vacation Bible School – SAVE THE DATE**

We are planning a one-night VBS on **Tuesday, June 27th from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.** Children in Kindergarten through 6th Grade are welcome to join us. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

♦ **Youth Group – Sunday, May 7th at 1pm meet at the CE Building for outdoor games.**

♦ **TEEN OUTREACH EVENT**

Our next Teen event will be on **Sunday, May 7th from 5:30-7:00pm.** Teens are invited for games and pizza in the Vestry.

****** MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS ALL—CHURCH EVENT ******

Children's Day Family Cookout – Sunday, May 21, 2023

Following the Children's Day Service on May 21st, we will have an **all church family cookout** in the yard of the CE Building. All members of the congregation are invited to join us for some food, fun and fellowship! **PLEASE sign-up on the RSVP Sheet in the Vestry or in the CE Building office hallway so we can have an idea on how many to cook for. If you are able, please bring a cold salad or dessert to share.**

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, May 11th
at 6:00pm in the Vestry & by Zoom.
Our newest members to be memorialized on our bulletin board are Charlie Legg, Dick Shaw and Barbara Will. All 3 of these individuals were long-time, active members who contributed their time and dedication to our church. Be sure to take a look in the vestry during Fellowship hour and pay tribute to them.

From the Executive Council

Our next meeting will be held on
Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00pm
in the Vestry and by Zoom.

From the Stewardship Committee

Thank God for our Food

God said [to Adam and Eve], 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.'-Genesis 1:29

There's an old joke about the first-grade teacher who asks her class, "Where do apples come from?" Little Ian speaks up: "From the supermarket!"

We laugh, but the sad truth is that many of us are so far removed from farms that we forget that our food – every bite – comes from life, life that God alone created. Yes, farmers sow seeds and care for the plants and trees, but it's God's miracle of life that makes them grow.

As stewards and disciples, we desire to cultivate in ourselves and our communities a deep appreciation for all God provides us, particularly what we need to live. With every mouthful at every meal we thank God for our daily bread, and for the soil, air and water that sustains life.

Easter and springtime are perfect occasions to celebrate God's miracle of life that gives us fruit, vegetables, grains, meat, fish and dairy foods. Here are some ideas:

Mealtime grace, thank God not only for food, but also for the cycles of seed-time, growth and harvest; for life-nourishing soil, water and air.

While eating, discuss the origins of the variety of food on your plate. How and where are the plants grown? How do they get to your kitchen?

As a church or family, celebrate Earth Day (Saturday, April 22) by learning about food production and how climate change, pollution and economics impact our food.

Celebrate Earth Day by planting a garden in your yard or community garden on church grounds.

Learn about nutrition -- what foods are the best and worst for us, and why. Promote healthy eating.

Committee Corner

Learn about food waste in our culture and take steps to reduce it in your home. At church, reserve a Sunday for a service highlighting creation and food. Maybe "Blessing of the Seeds," or the ancient "Rogation Sunday" ritual.

We live in a culture where food is all around us all the time. As steward-disciples, we want to be sure not to take even a mouthful for granted. -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 \(myvanco.com\)](http://Home|CentralCongregationalChurchofAttleboroFalls(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
Tuesday, April 25th, 2023

At 7:00pm

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

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father encourage you and strengthen you in every good thing you do and say." 2 Thessalonians 2:16 (New Century Version)

April Mission –

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)

We are asking for contributions to the United Church of Christ 'Our Church's Wider Mission' in April. In the national setting of the UCC, there are four Covenanted Ministry

partners who are supported by these gifts. These partners include: The Office of General Ministries, Local Church Ministries, the Congregational and Vitality Discipleship Team, and Wider Church Ministries such as disaster relief and Global Ministries. For more specific information visit:

www.UCC.org and click on 'How we Serve' followed by 'Our Church's Wider Mission'. You'll be introduced to the many amazing initiatives aimed at changing lives. By contributing, we work together to impact many lives!

If you give your gift to this project during the Easter Morning Service or any worship service in April, be sure to use the 'Jesus Is Risen' envelop found in the church pews. Otherwise, if contributing by check please indicate OCWM on the memo line.

Looking Ahead: May Mission - Project Bread – Walk for Hunger

For 17 years, our member, Bill Bentley, has participated and completed the twenty mile *Walk for Hunger* held annually by Project Bread. The actual 20-mile walk did not take place in Boston in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID and continued only as a virtual walk in 2022. This year, on Sunday, May 7th, the walk in Boston will resume. The plan is to encourage participants to complete the one-mile loop around the Boston Common three times, or as many times as they desire. Nevertheless, Bill will continue his twenty mile walk route through North Attleboro as he has done since 2020.

Let's support the *Walk for Hunger* and help Bill to significantly exceed his GOAL by visiting, www.projectbread.org
On-line Instructions: After the site opens click on The Walk for Hunger. Then click on SEARCH in the donate section. Then click – Find Participant. When that window opens, in the spaces provided, type in William Bentley, click Find / then click on Bill's name. Then click and you will be able to type in your contribution. Then click on Donate Now. We prefer you don't send checks to the church for this purpose unless that's the best method for you! In that case make your check payable to Central Congregational Church and on the memo, line write 'Project Bread'. We'll be sure Bill receives credit for all donations received.

By the way, when you decide you're donat-

ing, why not consider a dollar amount per mile times the 20 Bill is walking. Another option for 'walkers' is to set a personal donation goal per mile for yourself for one day or over 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. Have family at home or in the area? Why not make it a family fun walk! As a group set your walk goal and contribution per mile. Multiply that by the number of walkers in your group.

Let's all get involved and support Project Bread and our formal representative – Bill Bentley – as he completes his 18th annual 'Walk for Hunger'!

UPDATES & OUTCOMES

Tornado Relief in USA

If you would like to support UCC Emergency Disaster Services to help with Tornado Relief efforts in the USA mail your check to: **United Church of Christ, P.O. Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194**. Make your check payable to the United Church of Christ. Please write your designation on the memo line of the check. To give on-line go to the UCC website using the link below.

Disaster Ministries: How to Give - United Church of Christ (ucc.org)

Year-Round Missions

Keep supporting **Lenore's Pantry** - Thanks for your frequent donations. Drop off your food donations by placing them in bins provided in the CE building or the Vestry. Direct drop off of food donations at North Attleboro Town Hall, Lower Level, Board of Health, is available weekdays. Donation by check to the church please write Lenore's Pantry on the memo line.

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 building.

Please join in Our Annual



At Central Congregational Church

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Beginning at 10:00am

Even if you have just one hour to lend us – *we need your help!* Teens who want to help are Welcome to accompany Parents! Students needing Volunteer Hours for School are welcome, too! Our Spring Clean-up includes general clean-up of the grounds around the Church Building, C.E. Building, parking lots and shed areas.

Any tools you can bring... such as wheel barrows, rakes, shovels, push-brooms and gloves would be greatly appreciated.

****IMPORTANT****

Please call Rich Follett at 508 277 5056, or call the Church Office at 508-699-7700 to sign up and let us know what equipment you can bring.



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE CHILDREN'S DAY CHURCH FAMILY COOKOUT!

WHEN: May 21, 2023 / 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

WHERE: On the lawn next to the CE Building

WHO: The Whole Church Family!

- ♦ Bring your favorite cold salad or dessert to share.
- ♦ Bring chairs or blankets to sit on.
- ♦ Games will be planned for kids and adults.
- ♦ In case of rain, we will move into the CE Hall.

****IMPORTANT****

PLEASE sign up on the RSVP Sheet on the Vestry bulletin board or the bulletin board outside the Church Office so we can have an idea of how many to cook for.

Come enjoy the fellowship!



Mike Dunbar at Michael.dunbar@comcast.net or call 508 243-5266.

In the coming weeks, look for the pricing sheet in the Triad and as a bulletin insert to see the cost to recycle your items. *Prices are very reasonable! Please start setting aside your appliances and electronics for this recycling fundraiser!*

May 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 7:00PM PARENT MEETING - Daggett Lounge	2 TRIAD DEADLINE 7pm CE Committee -Vestry & Zoom	3 7pm Executive Council meets in Vestry & by Zoom	4 7:00pm CHOIR/ Sanctuary	5	6
7 <i>*Rededication of our Church—149th Anniver- sary *Remembrance of Wom- en's Christian Fellow- ship's departed members *Holy Communion 9:45am Sunday School/Hall. 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship HR: Trustee, Dennis Cloutier</i>	8	9 No Deacon Meeting this Month. Next meeting June 13th. Please set a reminder now to attend the June meeting— last one before summer break.	10 12noon Women's Christian Fellowship Luncheon. Location—TBA	11 7:00pm CHOIR/ Sanctuary 6:00pm Memorial Gifts/ Vestry LAST DAY TO RENT A YARD SALE SPACE	12	13
14 9:45am Sunday School/Hall. 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship HR: Judy Holland	15	16 TRIAD DEADLINE 7:00pm Trustees— Vestry & Zoom	17	18 ASCENSION DAY 7:00pm CHOIR/ Sanctuary	19 <i>Help Wanted setting up the Yard Sale—see Mike Dunbar.</i>	20 8am—2pm YARD SALE
21 CHILDREN'S DAY 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. No Fellowship Hr— Please JOIN IN THE ALL CHURCH PICNIC ON THE CE LAWN TODAY.	22	23 7:00pm Mission Committee— Vestry & Zoom.	24	25 7:00pm LAST CHOIR REHEARSAL for the season!	26	27
28 PENTECOST SUNDAY PLEASE WEAR RED TO CHURCH TODAY. 10:00am Worship In- Person & Zoom. Fellowship Hr: Kiley Macie for the Mission Committee	29 MEMORIAL DAY 	30 TRIAD DEADLINE	31			

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – *Heather Bonfilio*
SECRETARY – *Kathy Trowbridge*

Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday - 8:30am—4:30pm