

TRIAD

God Church Family

Central Congregational Church, UCC

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

May 14, 2023

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
MOTHERS' DAY*

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

Sermon: "Witness of Love"
Scripture: John 14:15-21

Fellowship Hour:
Deacon, Judy Holland

Last Day of Sunday School for the season!

May 9, 2023

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**Celebrating Children's
Day!**



May 21, 2023

*Seventh Sunday of Easter
CHILDREN'S DAY*

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

Sermon: "Ascension"

Scripture: Acts 1:6-11

**PARENTS—Please arrive to the Vestry by
9:45am Today.**

No Fellowship Hour Today.

**Please join us for the All-Church Cookout
on the CE Lawn following worship Today.**
More details inside this issue.

Insight - Future of Our Church Initiative

You are invited! The Future of Our Church **Prayer Team** extends an invitation to anyone who would like to attend our prayer time at the start of our meetings. You can come to participate only in the time of prayer or stay for the entire meeting! The total meeting length is 60 minutes! **Our next meeting is Thursday, May 18th at 6:00 PM in the vestry or attend via Zoom!**

PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYING SEEKING TO KNOW OUR 'WHY' AS A CHURCH - INDIVIDUAL DISCERNMENT STEPS

To date we've reviewed the first 3 steps: **Step 1: Preparation**, **Step 2: Holy Indifference to Outcome**, and **Step 3: Practical Considerations**. (See 4.25.23 edition of the Triad Newsletter)

Step 4: Consideration of Intuition – In silent prayer (allow 20 minutes) listen to your intuition around the options you face in answering the question. (if you need to walk around, stretch, or go outside, while praying, do so!) In silence be aware of your other senses and gut feelings.

Step 5: Using your imagination - Imagination prayer (allow 20 minutes). If a decision is to be made imagine your best friend is facing the same question. What advice would you give?

Step 6: Decision – (If there is a decision(s) to be made). Search for where you feel God is leading. What choice feels like the one God desires? 'Where do I feel comfort/discomfort around this choice?

Step 7: Action! What will you do differently to effect transformational changes?

Below is the prayer provided on Palm Sunday to post at home. 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, May 9th

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

Wednesday, May 10th

7:00pm Women's Christian Fellowship meets in the Vestry for a program on Birds. **ALL WELCOME!**

Thursday, May 11th

6:00pm Memorial Gifts/Vestry
7:00pm Choir/Sanctuary

Sunday, May 14th

9:45am Sunday School/Hall
10:00am Worship in person in the Sanctuary & by Zoom
Fellowship Hr: Judy Holland

Tuesday, May 16th

TRIAD DEADLINE

7:00pm Trustees meet in person in the vestry & by Zoom

Thursday, May 18th

ASCENSION DAY

7:00pm Choir/Sanctuary

Friday, May 19th

HELP NEEDED with Yard Sale set-up. Contact Mike Dunbar at Michael.dunbar@comcast.net if you will lend a hand.

Saturday, May 20th

8am—2pm YARD SALE

Volunteers need to help during the Sale. Contact Mike Dunbar at Michael.dunbar@comcast.net if you will lend a hand.

Sunday, May 21st

CHILDREN'S DAY

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom.
No Fellowship Hr Today—join us outside on the CE Lawn for a cookout!

Tuesday, May 23rd

7:00pm Mission meets vestry & Zoom

Thursday, May 25th

7:00pm **LAST CHOIR Rehearsal** for the season! - 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, Paul Homer.

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 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=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVRZSDJTVnc5dz09)

[j/2148198082?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVRZSDJTVnc5dz09)

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[JTVnc5dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVRZSDJTVnc5dz09)

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, June 13, 2023
at 7:00pm Vestry & Zoom.

*Please set a reminder now to remember
to attend this important meeting.*

From the Board of Trustees

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, May 16, 2023
at 7:00pm Vestry & Zoom.
WE NEED Y—O—U !

**Want to get more involved in the success
of your church's 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 ta-
bles 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 Satur-
day, 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 **May** we will be collecting
miscellaneous food items and gift cards to
donate to Lenore's Pantry. Suggested items
include: Salad dressings, relish, pickles,
ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, drink mixes
(Kool-Aid, lemonade, iced tea, etc.), coffee,
instant creamers, Gift Cards - \$10, \$15, \$20
to Stop-n-Shop, Shaw's or Market Basket.

♦ **Parent Support Group**

Parent Support Group – Next Meeting:
Monday, June 5th at 7:00 pm

Feeling alone living with a teen struggling
with mental health issues? The Parent Sup-
port 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 in Daggett Lounge

♦ **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL –**

We are planning a one-night VBS on **Tues-
day, June 27th from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.**

Children in Kindergarten through 6th Grade
are welcome to join us. We are looking for
volunteers to help with set-up and on the
night of the event. If you are interested in
volunteering, please contact Sharilyn Hep-
burn.

♦ **YOUTH GROUP**

Our next Youth Group event will be on
Sunday, June 4th. We will have our end
of the year cookout. We will meet at **11:30
am** at Sharilyn's House. Please note the
change in time.

♦ **TEEN OUTREACH EVENT**

Our next Teen event will be on **Sun-
day, 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 Ser-
vice on May 21st, we will have an
all church family cookout in the
yard of the CE Building. All mem-
bers 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 des-
sert 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 indi-
viduals 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, September 6th at 7:00pm
**in the Vestry and by Zoom, unless an
urgent matter arises before then.**

From the Stewardship Committee

Thank God for our families

*[Jesus was dying on the cross.] When Jesus
saw his mother and the disciple whom he
loved standing beside her, he said to his
mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he
said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." -
John 19:26-27*

This month we celebrate the mothers and
mother figures, and then in June we cele-
brate our fathers and father figures. What a
wonderful opportunity to honor the strong
bond between parents and children. How
strong? The first use of the word "love" in
the Bible, Genesis 22:2, describes the con-
nection between Abraham and his son,
Isaac.

Family is a cherished gift from God that we
are entrusted to treasure, love and nourish.
As parents, we are responsible for raising
children to become healthy adults. And as
children, we are responsible for caring for
our aging parents.

As Jesus indicates in the passage above,
there need not be a blood connection for a
parent-child relationship. In Matthew 12:46-
50, Jesus redefines family, saying that all
who love and follow him are mothers, broth-
ers, sisters, fathers. So, all of us are parent,
child and sibling to one another. Now
THAT'S some family!

As we honor the mother and father figures
this spring, we can also challenge ourselves
to be better stewards of the family bonds
God has given us. We can explore how we
can support families in our personal circles,
our congregation and community – especial-
ly families that are troubled by great need,

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crises or dysfunction.

God ordained families to be the fundamental unit of human life. We can be good stewards of family relationships by caring for one another and helping everyone to grow into the faith family God intends.

--Rob Blezard—Copyright ©2018 Rev. Robert Blezard. Reprinted by permission. Pastor Blezard works as content editor for www.stewardshipoflife.org and serves as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, MD.

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, May 23rd, 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)

May Mission -

Project Bread – Walk for Hunger

PROJECT BREAD APPROACH: Solutions that make ends meet! THEY go beyond giving out meals. Solving hunger requires addressing the problems at its core—affordability and access. They connect people and communities to big-impact federal nutrition programs and advocate for equitable policies. Their work boosts household

food budgets today and informs enduring change for increased food security for all.

THEIR POLICY PRIORITIES -

Advocating for policies with impact! No one in Massachusetts should be going hungry. There's enough food available to feed everyone in the Commonwealth, but the high cost of living and wages that haven't kept up prevent households from affording basic necessities. Project Bread collaborates with legislators to craft policy solutions to strengthen critical nutrition programs while engaging our partners to address the underlying factors contributing to hunger. Our advocacy is driven by the real-time challenges of people experiencing food insecurity, so we can permanently break the cycle of hunger.

Project Bread Reports: Food insecurity doubled during the pandemic! Prior to the pandemic, household food insecurity in Massachusetts was at 8.2%. The coronavirus pandemic fueled a hunger crisis unlike any other in our lifetime, at its peak rendering 19.6% of households' food insecure. While the current rate of food insecurity is lower than at the height of the pandemic, too many households are still struggling with food access, and a return to pre-pandemic rates is not an option.

At Central Congregational Church we have supported Project Bread for many years! One example is 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 Wil-

liam 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's goal receives credit for all donations received.

Ideas: When you decide you're donating, 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 project bread 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

April Mission –

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)

Thank-you for your contributions that supports Our Church's Wider Mission through the ministries and work of our UCC Southern New England Conference. A gift of \$1,000 has been provided through your generosity!

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.



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.

Or contact Sharilyn at sharilyn.hepburn@gmail.com.

Come enjoy the fellowship!

Participant Registration open now! FREE !!

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Ages: Kindergarten through Sixth Grade



At **Weird Animals VBS**, kids discover how Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind! Come meet AXL who has a special message to share with you.

Weird Animals is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch and even taste! Fun science-y gadgets, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the royally rockin' activities that help faith flow into real life.



Even When You're Left Out...Jesus Loves YOU!

Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes. We'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life – something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

So, mark the date on your calendar: **Tuesday, June 27, 2023**. The fun starts at 6:00 pm and will end at 8:30 pm. We have space for 30 children. Register early to secure a place for your child!

To register go to <https://attleborofallschurch.org/vacation-bible-school>

Registration will close on Sunday, June 11, 2023.



**** Volunteer Opportunities – VBS 2023 ****

Station Leaders - plan & teach activities

Assistant to Station Leader - assist with activities

Crew Leaders – “camp” counselor

Pre Event Set Up – June 24th

Post Event Clean Up – June 27th, June 28th (if needed)

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information,
contact Sharilyn Hepburn at sharilyn.hepburn@gmail.com
or 781-704-5454.

The one-night VBS Event will take place on
Tuesday, June 27th, 6 pm – 8:30 pm.



EVEN WHEN YOU'RE LEFT OUT... JESUS LOVES YOU!

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

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| | 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 6:00pm Future of Our Church PRAYER GROUP meets/Vestry 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 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL MEET/VESTRY | | | REVISED 05/09/2023 |

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday - 8:30am—4:30pm