

TRIAD God Church Family

Central Congregational Church, UCC

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

September 17, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Guest Preacher: *Gil Reynders*

Fellowship Hour: *Bob Ovoian, Moderator*

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

For ages 2.9 years and potty trained
through Gr 7.

September 12, 2023

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

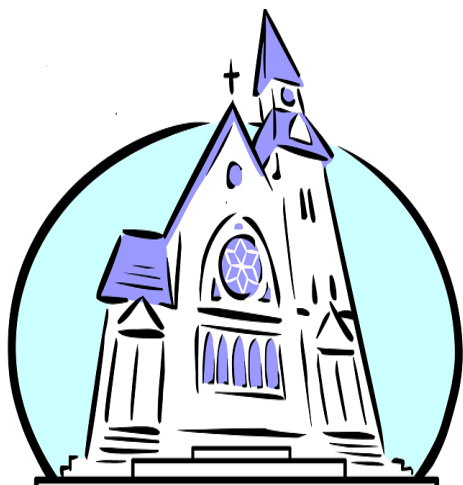
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Insight - Future of Our Church Initiative

We are grateful for your continued prayer for the Future of Our Church as together we seek to discern and clarify our "WHY" as a church serving our local community. Caring, Joyful and Oasis are descriptive words that have been mentioned. **How do these words resonate with you?**

Or briefly share 'your story' of why you have enjoyed being a member and attending worship and other activities. We want to compile this information to guide future plans as we discern the Lord's will!

Do so in an email to the church office. A handwritten note is also acceptable whether mailed, hand-delivered to the office, or placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Indicate – *Attention: Future of the Church Committee*. You may include your name or send anonymously. **Please reply by September 15th!** Thanks, and have a blessed summer.

***Please God, let us be content for you to lead the way.
Help us to be willing to live your plan each day.
Keep us very close to you all through the coming week,
and let our hearts be open wide to hear you when you speak.
In Jesus' name. Amen.***

Central Church Calendar

Tuesday, September 12th

7:00pm Deacons/Vestry & Zoom

Thursday, September 14th

7:00pm Choir/Sanctuary

Sunday, September 17th

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Bob Ovoian, Moderator

Tuesday, September 19th

7:00pm Trustees meet—Vestry & Zoom

Thursday, September 21st

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Sunday, September 24th

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Barbara Bilsborough
for the Mission Committee

Tuesday, September 26th

1:30pm Nominating Committee

meets/Hall

7:00pm Mission meets—Vestry & Zoom

Thursday, September 28th

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Sunday, October 1st

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary

Fellowship Hr: Trustees

11:30am-12:30pm Stewardship Workshop/Vestry. All invited to this free event! Come discover your gifts!

Tuesday, October 3rd

7:00pm CE meets/Vestry & Zoom

Wednesday, October 4th

7:00pm Exec Council /Vestry & Zoom

**A Note from Jacqui Howard,
Congregational Care Member...**

If you have any "Get Well" or "Sympathy" cards you can donate, please bring them

to the vestry or to the church office. Jacqui sends cards to our church family to let them know we are thinking of them. Blank note cards always welcome, too. Thank you!

A Note from the Women's Christian Fellowship

—Following the current trend to live green, we are presenting a new table at November's Village Green Fair, a Green Table. This table will feature reusable household items, such as fabric "paper" towels, dishcloths, fabric totes, scrubbies, etc. This, of course, is in addition to all the tables we traditionally do.

If you would like to make and donate items for the fair - "green" or not - please reach out to Cheryl Peterson at 508-245-1563 or cqppeterson@aol.com.

Our Parish Register

At Home, Hospitalized or residing in Nursing Home Care...

Please call or send an email to the church office if you wish to have your name or another church member's name added to this prayer list.

In the Hospital...

Rev Carole remains in the Hospital in Seattle, WA. We are keeping in touch through her family. Updates to follow as we receive them and will be given in Church on Sundays and via email with the Weekly Worship Emails on Thursdays.

TRIAD DEADLINES to submit information:

***Tuesdays—
September 19
And
October 3, 17 & 31***



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/](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?)

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Meeting ID: 214 819 8082

Passcode: 1234

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REMINDER...

Please remember to call the Church Office when a family member, church member or even when you, yourself are ill or hospitalized, or are in need of prayer.

If you cannot make the call yourself, please ask a family member to call us.

We won't know

if you don't call us!

We want to keep you in our prayers in your time of need.

September Birthdays

01 Collin Peterson	11 Katie (Bisio) Gove	21 Allison Darling
01 Mandy DiChiara	11 Martha McHatton	21 Nancy Melendy
02 Heather Lockavitch	12 Bruce Carpenter	22 Emily Riendeau
04 Eric Jones	12 Max Dunbar	22 Jenn (Holland) Shuman
04 Susan Ferrari	13 Katelyn (Trowbridge) Rodrigues	23 Scott Martino
06 Lowell Renner	13 Chris Burroughs	27 Kelliann Bachand
07 Sandy Thibodeau	14 Jan Meierdiercks	

Committee Corner

From the Board of Deacons

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
at 7:00pm Vestry & Zoom.

Summer Worship will be held on Sunday mornings at 10:00am in person in the Sanctuary and online by Zoom.

NOTE: Worship has returned to 10:00am As of September 3rd.

Liturgists Wanted

We are seeking people who would enjoy reading the scripture verses and maybe some announcements in church during Worship on Sunday mornings.

If interested, please contact Wayne Nettay, Chairman, Board of Deacons, at wnettay@gmail.com or 508 695 6000 for more information.

Elevator Operators Wanted

We are seeking people willing to be trained on operating the elevator in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings and possibly weekdays for funerals (if you're available for this).

If interested, please contact Wayne Nettay, Chairman, Board of Deacons, at wnettay@gmail.com or 508 695 6000 for more information.

Tech Team Members Wanted

We are seeking a few more people who are willing to learn how to operate Zoom online so that anyone can join us in worship on Sunday mornings from their laptop or computer. Training will be provided. This is a good Volunteer opportunity for High School Teens needing Community Service Hours!

Please contact Rich Goss at richgoss58@gmail.com or 508 243 8330 for more information.

From the Board of Trustees

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
at 7:00pm Vestry & Zoom.

From the Christian Education Committee

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY, Saturday, September 9th

This will be an important gathering of the Sunday School Staff to hear the results of the Sunday School observation made by Mr. Frank Bonfilio and review all the safety and security protocol guidelines for the Sunday

School year. **Time to be determined but save the date on your calendar.** More information will be communicated directly with you once it becomes available.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is BACK!!!

Sunday School classes begin on **Sunday, September 10th** at 9:45am. Children ages 2.9 months through 7th grade are invited to join us for one of three classes:

God's Kids (ages 2 ys 9mo and potty trained – Kindergarten)

Diggers – (1st – 3rd grades)

Explorers – (4th through 7th grades)

To register for Sunday School, you can complete the online registration form using the following link: <https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/e7f1c1e0-b7ac-49f2-8609-a91434004bd4/downloads/2023-2024%20Registration%20Form%20.pdf?ver=1688135815374>

The online form is also available on the church's website on the Sunday School page.

Paper copies of the registration form are available at the church office or in the Narthex of the church. Forms may be returned to the church office or can be emailed to cccafsundayschool@gmail.com by September 2nd. Registration forms are accepted any time during the year. The sooner we receive them the better. It helps us be prepared to provide the best experience for all the kids. We are excited to see everyone return for the start of a new and exciting Sunday School year. God has so many things instore for kids and staff alike.

Friends are always welcome to Sunday School! Please feel free to share the information with family and friends.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF NEEDED!

We are looking for a few volunteers to help us comply with the church policy of two adults per classroom in our Sunday School. We are in need of a minimum of **3 older teens or adults** who are willing to rotate on a monthly basis to be the classroom aid for our two elementary classes. We have Lead teachers for the classes but require a 2nd adult in the classroom. If you are interested in supporting the spiritual development of children, please contact Sharilyn Hepburn at cccafsundayschool@gmail.com

From the Memorial Gifts Committee

Our next meeting will be held on
Thursday, November 9th
at 6:00pm in the Vestry & by Zoom.

From the Executive Council

Our next meeting will be held on
Wednesday, October 4th at
7:00pm in the Vestry & Zoom.

From the Stewardship Committee

STEWARDS OF THE GIFTS OF GOD'S GRACE (part 4)

What's the difference between a talent and a spiritual gift? In our exploration of spiritual gifts some may be wondering if talents we may have been born with or learned and developed is the same as a spiritual gift. Jeff from Spiritual Gifts Project.org helps to clarify the difference between a talent and a spiritual gift. Here is what he writes: "While there may be some overlap between spiritual gifts and talents, there are some key differences between the two. A talent is a natural ability or skill that a person has, often in a particular area such as music, art, athletics, or academics. Talents are usually developed through practice and training, and they can be used for a variety of purposes, including personal fulfillment, career success, and service to others. On the other hand, a spiritual gift is a special ability or talent that is given to a believer by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of building up the church and advancing the kingdom of God. Spiritual gifts are described in the New Testament and include gifts such as prophecy, teaching, healing, administration, and many others. While talents can be used for the benefit of others and for the glory of God, they are not necessarily the same as spiritual gifts. Spiritual gifts are specifically given by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of building up the church, and they are usually associated with specific roles or ministries within the church. Additionally, while talents can be developed through natural means such as practice and training, spiritual gifts are given solely by the Holy Spirit and cannot be developed or earned by human effort. Overall, while there may be some overlap between talents and spiritual gifts, they are distinct categories with different origins, purposes, and applications."

From www.spiritualgiftsproject.org/what-are-the-spiritual-gifts

Committee Corner

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:



From the Mission Committee

Our next meeting is scheduled at 7:00 PM on TUESDAY, September 26, 2023 in the Vestry. Attending via Zoom will be offered.

Note, by exception to our new schedule, this is the 5th Tuesday of the month.

"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

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16 (English Standard Version)

September Mission Project - St. Claire School, Jacmel, Haiti

The people of Haiti continue to persevere despite the political instability, natural disaster, and poverty that grips their country. The World Bank reports the Haitian economy contracted for four consecutive years by 1.7% in 2019, 3.3% in 2020, 1.8% in 2021, and 1.7% in 2022. A child born today in Haiti will grow up to be only 45% as productive as they could be if he or she had enjoyed full access to quality education and healthcare. Families in Haiti lack the benefit of work, education, and healthcare that most of us take for granted.

The St. Claire School supported by The Reverend Jean M. Parisot Foundation in Jacmel, Haiti is a haven for over 100 children from kindergarten through eighth grade. Since public education is not a reality in Haiti, fami-

lies must pay to send their children to school. The St. Claire School does not charge tuition. The generosity of their donors allows the students the opportunity for education and food daily during the school year at no cost to their families.

The St. Claire School employs local teachers and administrators who are familiar with the people and culture of Jacmel. The Parisot Foundation's mission is to support Jacmel through education of the children and opportunity for the community. All building maintenance / repairs are completed by workers within the city. It is important to the Foundation that independence is part of the school's curriculum.

Please make your donation check payable to **Central Congregational Church** and add "**Haiti School**" in the memo line. Thank-you for supporting the children of Haiti.

UPDATES & OUTCOMES **Emergency Disaster Relief – Maui, Hawaii**

Through Wider Church Ministries, the UCC has issued a special appeal for donations to support the relief efforts associated with the Hawaii wildfires. If you have seen any of the news footage you are aware that the destruction is unbelievable and heartbreaking. Be aware that the Hawaii Conference is active, and the UCC's Global H.O.P.E. team is working on site. Members of our own congregation have family members impacted by this disaster – having lost everything.

Donations: The fastest and preferred way to donate is by visiting the UCC website and donating on-line. Click here: [Giving Opportunities - United Church of Christ \(ucc.org\)](#)

That will bring you to the Emergency Disaster block with video. However, under that picture click on the GIVE NOW space and complete the form that will appear.

You may also write a check payable to **Central Congregational Church**. On the memo line designate your contribution for

Maui, Hawaii Relief.

If you are accustomed to giving through the Vanco page on the church's website, this is another option to consider for contributing.

August Mission Project – Lenore's Pantry

Thanks for your generous giving! A nice boast to our donations received year-round!

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 bulletin.



September 2023

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<p>Note: Worship Time returns to 10:00am beginning Sept 3rd.</p>	<p>REVISED 09-12-23</p>			<p>August 31st 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal begins Tonight! /Sanctuary.</p>	1	2
<p>3 <u>HOLY COMMUNION TODAY.</u> 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Guest Preacher: Rev Carol Steinbrecher SNEUCC Area Conference Minister, North Central Region. Fellowship Hr: Heather Bonfilio</p>	<p>4 LABOR DAY</p>	<p>5 TRIAD DEADLINE 7:00pm CE Meets / Vestry & Zoom</p>	<p>6 7:00pm EXECUTIVE COUNCIL Meets/Vestry & Zoom</p>	<p>7 6:00pm Memorial Gifts/Vestry & Zoom 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal /Sanctuary</p>	8	<p>9 SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF MEETING. Time—TBA /Hall</p>
<p>10 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL Begins Today/Hall 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship Hr: Scott & Kelliann Bachand</p>	11	<p>12 7:00pm Deacons Meet /Vestry & Zoom</p>	13	<p>14 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal /Sanctuary</p>	15	16
<p>17 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL/Hall 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship Hr: Bob Ovoain, Moderator,</p>	18	<p>19 TRIAD DEADLINE 7:00pm Trustees Meet/Vestry & Zoom</p>	20	<p>21 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal /Sanctuary</p>	22	23
<p>24 9:45am SUNDAY SCHOOL/Hall 10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom. Fellowship Hr: Barbara Bilborough for the Mission Committee</p>	25	<p>26 7:00pm Mission Committee Meets/Vestry & Zoom</p>	27	<p>28 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal /Sanctuary</p>	29	30

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MUSIC DIRECTOR – *Dave Valerio*
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – *Heather Bonfilio*
SECRETARY – *Kathy Trowbridge*

Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday - 8:30am—4:30pm