

# TRIAD

# God Church Family

## Central Congregational Church, UCC

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

### April 28, 2024

*Fifth Sunday after Easter*

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

**Guest Preacher:**

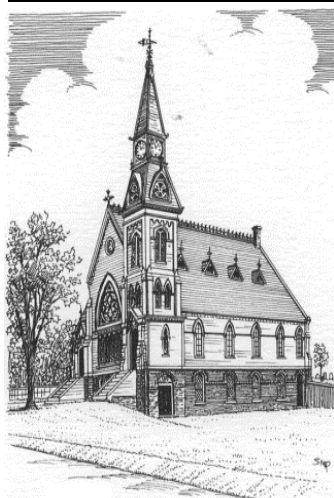
Rev. Jonathan Ryder

*Fellowship Hr: Beverley Drayton  
for the Mission Committee*

**9:45am Sunday School/Hall**

### April 23, 2024

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### May 5, 2024

*Sixth Sunday after Easter*  
**FAMILY SUNDAY**

- ◆ *Our 150th Anniversary!*
- ◆ *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*
- ◆ *Remembrance of Departed Women's Christian Fellowship Members*
- ◆ *Rededication of Our Church*

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

**Special Guest Preacher:**

Rev. Patty Kogut,  
Area Conference Minister  
for the Southeast Region,  
United Church of Christ

*Fellowship Hour: Cheryl Peterson  
Join us for Anniversary Cake, Coffee and  
other refreshments in the Vestry!*

**No Sunday School Today. Families are  
asked to join us in worship today for a  
special presentation.**

**The Flowers on the altar today**

are given to the Glory of God  
in loving Memory of departed  
Women's Christian Fellowship  
Members—  
from the Women's Christian Fellowship.



**Our 150th Anniversary will be celebrated  
on Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th.**

Some of the exciting things we have planned are...

dinner at the North Attleboro Elks

Opening the Time Capsule from 1974 (50 years ago!),  
a Free Concert featuring several artists,  
many types of music and fun with refreshments to follow,

Worship on Sunday morning to reflect on our history,

Rededicate ourselves to the life of the church,

Remember departed Members of the Women's Christian  
Fellowship, Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion  
and praise God for all He has done for us.

And...More events will take place monthly throughout the  
year including an *Outdoor Summer Concert Series!*

**Central Congregational Church...**

**150 years and Our Story is Still Unfolding!**

# Central Church Calendar

## Wednesday, April 23rd

7:00pm Mission Committee-Vestry & by Zoom

## Thursday, April 25th

6:00pm 150th Anniversary Planning Committee meets/Vestry

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

## Sunday, April 28th

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom.

**Fellowship Hour:** *Beverley Drayton for the Mission Committee*

## Monday, April 29th

6:30pm Prayer Team meets by Zoom. All welcome!

## Tuesday, April 30th

### **TRIAD DEADLINE**

## Wednesday, May 1st

7:00pm Executive Council meets/Vestry & Zoom

## Thursday, May 2nd

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

## Our Parish Register

### **At Home,**

*Rev Carole, Jacqui Howard, Janice Savage.*

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

## Friday, May 3rd

5:00pm Help wanted setting up the Vestry for refreshments for the Concert on Saturday night. *Please let Kathy in the church office know if you can lend a hand.*

## Saturday, May 4th

**3:00pm** Cash Bar and H'or Douvres at the NA Elks for those who have rsvp'd—dinner to follow. **6:30pm** arrive at the Sanctuary for the Celebration Concert with Cake & refreshments to follow in the Vestry.

## Sunday, May 5th—FAMILY SUNDAY

- ◆ *Our 150th Anniversary!*
  - ◆ *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*
  - ◆ *Remembrance of Departed Women's Christian Fellowship Members*
  - ◆ *Rededication of Our Church*
- Worship at 10:00 am in-person in the Sanctuary and Online by Zoom.
- Fellowship Hour:** *Cheryl Peterson*

**No Sunday School Today. Families are asked to join us in worship today for a special presentation.**

## Monday, May 6th

6:30pm Prayer Team meets by Zoom. All welcome!

## Tuesday, May 7th

7:00pm CE Committee meets in Vestry & Zoom

## Wednesday, May 8th

12noon Women's Christian Fellowship—Lunch at a local restaurant.

## Thursday, May 9th ASCENSION DAY

6:00pm Memorial Gifts/Vestry

7:00pm Choir/Vestry

## Sunday, May 12th

### **MOTHER'S DAY**

9:45am Sunday School presents—WEIRD ANIMALS / Hall

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

**Fellowship Hr:** Deacon, Pam Morse

**11:15am (No earlier, please)**

**DROP OFF RUMMAGE/HALL**

## **TRIAD DEADLINES to submit information:**

**Tuesdays—  
April 30  
May 14 & 28**



## **May Birthdays**

04 Valerie Welch-Ovoian	20 Eve Pecora	26 Kyle Trowbridge
04 Frank Bonfilio	20 Claire Mattson	26 Heather Ann Krasner
07 Michael Tolivaisa	20 Olivia Ross	28 Nick Darling
10 Megan Bonfilio	21 Joan Lindstrom	28 Andrew Silva
12 Nathan Rubyck	22 Kristy Simas	29 Madison Follett
15 Mark Trowbridge	22 Derek MacLeod	30 Ryan Marsland
17 Cheryl Rogers	23 Emily DiSalvio	30 Anna Marsland
18 Katheryn McNamara	25 Julie Goss	30 Kailey Lockavitch

## **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?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVRZSDJTVnc5dz09)

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Meeting ID: 214 819 8082

Passcode: 1234

One tap mobile

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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.*

## Committee Corner

### From the Board of Deacons

Our next meeting will be held on  
**Wednesday, May 8th, 2024**  
at 7:00pm/Vestry & Zoom

### From the Board of Trustees

Our next meeting will be held on  
**Tuesday, May 21st**  
at 7:00pm in the Vestry & Zoom.

### From the Christian Education Committee

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

April's Sunday School CCC Kid's Care Mission Project is the Attleboro Animal Shelter. (North Attleboro Animal Shelter is not receiving donations at this time due to storage constraints.) Learning to be good stewards of God's animals, we are collecting items for animals that find themselves in a shelter waiting to be "adopted". Items may be dropped off at the box in CE building.

**May 4-5<sup>th</sup>** – CCC 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with the 5<sup>th</sup> being a Family Sunday. The Sunday School children will participate in the Sunday morning service with a surprise presentation to the church.  
**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Weird Animal Day in Sunday School  
**May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Children's Day and the Church Family Cookout following the morning service. Look for details on bulletin boards and in future issues of the Triad. Please let us know by signing up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the vestry. We want to make sure we have sufficient food for everyone. If you have any questions, please email [cccfaundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:cccfaundayschool@gmail.com).

### From the Memorial Gifts Committee

Our next meeting will be held on  
**Thursday, May 9, 2024**  
at 6:00pm in the Vestry & Zoom.

Our newest members to be memorialized on our Bulletin Board by Memorial Gifts are Nicolai Lomov, Bob Smith and Pam Kennedy-Smith. All 3 of these individuals were long-time, active members who contributed their time and dedication to our church. Nicolai was our organist and choir director until he stepped down due to health concerns. Pam was extremely involved in Sunday School and the Christian Education Committee. Bob and his son Mitchell were instrumental in the clock restoration. 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 1st**  
At 7:00pm in the Vestry & 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 a joke about the first-grade teacher who asks, "Where do apples come from?" Little Sydney speaks up: "From the supermarket!" We laugh, but the truth is, many of us forget that our food comes only from life, through the plants and animals that God alone created.

As stewards and disciples, we can develop a deep appreciation for all that God provides us, particularly our food. With every mouthful, we can 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: At mealtime grace, thank God not only for food, but also for the cycles of seedtime, growth and harvest. Thank God for life-nourishing soil, water and air. While eating, think about how and from where the plants are grown or animals raised? How do they get to your kitchen?

As a church or family, celebrate Earth Day (April 22) by learning about food production and our food supply, and how environmental problems affect it.

Celebrate Earth Day by planting a garden. Learn about nutrition -- what foods are the best and worst for us. Promote healthy eating. Learn about food waste and take steps to reduce it in your home. At church, celebrate creation or seedtime. 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 Copyright © 2024, Rev. Robert Blezard. Pastor Blezard serves as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, MD, and works as content editor for [www.stewardshipoflife.org](http://www.stewardshipoflife.org).

### **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))

### From the Prayer Fellowship Group **Monday's at 6:30pm -VIA ZOOM ONLY**

Same link as for Sunday Worship  
Everyone Welcomed! Participate every week, once a month, or whenever available! Join us and silently pray if preferred. God hears every prayer!

Containers for leaving Prayer Request are found on the table in the Sanctuary Narthex & the table in the Vestry under Mission bulletin board. Index cards and pens are next to the containers. Requests will be removed after service.

You may also continue to send a prayer request in an email to the church office at [centralucc@verizon.net](mailto:centralucc@verizon.net) or call the church office at 508-699-7700 if you prefer.

**Zoom Link – same as for Worship & Meetings .**

### Insight - Future of Our Church Initiative

As we look forward to the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Central Congregational Church on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> may we continue to pray for the future of our church. Let us pray praising God for our glorious history of ministry and mission that has impacted thousands of lives.

Let us thank God for pastors, over several generations, who have faithfully served. Pastors committed to proclaiming and teaching God's Word. Helping individuals to mature in their faith, identify their gifts and talents and use them in service to others. Let us continue to pray corporately, in small groups and individually to discern God's plan. To guide our selection of an interim pastor to provide counsel and walk with us as we identify the 'settled pastor' God has chosen. Through it all, may we faithfully continue our good work, to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and discover, then implement, God's new mission opportunities. Believe that the doors and fellowship of Central Congregational Church will be open for another century.

*Pray: Thank you for your gift of prayer, Heavenly Father. Help me to pray with faith, to be persistent, and through it, to deepen my relationship with you.*

**From the Mission Committee**

Our next meeting is scheduled at 7:00pm on Tuesday, April 23rd in the Vestry and 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 “Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger; and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.’” John 6:35 ESV*

**APRIL MISSION – Project Breads’ WALK FOR HUNGER** *“Change Over Charity! Project Breads’ Mission connects people and communities in Massachusetts to reliable sources of food while advocating for policies that make food more accessible—so that no one goes hungry. “Project Bread makes it easier for people to access and afford food with dignity - money for groceries, healthy meals for kids in their schools and all summer long, an expert helping you navigate your options to finally make ends meet.”*

**BACKGROUND:** For 18 years our member, 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! In 2023 Project Bread promoted a one-mile route through the Boston Common. Participants were encouraged to complete the one-mile loop three times, or as many times as they desired. However, Bill pressed on with completing his North Attleboro 20-mile walk! THIS YEAR: On Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Walk for Hunger will take place again at the Boston Common. Nevertheless, Bill plans to continue to complete his twenty mile walk in North Attleboro. Let’s support the work of PROJECT BREAD by once again supporting Bill as he locally completes the twenty mile - Walk for Hunger!

**TWO WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE** to help Bill exceed his fundraising GOAL!

**On-Line Giving: Go to [www.projectbread.org](http://www.projectbread.org)**

**Follow the directions:** 1/After the site opens click on The Walk for Hunger. 2/Click on ‘Donate Now’. Look for Question: Would you like to credit this donation to a specific

fundraiser? In box provided type in William Bentley. 3/ Answer the remaining questions below his name. 4/Click on preferred 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 Bill receives credit toward his goal for all donations received.

**GET INTO THE ACTION!** When you decide you’re donating get 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:**  
**March – Lenten Season Mission Offering – “One Great Hour of Sharing”**

Thank you for your kind support. Together, we are sharing the love of Jesus with the world and making a positive difference in the lives of those suffering and in need of our help through UCC National and Global Ministries.

**Love Packages! Christian Book Project Extended through May!**

**To date we have received about five filled boxes of book donations. This mission effort will remain open through the end of May.** Bins will continue to be in the vestry and outside the church office in the CE building. As spring house cleaning begins or you pull together donations for the church rummage sale in May, keep in mind this mission! This is your opportunity to donate old Bibles and Christian books that are no longer in use. **The vision of Love Packages, a Christian Non-Profit 501c3 organization, is simple. They want to see all of America’s excess Christian materials placed on the mission fields of the world.** YOU can help by collecting Bibles, New Testaments, Bible dictionary, commentaries, daily devotionals, any Christian books. We will ship resources to the organization. **Feel free to visit their website: [www.lovepackages.org](http://www.lovepackages.org)**  
**Monetary donations are not requested**

**for this project!**

**Our International Sponsorship Programs for Children – PRAYER REQUESTED**

**Tibetan Refugee Self Help Center, Darjeeling, India**

Pray for our ‘ Godchild: Thupten Gyaltzen, Age 16 (DOB: 4/12/2006) The mission committee has renewed our sponsorship for another year!

**St. Claire School, Jacmel, Haiti - The Reverend Jean Parisot Foundation**

**UPDATE!** In March, the Mission Committee approved and sent our semi-annual ‘2024 sponsorship gift’ of a \$1,000 to the foundation. We expressed we are praying for the safety of the children, their families and teaching staff in light of the political turmoil within Haiti. Rev. Jean Pierre Aubin sent us a thank-you letter and stated, “The school is doing okay. Our children are fine and go to school every day. Thank God most of the political turmoil and violence and destruction are in Port-Au-Prince, the Capital. Once again, thanks for your prayers, concern, and generosity”. **Keep praying for Haiti.**

**Year-Round Missions**

**Lenore’s Pantry –** We will continue to receive and deliver food to Lenore’s. Place items in the bins located in the vestry or in the hallway of the CE building outside the church office. Monetary donations are also welcomed year-round!

**FOOD:** Lenore’s is seeking protein items such as Spam, canned chicken, solid white tuna fish in oil or water. Other items seldom received but requested by families include canned hash, hot cereals (oatmeal), canned vegetables: beets, carrots, beans, peas, and canned fruit. Other shelf-stable items sought include canned chili/beef stew, canned pasta and soups, complete pancake mix and maple syrup, and potato mixes.

**HEALTH & BEAUTY ITEMS:** shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels, and laundry detergent.

**Our Shriner’s Hospital Aluminum Tab Collection continues.** If you’re not involved, join our regular contributors by saving the tabs from beverage cans and dropping them into the collection containers located in the vestry, on the table under the Mission bulletin board, or the container on the counter outside the church office in the CE building.



## **2024 SPRING RUMMAGE SALE**

***Please begin to set aside items  
for our Spring Rummage Sale.***

**Donations accepted and workers are needed:  
Sunday, May 12th = 11:15am—2pm**

**Monday, 05/13 thru Wednesday, 05/15 = 1-4pm and 6:15-8pm**

**Items to donate include:** craft items, kids toys, games, small household items, seasonal decorations, knick-knacks, baby items, Spring and Summer clothing, shoes and accessories in ***good wearable condition.***

***\*Please note that we cannot accept:***

***Lrg Appliances, Bikes, Car Seats, Computers, TV's, Furniture, Stuffed Animals, Microwave Ovens, Or Strollers.***

**Please Also Note:**

***We do \*not\* have room to store rummage items prior to rummage week.  
Please keep your items at home until rummage week. Thank you.***

**~ SALE DATES ~**

**Thursday, May 16th 9am—6pm**

**Friday, May 17th 9am—4pm**

**Saturday, May 18th *NEW* = 8am—1pm**

**(HELP NEEDED FOR CLEAN-UP following the Sale)**

***\*\*Please speak with Cheryl Peterson if you can lend a hand – help is needed to sort and fold the clothing during the week and on Sale days. Please call Cheryl at 508 245 1563 or send an email to her at [cgppeterson@aol.com](mailto:cgppeterson@aol.com) Today.***



## GIANT YARD SALE Saturday, May 18, 2024

**8am – 2pm– RAIN OR SHINE**

Looking to hold a Yard Sale but don't have enough traffic on your street to make it worth your while? C'mon over and rent a space on our church lawn! We're having a GIANT Sale and you're invited to join us at the best location in Town – right here on high visibility Commonwealth Ave!

**Great rates for 10' x 10' spaces!**

**\$30 for "Street View"**

**\$25 for "Lawn view"**

**BYO Tables and Chairs or Rent an 8' table and 2 folding chairs for an additional \$10 per set – very limited number available.**

We'll do the advertising for you, too! We advertise in several local newspapers, Cable TV stations and on our new electronic sign out in front of our CE Building. Inexpensive food and beverages available for purchase all day. Clean, indoor restroom facilities available. Attract more buyers to your sale when you have multiple sales happening in one convenient location!

### ***Not Renting a space?***

***We especially need your help with the following:***

**\*Setting up from 6am – 8am:** bringing tables and chairs outside, putting up the canopy tent, getting the coffee pots turned on, bringing foods out to our food table.

**\*Cleaning up from 2-3:30pm:** bringing tables and chairs back into the Hall, taking down the canopy tent, getting the coffee pots cleaned-up and put away, bringing foods into the kitchen, boxing up any leftover sale items from our table to bring to Savers in Attleboro.

***Supervised Youth, Scouts, Teens needing Community Service Hours all welcome to lend a hand!***  
If you can lend a hand, please contact Mike Dunbar at 508 243 5266.

***\*Donations for our Church Sale table can be dropped off***

***Saturday morning between 6-8am outside behind the CE Building.***

***Please...no Furniture, TV's, Computers, Printers, Baby gear or Clothing for this Sale. Thanks!***

**Renter Applications can be found on the table in the Narthex, Vestry and CE Office hallway.  
Or, contact the Church Office to have an application sent to you by email.**

**Completed Renter Applications with payment can be placed in the offering plate on or before Sunday, May 5th, or brought to the Church Office on or before Thursday, May 9th .**

***\*\*The deadline to submit your application with payment is Thursday, May 9th \*\****



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*Services of: April 28 & May 5, 2024*

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MUSIC DIRECTOR – *Dave Valerio*      SECRETARY – *Kathy Trowbridge*

**Church Office Hours**

*Tuesday & Thursday - 8:30am—4:30pm*