

TRIAD God Church Family

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

May 26, 2024

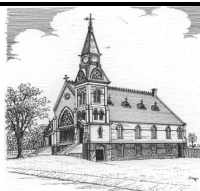
Trinity Sunday

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

Guest Preacher: *Rev. Jonathan Ryder*
Fellowship Hr: *The Mission Committee*

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Second Sunday after Pentecost
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

NOTE NEW WORSHIP TIME
JUNE—AUGUST = 9:30am

Guest Preacher: *Rev. John Fisk*
Fellowship Hr: *Trustee, Heather Bonfilio*

We are 150 years old!

On Saturday, May 4th, members of the congregation joined in fellowship at the North Attleboro Elks to celebrate our church's great milestone! We were pleased to have about eighty members in attendance including our own Rev Carole! The Elk's hall looked wonderful thanks to the decorating team of Peg Robinson and her daughter Laura Higgins. Committee Chair Rich Goss gave a short speech to welcome everyone and to recognize the committee's efforts. This past January, Rich Goss, Gil Reynders, Kathy Trowbridge, and Dave Valerio started meeting weekly and developed an outline for the celebration weekend. On March 3rd, the committee met with the congregation during coffee hour to ask for more help. We were pleased to have Bruce Carpenter, Peg Robinson, Martha McHatton, Sandi Burns, and Pam Morse join us! Everyone was able to pitch in and contribute with their own special talents. We continued to meet weekly, and it all came together beautifully. Kathy Trowbridge spent countless hours creating/printing/preparing the wonderful invitations, programs, flyers, and so much more. Rich Goss was able to get great newspaper articles in the North Star Reporter and the Sun Chronicle. Bruce Carpenter was the expert who created our memorabilia display. And Martha McHatton and Dave Valerio developed and delivered the games/activities, and music! We had a fantastic buffet meal provided by Good and Plenty caterers. The food was "Good" and there was "Plenty." Pam Tarallo was kind enough to take our leftovers to the Soup Kitchen at La Salette. We topped off dinner with a delicious "150th Anniversary" sheet cake. Then it was off to the Church for the start of our Musical Celebration – "Make a Joyful Noise".

The Sanctuary looked beautiful. It was amazing to see sunlight magically lighting our stained-glass windows that evening. It was wonderful to see the pews and even the balcony SO FULL! We had about one hundred congregation members and guests there! We were very blessed to have a talented group of musicians and singers perform for us. Led by Mr. Dave, they performed an upbeat compilation of songs. It was truly special. The hours of preparation and rehearsals really paid off. We were delighted to have our choir sing and perform for us on this special evening. The evening was made even more special by Dave's friends - Julie Marriucci (vocals) and Randy Bishop (saxophone and clarinet). The vocalists, soloists and the leader of the band put on a phenomenal show. We need to have all of them back for the 175th anniversary! Interspersed with the music, we were honored to have several community leaders express their heartfelt thanks to Central Congregational Church for our unwavering commitment to our community. It was very nice to hear how much our efforts have contributed to our local community.

The weekend was capped off by a special Worship Service led by Rev Patty Kogut, our representative from the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ. She gave a wonderful sermon assuring us that she and others from the Conference will be here to guide us and support us as we transition from the wonderful leadership we have so enjoyed from our own Reverend Carole for so many years. During the service, Nancy Mitchell led us in a special moment of remembrance for past members of the Women's Christian Fellowship Group. We also recited a special rededication message for our 150th anniversary which was exactly 150 years ago on this date (May 5). We left feeling refreshed, renewed, and ready for the next 150 years! Stay tuned for many more events celebrating our history over the coming months! Our story is still unfolding!

Postscript: Even though Rich Goss and Bruce Carpenter spent many hours searching for the time capsule placed at the church in 1974, it was not found. The speculation is that it was lost (carried away with debris) when the foundation wall was damaged by the contractor working on the front steps in the early 2000's. We will place a 2024 capsule later this year and be sure to leave a detailed "treasure map" showing its precise location!

Central Church Calendar

Tuesday, May 21st

7:00pm Trustees/Vestry & Zoom

Sunday, May 26th

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Gil Reynders for the Mission Committee

Monday, May 27th

MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, May 28th

TRIAD DEADLINE to submit news and information.

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

Our Parish Register

Prayers are asked for...

Derek MacLeod and Family, Jessica MacLeod, Rev. Mary Perry, Judy Eustace, Gary Morse, Andy Valerio, Jane, Ed, Jake, Nick, Abby, Tyler, Kayla, Johnny, Julie King, Baltimore Bridge Victims and their families, Kristen Babcock, Susan Burns, Jillian (Boraski) Giorgio, Brett Hawes, Billy, Rev Dr. Mary Louise Gifford and Husband, Rev Martinson's wife, Linda Ryder, Andy Valerio, Jonathan and Meredith Newby, Joy Adams, Estelle, Peter, Paula, Greg, Denny, Wayne, Sonia and Ian Nembhard, Patty, Jacqui Howard, Janis Savage, Wilbert Parkes, Jermaine Hall, Jason Burke, Adam Bilsborough, Claire Mattson, Kelly, Chad Winship, Rev Carole, Amos Robinson, Ed Dyer, Jen DiSalvio, Sandy Thibodeau, Paul Homer, Richard Lamoureux, Loretta Lomov, Ben, Eamon.

Our Sympathy to...

***Derek MacLeod and Family
and Jessica MacLeod
on the passing of their Mom,
Sandie MacLeod.***

A service of celebration was held here on May 10th.

Sandie was a Sunday School Teacher here for more than 27 years and will be sorely missed by all the children and families who have passed through our doors and those who have yet to enter.

Donations in Memory of Sandie may be made to Central Congregational Church's Memorial Gifts Fund.

Saturday, June 1st

CE Staff and Teacher Appreciation Breakfast—offsite.

Sunday, June 2nd

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Trustee, Heather Bonfilio

Wednesday, June 5th

7:00pm Executive Council/Vestry & Zoom

Sunday, June 9th

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: The Bachand Family

Tuesday, June 11th

TRIAD DEADLINE to submit news and information

Wednesday, June 12th

7:00pm Deacons meet in Vestry & by Zoom

Sunday, June 16th

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Gil Reynders

Tuesday, June 18th

7:00pm Trustees meet Vestry & Zoom

Sunday, June 23rd

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: The Mission Committee

Tuesday, June 25th

**67th Anniversary
of the United Church of Christ**

Tuesday, June 25th

TRIAD DEADLINE for all of July Info.

Wednesday, June 26th

6:00pm—7:00pm PRAYER GROUP MEETS via Zoom—only. Use the same link for this as you do for meetings and worship.. All welcome!

TRIAD DEADLINES to submit information:

***Tuesdays—
May 28, June 11 & 25
July 23 & August 20***



June Birthdays

04 Emery Macie 12 Dennis Bisio 23 Ken McHatton

09 Michael Riendeau 14 Beth Bolles 28 Will Bachand

10 Amelia Macie 21 Nick Locakvitch 28 Beverley Drayton

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

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Committee Corner

From the Board of Deacons

Our next meeting will be held on
Wednesday, June 12th
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, August 6th
at 7:00pm in the Vestry & Zoom.

The unexpected passing of "Miss Sandie" affected all the children and staff of the Sunday School. As part of our final class day for this season's Sunday School the children and staff shared a time of remembering Miss Sandie by drawing pictures and writing things that reminded us of her. We gathered in a very large group hug to comfort one another and concluded by releasing balloons into the air outside the CE building sending "We love you" messages to Miss Sandie.

The Annual Children's Day Service with the kids and Sunday School staff held on May 19th allowed the congregation to hear some of the highlights of things the children learned throughout the year. Following the service everyone was invited across the street for the Church Family Cookout. Thank you to the CE Committee along with Rich Goss, Keith Darling (the Happy Grillmen) and Tyler Valerio for helping to make the cookout a fun time for all!

Thank you to the Sunday School Staff, Donna Carpenter, Ryan Spooner, Megan Spooner, Sharilyn Hepburn, Warna Reynders, Heather Bonfilio and Cheryl Follett. Your time, dedication and mostly your love for the children of the church is appreciated!

Have a wonderful summer with your families! Sunday School will resume the Sunday after Labor Day (Sept 8th). See you all then!

From the Memorial Gifts Committee

Our next meeting will be held on
Thursday, September 12, 2024
at 6:00pm in the Vestry & Zoom.

From the Executive Council

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 5th**
At 7:00pm in the Vestry & Zoom.

From the Stewardship Committee

The Foundation of Stewardship

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it.

-Psalm 24:1

The Bible consistently gives us a counter-cultural and counterintuitive understanding of the world and ourselves. It's so radical that many of us can't accept it.

The idea is that the world belongs to God, and so does everything **IN** the world. Even **US!** We, who proudly think of ourselves as autonomous, self-directed and self-made, actually belong to God. In other words, we don't own ourselves. We are possessions of the Almighty.

Think about that for just a minute. We don't own the earth, our houses, our cars, our possessions, our animals, our children, or even ourselves. It all belongs to God. We belong to God. We are humble servants, slaves, actually.

The reality that God owns everything, even us, forms the foundation for biblical stewardship. If God owns everything, including us, then we are responsible to God for our wisest and best use of the planet, our possessions, our talents and our lives.

Taking that responsibility seriously, God's people will prayerfully make choices that are in accordance with God's wishes. We will care for ourselves, our neighbors, and the earth. We will strive to love the Lord our God with all our being, and our neighbor as ourselves.

Prayerfully consider, how are you doing?

--Rob Blezard

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From the Prayer Fellowship Group

"And Jesus answered them. "...And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." *Matthew 21: 21a,22 ESV.*

Group Prayer meetings for the summer will be held monthly at 6:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month except in June. The actual dates are May 15, June 26, July 17, August 21. To join the prayer meeting use the same zoom link as for Sunday Worship. Everyone Welcomed! Join us to hear new requests or share a concern or celebration. Pray as you prefer

- spoken or silently. God hears every prayer!

Containers for leaving Prayer Requests

are found on the table in the Sanctuary Narthex & on the Vestry table under Mission bulletin board. Index cards and pens are next to the containers. Requests will be removed weekly after Sunday service and shared with Prayer Fellowship members. We will continue to pray for your requests during our personal prayer time and when the fellowship meets together. You may also continue to send a prayer request in an email to the church office at 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

Prayers for the Interim Minister that we hire.

"May he/she be blessed with excellent structure to guide us in the work we are doing, and the work we have yet to discover that we will need to do as we proceed in forming a search committee to find the right person to become our new settled pastor. May the Interim have patience, wisdom, and the heart for doing this kind of work with us so that we may be blessed and fortified to continue doing God's work here in Attleboro Falls and spreading the Word all around the world through this work." (Kathy Trowbridge wrote and shared this prayer with the Prayer Fellowship.)

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.

Our Church Prayer:

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.

Committee Corner

From the Mission Committee

Our next meeting is scheduled
at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 28th
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

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 ESV

MAY MISSION – Angel Flight NE



Angel Flight New England provides free angel flights and ground transportation so children and adults can access life-saving medical care.

For many patients, the journey back to health is a long process requiring multiple flights to specialty medical treatments. While medical care is available, the cost of frequent travel to medical appointments creates a barrier to accessing the care these patients deserve. With your support, Angel Flight NE will continue to provide transportation to patients. **Let's Adopt an Angel Flight New England! Donor Levels begin at: \$300 donation will provide one flight. A \$900 donation provides 3 flights. A \$1800 donation will provide 9 flights! As a congregation let's see how many flights we can provide through our giving!**

UPDATES and OUTCOMES:

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."

On Sunday, May 5th, the Walk for Hunger will take place again at the Boston Common. It's not too late to contribute to PROJECT BREAD by supporting Bill Bentley as he completes the original Walk for Hunger dis-

tance of twenty miles - in North Attleboro!
TWO WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE to help Bill exceed his fundraising GOAL!

On-Line Giving:

Go to 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.

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. Fill free to visit their website: www.lovepackages.org**

Our International Sponsorship Programs for Children –

PRAYER REQUESTED
Tibetan Refugee Self Help Center,
Darjeeling, India

Pray for our ' Godchild: Thupten Gyaltsen, 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!

When shopping please purchase these preferred items as requested by Lenore's Pantry.

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.

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday - 8:30am—4:30pm