

# TRIAD

God Church Family

## Central Congregational Church, UCC

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## Worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in-person and Online

**June 23, 2024**

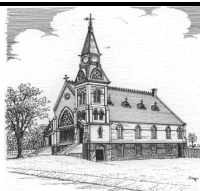
*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship at **9:30 am**  
in-person in the Sanctuary  
and Online by Zoom.

**Guest Preacher:** *Rev. Jonathan Ryder*  
**Fellowship Hr:** *Peggy Robinson*

**June 18, 2024**

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**June 30, 2024**

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship at **9:30 am**  
in-person in the Sanctuary  
and Online by Zoom.

**Guest Preacher:** *Rev. Peggy Files*  
**Fellowship Hr:** *Women's Christian Fellowship*

### A NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS:

During the past 8 months, the Deacons have worked closely with the Southern New England Conference of the UCC, who provided much needed guidance and support throughout our unexpected Ministerial transition. Since then, we have been blessed to welcome several different Pastors to our pulpit, each of whom gave us a chance to experience different personalities and approaches to worship.

Earlier this year, the Deacons decided we were ready to take the next step in our transition and pursue an Interim Minister. Interim Ministers have a very specific calling and role in the transition of a church. They receive specific training and often have experience with several churches in that capacity.

In this role, their job is to work with the church to prepare us for our search and selection of a "Settled" Minister. Some of this work is very similar in nature to the "Future of the Church" work we've been doing over the past couple of years. Interim Ministers are NOT candidates to be a Settled Pastor, but will help us to discern what we are looking for in a pastoral candidate, and work with us to develop an appropriate profile of our church which would then be used by the UCC to post the opening throughout the U.S. in order to attract good candidates. Interim Ministry typically lasts 1-2 years.

In May we submitted a profile of our church as requested by the UCC to enable them to post the Interim position on the UCC website. We were fortunate to receive interest from six candidates in total. Each one brought something unique to the table - musical talent, youth ministry, updates of best practices in churches, etc.

We were pleasantly surprised that one of the candidates was Rev. Don Remick. Rev. Remick is just finishing up an interim position with another church and is ready for another. We interviewed Rev. Remick and one other candidate via Zoom, and then held a deacons' meeting to discuss.

Don has a tremendous background working with churches to address many of the challenges we will face during this transition. As a church, we are also very well acquainted with Don and have been very pleased with his work with us.

At our meeting, the Deacons voted unanimously to extend an offer to Don, which we are happy to report he accepted. He will officially start as our Interim Pastor on September 1st.

During the next couple of months, Don plans to meet with the Executive Council, Deacons, and our church staff (Dave and Kathy) to begin to lay the groundwork for his Interim Ministry. He would like to lead at least one worship service in August as an introduction to the congregation.

We look forward to welcoming Rev. Remick to our church family.

Martha McHatton and Pam Morse, Co-Chairs  
For The Board of Deacons

# Central Church Calendar

## Wednesday, June 19th

7:00pm 150th Anniversary Outdoor Summer Concert Series—Outside on the CE Lawn. See flyer for more details!

## Sunday, June 23rd

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom  
Fellowship Hr: Peggy Robinson, for the Mission Committee

## Mondays, June 24th, July 15th & Aug 19th

### **REVISED—NOTE—NEW DATES!**

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

## Tuesday, June 25th

*67th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ*

**TRIAD DEADLINE for all of July Information and events.**

## Our Parish Register

### **Prayers are asked for...**

Michele Martino, Linda Harrop, udy Eustace, Gary Morse, Andy Valerio, Jane, Ed, Jake, Nick, Abby, Tyler, Kayla, Johnny, Julie King, Kristen Babcock, Susan, Jillian (Boraski) Giorgio, Billy, Andy Valerio, Jonathan and Meredith Newby, Joy Adams, Estelle, Peter, Paula, Greg, Danny, Wayne, Sonia and Ian Nembhard, Patty, Jacqui Howard, Janis Savage, Wilbert Parkes, Jermaine Hall, Jason Burke, Adam Bilsborough, Kelly, Chad Winship, Rev Carole, Amos Robinson, Ed Dyer, Jen DiSalvio, , Paul Homer, Richard Lamoureux, Loretta Lomov, Ben, Eamon.

## Thursday, June 27th

7:00pm Finance Committee meeting/Vestry

## Sunday, June 30th

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom  
Fellowship Hr: The Women's Christian Fellowship

## Thursday, July 4th

**INDEPENDENCE DAY—  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY.**

## Sunday, July 7th

9:30am Worship in our Air-Conditioned Sanctuary and by Zoom.  
Fellowship Hr: Kathy Dolley

## Sunday, July 14th

9:30am Worship in our Air-Conditioned Sanctuary and by Zoom.  
Fellowship Hr: Deacon—TBA

## Monday, July 15th

6:00pm PRAYER GROUP meets online via Zoom.

## Wednesday, July 17th

7:00pm 150th Anniversary Outdoor Sum-

mer Concert Series—Outside on the CE Lawn. *A Visit from Capt Davey the Clown—and a visit from Palagi Bros Ice Cream truck—fun for the whole family!!* See flyer for more details!

## Sunday, July 21st

9:30am Worship in our Air-Conditioned Sanctuary and by Zoom.  
Fellowship Hr: Gil Reynders for the Mission Committee

## Tuesday, July 23rd

**TRIAD DEADLINE to submit info for all of August and looking ahead to any news or events that you may have in the works for September.**

## Sunday, July 28th

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom  
Fellowship Hr: Mission Committee

## **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)

[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

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

**Tuesdays—**

**June 25—For all July Info**

**July 23—For all August Info**

**& August 20—every 2 weeks  
from here.**



## **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

## Committee Corner

### From the Board of Deacons

Our next meeting will be held on  
**Wednesday, August 14th**  
at 7:00pm/Vestry & Zoom

### From the Board of Trustees

Our next meeting will be held on  
**Tuesday, September 17th**  
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.  
Have a safe and enjoyable Summer with  
your families! See you in September!

### 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, August 7th**  
At 7:00pm in the Vestry & Zoom.

### From the Stewardship Committee **Your Congregation's Best Assets**

Some time ago, I met with leaders from struggling congregations who wanted insight on how they could grow. The main event was an "asset mapping" workshop to help them identify the resources their congregation already had to invigorate its mission. So, I'll put the question to you that I put to them: What assets does your congregation have, and why are they important to complete your work? The teams from the congregations worked diligently and then presented lists that were remarkably similar:

- Money in the bank and investments
- Talented, motivated congregants
- Solid physical plant and/or property
- Good location
- Talented choir, band, or musicians

Good pastor and/or lay leadership  
Bravo! These are certainly assets that can be used to turn things around at every congregation.

More notable were the assets that all of the teams *neglected* to mention. They included:  
God the Father/Creator  
God the Son/Savior  
God the Holy Spirit/Sanctifier  
The Bible  
The Sacrament of Baptism  
The Sacrament of Eucharist  
The Word of God

What's wrong? The teams were looking at their congregation from a business model. Their lists would probably compare with those of restaurants or social clubs. Of course, all of the congregations actually did possess the elements of the second list. The problem was that none of the team members readily saw these sacred, holy assets as useful in accomplishing their mission and making their congregation strong again.

Is it any reason why they were struggling? What attitudes would they have to change in order to turn things around? How is your congregation doing?

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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

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*  
*1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18*

### 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.)*

### 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 will be held on  
**Tuesday, August 27th at 7:00pm**  
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*

### June & July Mission – KIDS SUMMER

**CAFÉ – FREE MEALS & NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



The Kids' Summer Café is a program of the Attleboro Area Interfaith Collaborative. This program's goal is to make nutritious lunches available to children of school age up to age 18 years, throughout the summer; replacing the free or reduced-price lunch they would normally receive during the school year. There are no registration or income guideline requirements. The Kids' Summer Café helps keep good nutrition available to children and helps to alleviate the burden on families to provide another meal per child during the summer months.

**DATES:** Monday through Friday, June 24th – August 16<sup>th</sup>!

**LOCATIONS** include:

**Briggs Playground**, 35 Parker Street, Attleboro from 12 pm – 1:00 pm

**Capron Park Playground**, 233 County St., Attleboro from 12pm-1pm

**Lees Pond Playground**, 57 Adamsdale Ave, South Attleboro from 12pm – 1:00pm

**North Glen Playground**, 1 Norton Glen Rd, Norton from 11:30am-12:30 pm

**Monetary Donations are being accepted through June and July - Please include "Kid's Café" on the memo line of your check.**

***Thank you for supporting families and children in need of nutritious meals this summer in our greater Attleboro area.***

***AAIC Mission:*** Inspired by diverse faiths and shared values, Attleboro Area Interfaith Collaborative advances a healthy, secure, and meaningful life for all within our community.

***AAIC Vision:*** With multi-faith understanding and compassion, Attleboro Area Interfaith Collaborative alleviates hunger, promotes stability, and inspires the community to thrive.

### **UPDATES and OUTCOMES:**

#### **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.

#### **AUGUST MISSION—Let's Give a Boost to our 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 look for the container in the window at the CE building entrance or on the counter outside the church office in the CE building.

#### **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.***

*Thank you for your generous support for all of our missions—helping to share God's love all around the world!*



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<b>NOTES:</b> <b>Summer Worship</b> <b>will be held at</b> <b>9:30am June—</b> <b>August</b>	<b>The Prayer Group</b> has moved to once per month for June—August.					<b>1 Sunday School Staff Appreciation Breakfast—Offsite</b>
<b>2</b> The Sacrament of Holy Communion Today 9:30am Worship In-Person & Zoom. <b>Guest Preacher:</b> <i>Rev John Fisk</i> <b>Fellowship Hr:</b> <i>Heather Bonfilio</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>7:00pm EXECUTIVE COUNCIL Meets in Vestry &amp; Zoom</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:30am Worship In-Person & Zoom. <b>Guest Preacher:</b> <i>Rev John Fisk</i> <b>Fellowship Hr:</b> <i>The Bachand Family</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>MOVED TO TODAY—</b> <b>7:00pm Trustees Meet Vestry &amp; Zoom</b>	<b>12</b> <b>NEW MEETING DAY</b> <b>7:00pm Deacons Meet /Vestry &amp; Zoom</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00pm 150th Anniversary Planning Team Meeting/Vestry	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:30am Worship In-Person & Zoom. <b>Guest Preacher:</b> <i>Rev Peggy Files</i> <b>Fellowship Hr:</b> <i>Rich Goss</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>JUNETEENTH</b> <b>7:00pm OUT-DOOR SUMMER CONCERT</b> <b>1st of 3!</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:30am Worship In-Person & Zoom. <b>Guest Preacher:</b> <i>Rev Jonathan Ryder</i> <b>Fellowship Hr:</b> <i>Peg Robinson for the Mission Committee</i>	<b>24</b> <b>NEW DAY—</b> <b>6:00pm Prayer Fellowship/ Zoom Only</b>	<b>25 TRIAD DEADLINE</b> <i>for all of July info, meetings and events.</i> <b>67th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ</b> <b>7pm Pumpkin Patch Organizers meet/ Vestry.</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>7:00pm Finance Committee - Vestry</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30am Worship In-Person & Zoom. <b>Guest Preacher:</b> <i>Rev Peggy Files</i> <b>Fellowship Hr:</b> <i>Women's Christian Fellowship</i>					<b>SAVE THESE DATES!</b> <b>Wednesdays, July 17 and August 21 for our Outdoor Summer Concert series</b>	<b>REVISED</b> <b>06/18/2024</b>

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*Services of: June 23 & 30, 2024*

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**Church Office Hours**

*Tuesday & Thursday - 8:30am—4:30pm*