

# TRIAD God Church Family

## Central Congregational Church, UCC

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

**December 11, 2022**

*Third Sunday in Advent*

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

**Sermon:** "ID, Please!"

**Scripture:** Matthew 11:1-15

**Fellowship Hour:**  
*Deacon, Martha McHatton*

**December 6, 2022**

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**Christmas Eve**  
**Dec 24th**  
Worship  
6pm Sanctuary w/  
Communion &  
by Zoom

**Christmas Day**  
**Dec 25th**  
Worship  
10:00am

**December 18, 2022**

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

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

**Sermon:** "Listen!"

**Scripture:** Matthew 1:18-25

**Fellowship Hour:**  
*Mission Committee Chair,*  
*Gil Reynders*

The Sunday School Christmas Pageant  
will be held during the 10am worship  
service in the Sanctuary.  
**No classes today.**

### WARRANT FOR A SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ATTLEBORO FALLS, MASSACHUSETTS

In accordance with the bylaws of Central Congregational Church Article VI, Section 2 (c), a special meeting is called for Sunday, **December 11, 2022 at 11:30am in person in the Vestry and via Zoom.**

The purpose of the meeting is to act upon the following business:

**Article I** - To present and vote to accept the proposed budget for the year 2023.

**Article II** – The Future of the Church Update.

**Article III** - To act upon any other business that may come before the special meeting.

*Robert Ouoian*

Moderator

# Central Church Calendar

## Tuesday, December 6th

7:00pm CE Meets in the Vestry and by Zoom.

## Wednesday, December 7th

7:00pm Executive Council, Finance Committee and the Trustees meet in the Vestry and by Zoom.

## Thursday, December 8th

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

## Sunday, December 11th

9:45am Sunday School—Christmas event and pageant rehearsal/Hall  
10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and by Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Martha McHatton

11:30am SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING/Vestry. All members encouraged to attend.

1:00pm Youth group meets in the Daggett Lounge for Pizza & Movie.

## Tuesday, December 13th

### **Triad Deadline**

7pm Deacons/Vestry & Zoom

## Thursday, December 15th

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

## Sunday, December 18th

10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and by Zoom

The Sunday School presents it's Annual Christmas Pageant during worship today. (No Classes today)

Fellowship Hr: Gil Reynders

## Tuesday, December 20th

No Trustee meeting today.

## Thursday, December 22nd

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

## Saturday, December 24th

6:00pm Christmas Eve Worship w/ Communion—Sanctuary & by Zoom

## Sunday, December 25th

No Sunday School Today

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & by Zoom

No Choir Today.

## Tuesday, December 27th

Triad Deadline

## Thursday, December 29th

No Choir Rehearsal Tonight

## Sunday, January 1, 2023

No Sunday School Today.

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & by Zoom. No Choir Today.

Fellowship Hr: Warna Reynders

## Tuesday, January 3rd

7:00pm CE Committee meets/Vestry & Zoom

## Wednesday, January 4th

No Exec Council this month.

## Thursday, January 5th

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

7:00pm Mission Committee meets/Vestry & Zoom.

## Friday, January 6th

EPIPHANY

## Sunday, January 8th

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

9:45am Sunday School resumes—Hall

10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and by Zoom

Fellowship Hr: TBA

## Tuesday, January 10th

TRIAD DEADLINE

7pm Deacons meet/Vestry & Zoom

## Our Parish Register

**At Home** Jen DiSalvio, Roberta Bumpus, Loretta Lomov, Richard Lamoureux, Ed Dyer, Ben, Eamon (Jan Meierdiercks' Grandson) Bob Krajewski (Deb Trowbridge's husband), Nancy Kelly (Kathy Trowbridge's Mom), Sandy Thibodeau.

## Residing in Elder Care...

### **Carolyn Farrell**

The Falls at Cordingly Dam  
2300 Washington St.  
Newton Lower-Falls, MA 02462

### **Jackie Glass**

Maples Rehab and Nursing Center  
90 Taunton St., Wrentham, MA 02093



## TRIAD DEADLINES to submit information:

Tuesdays—  
December 13th & 27th  
January 10th & 24th

## December Birthdays

01 Karen Burt	11 Grace Booker	18 Chris Sanders	23 Hannah Fish
01 Carl Barry	12 Phoebe Jones	19 Andrew Goss	24 Charlie Hepburn
06 Anne McElwee	12 MaryLou Renner	19 Kyle Will	26 Ben Morse
07 Carmen Lamoureux	13 Thomas Silva	20 Stan Lockavitch	30 Danielle Pond
08 MaryBeth Rubyck	16 Jessica MacLeod	22 Loretta Lomov	31 Phil McCally
10 Laura Robinson	16 Tyson Bolles	23 Megan Spooner	



## Committee Corner

### From the Future of the Church Leadership Team

Our next consultation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7:00pm. in the Vestry and by Zoom.

***“The role of the Future of the Church Leadership Team is to represent our congregation in meeting with our consultant for the purpose of being mentored in developing, shaping and guiding a Transformational Visioning Program for Central Congregational Church.”***

The members of the Leadership Team include Sue Dunbar, Rich Goss, Wayne Nettay, Cheryl Peterson, Gil Reynders, Megan Spooner and Ryan Spooner. Rev. Carole is an ex-officio member, as with all committees, to benefit from her guidance, experience, and wisdom!

**Background:** Over the last few years the historic Conferences of the Southern New England Conference have been researching a variety of approaches to visioning and vitality for churches. Conference leadership believes that this is a profound time for change in the landscape of religion in our world. They also believe that it is possible for our churches to have what Jeremiah described as ‘a future and a hope’. They have seen churches decline. They have seen churches come alive. They have listened to the voices of those beyond the walls of our churches. And they have learned even as they keep learning. An understanding learned through their journey is that all healthy, faithful, and effective churches have gone through an intentional process of discernment towards a God Given Vision.

In recent months the members of our Executive Council had extensive dialogue with Reverend Don Remick, in seeking a potential consultant to guide our ‘future of the church’ process. As a pastor with the United Church of Christ and former staff member of the Southern New England Conference, Rev. Remick participated in developing and shaping the concept of a Transformational Visioning Program. We are pleased to announce that he has accepted our offer and request that he serve as our consultant. We have recently begun our exploratory journey of developing a Transformational Visioning Program for our church.

More information will be shared through the

Triad Newsletter in the weeks and months ahead!

#### **Reflection:**

**“Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes.” – Carl Jung**

**“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths”. Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV**

### From the Board of Deacons

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00pm Vestry & Zoom.**

**To Join us in Zoom Worship:**  
(Please sign in a few minutes early to check your audio and video)

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
<https://zoom.us/j/2148198082>

**Meeting ID: 214 819 8082**

**Christmas Eve Worship**  
6:00pm in the Sanctuary & by Zoom with Communion

**Christmas Day**  
Worship at 10am  
in the Sanctuary & by Zoom

### From the Board of Trustees

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 7th, 2022 at 7:00pm**

**with Executive Council and the Finance Committee in the Vestry & by Zoom.**

### From the Christian Education Committee

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00pm** in the Vestry and by Zoom.

◆ **Sunday School Kids Care Mission**  
During the months of **November and December** we will be collecting **Holiday Meal food** items to donate to Lenore’s Pantry. Suggested items include: canned vegetables, instant potatoes (mashed, scalloped), stuffing mixes, yams, canned pie filling.

◆ **Sunday School Christmas Event**  
On **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** Sunday School classes will be united for a Sunday School Christmas Event, *A Candy Cane Christmas – The Legend of the Candy Cane.*

◆ **Christmas Pageant**  
This year’s Christmas Pageant, *Christmas Road Trip: The Journey of a Lifetime*, will take place on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** during the 10 am worship service.

◆ **Youth Group – CHANGE OF DATE & TIME**

Our next Youth Group gathering will be on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet at **1:00 pm** in Daggett Lounge for pizza and a Christmas movie.

*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](mailto:sharilyn.hepburn@gmail.com) or message on Facebook.*

### From the Memorial Gifts Committee

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 12th at 6:00pm** in the Vestry & by Zoom.

### From the Executive Council

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00pm** with the **Bd of Trustees and the Finance Committee** in the Vestry and by Zoom.

### From the Stewardship Committee

Trusting always that God will provide for the plans He has for Central Congregational Church, be encouraged that as of this writing \$92,000 has been received in pledges for 2023, With \$28,000 needed to reach our pledge goal for 2023, we are so close! If you have lost your pledge card there are plenty available in the narthex as well as in the church office. If you have not mailed the card in, please drop it in the mail today or drop it off at the church office this week, or put it the offering plate on Sunday. Your giving has a direct impact on the church's ability to meet the ministry and outreach demands of the church. At the upcoming Budget Meeting in December you will have the opportunity to see what your giving does to meet the mission and ministry of the church.

#### **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 Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 7:00pm in-person 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

**Bible Verse:** *“And he (Simeon) came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory to your people Israel.” And his father and mother marveled at what was said about him.*

Luke 2: 27-33  
(English Standard Version)

*As you celebrate Christmas 2022, take time to “embrace Jesus” within your heart and mind celebrating the difference a relationship with Jesus has made and continues to make in your life”. Amen!*

#### **December Mission –**

Our CCC Sunday Offering on **December 18<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Eve** will support **The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross**. By giving generously to **The Christmas Fund**, we will help retired clergy, church staff, and their families to pay bills, maintain health insurance, and meet emergency needs. Year after year, our gifts make a difference, easing the anxiety of con-

stant financial worries. Last year, the Christmas Fund, administered by the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ, provided over \$1.6 million in pension and health benefits supplementation, emergency grants, and thank-you checks to retired servants of the church and their families. Every cent of that money came from the pockets of people like you and me.

*Your donation to this fund may also be mailed to the church office or by using our new on-line giving program through Vanco. If mailing a contribution to the church, please write ‘Christmas Fund’ on the memo line of your check.*

#### **UPDATES & OUTCOMES**

**Our annual November mission project – Christmas is for Kids – has been successfully completed!** The Mission Committee expresses our heartfelt appreciation for your generous gift giving and cooperation in meeting our requests and deadlines. All requested gifts were received for our six ‘adopted’ children. Gift were delivered to the Christmas is for Kids distribution center on November 29<sup>th</sup>!

#### **Year-Round Missions**

Keep supporting **Lenore’s Pantry** and our **Shriner’s Hospital** Aluminum Tab Collection/recycling Project. Thanks for your frequent donations. I note the Sunday School has adopted Lenore’s Pantry from October 2022 through May 2023 and will be providing donated food items each month!





# December 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<p><b>REVISED 12/06/22</b></p>				<p>1</p> <p>7pm Mission Committee— Vestry &amp; Zoom.</p> <p>7:00pm CHOIR/ Sanctuary</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 <b>10am</b></p> <p><i>Help Needed to decorate and food prep for the Christmas Dinner</i></p>
<p>4 <b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p><i>2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i></p> <p>9:45am Sunday School/Hall</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-Person &amp; Zoom.</p> <p><b>Fellowship HR:</b></p> <p><i>Mike Dunbar</i></p> <p><b>11:30am Christmas Dinner</b></p> <p><b>Help Needed/Hall</b></p> <p><b>4:30pm Doors Open-Christmas Dinner/ Hall</b></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7pm</b></p> <p><b>CE Committee -Vestry &amp; Zoom</b></p>	<p>7</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Exec Council, The Finance Committee &amp; Trustees meet in the Vestry &amp; by Zoom</b></p>	<p>8</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00pm CHOIR/ Sanctuary</b></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Hall reserved for CE Use.</i></p>
<p>11 <i>3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i></p> <p>9:45am Sunday School/Hall 10:00am Worship In-Person &amp; Zoom.</p> <p><b>Fellowship HR:</b> <i>Martha McHatton</i></p> <p><b>11:30am ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING/ VESTRY &amp; ZOOM</b></p> <p>1pm YOUTH GROUP meets in Daggett Lounge</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRIAD DEADLINE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00pm DEACONS Vestry &amp; Zoom</b></p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00pm CHOIR/ Sanctuary</b></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 <i>4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i></p> <p>10:00am Worship In-Person &amp; Zoom.</p> <p><b>Sunday School Christmas Pageant during worship today.</b></p> <p><b>Fellowship Hr</b> <i>Gil Reynders</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No Trustee Meeting Tonight.</i></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00pm CHOIR/ Sanctuary</b></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <b>6pm</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Eve Worship/ Sanctuary &amp; Zoom</b></p>
<p>25</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS DAY NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship In-Person &amp; Zoom.</p> <p><b>No Choir Today.</b></p> <p><b>No Fellowship Hr Today</b></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRIAD DEADLINE</b></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No Choir Rehearsal Tonight</b></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Year's Eve</b></p>

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Services of: December 11 & 18, 2022

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***Church Office Hours***

*Tuesday & Thursday - 8:30am–4:30pm*