

TRIAD God Church Family

Central Congregational Church, UCC

115 Commonwealth Avenue P.O. Box 1319 Attleboro Falls, MA 02763
Telephone (508) 699-7700

E-Mail Address: centralucc@verizon.net

Website: <https://www.attleborofallschurch.org>



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

December 25, 2022

CHRISTMAS DAY

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

Sermon: "To Us A Child Is Born"

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7 and Luke 2:1-7

No Choir or Fellowship Hour Today.

No Sunday School today.

December 20, 2022

Volume 51 Issue 19

**Christmas Eve
Dec 24th**

6:00pm Worship
In the Sanctuary
w/ Communion,
Candlelight and
the Choir &
worship also by
Zoom.

January 1, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas

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

Sermon: "What Happened Next?"

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-7

Fellowship Hour:
Warna Reynders

No Choir Today.

No Sunday School today.



Central Congregational Church Attleboro Falls, MA 02763

HOLD THE DATE:

**As announced on Sunday, December 11th,
the first 'Future of Our Church' Meeting,
led by our consultant, Rev. Don Remick,
is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2023
from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. (Location—tba)**

*The purpose for this orientation meeting is to
anchor church leadership and membership in
the fundamental principles, the process, and the
timeline as we begin this initiative of seeking,
discerning and understanding God's vision for
transforming our church.*

**Please block this date and time in your calendar and make a personal
commitment to be in attendance! Pizza will be served.**

Central Church Calendar

Tuesday, December 20th

No Trustee meeting today.

Thursday, December 22nd

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Saturday, December 24th

6:00pm Christmas Eve Worship w/ Candle light, the Choir and Communion in the Sanctuary & worship also 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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

10:00am Worship/Sanctuary & 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

10am Help Wanted taking down the Christmas Tree and decorations from the CE Building/Hall.

7pm Deacons meet/Vestry & Zoom

Wednesday, January 11th

7:00pm The Future of Our Church Committee (Leadership Only) will meet at 7:00pm in the Vestry w/ Rev Don Remick.

Thursday, January 12th

6:00pm Memorial Gifts meets in the Vestry and by Zoom

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Sunday, January 15th

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS TODAY

9:45am Sunday School/Hall

10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary & by Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Memorial Gifts

Monday, January 16th

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY

Tuesday, January 17th

7:00pm Trustees meet- Vestry & Zoom

Saturday, January 21st

5:00pm *The Future of Our Church* committee holds an informational meeting for the Congregation tonight.

See front page for details.

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 27th
January 10th & 24th**

January Birthdays

01 Hunter Wilanson	05 Kim Burroughs	11 Kaitlyn DiSalvio	23 Shayla Bolles
03 Tyler Valerio	05 Chad Winship	11 Melissa Dunbar	27 Ryan Spooner
03 Gretchen Morin	09 Robert L. Glass	17 Nancy Tolivaisa	27 Tom Lockavitch
03 Lauren Bisio	09 Amber Follett	19 Lee Ann Spooner	28 Laurel Peter
04 Brian Meierdiercks	09 Joe Brigham	20 Steve Martino	30 Bridget Bolles
04 Abigail Jones	11 Juliana Carpenter	21 Emily Brigham	31 Stacey Boss



From the Future of the Church Leadership Team

“The Future of Our Church Initiative is about coming together as church members to seek God’s guidance and to understand and discern His vision for growing and transforming our church, so we will become more relevant in meeting the needs of people in our community.

Prayer Group Formation: As encouraged by Rev. Remick, a Prayer Group is being formed for grounding our visioning process in prayer. Gil Reynders has volunteered to guide and coordinate this important process. He is seeking volunteers interested in joining the group and/or in receiving more insight regarding expectations. Contact Gil directly by calling or texting him at 508-594-9619 or through conversation following Sunday worship. You may also express your interest by calling the church office, speaking with Kathy Trowbridge, who will notify Gil of your call.

In the weeks and months ahead more information will be provided through the Triad Newsletter. Be sure to read every edition!

“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 Nettnay, Cheryl Peterson, Gil Reynders, Megan Spooner, Ryan Spooner. Reverend Carole is an ex-officio member, as with all committees, to benefit from her guidance, experience, and wisdom.

The next leadership team meeting is scheduled at 7:00 PM on January 11, 2023 and will be held in the Vestry and through Zoom.

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 lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”. Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

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 with Communion, Candle light and the Choir and also online through Zoom .

Christmas Day
Worship at 10am
in the Sanctuary & by Zoom
(No Choir or Fellowship Hour Today).

New Year’s Day
Worship at 10am
in the Sanctuary & by Zoom
(No Choir Today).
Fellowship Hr: Warna Reynders

From the Board of Trustees

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:00pm** in the Vestry & by Zoom.

From the Christian Education Committee

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

◆ **Sunday School**

There will be **NO** Sunday School classes on **Sunday, December 25th** and **Sunday, January 1st**. We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas! We look forward to seeing the children back at Sunday School on **Sunday, January 8th**.

◆ **Youth Group – Save the Date**

Our next Youth Group gathering will be on **Sunday, January 8th**. Details will be shared in the coming weeks.

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 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, March 1st at 7:00pm in the Vestry and by Zoom.**
This gives the Boards and Committees a chance to meet and organize prior to an Exec Council meeting.

From the Stewardship Committee

CELEBRATE!!!! Our pledging has reached the \$100,000 mark! That doesn't mean we have reached our target of \$115,000. If you have sent your pledge in, **THANK YOU!!!** If you were at the budget 2023 presentation on Sunday, Dec 11th, following the morning worship service, you realize just how important pledging is to the mission and ministry of our church. Our budget is a statement of our faith as a church. We believe God is at work in and through our church. Our giving is reflection of our faith in God's plan for us.

The Christmas season is a season of giving. If you have not made your pledge for 2023, and want to express your faith in what God is doing and wants to do in our church and community, there is still time. If you need a pledge packet, contact Kathy in the office to have one mailed out to you. If you are able to attend services on Sunday, you may pick up a pledge card on the table in the narthex.

Merry Christmas!!

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 18th and Christmas Eve** will support **The UCC 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 constant 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. Gifts were delivered to the Christmas is for Kids distribution center on November 29th!

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>REVISED 12/20/22</p>				<p>1</p> <p>7pm Mission Committee— Vestry & Zoom.</p> <p>7:00pm CHOIR/ Sanctuary</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 10am</p> <p><i>Help Needed to decorate and food prep for the Christmas Dinner</i></p>
<p>4 Holy Communion</p> <p><i>2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i></p> <p>9:45am Sunday School/Hall</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom.</p> <p>Fellowship HR:</p> <p><i>Mike Dunbar</i></p> <p>11:30am Christmas Dinner</p> <p>Help Needed/Hall</p> <p>4:30pm Doors Open-Christmas Dinner/ Hall</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7pm</p> <p>CE Committee -Vestry & Zoom</p>	<p>7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00pm</p> <p>Exec Council, The Finance Committee & Trustees meet in the Vestry & by Zoom</p>	<p>8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00pm CHOIR/ Sanctuary</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 & Zoom.</p> <p>Fellowship HR: <i>Martha McHatton</i></p> <p>11:30am ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING/ VESTRY & ZOOM</p> <p>1pm YOUTH GROUP meets in Daggett Lounge</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TRIAD DEADLINE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UPDATE— No Deacon Meeting Tonight</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00pm CHOIR/ Sanctuary</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 <i>4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i></p> <p>10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom.</p> <p>Sunday School Christmas Pageant during worship today.</p> <p>Fellowship Hr <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;">7:00pm CHOIR/ Sanctuary</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 6pm</p> <p>Christmas Eve Worship/ Sanctuary & Zoom</p>
<p>25</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY</p> <p>10:00am Worship In-Person & Zoom.</p> <p>No Choir Today.</p> <p>No Fellowship Hr Today</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TRIAD DEADLINE</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No Choir Rehearsal Tonight</i></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>New Year's Eve</i></p>

Central Congregational Church, UCC

115 Commonwealth Avenue

PO Box 1319

Attleboro Falls, MA 02763

Services of: December 25, 2022 & January 1, 2023

Central Congregational Church

115 Commonwealth Avenue P.O. Box 1319

Attleboro Falls, MA 02763

Telephone: (508) 699-7700

E-Mail Address: centralucc@verizon.net

Website: <https://www.attleborofallschurch.org>

PASTOR – *The Rev. Carole L. Baker*

DEACON EMERITUS – *Jackie Glass*

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR – *Dave Valerio*

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – *Heather Bonfilio*

SECRETARY – *Kathy Trowbridge*

Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday - 8:30am–4:30pm