

TRIAD God Church Family

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Worship Sunday's at 9:30am beginning June 7th – August

June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

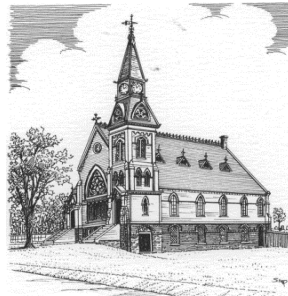
Worship at 9:30am
in-person/Sanctuary & by Zoom

Sermon: "Abraham and a New Country"
Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9

Fellowship Hr: *Trustee, Frank Bonfilio*

June 2, 2026

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Our 152nd Anniversary

June 14, 2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 9:30am
in-person/Sanctuary & by Zoom.

Sermon: "Paul's Wisdom –
from Affliction to Hope"
Scripture: Romans 5:1-8

Fellowship Hr: *Deacons, Judy Holland and
Martha McHatton*

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

We are looking for photos of our church and its activities that we can share on our website and social media presence. We might also use these in presentations and brochures. And we'll be including a couple photos in our Local Church Profile which will go out to potential candidates for our Settled Pastor position.

We've created a Google Drive file. You can click on the link below and upload or copy your photos right into the digital folder.

Here's the link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WNNuDCs5O_5ZPWwsWXrr6f5AG3A5w0Mq?usp=drive_link

To UPLOAD a photo to this folder:

- Open the link to the folder
- **drag-and-drop** the file directly from your computer into the browser window.
- Alternatively, click the **+** **New** button, select **File upload**, choose your photo, and click **Open**

NOTE!!!: We cannot use photos of children publicly without written permission from their parents or legal guardians. It is also helpful to be sure we have adult permission. You can find a copy of the release form in the Google folder or contact the church office.

Attleboro Pride Celebration - Sunday, June 7th

1pm Flag Raising, 2-4pm Event

NA PRIDE FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 27th 2-6pm

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Thank you!

Pastor's Ponderings - Artificial Intelligence

AI makes the news a lot today. And folks usually respond with excitement or anxiety or a little of both. We see some of the impact on our lives. We hear stories. Folks can be enthusiastic about the potential uses and creativity. Or they can feel dread about job loss or some SCIFI scenario like movie such as *Terminator* where AI takes over the world.

In the church world it has emerged a couple times in the last month. The new Pope (Leo) has written his first Encyclical on the ethics and use of AI. Our Association (The Old Colony Association of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ) has just voted the first (in our denomination) recommended policy on the use of AI.

Both speak of legitimate concerns, particularly with Generative AI (like ChatGpt and Claude). AI is replacing jobs that once were the bread and butter of people. AI uses tremendous natural resources to operate its data centers (water, electricity, computer chips). AI can search and use human creations and creativity without properly crediting (or paying for) the talent that created them (and without properly citing the sources). AI can create information that is not factually verifiable or accurate. AI can deepen the inequality that exists between those who can afford to use and apply AI and those who can't. AI can replace human relationships with the illusion of caring created by AI algorithms. AI can introduce bias into its research based on what the programmers have built into its search and analysis.

At the same time AI is a phenomenal asset for its generative capacities for research, reflection, creation and analysis. It is extremely useful, even as it is not neutral in its impact.

AI is here to stay, evolving at an hourly rate, even as we try to grasp the ethical, personal and financial implications of its use and development. Both our Old Colony Association's resolution and the Pope's encyclical encourage us to consider limited, wise and faithful use of AI that respects the dignity and worth of people and the human spirit. To learn more you can read the Old Colony Resolution [here](#). And you can find the Pope's encyclical and any number of summaries and commentaries on it with a basic Google search.

And here is where I am learning. I use AI as a research assistant and a thought reflection partner. I do not want to use it to generate content. However, I do use it to review things I am working on (including projects, documents, worship themes, liturgy and sermons) When I use it for research I check it against what I have learned and explored myself. I test it for bias (inviting it to look beyond its own and my own biases). When I use it as a thought partner, I reflect on its feedback as I have done for years with colleagues. I limit the use of AI in both time and scope.

At the end of the day, I have always encouraged and applied the concept that our ministry and lives should be faithful, impactful, healthy, and relevant. Scripture reminds us to Love God with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbors as our selves. It also reminds us that God calls us to loving kindness, doing justice and humbly walking with God. So I pause to test everything, particularly AI, against those values and guardrails.

I also continue to watch and advocate for the faithful and ethical use of AI within our world.

For as our Association and the Pope have reminded us, it is in the human heart that the Spirit of God resides and from the human heart that the Spirit of God moves.

SNEUCC ANNUAL MEETING

This year our Conference (the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ) will hold its Annual Meeting from September 25th to the 27th. It will be held at the DCU Center in Worcester. This year the keynote address and worship preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Rafael G. Warnock. He is a U.S. Senator and the Senior Pastor of the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, will give the keynote address on Saturday and will preach on Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Warnock is known as a prophetic voice at the intersection of faith and justice.

This event will include the business of our Conference with budgets, and proposals and resolutions. It will also include workshops and times for fellowship and cross fertilization on church vitality.

Each church in our Conference can send at least 3 delegates along with their pastor. You can attend in person or join us online.

If you are interested in joining Rev. Don for this event, please let him know.

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

Remember; we begin summer worship at 9:30am for June, July and August

June 7: We'll look at the story of Abraham. What do you think it would be like at the age of 80-100 to be told you had to uproot and move to a whole new country, and, oh yes, you will also be birthing a new baby to raise? (Genesis 12:1-9)

June 14: Paul has some wisdom to ponder for how you get from afflictions to hope. (Romans 5:1-8)

SUMMER WORSHIP: This summer we will once again build our worship around Poems and Prayers. We'll pair poems with the scripture of the day to share insights into our faith from the souls and voices of poets and scholars throughout the world.

See you in Church,

Rev. Don

CENTRAL CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 2nd

6-9pm Line dance/Hall

Wednesday, June 3rd

7:00pm Executive Council/Vestry

Thursday, June 4th

6-9pm Line dance/Hall

Saturday, June 6th

9-10:30am AA Cleaning CE Hall areas

Sunday, June 7th

**NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR SUMMER WORSHIP IS
9:30AM JUNE THROUGH AUGUST.**

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom with the Sacrament
of Holy Communion

Fellowship Hr: Trustee, Frank Bonfilio

Monday, June 8th

6:30pm Prayer Group/Zoom Only

6-9pm Line Dance/Hall

Tuesday, June 9th

TRIAD DEADLINE to submit News and Information

6-9pm Line Dance/Hall

Wednesday, June 10th

7:00pm Deacons/Vestry

Thursday, June 11th

6-9pm Line Dance/Hall

Sunday, June 14th

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary & Zoom

Fellowship Hr: Deacons, Judy Holland and Martha
McHatton

Monday, June 15th

6-9pm Line dance/Hall

Tuesday, June 16th

6-9pm Line dance/Hall

7:00pm Trustees/Vestry

Wednesday, June 17th

7:00pm Profile Team/Vestry

Thursday, June 18th

6-9pm Line Dance/Hall

Juneteenth Prayer Vigil for Freedom

Friday, June 19, Noon–1:00pm/Sanctuary.

Come for a few minutes or stay for the hour. All are welcome.

Juneteenth marks June 19, 1865, when Union troops announced freedom to enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, long after the Emancipation Proclamation; the National Archives calls it the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. The Smithsonian also emphasizes Juneteenth as a day of freedom, remembrance, resilience, and unfinished promise.

This year we are joining with churches across the country to gather in prayer for freedom. This is not a partisan activity, but rather a time to remember where we have been, reflect on where we are, and offer ourselves to God's guidance into the future.

The time will have a very loose structure allowing each person to engage in reflection and prayer at their own pace. Folks can come and go throughout the hour. And we will end it together, for those who remain, with a time of prayer and hope. Please let your friends in the community know about this opportunity.

A quiet hour of prayer, reflection, remembrance, and hope. All are welcome.

Our Parish Register

Please submit names for the July Prayer List by 06/23/26

Rev Carole, Ed, Jen, Mark, Madi, Jeannine, Richard, Rich, Laurie, Heather-Ann, Carmen, Karen, Suzanne, Lee, Helen-Anne, Barbara Bilsborough, Jen, Noli, Elliot, Gretchen, Nancy Mitchell, Follett Family, Del, Kristen, Kerrin, Cheryl, Danny, Captain Al, Heidi, Tracy, Keith, Ken, Bryan, Karen & Bob, those living in nursing homes, those living in war torn areas around the world, world peace in our lifetime.

TRIAD DEADLINES

to submit news and information:

Tuesdays, June 9 & 23(for all July Info),

July 21st for all August info.

**ZOOM LINK FOR WORSHIP
AND MEETINGS
AS OF 03/2023**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVZRSZDJTVnc5dz09>

**Meeting ID: 214 819 8082
Passcode: 1234**



June Birthdays

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 04 Emery Macie | 14 Beth Bolles |
| 10 Amelia Macie | 23 Ken McHatton |
| 10 Ann Dupre | 28 Will Bachand |
| 12 Dennis Bisio | 28 Beverley Drayton |

COMMITTEE CORNER **From the Board of Deacons**

Our next meeting will be held
Wednesday, June 10th, 2026 at 7:00pm /
Vestry and by Zoom.

SUMMER WORSHIP begins June 7th and continues through August. Worship will be held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. Come worship this summer in our “Prayer” Conditioned Sanctuary!

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“JUNETEENTH” *Come for a few minutes or stay for the hour. All are welcome.*

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Sunday June 7th
1pm Flag Raising and 2-4pm Attleboro annual Pride celebration. Location – TBA, most likely downtown.

Saturday, June 27th
2-6pm NA PRIDE FEST – Veteran’s Park – downtown NA in front of Town Hall.

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From the Profile Writing Team

Our next meeting will be held on
Wednesday, June 17th at 7:00pm in the Vestry Throughout the winter and early spring we have held congregational gatherings to get input into the development of our Local Church Profile. We are nearing the completion of our Profile. In the coming month we hope to have a draft completed that we can bring to the congregation for their affirmation.

Once we have completed the Profile we will get the Search Team up and running. We collected a list of Search Team member possibilities from the congregation and our leadership committees. Our Executive Council will build the team from that list. With the help of our Conference the Search Team will begin the interviewing process for our next Settled Pastor. And we will be holding them in prayer as they do.

From the Board of Trustees

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 at 7:00pm Vestry & Zoom.

From the Christian Education Committee

Our next meeting will be held in
August, 2026 in the Vestry & Zoom.
Enjoy the Summer!

From the Executive Council

Our next meeting will be held on
Wednesday, June 3rd at 7pm/Vestry & Zoom

From the Memorial Gifts Committee

Our next meeting will be held on

Thursday, July 9th, at 6:00pm/Vestry & Zoom

The Committee is taking inventory of all the member names that have been memorialized on our bulletin board in the Vestry and are making a list of names to be added in the future. Please notify a committee member if you know of a member name to be added.

Bruce Carpenter completed a project to enclose and protect our Church membership book in a case and place it on a stand for better viewing. Be sure to take a look.

Two new memorial donations were received in memory of Claire Mattson and Mary Coogan.

The plaque and Memorial Book update projects continue.

From the Prayer Fellowship Group

"Prayer Fellowship—Refreshing Moments with God!"

Dates: Mondays, June 8 and 22.

Containers for leaving Prayer Requests are found on the table in the Sanctuary Narthex & on the Vestry table under the Mission bulletin board. Index cards and pens are next to the containers. Requests are shared with Prayer Fellowship participants. 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.

Everyone is welcome to participate in Prayer Fellowship! Together we celebrate the Lord's blessings with thanksgiving! We pray for the 'concerns of our church' and any concern on our minds. Silent prayer is always an option. It's a wonderful way to wind down after a busy day! You'll be refreshed!

Jesus said, "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them." *Matthew 18: 19-20 ESV.* Use the same zoom link as used for Sunday worship.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2148198082?pwd=b2krNFNOODRTQjVuWVRZSDJTVnc5dz09>

From the Mission Committee

Our next meeting will be held on

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 7:00pm/Vestry & 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

Our May Mission Project was Project Bread's Walk for Hunger, and Central Congregational was represented by Bill Bentley, who participated in the walk for his 21st year! The Mission

Committee voted to make a \$500 donation from the Committee's Board Designated Funds, to be added to the generous support of our congregation. All told, donations in Bill's name totaled over \$2,000.

Our Mission project for June and July will be the Kids' Summer Café, which 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 yrs throughout the summer. This food replaces the free or reduced-price lunch the children would normally receive during the school year. There are no registration or income guideline requirements. The Kids' Summer Café helps to keep good nutrition available to children and helps to alleviate the burden on families to provide another meal per child during the summer months.

Specific dates and locations will be released as soon as we receive them. Usually the program begins in late June after local schools close for the summer.

Monetary Donations are being accepted through June and July. Please include "Kids' Café" on the memo line of your check or write it on your envelope. You can also drop off your donation at the church office during normal Tuesday and Thursday hours or mail it to the church.

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



June 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>WORSHIP will be HELD AT 9:30am starting June 7th – Aug.</p> <p>AA Group meets every Sunday 6-9pm/Hall</p>	<p>01</p> <p>5:30-9pm CCI Classes – LAST ONE - Vestry Rental</p> <p>6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL</p>	<p>02</p>	<p>03</p> <p>7:00pm Exec Council /Vestry & Zoom</p>	<p>04</p> <p>6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL</p>	<p>05</p>	<p>06</p> <p>9AM – 10:30AM AA CLEANING/ HALL</p>
<p>07</p> <p>THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>9:30am Worship/ Sanct & Zoom</p> <p>Fellowship Hr: Trustee, Frank Bonfilio</p>	<p>08</p> <p>6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL</p> <p>6:30PM PRAYER GROUP/ ONLINE ONLY</p>	<p>09</p> <p>TRIAD DEADLINE</p> <p>6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00pm Deacons/Vestry & Zoom</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9AM – 10:30AM AA CLEANING/ HALL</p>
<p>14</p> <p>FLAG DAY</p> <p>9:30am Worship/ Sanct & Zoom</p> <p>Fellowship Hr: Judy Holland & Martha McHatton</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL</p> <p>7pm Trustees /Vestry & Zoom</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00pm Profile Team meets /Vestry</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12noon – 1pm JUNETEENTH Celebration/ Sanctuary</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am – 5pm Scrapbook Group meets in Vestry</p> <p>9AM – 10:30AM AA CLEANING/ HALL</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:30am Worship/Sanct & Zoom</p> <p>Fellowship Hr: Pam Morse</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL</p> <p>6:30PM PRAYER GROUP/ ONLINE ONLY</p>	<p>23</p> <p>TRIAD DEADLINE</p> <p>6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9AM – 10:30AM AA CLEANING/ HALL</p>
<p>28 10:00am</p> <p>Worship/Sanct & Zoom</p> <p>Fellowship Hr: Barbara Billsborough for the Mission Committee</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00pm Mission Committee /Vestry & Zoom</p> <p>6-9pm LINE DANCE/HALL</p>	<p>NOTE: NO CE MEETING UNTIL AUGUST.</p>			

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Services of: June 7 & 14, 2026

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***INTERIM PASTOR - Rev. Don Remick
MUSIC DIRECTOR – Dave Valerio
CHURCH SECRETARY – Kathy Trowbridge***

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday & Thursday – 8:30am – 4:30pm**