



Terryville Congregational Church
April 2016 Newsletter

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Dear Members & Friends of Terryville Congregational Church:

For the next few months' articles, I'd like to focus on my upcoming Sabbatical. I want to make sure everyone has a clear understanding of a Sabbatical, and answer any questions that you may have. The covenant I have with the church states that after eight years of service, I am allowed a four-month Sabbatical. This coming summer will mark 11 years that I have worked with our church. In talking with our Diaconate and Church Council, we have agreed I will take July-August for both 2016 and 2017 (two months each time, instead of four-months consecutive). This decision is good both for the church and for me: for the church, it saves us having to compensate a minister to be here for four busy months in my absence, and saves us from breaking up our program year (Sept.-June). For me, it is nice because my kids are out of school during July & August and I will have plenty of good family time.

Rev. Rick Fowler (former Chaplain of Bristol Hospital, currently retired) will be on-call for emergencies during my Sabbatical. For Sunday worship, the Diaconate will be organizing the worship services. Summer tends to be less full with attendance, but I do hope you will come to worship often during this summer because the Deacons have a lot of neat things planned in my absence. There will be some "musical" Sundays, some lay-led Sundays, and more! (More about that next month).

Sabbatical is defined as "a period of rest, traditionally every 7th year." This relates Biblically to God resting on the 7th day (Genesis), and to God commanding to cease work in the fields every 7th year (Leviticus). Often times, Sabbaticals are granted to ministers and college professors as a way of renewing their life of study, rest, recreation, worship and time with family. I like to think of it as four equal parts: rest and recreation, study and writing, prayer and spiritual growth, travel and family time.

So what do I have planned for this Sabbatical? The way I have divided up the time is similar to the four parts described above. My family will be traveling on three one-week adventures, spread throughout the summer: one trip at the beginning to the Cape, one trip in the middle to see my sister and dad, and one trip toward the end to tent-camp together in Maine. During the in-between weeks, I will be doing a lot of individual rest, prayer, reading and writing. I plan to take some individual retreat time at a local retreat center, as well as a lot of quiet time spent outdoors.

Often times on Sabbatical, there is a "project" of sorts that is produced from the time away – both from the minister as well as the congregation. More about that next month.

During July-August, it will be important for me to maintain healthy boundaries so I will not be accessible on phone, text, email or facebook. If there is a large emergency that I need to be made aware of, our Moderator and our Diaconate will be able to reach me. This means that I cannot be available even for weddings, funerals, baptisms and other special services; Rev. Fowler will be available to preside as any need arises. Both Rev. Fowler as well as our Called-to-Care team will be available for visitation.

I will be writing more about this for the May & June newsletters, as will our Diaconate. In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to ask!

With Christ's Love,
Rev Zack

Our Prayers Go To:

Friends and Family of Cheryl Delcegno (Kaitlyn Armbruster Ferrucci's mother-in-law) who Entered the Kingdom of Heaven on Thursday, March 24

Members: *Andrea Armbruster, Laura Rappleyea, Annalee Wenslow, Doris Bondeson, Karen Reilly, Edna Kirkby, Rae Barry, Rose Balowski and children, Barbara Plumb, Lewis Lamy & Family, Christopher Colasanto, Damien Piercy, Janet Waldron, Lois Barnes, Marjorie (Sue) Piercy, Nicolina Telke, Lois & Ray Douyard, Hadley, Brady, Holden, Brian and Jody Waldron, Jessica Dorau, Buddy Hawes, Irene Taylor is now living in the Landings in Farmington, CT*

Family & Friends: *Christine Gagne (mother of Brandy Welesky), Olive Crepor (Andrea Armbruster's mother), Cindy Gavin (friend of Millie Perry) Mildred Martin (Mary Mitchell's sister-in-law), Cindy Gavin (friend of Millie Perry), Marsha Barnes Griffin (daughter & sister of Lois & Sally Barnes), Jacqueline McQueeny (friend of Jake Armbruster), Carole Kozikowski (daughter of Mary-Alice and Curt Wilbanks, and sister of Janet Waldron), Shelly Benson (friend of Michele Benson), Wayne & Art Feskanin (friend of Lois B.), Carolyn Soter, Mim Schact, Chad Etting, George Badey (Barbara Benson's father), Dorothy Nelson (mother of Diane Pratt and Ingrid Nelson-Beicke), Ceil Dzielinski (friend of Lois Barnes), Stella & Dave Mason, Renee Lucie, health issues (friend of Rae Link), Jennifer (Barbara Plumb's daughter), Emie Cabreza, requested by Sam Klaneski, Gayle Bondeson (daughter-in-law of Russ and Doris Bondeson), Marsha Oelschlegel Ormondroyd (friend of Alison Reed & Roberta Layton), Robert Angus (Tammy Piercy's uncle), John Brandy Fredericks & family, David Wells (friend of Carol Hopkins), the Rozie family, requested by Melissa Stein her daughter, Bill Hawes, Eileen Tedesco, Cheryl Brazee's family, Iris Soto's Family, Lori Blais & family (sister of Lisa Reek), Randall Wagoner (requested by his mom, Mary Mitchell and his brother, Russ Wagoner), Suzanne Licki's friend, Agnieska, Jean Michelson, (neighbor of Rae Link,) Danielle Martone, granddaughter of M/M Ernie LeClair), Buddy Hawes, Henry Kornacki, Heuschkel family (Pam Eggleston's family), Thomas Campbell (Pam Eggleston's uncle)*

Nursing Facility: *Grace Spring, Callie Goodfield, Marilyn Kosak, Ralph Davis, Amy Young, Bernard Smith*

Please help us to support our Food Pantry by remembering to bring non-perishables each week. You can place your food donations into our "food pantry wagon" when it is pulled down the aisle during morning announcements.

Military: To date (2/14/16) the church family has contributed \$78.00 toward the 2016 THS Support a Soldier program. Right now the Leo Club members are busy preparing the shipment (2015 collection) for two soldiers from our community and their companies.



ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING 2/21/2016
COMMITTEES, LAY LEADERS, CHURCH STAFF, AND MEETING TIMES

Below is the list of names of folks who are elected Lay leaders in our congregation and who are “go to” people if you have an idea, suggestion, question, concern, etc. We will post the new meeting times as soon as they are established. Church Council continues to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome. Please contact Jerry Wunsch, Moderator, if you would like to be placed on the agenda.

CHURCH COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Moderator - Jerry Wunsch (**Council Member**)

Vice-Moderator/ - Charlotte Audet (**Council Member**)

Personnel Committee Chair

Clerk/ - Charlotte Crockett

Communication Chair

Treasurer – Candace Telke

Asst. Treasurers –Alison Reed
Tricia Kovaleski

Collectors – Sue Dillane

Members at Large - John Layton (**Council Member**)
Jim Hannon (**Council Member**)

Spiritual Task Group Leader – Diane Pratt (Council Member)

Diaconate - Jean Goodwin
Roseann Hannon
Linda Lamy

Music Committee - Sandy Kamens
Sylvia LaFreniere
Sandi Ehmer

Christian Education Committee - Ryan DellaVecchia
Crista Furtado
Joanne Keenan

Business Task Group Leader –Ray Zalaski, Jr. – (Council Member)
Communications Committee

Finance Committee - Bob Grosf
Wayne Harnish
Jackie Merchant
Trustee Chairperson

Trustees Committee- Jake Armbruster
John Wallingford
Dave Morrell

Service Task Group Leader – Danielle DellaVecchia (Council Member)

Outreach Committee - Laurie Ross
Cindi Harnish
Carol Barbieri

Fellowship Committee - Ellen Cifone
Jean Mariano
Rose Balowski

By-Law Manager - Curt Wilbanks

Safe Conduct Advocate – Brenda Purney

Personnel Committee - Mike Dumas
Donna Wunsch
Roberta Layton

Church Historian - Charlotte Crockett

Floral Sub-Committee - Ellen Cifone, Roberta Layton

Ad Hoc Committees:

Audit Committee Mike Dumas
Sylvia LaFreniere

Historical Committee- Charlotte Crockett -Chair
Dick Foote -Co-Chair
Ray Douyard
Annalee Wenslow

RESTRUCTURING TEAM

Jake Armbruster, Ken Beicke,
Charlotte Crockett,
Pam Eggleston,
Sandy Kamens, Sue Piercy,
Diane Pratt
Iris Soto, Annalee Wenslow
Curt Wilbanks
Jennifer Zalaski, Ray Zalaski

Chicken BBQ – Jake Armbruster/Trustees

Roast Beef Dinner – Jerry Wunsch

June Fair – Diane Pratt, Joann Keenan, Jake Armbruster

Terryville Fair Booth – Ray & Jeanne Zalaski

Church Bazaar – Diane Pratt

Bingo – Sue Piercy

Theater Plays – Alison Reed, Jonathan Zalaski

Revised 2/22/16

**Diaconate Update
by Jean Goodwin**

A reminder for church members who are scheduled to serve as a Lay Reader, Usher, or Coffee Hour host for Sunday worship: Please review the lists that were mailed in January to all church members to see which dates you are scheduled. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, you may call someone else on the list and “switch” dates with them. Please call Sue, our church Secretary, at 860.589.0182 by Wednesday to let her know who you have switched dates with. If you are a Deacon who is not available on your scheduled date, and it’s a Communion Sunday, you need to switch with another Deacon. Thank you all for serving!

April and May schedules

- April 3 Lay Reader: Jean Goodwin; Ushers: Ellen Anderson, Dacey Pratt, Russ Wagoner, Dickie Zalaski. Coffee Hour Hosts: Judy Harris, Denise O’Donnell
- April 10 Lay Reader: David Nichols; Ushers: church youth; Coffee Hour Hosts: Roseann Hannon, Peggy Witecy
- April 17 Lay Reader: Ellen Anderson; Ushers: Carol Barbieri, Mike, Crista & Justin Furtado; Coffee Hour Hosts: Deacons
- April 24 Lay Reader: Ray Douyard; Ushers: Pat Daigle, Dick Foote, Kurt & Jane Link; Coffee Hour Hosts: Lynn & Russ Wagoner

- May 1 Lay Reader: Linda Lamy; Ushers: Cheryl DeVito, Sue Dillane, Bill Hall, Mary Alice Wilbanks; Coffee Hour Hosts: Carol Hopkins, Mary Alice Wilbanks
- May 8 Lay Reader: Charlotte Crockett; Ushers: Phil & Joy Armbruster, Rich & Cori (Lovejoy) Sauzedde; Coffee Hour Hosts: Trustees
- May 15 Lay Reader: Russ Wagoner; Ushers: Katie & Rich Toth, Janet & Wayne Waldron; Coffee Hour Hosts: Bob & Debbie Grosof
- May 22 Church Youth will lead entire service; Coffee Hour Hosts: Jerry & Donna Wunsch
- May 29 Lay Reader: Hedy Kelley; Ushers: Val & Mark Bourdeau, Bob & Lori Brown; Coffee Hour Hosts: Herman Armbruster, Jake Armbruster

We thank Linda Lamy, who shared her faith testimony with us during the March 20 Palm Service worship service – very meaningful and thought-provoking. Thank you, Linda!

The next all-Deacon meeting & potluck is Thursday, April 14 at 6:00pm in the Activity Room. We look forward to seeing all Deacons attend!

The next Diaconate meeting is Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00pm. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the spiritual life of our church, please see Roseann Hannon, Linda Lamy or Jean Goodwin. We appreciate it.

NEWS FROM THE AVERYS

Reverend Zack received a letter from Lynda Avery and she asked him to pass on the information that they are all doing quite well. Lynda will be getting married on Sun., May 29 (Memorial Day weekend). They have extended an invitation to anyone who may want to attend. They realize it's a distance but would love to see anyone who would want to venture out to be with them. They have found a new church and will be starting to attend next month. Her mom is about 1 hour from them right now but Lynda and her new husband will be moving closer to her after the wedding. They all send their love and prayers to the TCC family, they miss you all.

The Averys recently moved to North Carolina. If you would like their address, it is available in the church office, as is specific information on Lynda's upcoming wedding.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

One Seating: 6 p.m.

April 9, 2016

At the

Terryville Congregational Church

233 Main Street in Terryville

MENU:

ROAST BEEF – Plus Potatoes and Vegetables

Dessert

And Beverage

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults ---- \$8.00 for Ages 5-12

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE

(5:00pm)

RESERVATIONS ONLY

Call Church Office 860-589-0182 for tickets

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE GENERAL FUND
OF THE CHURCH**





2016 BINGO DATES

APRIL	4/23/16
MAY	5/28/16
JUNE	6/25/16
JULY	7/30/16
AUGUST	8/20/16 (Terryville Fair is 8/26-28)
SEPTEMBER	9/24/16
OCTOBER	10/29/16
NOVEMBER	11/26/16
DECEMBER	12/17/16 (3 RD Sat. because the next weekend is Christmas Eve)

We are in need of additional help at BINGO. Setting up, in the kitchen (just snacks), etc. If you would like to help out in anyway please call Sue Piercy 860-845-2720 or Jerry Wunsch at 860-209-2891



UPDATE (Currently supporting 13 open loans - total of 55 supported)

New Loans

With the recent payoff of our loan Luzviminda from the Philippines and Emanuel's Group from Veracruz, we were able to lend \$25 to Orn's Group from Cambodia.

Orn's Group - Kamput, Cambodia

Orn's group lives in a rural village in Kamput province in Cambodia. In their village there is no reliable access to safe, clean drinking water. Having a water filter at home will help Orn and her group members to safeguard the health of their families, save money on medical expenses and save time collecting fuel and boiling water. This loan will enable households to buy a ceramic water filter that will ensure their health by providing sustained access to safe drinking water. It will also reduce the time and money they spend collecting fuel and/or boiling water to drink.

Training is provided to households so that they are educated in safe hygiene practices and the importance of drinking safe water – particularly for young children who are most vulnerable to waterborne diseases.

The loan to Orn's Group is being disbursed by iDE Cambodia's sister company - Hydrologic. iDE is an international non-profit organization with a unique market-based approach to poverty reduction. iDE helps to build profitable enterprises and value chains that deliver sustainable social and economic benefits to poor, rural households, enabling them to increase their income and improve their quality of life. Kiva's partnership will enable iDE Cambodia to implement two of its loan products-one that focuses on increasing the incomes of smallholder farmers and one that provides clean drinking water to households. iDE hopes to provide a greater number of low-income individuals living in rural poverty, with opportunities and a higher chance of success through Kiva.

Paid In Full

Our loan to Luzviminda from the Philippines was paid in full on February 19.

Luzviminda is married and has a fishing business in the Philippines. She requested a loan through Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation to buy additional fishing materials like nets, gasoline, and wood. Luzviminda has been in this business for 2 years now. She would like to save enough to provide a secure future for her family.

Our loan to Emanuel Group from Veracruz, "the Bride of the Sun" was paid in full on February 19.

"Emanuel" Group was named because of the faith their members profess and whose meaning is, "God is with all of us." The members are Francisca, who sells artificial flowers; Elba, household products, cosmetics, and jewelry; Joaquín, cell phone accessories; Magali and Itzayana, footwear; Miriam, pastries; Eugenia, jewelry; Algeria, perfumes; Nancy, footwear and clothing, and Mauro, who drives a taxi. Francisca, a great woman, who despite her age continues as strong as an oak. She sells artificial flowers, still life pictures, fibers, and sponges for washing dishes. At first, Fran, as she is affectionately known, and her husband were walking the streets and neighboring communities of "the bride of the Sun" to offer her goods. After some years, they left this and settled in a fixed location next to the market. In such premises they have remained for 18 years, always offering her customers the best quality and variety of products. "In order to succeed, God must be with us," she says as she smiles. She has invested her loan in the purchase of flowers, still life pictures, leaves, and wire wholesale. With the proceeds obtained, she supports her husband with the household expenses.

If you are interested in more information on Kiva or would like to help in deciding our next loan recipient, please contact us! *Crista and Justin Furtado*

Kiva – Loans that change lives by empowering people around the world with loans of \$25. Information is available at www.kiva.org. View our lender page at <http://www.kiva.org/lender/terryvillecongregati3466>.

TRUSTEES LISTING – 2016

APRIL	John Wallingford	860-589-4341 (home) 860-977-9056 (cell)
MAY	Dave Morrell	860-583-8302 (home)
JUNE	Alison Reed	860-583-5977
JULY	Dickie Zalaski	860-583-5367
AUGUST	Jake Armbruster	860-589-1964 (home) 860-681-1837 (cell)
SEPTEMBER	Alison Reed	860-583-5977
OCTOBER	Dave Morrel	860-583-8302
NOVEMBER	Phil Armbruster	860-583-7864 (home) 860-673-0488 (cell)
DECEMBER	John Wallingford	860-589-4341 (home) 860-977-9056 (cell)

**EACH TRUSTEE IS REQUIRED TO FIND THEIR OWN
SUBSTITUTE IF YOU CANNOT OPEN UP ON SUNDAY.
ALSO NOTIFY SUE IN THE OFFICE TO MAKE A NOTE IN
THE BULLETIN.**

COFFEE HOUR LIST FOR 2016

Submitted by Diane Pratt & Rev. Zack

It is felt that coffee hour is a good time to meet new members and talk with some of our old friends. In the past, committees were assigned to a month for a coffee hour, with our new set up there are now only three members in each group. We have tried to appeal for people to sign up for a week, and I want to thank all those that have taken turns. We are trying to encourage all members to take part in our social time together.

Suggested instructions for setting up are in the kitchen. When it is your turn, you will need to get milk or half and half, things to make punch, and if you wish, a little goody to munch on. You can be reimbursed with money in the collection basket.

If you have any questions please call Diane Pratt at her cell phone – 860-329-6401 or
email: dino1955@snet.net

Thank you for your time and consideration,

ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2016

APRIL	3	Denise O'Donnell	860-874-9505
		Judy Harris	860-485-0109
	10	Peggy Witecy	860-283-4021
		Roseann Hannon	860-582-0116
	17	DEACONS	
	24	Lynn & Russ Wagoner	860-583-5885
MAY	1	Mary Alice Wilbanks	860-583-3910
		Carol Hopkins	860-575-0183
	8	TRUSTEES	
	15	Robert & Debbie Grosop	203-885-4838
	22	Jerry & Donna Wunsch	860-589-5718
	29	Jake Armbruster	860-589-1964
		Herman Armbruster	860-589-2728
JUNE	5	Sandra Colasanto	860-283-4481
		Sandra Kamens	860-584-1050
	12	Val & Mark Bourdeau	860-589-9105
	19	Charlotte Audet	860-583-3552
		Joanne Keenan	860-589-7858
	26	MUSIC COMMITTEE	



Save the Date!

Saturday April 2nd the Outreach Committee will be having a Paint Nite Hosted By Ginger Grant

Cost is \$30

Doors will open at 5:30pm- finger foods will be served.

Painting will start at 6:00pm

If interested please sign up in the Social Hall or call the Church Office.

A sample of what we will be painting will be on display in the Social Hall.



Solargraphy Images of TCC

The first set of images from the solargraphy test of the TCC have been completed with one set producing an interesting silhouette of our church against the movement of the sun from June 21st. until December 11th. A second image from the east side of the church was unsuccessful due to an error in my camera design. I am taking the successful images camera from the front of the church and repeating the exposure from the east side of the church. The exposure was started on December 14th and will end around June 21st. of 2016. This image should start to show our church in a more traditional way due to the sun hitting this side of the church all day, as the front of the church faces north so this image shows it as a silhouette.

The images are taken with a simple pinhole camera, in our case a simple soup can with a small sewing needle hole acting as the lens. In place of photographic film photographic printing paper is used to build up the image slowly over time. The image is taken in black and white but the photographic paper was never designed to take images this way and when the image is scanned into the computer and converted over to a positive interesting color patterns can appear due to humidity changes acting on the paper.

We are going to take orders for those of you who may be interested in having a print for your home. Any profit that may come from this project will go directly to the church as a fund raiser. Right now we are thinking of a price of \$5.00 for a 4 by 6 image and \$8.00 for an 8 1/2 by 11 image. Rev Zack will have more information on this as we go forward.

This was a very interesting and fun project and I am hoping for another great image come next June.

Respectively Submitted
James Hannon

Deadline for the May issue is April 22.

Special announcements, articles or events provided by the deadline will be published in the April issue. Please email to: Terryvillechurch@hotmail.com

SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR PER COST OF WINDOWS: We would like to suggest to anyone who would like to, to donate whatever amount they feel they can to go toward payment of a new window. The cost per window is \$400, but a partial donation would be fine. We would like to put name plates under each window that has a donation

We now have online giving on our church website. It is a secure system through paypal. Go to www.terryvillecongregationalchurch.org and click on “donate”. You can make a one-time donation or a recurring donation/pledge. Thank you.