



Terryville Congregational Church
April, 2017 Newsletter

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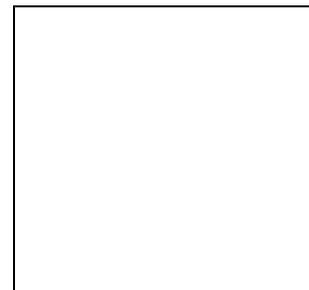
5:00pm pickups

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Deacons Potluck Dinner & meeting
April 27 - 6:00pm/Act. Rm



TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH APRIL, 2017

Dear Members & Friends of Terryville Congregational Church:

Who exactly are we?

I'm reflecting on this as we prepare for our first event of a new kind at our church: our Open House, (which took place on March 18).

Who are we? Perhaps more importantly, whose are we? We like to call ourselves "the people's church," but of course we know that we are God's church. We belong to God and we seek to follow Jesus Christ in all that we do. We do this because we believe in the good news of Christ's resurrection, God's presence in our lives, and God's call to us to serve God.

We say "people's church" affectionately because we are unique from many other churches in the way that we make decisions. Instead of a top-down system (such as a national or regional office making decisions that we are forced to follow), we are a bottom-up system; this means that all of our decisions are made within our own church, by vote of our own people. We have no legislative or executive ties to any other place or group. Many people do not realize this about our church. Our very own people - through committees, church council and even by congregation-wide meetings - decide (with God's guidance through prayer and reflection) everything about our church, from the hiring of staff, to the budget, to the programs and events, use of the building and grounds, etc.

So who are we? We are people who believe in Jesus Christ and seek to do Christ's will. Our Mission Statement says it like this:

The avowed purpose of this Church shall be to worship God; to teach and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and our Judeo-Christian faith story; to celebrate the sacraments; to realize Christian fellowship and unity within this Church and the Church Universal; to render loving service toward others; and to strive for righteousness, justice and peace.

We are a group of people who follow Jesus and who gather regularly to worship, study the Bible, do service projects for people in need, participate in our Sacraments (Baptism & Holy Communion), spend time in Christian fellowship, and seek to further and deepen our relationship with God and with one another. The way we live this out happens in many ways: regular weekly worship services, retreats, mission trips, study groups, prayer gatherings, fellowship outings and activities, community events and programs, and more. Not only do we gather as a group of believers, but we also partner with our wider community and open our building to as many groups as possible: we have partnered with the local schools, Animal Rescue Foundation, local restaurants and other local businesses, and we have opened our building to a wide array of groups including our local Boy & Girl Scouts, Al Anon, Sign Language Classes, Red Cross, Homeschooling network, Condominium Associations, and more.

Our church started in 1838 when a group of people living on this side of town (the Terryville section of Plymouth, CT) decided to build a church on Main Street. Since that time, we have been a central driving force in this town. We have partnered with our Town Hall, Human Services, and Police Dept. on a number of issues; we founded our town's Food Pantry (which now exists on Dewey Ave.); we helped found the Learning Center (the daycare started in our building); we helped found the Eli Terry Retirement Community; we founded Terry Nursery School; we have helped with numerous projects at Gosinski Park; we have worked with our local Terryville Lions, Rotary Club, and many other organizations. Just about anything that has to do with Terryville – we have been there in some way or another.

In other words, we believe in God and we believe in living our faith in an active way on a daily basis. We could choose to live this way on an individual basis, but we believe its important (and Jesus' command) to do so as a group of people, together. This is why we have a church. Our church is not a building. Our church is the group of people who come together to be the Body of Christ in the world and to continue Jesus' ministry. We welcome anyone who wants to come on this exciting journey with us – no matter your background, we are here for one another and we are here together. This is why many call it a church family.

Will you join our church family? If you've already joined, will you think about deepening your relationship with us so that we can strengthen our family and do all that we can to serve God together? Come celebrate the good news of Christ with us!

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." (1 Corinthians 12:12)

Sincerely,
Rev. Zachary Mabe, Pastor
Terryville Congregational Church

Our Prayers Go To:

*The Family and Friends of Grace Springs. Grace entered the Kingdom of Heaven
Wednesday, March 15, 2017*

Members: *Paul and Marie Hawes, Bill Fickett, Dick Foote, Rachel Reynolds and family, Andrea Armbruster, Sally Barnes, Jessica Hawes, Doris Bondeson, Karen Reilly, Edna Kirkby, Rae Barry, Rose Balowski and children, Barbara Plumb, Lewis Lamy & Family, Christopher Colasanto, Damien Piercy, Marjorie (Sue) Piercy, Lois & Ray Douyard, Hadley Waldron, Jessica Dorau, Buddy Hawes, Ann Krampitz*

Family & Friends: *Christine Musante (having triplets), Sarah (friend of Wayne Waldron), Terrence Hannon (son of Roseann and Jim,) Daniel Ruedemann, Christine Gagne (mother of Brandy Welesky), Olive Crepor (Andrea Armbruster's mother), 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), Carolyn Soter, Mim Schact, Chad Etting, George Badey (Barbara Benson's father), Dorothy Nelson (mother of Diane Pratt and Ingrid Nelson-Beicke), 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), 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, Henry Kornacki, Heuschkel, Campbell families (Pam Eggleston's family), Lon Norton (Millie Perry's nephew), Gloria Waskey (friend of Rachel Reynolds, Ginny Wagoner (Paula Anderson's friend), Paul and Betty Bowers (former members of TCC, requested by Ross Bondeson), Jim Divine (brother-in-law of Dave Nichols) Joel Cerniglia, Kellie and Allen Martin (friends of Sue K.), Clinton Witik, Christopher Starzyk (nephew of Karen Reilly), Paul Gorski & family (requested by Welesky & Reek families)*

Nursing Facility: *Callie Goodfield, Ralph Davis, Betty Day (Cook Willow in Plymouth), AmyYoung, Glenda Conopask, (Sheriden Woods in Bristol), Irene Taylor, Rae Link (The Landings in Farmington), Ray & Lois Douyard (Village Gate in Farmington)*

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: The LEO Club of THS, with the guidance of Mr. Perkins, is busy collecting donations in preparation for their annual shipment to Plymouth residents overseas and around the country who are serving in the armed forces. The church family has been supportive (shipping costs alone cost over \$500.00). In addition to edibles, the troops welcome eye drops, Q-tips, air fresheners, playing cards, workbooks, socks (no washing machine when not on base), toothpaste, duct tape (they repair everything with this), nail clippers, razors, deodorant. The LEO Club was most grateful for our donation of \$500.00. We are now receiving donations for 2017 (red, white & blue container located in Narthex). Please remember to participate on Sunday morning as you exit worship (no amount is too small or too big) to date our collection for 2017 totals \$60.45. And be sure to remember those men and women in your prayers



ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING 2/26/2017
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. Treasurer –Alison Reed

Collectors – Sue Dillane
Millie Perry

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

Spiritual Task Group Leader – Diane Pratt (Council Member)

Diaconate - Rosanne Hannon
Linda Lamy
Charlene Walsh

Music Committee - Sandy Kamens
Sylvia LaFreniere
Sandi Ehmer

Christian Education Committee - Crista Furtado
Jolene Cahill
Tricia Kovaleski

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

Communications Committee

Finance Committee - Bob Grosf
Wayne Harnish
Jackie Merchant
Skip Skarp
Member of Trustees

Trustees Committee- Jake Armbruster
Dave Morrell
Eric Armbruster

Service Task Group Leader – Danielle DellaVecchia (Council Member)

Outreach Committee - Laurie Ross
Cindi Harnish
Carol Barbieri

Fellowship Committee - Ellen Cifone
Jean Mariano
Judy Harris

By-Laws 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, Sue Kozikowski, Roberta Layton

Ad Hoc Committees:

Audit Committee Mike Dumas
Sylvia LaFreniere

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

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 2/26/17

RESTRUCTURING TEAM

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP
Your Historical Committee

The Historical Committee has a few projects we are working on and we need your help.

Part of our history is all the people, past and present that have come together to make our church a place of peace, love, fellowship and unity. We would like to gather pictures of all our members present and past; they would be individual or family pictures. We need pictures of you, your parents, grandparents, aunt or uncles, everyone that has been a part of our church family. We want to be able to keep these pictures as [art pf an album of our family.

We are working on a display that will be permanent to honor all the men and women that have served in the armed services. If you have a picture, especially in uniform, with a little information, branch and time served, that we can keep, of yourself or a family member, we would love to display it.

Last of all we would like to make a book of each year from 2016 on, with pictures and articles of memories of events. If you like to scrape book or to write, perhaps you would like to take an event and do a page or more. This would make a great addition to the book.

All of the above is part of our history that deserves not to be forgotten. Please be a part of our past, present and future.

If you have anything you would like to contribute, please see Ray Douyard, Anna Lee Wenslow or Charlotte Crockett. You can also leave any information in the church office.

UPDATE ON PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Submitted by Ellen Anderson

At the present there are nine church women who faithfully contribute their handiwork to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We are most grateful for their interest and support.

When a shawl is completed, it is placed on display in the congregation, in preparation for the ceremony of blessing during Sunday worship. It is then shelves in the Prayer Shawl Closet at church. They are available for Rev. Zack or any congregant who wishes to “gift” one to someone they know. A sign out pad hangs on the closet door – this avoids duplication.

Originally this “circle” met at my home, but we outgrew the “closeness” and we met in the meeting room/chapel at church. But change began again for a variety of reasons, thence the decision to work the shawls at home, deliver the completed shawl to me or the church office; I attach a cross to each one and they are ready for the blessing. This arrangement is working very well (my opinion).

If you have any questions or comments, you may call me, of course. Glad to hear from you.

As of this writing, 458 shawls have been made and donated for this Ministry.

BYLAWS INFO
Submitted by Curt Wilbanks
ByLaws Manager

Copies of the newly revised ByLaws and the Safe Conduct Policies and Procedures are available to church member upon request to the Church Office. These new revisions render all prior copies obsolete. Therefore, members are asked to return their copies, with the related three ring binders to the Church Office for replacement with the updated versions. Any member who has not previously held a copy of the ByLaws may obtain same from the Church Office upon request.

Good news received from 2 of our loan recipients -

Good news from Leticia! Sheema Uganda - Business in a box - PAID IN FULL

Leticia's loan was taken in January of 2014 with payment due from April 2014 to December 2014. She defaulted on her loan, but was able to repay it in full this month.

Leticia is 30 years old and married with five children. Her income is through the sale of crops and livestock. On her land, Leticia grows maize, beans, coffee, vegetables and bananas. She also has cows, goats and chickens. In addition to her farming income, she receives a monthly wage as a Community Knowledge Worker (CKW). CKWs are trusted community members who provide agricultural data and advice to rural farmers in their local area, including information about the weather, market prices, crop diseases and agricultural tools. She uses the materials in her business-in-a-box (smart phone, solar charging set, and weighing scale) to disseminate vital agricultural information to the other members of her village, which will help them to improve their crop yields and increase their incomes. With the additional money she earns as a CKW, Leticia plans to invest in large-scale farming for commercial purposes. Her dream is to see farmers in her village move from peasantry to commercial farming through adopting improved farming practices. We are so happy to find that Leticia has been able to follow through on her commitment and repay her loan. Other farmers will continue to benefit from the information Leticia is able to collect and disseminate to others in her community.

Sanasar - Akhuryan village, Armenia - Auto Repair

Sanasar repaid his loan in February. This month we received regards from Sansar.

Good news from Sanasar!

Sanasar successfully paid for working tools needed for auto repair service. Due to your understanding and support, his living is much easier now. His gratefulness has no limits.

SEF International

Posted by **Sanasar** from Akhuryan village, Armenia *Jan 18, 2017*

Some info about our Kiva account

To date we have lent \$1750 to 83 loan recipients - all from our initial investment of \$250.

Loans have supported 33 out of 77 countries where Kiva makes loans.

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>.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Submitted by Jennifer Zalaski

Bible Journaling Workshop is here!

Join us for Bible Journaling on April 12 & 26 in the Chapel at 7:00pm. You will need a journaling Bible or a journal or sketch pad, colored pencils, and any other art supplies you are comfortable and familiar using. If you cannot find a journaling Bible I can help you order one or search for the one that is right for you. In the meantime google Bible journaling or search for Bible journaling on Pinterest. For more info please contact.

Jennifer Zalaski at 860-585-1417 or
johnzalaski@sbcglobal.net



2017 BINGO DATES

APRIL	4/22/17
MAY	5/27/17
JUNE	6/24/17
JULY	7/22/17
AUGUST	8/19/17
SEPTEMBER	9/23/17
OCTOBER	10/28/17
NOVEMBER	11/25/17
DECEMBER	12/16/17

STILL NEED HELP IN SETTING UP, KITCHEN (SNACKS ONLY). CALL BOB GROSOFF (860-589-6334) OR JERRY WUNSCH AT (860-209-2891)

TRUSTEE LISTING – 2017

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 Morrell	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 2017

We thank you all in advance for serving as a Coffee Hour Host! This is a great opportunity to meet & greet other church members, as well as a small way of serving our Lord. A Deacon of the Month will contact each of you to remind you of the date you are to serve during that month. If you have a question, you may ask the Deacon of the Month or contact the church office at 860-589-0182. If you are unable to honor an assignment, please be sure to call someone to take your place and inform Sue in the office of the change.

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 the office at 860-589-0182 or email: terryvillechurch@hotmail.com

Thank you for your time and consideration.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2017

April	2	Ingrid Beicke-Nelson	860-585-1713
		Diane Pratt	860-329-6401
April	9	Terri Faragher	860-675-7434
		Shirley O'Neal	860-675-7434
April	16		
EASTER SUNDAY		NO COFFEE HOUR	
April	23	Jake Armbruster	860-681-1837
April	30	DIACONATE	
		Roseann Hannon	860-582-0116
May	7	Linda & Bill Lamy	860-989-5875
	14	Russ & Lynne Wagner	860-583-5885
May	21	OUTREACH COMMITTEE	
May	28	HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	
Memorial Day Wknd.		Charlotte Crockett	860-583-1448

The next newsletter will be in May. Special announcements, articles or events provided by April 24 will be published in the May 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.

UPCOMING MUSICAL CONCERTS

Presented by Matt Miskin

7:00pm in Sanctuary -- \$10.00 per ticket

May 13 – Jazz Trio done by Matt on guitar, local pianist, Justin Masayda, and veteran bass player, Vinnie Wojtusik

Please be aware of your belongings at all times. Yes, we are a church, and yet we have to be careful and mindful not to leave purses or other personal belongings unattended. If it is a church event, such as the fair, we will provide a locked room where everyone can store their purses. Thank you!

ATTENTION BIBLE STUDY LOVERS!

Our Bible Study group has collectively decided to move our weekly Bible Study from Thursdays to Mondays. Same time and place as always – 11am in my office. This move in date is because many of our current attendees are active in the Red Hat group as well as the Plymouth and Prospect Seniors groups, and many of their events take place on Thursdays. We hope this new day will be a great way for all of us to kick off the week! We currently have around nine in our group, and we are always open to newcomers. We have a lot of deep discussions as well as many laughs, sharing about our lives, and we pray together. Throughout the year we also watch religious-themed movies together, periodically have lunch together, and do other kinds of projects such as make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. All of us make a special bond and thoroughly enjoy exploring the Bible together. Join us!

Have you recently moved or changed email addresses? We are trying to update our membership list. Please call Sue in the office or email her if you have any new information 860-589-0182 OR terryvillechurch@hotmail.com

CALLING ALL SOCIAL MEDIA EXPERTS!

Are you great with Facebook and Instagram? Do you have time during the day or in the evening to post some church happenings through social media? This could all be done from the comfort of your home or even through your smart phone! Please consider volunteering small portion of your time to help our church!

*Call the office (860-589-0182)or email:
terryvillechurch@hotmail.com if you can help.*

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM RUSS BONDESON

It's my pleasure to be a member of the Terryville Congregational Church. My wife and I don't drive, *I'm in a wheelchair and we have to rely on others for assistance in transportation.*

To get me in and out of the car is a problem. A strong healthy individual is needed someone that can hoist me out of the chair and onto the front seat in a swiveled position, get me straightened out and life my feet into the car. That's why you don't see me in Church very often.

I have a volunteer from our church that really fits that need. We've been to various doctors' offices and I've been asked, "Is that fellow your son who helps you so well?" My answer is no, but I would be proud to have him as a son. Then I'd explain that he's a member of our church who volunteers his time to help me. All have answered how wonderful it is for our Church to have such a program.

This individual has been involved in many programs at the church. One program was getting windows replaced; so, enclosed is a check to help pay for this effort. I would like this money replace a window and have it marked, "In Honor of Jake Armbruster". Thank you Jake.