TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH January 2015 NEWSLETTER

Another New Year

If you're anything like me, you can't believe that it's already another New Year. 2015? It seems like just yesterday it was turning the year 2000. Time has a way of moving so fast.

Do you make a New Year's resolution? Lose weight? Eat healthier? Exercise more? Make smarter financial decisions? Spend more time with family? Any new work goals? Life goals?

There's one thing I recommend regardless of any of our New Year's resolutions: if something speaks to your heart, and you're passionate about it, do it. As long as it's not illegal or going to hurt someone, and it speaks to you, don't hesitate and don't put it off -- because you may never have that moment again.

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet a friend that I hadn't seen in over six years, but to meet him meant I had to take the train into New York City for the night. So many other, more "important" things seemed to pop up in my schedule, but I finally made the decision that I may not get this opportunity again. So I went. Now, no matter what happens as time continues to go so fast, I will know that I got to see my friend. And that was a great blessing.

What if we took advantage of all the opportunities, and stringed them together as our life's mission? I think of that as "vocation." One of the greatest definitions of vocation is "that place where your great passion meets the world's great need." In 2015, my prayer is that we can all work on our sense of *vocation*. Vocation is not always the place where we work, it's not always our employment – sometimes it can be, and when that happens we are truly blessed – but overall it's a sense of fulfilling our life's calling and taking advantage of opportunities that speak to our hearts.

In 2015, don't hesitate. Don't put it off. Take action. You may never see the moment again.

Rev Zachary Mabe

ps-join us for these events:

Worship every Sunday at 10am!

Meeting for those interested in going on the May 2-9 Mission Trip: Meeting is Jan 7 @ Avon Cong. Church

Bryan Nurnberger & Kristen Graves from Simply Smiles (<u>www.simplysmiles.org</u>) will be with us Jan 11 at 10am

(Pancake Brunch to follow!)

Eli Terry Retirement Community Dinner on Jan 17 at 5pm

BINGO on Jan 31 at 7pm (doors open at 5:30pm)

Our Prayers Go To:

Family & friends of Allen Frazier who entered eternal life on December 17, 2014

Members: Charlotte Crockett, Bill Fickett, Jim Hannon, Rae Barry, Rose Balowski and children, Cheryl Brazee's family, Iris Soto, Barbara Plumb, Lewis Lamy & Family, Allen Frazier, Kristina Cyr (daughter of Becky Cyr), Nanci Lepore Hughes (niece of John & Roberta Layton), Lori Blais & family (sister of Lisa Reek), Laura Rappleyea, Christopher Colasanto, Damien Piercy, Janet Waldron, Irene Taylor, Lois Barnes, Marjorie (Sue) Piercy

Friends and Family: Fern Vaughn (relative of Jim & Linda Merrell), Gloria Haag, Jacqueline McQueeney (friend of Jake Armbruster), Edgar (Bud) Pond, (friend of Doris and Russ Bondeson), Carole Kozikowski (daughter of Mary Alice and Curt Wilbanks and sister of Janet Waldron), Shelly Benson (friend of Michele Benson), Art Feskanin (friend of Lois B.), Carolyn Soter, Bruce and Christine Post (Parents of Becky Cyr), Karen and Tom Bernier (Sister and family of Becky Cyr), Mim Schact, Chad Etting, George Badey (Barbara Benson's father), Dorothy Nelson (mother of Diane Pratt and Ingrid Nelson-Beicke), Paula Steele (friend/co-worker of Pam Kamens), Ceil Dzielinski (friend of Lois Barnes), Carol Guilbault (family of Linda & Bill Lamy), Stella & Dave Mason, Carol Gulbeault (family of Linda & Bill Lamy), Renee Lucier, health issues (friends of Ray & Bob Link), Jennifer (Barbara Plumb's daughter), Emie Cabeza, requested by Sam Klaneski, Mark Douyard (son of Lois & Ray Douyard), Gayle Bondeson (daughter-in-law of Russ and Doris Bondeson, Marsha Oelschlegel Ormondroyd friend of Alison Reed & Roberta Layton), Charity Janik-Brush (friend of Peggy Witecy's family), Robert Angus (Tammy Piercy's uncle), John Brandy Frederick & family, Mike Conklin & children, Wilton Hawes, Jen & Hillary in the loss of their mother, Madalaine Boughton (Avis Flander's sister)

Nursing Facility: Tim Davis, Grace Spring, Callie Goodfield, Marilyn Kosak, Marge Hawes, Betty Day, Ralph Davis, Edna Kirkby

Military: We are pleased to join with the THS LEO Club Support a Soldier program. Through our joint efforts, we feel we can be more effective in our support of the military. When you exit after morning worship, please show support for this program by dropping a donation in the red-white-& blue container located in the Narthex. The church family has been and continues to be activity supportive of our armed forces and those working in service areas. We pray for their safety and the safety of the people native to areas of strife.

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



ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING 2/23/2014 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.

Moderator – Jerry Wunsch – Council Member

Vice Moderator/Personnel Chair – Charlotte Audet – Council Member

Clerk/Communication Chair – Charlotte Crockett

Treasurer - Ken Beicke

Asst. Treasurers – Herman Armbruster, Donald Cushman

Collector - Ingrid Beicke-Nelson

By-Law Manager – Curt Wilbanks

Safe Conduct Advocate -

Spiritual Task Group Leader –Sue Piercy (voted in at 5/21/2014 Council Mtg.)

Diaconates – Jean Goodwin, Bill Hall, Diane Pratt

Christian Education – Christa Furtado, Joanne Keenan, Janet Johnson

Music – Sylvia LaFreniere, Sandra Kamens, Lynda Avery

Business Task Group Leader – Alison Reed – Council Member

Finance –Bob Grosof, Roseann Hannon, Don Cushman, Alison Reed Ken Beicke

Trustees - Dickie Zalaski, John Wallingford, Jake Armbruster

Communications – Louise Sweatt, Annalee Wenslow

Service Group Leader - Peggy Witecy – Council Member

Outreach – Danielle Della Vecchia, Cindy Harnish, Carol Barbieri

Fellowship Committee – Ellen Cifone, Jean Mariano, Rose Balowski

Council Members-at-Large – John Layton, Jim Merrell

PAID STAFF

Pastor – Rev. Zachary Mabe

Christian Ed. Director – Jennifer Zalaski

Music Director – Dan Brownell

Secretary – Sue Kiszka

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Personnel Committee – Mike Dumas, Donna Wunsch, Roberta Layton

By Laws Manager – Curt Wilbanks

Safe Church Advocate – Brenda Purney

Church Historian - Ray Douyard

Ad Hoc Historian Committee – Ray Douyard, Chairman, Dick Foote, Charlotte

Crockett, Anna Lee Wenslow

Ad Hoc Auditing Committee – Mike Dumas, Janet Johnson, Sylvia LaFreniere

Floral Committee – Ellen Cifone, Roberta Layton, Sue Kozikowski

Chicken BBQ – Jake Armbruster/Trustee

Roast Beef Dinner – Jerry Wunsch

June Fair – Diane Pratt, Jake Armbuster

Terryville Fair Booth – Ray & Jeannie Zalaski

Church Bazaar – Diane Pratt

BINGO – Sue Piercy

Theater Plays – Allison Reed, Jonathan Zalaski

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Church Secretary Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-2pm

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Rev. Zack on Facebook: Zack Mabe

Jen Zalaski on Facebook: Jennifer Zalaski

Jen Zalaski's email: johnzalaski@sbcglobal.net
Dan Brownell's email: dabrownell@comcast.net
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Website: www.terryvillecongregationalchurch.org

Facebook pages: click "like" Terryville Congregational Church, UCC

And click "like" TCC Sunday School

Revised: 5/2014

12/2014

The Poinsettias decorating our Sanctuary are dedicated to the Glory of God and:

IN MEMORY OF

Ralph Armbruster, Sr. Barbara Armbruster

Kimberly Armbruster Jaques

Philip R. Armbruster (Gramp)

Frank Armbruster (Uncle)

David G. Armbruster

Mary & Ronald Tellier (Joy's parents)

Henry Avery & Harold Clarke Alberta & Walter Krampitz Hazel Bondeson Peterson, sister Robert W. Jackson, brother

Mike Cifone

Norma & George Plumb Jessica Malark, niece

Harold Day

George Grela Sr., Jill Grela

Bill Faragher, beloved husband and father

Friends & Family

Rebby Mom & Dad

Frank, Irene, Francine, Marie & Harry

Barbara Armbruster

Kimberly Armbruster Jaques

Donald Conopask & Joseph Korzeniecky

Hugh & Lily Greatrex

Robert Link Wendal McLam

Wesley & Gunnar Nelson

Fran Sr., Fran Jr. & Florence Pratt Vernon, Anna & George Atwood

Bill Wartonick Paige Wartonick

Joseph Fusco, Sr. (father) Daniel C. Wilbanks (son) Laura U. Wilbanks (mother)

Wunsch Family

IN HONOR OF

Ellen Armbruster Kleinsmith Family Brownell Family Brownell Amy **GIVEN BY**

Ellen Armbruster

Jake, Makenna, Kaitlyn,

Tony & Nico

Phil & Joy Armbruster Phil & Joy Armbruster Linda & Lynda Avery Linda & Lynda Avery Russell & Doris Bondeson Russell & Doris Bondeson

Ellen Cifone Ellen Cifone

Don & Brenda Conners Bruce & Betty Day Peter& Sandi Ehmer Teri & Megan Faragher

Crista, Bruce, Michael & Justin Furtado

Jean Goodwin Jean Goodwin

Jim & Roseann Hannon M/M Wayne Hotchkiss, Sr. M/M Wayne Hotchkiss, Sr.

Sue Korzeniecky

Stephen & Susan Kozikowski Kurt, Jane, Sean & Karen Link

McLam Family

Gary & Diane (Nelson) Pratt Gary & Diane (Nelson) Pratt

Wartonick Family Wartonick Family Wartonick Family

Curt & Mary Alice (Fusco) Wilbanks Curt & Mary Alice (Fusco) Wilbanks Curt & Mary Alice (Fusco) Wilbanks

Gerald & Donna Wunsch

GIVEN BY

Phil & Joy Armbruster Amy & Daniel Brownell Amy & Daniel Brownell Amy & Daniel Brownell

2015 BINGO DATES

JANUARY 1/31/15 (5TH Sat. because Scouts

are having Pinewood Derby that

weekend before)

FEBRUARY 2/28/15

MARCH 3/28/15

APRIL 4/25/15

MAY 5/30/15 (week after Mem. Day)

JUNE 6/27/15

JULY 7/25/15

AUGUST 8/22/15 (Terry. Fair is 8/28-30)

SEPTEMBER 9/26/15

OCTOBER 10/24/15

NOVEMBER 11/28/15

DECEMBER 12/19/15 (3RD Sat. because the

next weekend is the day after

Christmas)

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

NEWS FROM TCC MUSIC DEPARMENT

Submitted by Dan Brownell

Happy New Year from the TCC Music Department! We hope that the New Year brings good tidings, successful resolutions and good health and happiness. Perhaps your resolution might be to try out a music ensemble? Remember the door is always open....

January is always a light month for us, as we recover from the busyness of Christmas. However, we will still have performances to celebrate Martin Luther King Day and we will also welcome back the Simply Smiles group who will share their music with us. During the next two months we will adjust our schedule to accommodate downstairs worship.



Loan Updates

None of our loans were paid in full this month. We have 14 outstanding loans out of 38 loans we've supported. Through the repayments we did receive, we had a total of \$30.28. A new loan could be made!

New Loan

Valentin - San Miguel, El Salvador

Valentin is asking for the loan to buy a planing machine to facilitate his work in his furniture manufacturing shop so he can finish each job faster. Valentín is 46 years old. He is married and has 5 children, aged 23, 25, 27, 28 and 30 years old. All of them are on their own. His wife is an employee of a dairy production distribution company. She is his only dependent. Valentín has been a carpenter for 26 years. He learned by working with his father who had him work at his side and sell the wood since the time he was very little. His brother in law helps him and his work schedule is from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Miscellaneous Info

With the loan to Valentin, we are now lending to a Manufacturing sector. Out of 15 sectors we are lending to 12. Entertainment and Transportation remain.

Kiva supports seven areas of Social Performance. We have made loans in each of these seven areas:

- **Anti-Poverty Focus**
- **Client Voice**
- **Entrepreneurial Support**
- Facilitation of Savings
- Family and Community
- **Innovation**
- Vulnerable Group Focus

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

Kiva – Loans that change lives by empowering people around the world with loans of \$25. Information is available at www.kiva.org.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year, Crista and Justin Furtado



Co-Program Directors Jonathan Zalaski and Alison Reed

We are very happy to announce that after the success of *The*

Wizard of Oz, we will be tackling another demanding production. In June of 2015, Theatre At TCC will be presenting ROALD DAHL'S WILLY WONKA! We are very excited to present another show in the sanctuary, and hope that everyone will be able to attend to show their support. The show will open on Friday, June 19th with a 7:00 performance, followed by another 7:00 performance on Saturday, June 20th. Our final performance will be a 2:00 matinee after church on Sunday, June 21st. Tickets will go on sale in the beginning of March (\$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for students and senior citizens. Kids under 5 are free!) With the growing popularity of our program, we encourage you to purchase your tickets early, as there will only be 200 seats available per showing. To purchase your tickets, please call the church office at (860) 589-0182 between the hours of 10 and 2, Monday through Friday.

This year we will be taking a very big step to enhance the professionalism of our program, as we will be having live music! Co-music directors, Michele Boucher and Beckie Wallace have volunteered to provide music for our show, by directing an estimated ten-piece orchestra, and our entire cast, vocally. Both of these musicians have extensive experience in producing musicals at the Gilbert High School, Warner Theatre, Naugatuck Teen Theatre, and the Landmark Community Theatre (formerly known as the Thomaston Opera House). Our returning production team includes Jonathan Zalaski as director, Alison Reed as producer, and Kayla Mastracchio as choreographer. We are very happy to welcome Michele and Beckie to our team!

Anyone interested (church member, or not) can audition in March. Audition dates will be announced very shortly, as we are eager to get the word out to our potential cast

members for an even bigger cast this year! As always, anyone who is not already in our cast is invited to help build our sets, gather costumes, assist backstage, and/or usher for our June performances.

"Like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/theatreattcc to receive updates on opportunities to help Theatre At TCC! For more information on getting involved with Willy Wonka, or our program in general, please send an email to theatretcc@gmail.com.

-Theatre At TCC

COFFEE HOUR LIST

Submitted by Charlotte Crockett

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 AnnaLee at 860-585-6525.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

		ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2015	
January	4	Lois Douyard	860-582-6698
		Ellen Anderson	860-582-0188
	11	Carol Barberi	203-879-1896
		Christa Furtado	860-283-6723
	18	Phil & Joy Armbruster	860-583-7864
	25	Ingrid Nelson Beicke	860-585-1713
		Diane Pratt	860-589-8883
February	1	Roberta Layton	860-585-5955
i cordary	•	Jane Link	860-589-8304
	8	Dickie Zalaski	860-583-5367
	J	Louise Sweatt	860-584-0794
	15	Don & Juney Cushman	860-314-1804
	22	Jake Armbruster	860-589-1964
		Alison Reed	860-583-5977
March	1	Cynthia Harnish	860-314-0397
	-	Danielle DellaVecchio	860-584-2902
	8	Paula Anderson	860-582-1524
	-	Pam Eggleston	860-605-0170
	15	FINANCE COMMITTEE	
	22	Denise O'Donnell	860-598-6659
		Judy Harris	860-485-0109
	29	Ann Petrin	860-582-1879
		AnnaLee Wenslow	860-585-6525

Deadline for the February issue is January 19. All special announcements, articles or events provided by the deadline will be published in the January 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.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (A.E.D.)

The following members have been trained in the use of the A.E.D.: Jerry Wunsch, Alison Reed, Roland Anderson, and Paula Anderson. The unit is located in the Narthex near the Book of Remembrance. Another class is planned for the near future. See Jerry if interested.



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