



***Terryville Congregational Church
March, 2017 Newsletter***

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TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MARCH, 2017

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

What a winter it's been already! Just coming off the tail of two snow storms and then a wonderful, 50 degree weekend and a beautiful 2nd Annual Night on Broadway! Our congregation is very blessed. In the midst of all the changes in our world, our church is remaining a refuge of strength and hope as we both experiment with new ideas as well as maintain ancient practices. I have often thought that the best churches are the ones that are able to balance new ideas with cherished traditions, and I think (with God's help) we are doing just that!

The month of March brings us to the Season of Lent. We will maintain some of our traditions, such as a beautiful Ash Wednesday Service which includes the Imposition of Ashes; and, we are also trying something new this month -- an Open House! That's right, an opportunity for current members as well as friends and guests to come see our church: take a tour, talk with current committees, hear music from Matt, and be together in fellowship. Please invite your neighbors and friends to come see what we're all about. As our Moderator affectionately puts it, we are so blessed to be "the people's church." Of course, we are God's church, but it is wonderful to know that it is our people (with God's guidance) that organize, vote on and lead all of the ministry. Yes, we are blessed!

The month of March brings other great Lenten traditions as well: our town-wide Ecumenical Lenten Lunches (see the enclosed schedule), weekly worship, our 2nd Annual High School Youth retreat, another in our popular series of TCC Music Concerts (this time a folk theme), Gosinski Park Dinner, and our Chicken BBQ Dinner. It also brings another new series: Bible Journaling! We had our first two of these evenings in February, and the practice is so enjoyed that we're offering two more in March. What is Bible Journaling? An opportunity to sit with scripture and combine art and coloring with the scripture meditation. Please see the enclosed calendar for the specific dates.

Ultimately, Lent is not about programs and events. It's about drawing close to God in any way that will both remove obstacles from that closeness as well as create bridges to that closeness. Obstacles are the reason people choose to "give up" something during Lent, and bridges are the reason people like to "take on" special practices and rituals during the Season. Whether you are serving at Gosinski Park, attending Bible Study, or even taking extra time for prayer in your home, Lent is a sacred time of year to reflect on Christ's 40 days of fasting and temptation in the wilderness as well as his journey to the cross. Once we get to April, we will get to Holy Week which includes commemorations of the Last Supper, the Cross, and -- eventually -- the wonderful news of the resurrection. But for now, in Lent, focus on Christ's journey to Jerusalem and what that means in your life. How will you observe Lent this year? It's best done in the community of faith, so come on down to church and let's observe it together.

With Christ's Love,

Rev Zack

Our Prayers Go To:

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: 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 McQueeney (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

Nursing Facility: Grace Spring Torrington), Callie Goodfield, Ralph Davis, Betty Day (Cook Willow in Plymouth), AmyYoung, Glenda Conopask, (Sheriden Woods), Irene Taylor (The Landings, 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 2/21/2016
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
Don Cushman (as of 5/18/16)

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, 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 Curt Wilbanks
Jennifer Zalaski, Ray Zalaski

RESTRUCTURING TEAM

Jake Armbruster, Ken Beicke,
Charlotte Crockett,
Pam Eggleston,
Sandy Kamens, Sue Piercy,
Diane Pratt
Iris Soto, 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 2/22/16

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 RayDouyard, Anna Lee Wenslow or Charlotte Crockett. You can also leave any information in the church office.

TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

OPEN HOUSE

SAT., MARCH 18 10:00am – 2:00pm

**COME VISIT THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH
ALL ARE WELCOME**

There will be an Open House at our church to invite members of our Community to come and see what our Congregation offers spiritually and the fellowship we offer within the town and other organizations.

All Committees are to write a brief summary of their responsibilities to have available to share in a booklet to be given out. Please submit your write up to Sue in the office ASAP. A table will be set up for each Committee and a member of that committee should be present to answer questions.

All members of the Congregation are urged to attend to socialize and discuss our church with potential new members.

UPDATE (Currently supporting 15 open loans - total of 69 supported)

Good news from Gregorio! Gregorio Sensuntepeque, El Salvador

Gregorio defaulted on his loan back in January of 2016. Although his loan was defaulted, he has continued to repay with periodic payments. He has made payments consistently since December with only \$5.49 remaining in his repayments to the TCC Kiva account. Gregorio is a responsible 35-year-old man, who works as a home builder and as a welder. He lives with his common-law wife, who sells vitamins, and their 8-year-old son. He has a lot of clients who prefer to have him build their homes. Additionally, he has worked for practically his whole life as a welder. His co-workers have taught him everything that he knows. The loan he requested was for the purchase of construction equipment. In order to do his work, he needs good tools, and he needs to buy a good polishing machine. His dream is to have a very successful welding shop, since when he gets a construction contract, he also does the roof work and takes advantage of all of the available opportunities. We hope Gregorio continues to prosper so he can complete his payments and expand his business.

Paid in Full

Sanasar - Akhuryan village, Armenia - Auto Repair

Sanasar is an auto repairman who lives in Akhuryan village with his lovely family. Sanasar is a father of three children. In the yard of his house, Sanasar provides auto repair service for local people living in nearby villages and towns. He is skilled, experienced and responsible in his work, so there are many clients waiting for Sanasar's service. He requested a loan to purchase tools needed for his auto repair service because the tools which he currently owns are damaged and old. Sanasar will put the new tools to good use improving the quality of the work he provides.

New Loans - With additional loan repayments we were able to make a new loan.

Rosa Margarita - Masaya, Nicaragua

Rosa Margarita is 21 years old. Currently, she is in the final year of studying for her Nursing degree. She has the support of her family members, who work in carpentry. Rosa Margarita is requesting a loan to pay for a course to graduate from university. This will allow her to obtain her degree and to get a job. She collaborates as a radio announcer.

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 March 9, 16, and April 5 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

MARCH	3/25/17
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 GROSOF (860-589-6334) OR JERRY WUNSCH AT (860-209-2891)

TRUSTEE LISTING – 2017

MARCH	Dickie Zalaski	860-583-5367
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

March	5	Carol Barbieri	203-879-1896
	12	Amanda & Ben Lee	203-586-8143
	19	Ann Petrin	860-582-1879
		Roseann Hannon	860-582-0116
	26	TRUSTEES	
		Jake Armbruster	860-681-1837
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

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

UPCOMING MUSICAL CONCERTS

Presented by Matt Miskin

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

March 18 – Music of John Hartford and Pete Seeger performed by Matt and other members of the church.

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.