



***Terryville Congregational Church
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TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

October, 2017

Dear Members & Friends of Terryville Congregational Church,

Since my return from Sabbatical, time is flying by! It's so wonderful to be back to the full schedule of worship, outreach, meetings, visitations and more. And now October is already upon us and it is one of the fullest months in our calendar year! Let me take a moment to name a few highlights this month:

Oct. 12: Women's Night: this Annual Event features food, fellowship and a program by Smokin' Mirrors (Cori Lovejoy Sauzedde's band). This also features our "black tie" service by our men's group.

Oct. 14: TCC Concert Series continues with Folk Music!

Oct. 15: During worship, we will present more Quilts of Valor to our Veterans as well as present Bibles to our children and dedicate our 2018 Pledges.

Oct. 22: During worship, we will recognize and honor our 25-50 year members.

Oct. 28: Our high school youth will have a hike and lunch at Black Rock State Park

Oct. 29: During worship, we will be joined by special guests from Bristol Hospital Kurt Barwis (CEO) and Dr. Reyes (Elder Care).

In addition to these great events, we will be holding brief, weekly Communion classes for the children throughout the month of October immediately following Sunday school (11:15-11:30) each Sunday (identical to our successful program from last year).

Also, I am pleased to announce we have been awarded two grants from Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation. One grant (\$1500) is to help us continue our meal program for the residents of Gosinski Park and Eli Terry Retirement Community, and the other grant (\$2000) is to help toward the purchase and installation of a new outdoor LED sign to display and promote our events.

We have a lot to be thankful for! As we journey through October, I want to name one more event since it happens at the very start of November: Our "Night to Cherish." This event has been in the planning since the spring, and came about in response to the fact that so many of our church families have been impacted by Alzheimer's. On Friday, Nov. 3, at 6:30pm, we will enjoy a meal catered by Patti's Place of Thomaston with appetizers from Chute Gates and desserts from Tony's Coffee Express. Volunteers from our congregation will be the servers, and we have a concert that will follow the dinner being directed by Dawn Marie Conroy (former Music Director at Thomaston Congregational Church). It's going to be a very meaningful evening as we will also recognize the help of first responders as well as those with Alzheimer's and their families. The cost is \$50/ticket or \$450 for a table of ten, and the proceeds go both to the Alzheimer's Association as well as to our church. Please call our office 860. 589.0182 for tickets and join us for this special evening.

Again, we have a lot to be thankful for! See you soon!
With God's love,

Rev Zack

Our Prayers Go To:

Members: *Ann Krampitz, Louise Sweatt, Paul Hawes, Bill Fickett, Dick Foote, Rachel Reynolds and family, Edna Kirkby, Hadley Waldron, Buddy Hawes,*

Family & Friends: *Sarah (friend of Wayne Waldron), 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), George Badey (Barbara Benson's father), 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), Randall Wagoner (requested by his mom, Mary Mitchell and his brother, Russ Wagoner), Lon Norton (Millie Perry's nephew), Ginny Wagoner (Paula Anderson's friend), Jim Divine (brother-in-law of Dave Nichols), Kellie and Allen Martin (friends of Sue K.), Christopher Starzyk (nephew of Karen Reilly), Aimee Parzych (frined of Jake), John Kuzmich (AnnaLee Wenslow's brother-in-law), Danielle Martone (granddaughter of M/M Ernie LeClair), Rita Chatelle, friend of Pam & Hank Kamens*

Nursing Facility: *Callie Goodfield, Ralph Davis, Betty Day (Cook Willow in Plymouth), AmyYoung, Glenda Conopask, (Sheriden Woods in Bristol), Irene Taylor, Rae Link, Doris Bondeson (The Atria in Farmington), Ray & Lois Douyard (Village Gate in Farmington), Lois Kamens (Alzheimer's Resource Center, Plantsville, Barbara Plumb*

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 church family continues to support our military. To date, donations are at \$302.31.



REMEMBERING OUR OWN
By Mary-Alice Wilbanks

We lost another dear and dedicated member of our church family on August 10, 2017. Russ Bondeson was not only another member, but also a good friend to everyone who knew him.

Russ was introduced to a lovely lady, Doris, by her brother and good friend, Bob Johnson. Bob, Doris, along with sisters Lois Kamens, Sandra Colasanto, Evelyn Cote and Beverly Damsker had been active in the life of the church for many years.

Russ became a member of this church in 1965. One of his earliest involvements was singing in the base section of our Church Choir along with members of the Johnson family. Throughout the years, it wasn't unusual to hear him humming or singing anywhere "just because he liked to."

Over the years he served on the Board of Finance, first joining in 1967, returning to serve as Chairman in 1994, which at that time, included the Investment Committee, and continued on through 2000. In 2000 he also joined the Diaconate ultimately becoming a Life Deacon. He returned to the Board of Finance in 2004 through 2006.

Russ demonstrated his leadership and organizational skills in everything he undertook, along with his equally hard working wife, Doris. Together they spearheaded our annual Church Suppers, which included Corned Beef and Cabbage, Turkey and Roast Beef dinners. They continued organizing these fund raising events for several years and literally wrote the TCC church supper "How-to" book when they finally decided to "retire".

I use the term "retire" loosely, since both continued to work in various capacities. Though unable to physically perform many tasks, Russ continued to sell dinner tickets to his friends and neighbors for the benefit of the church and from what I heard from one of his neighbors, he often got involved in organizing activities in their complex also.

When I became Church Historian, I would hear from Russ suggesting I write about a specific individual or past event of the church and he'd even provide me with details about the subject matter. He would also often provide me with spiritually moving pieces of poetry to publish in our Newsletters. I was always so thankful for them and hope to share some with you in future articles.

Russ told great jokes, whimsical anecdotes and amazed his listeners by reciting long and short poems by memory. He enjoyed everything life had to offer, from the simple things of nature to competitive things such as games with his family members, including Doris who could also provide a challenge, whether with cards, picture or crossword puzzles. In other words, they were an all-around very compatible and dedicated couple.

Russ was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and gracious friend to everyone he met and a very gracious, dedicated worker and supporter of this glorious church of ours.

November 3, 2017

NANCY TUCKER

Nancy, a one-time biology teacher, is now an award-winning songwriter, singer, and comedian. She has been called a “one-woman fun festival”.

Her humor is based on life’s absurdities, on which she has an excellent grasp. She is an accomplished guitarist, has written and recorded countless songs on many CD’s, and has been included on several compilation CD’s ranging from Phil Ochs to Dr. Demento. She took first place honors in the 2002 Connecticut Comedy Festival after a grueling 3 weeks of competition and has appeared on a Connecticut Public Television special, at the Bushnell’s Ha! Ha! Hartford, and as a headliner throughout New England and New York, and in many original one-woman shows. Her humor is both squeaky clean and funny – something few comics can claim.

Tucker’s talents appeal to children and adults, and she can and does entertain a range of generations simultaneously and contiguously without missing a beat.

In 2004 , she won an Idie Award for her outstanding achievement and exemplary dedication to the independent music industry. That same year, she received a Lifetime Achievement Award by the 2,000-member Connecticut Songwriters Association (CSA) at the organization’s 25th anniversary conference. Members of CSA, one of the oldest and best known songwriters’ association in the U.S., are lyricists, composers, vocalists, producers, musicians, publishers, and recording artists.

For more details: www.nancytucker.info

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 – Bob Grosof

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

Another busy month for our Kiva account with new loans, payoffs and updates on defaulted loans.

New Loans

Marvin Adin - Osicala, El Salvador - Agriculture

This loan is special because it helps farmers to plant basic grains to feed their families.

Marvin was not able to study in school because of a war that was taking place in his country. He is in a relationship and his partner works on their domestic tasks. They have an eight year old son who attends school.

For all of his life, Marvin has dedicated himself to working in the fields, which he learned from his father. He begins working at 5:30 am and finishes at 12:00 pm. In the afternoon, he and his partner make a living by selling fresh fish throughout their community and the neighboring towns. Marvin will use the loan to purchase fertilizer for his corn and bean crops. He hopes to have a pond of fish and to continue harvesting basic grains. He dreams of improving his home.

Getsman Group - Harare, Zimbabwe - General Store

This loan is special because it helps women access affordable funding with targeted business training.

Christabel is one of the remaining members of the Getsman Group who hopes to keep expanding her business with the help of financial credit. Christabel is a 26-year-old mother of two children who assists her husband, a self employed builder, with the day-to-day household upkeep. In addition, she has been in business selling groceries for more than 7 years. She sells various grocery items including: sugar, cooking oil, soft drinks, bread, and more goods. Christabel has a well-structured mini shop located at an open space in Glenview, where she is accessible to more clients. She is extremely grateful for the financial advice she acquired with her previous loan as it helped with her business. Working as a team has molded her to work hard and lend a helping hand to any struggling team members. She plans to use her loan to fully stock her shop with groceries and hopes in the future to open a bigger shop.

Loan Updates

Gregorio Sensuntepeque, El Salvador

Gregorio is a responsible 35-year-old man. He 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 loan was taken to purchase construction equipment. His dream is to have a very successful welding shop, since when he gets a construction contract, he also does the roof work. Gregorio's loan was defaulted back in January 2016. He has continued to pay periodically. A payment was received in September reducing his current balance to \$4.74. We are excited that Gregorio continues to prosper and is able to work toward paying off his loan.

Valentin - San Miguel, El Salvador - Furniture Shop

Valentin requested a loan in December of 2014 to purchase a planing machine to facilitate work in his furniture building shop. On August 5, 2016, we received notification indicating that although Valentin had not completed payments on his loan as originally planned, we should not consider the loan in default. The CredoCampo finance organization was assisting Valentin and assured us he would continue to make payments. A payment was received in June and again in September reducing the balance to \$4.57. We are expecting Valentin will continue to make payments as he can. Hoping Valentin is able to withstand his hardships and continue to grow his business.

Paid in Full**Savitaben - Dahod, India - Agriculture**

Savitaben hails from the Dahod district of Gujarat. She is 41 and is a mother of two children (a son and a daughter) who go to school. Savitaben has an agribusiness. She grows wheat, arandi (castor oil plant), rice and other such staples, which are always in demand. She wants to expand her earning capacity by purchasing more seeds and farm supplies to grow these crops on a larger scale and continuing to cater to the growing demand. Savitaben has completed payments on her loan. Congratulations go out to her and best wishes as she continues to expand her business.

Kimah - Tangerang, Indonesia

Kimah is 48 years old, married, and has four sons and one daughter. Kimah has had a small shop selling basic food, snacks, bread, cake, drinks, etc for eight years. Her husband works very hard and he has had a project in the Tangerang District for 18 years. They would like to improve their living conditions and create a happy and healthy life for their kids. She asked for a loan to build a clean water source facility at her home to improve access to water for her family. Prior to taking this loan Kimah's family had no access to a water source in their home and relied on the river for bathing. Kimah has completed repayment on her loan. Her family can now live a healthy life with clean water. She and her family are grateful for the loan opportunity. It is very exciting we were able to assist this family in implementing a clean water source in their home.

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>.

From: [Chris Perkins](#)
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 2:05 PM
To: [Rev. Zachary Mabe](#); terryvillechurch@hotmail.com
Subject: Support A Soldier

Was asked about follow up and wanted to provide some details-

In late May packages were sent to

Darrin Hoadley (Navy)
Joseph Guinazzo (Navy)
Samantha-Jo Clift (Navy at Sea at the time of shipping)
Aaron Saindon (Navy)
Cody Bouteiller (Navy)

All are Plymouth Residents and THS Grads.

Mike Williams is in the Air Force and still had not been settled into a duty stations for more than a few weeks at a time. He finally got to a more permanent station in July and the Leos will send him a package before September 15th.

The Leos are gearing up for the 2018 Support a Soldier and are aiming to have all the materials and packages collected and sent prior to Easter.

If you have anymore questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully,

[Mr. Christopher C. Perkins](#)
[School to Career Coordinator](#)
[Plymouth Public Schools](#)



2017 BINGO DATES

OCTOBER 10/28/17

NOVEMBER 11/25/17

Thanksgiving Weekend

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

OCTOBER	Dave Morrell	860-583-8302
NOVEMBER	Phil Armbruster	860-583-7864 (home) 860-673-0488 (cell)
DECEMBER	Eric Armbruster	860-583-7864

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

<u>October 1</u> <u>Intinction</u>	Diane & Gary Pratt	860-329-6401
<u>October 8</u>	Roseann & Jim Hannon	860-970-3806
<u>October 15</u>	Carol Skarp Joanne Keenan	860-575-0281 860-589-7858
<u>October 22</u>	Jane Link Kurt Link	860-212-5809 860- 778-8783
<u>October 29</u>	Mary Alice Wilbanks Curt Wilbanks	860-583-3910 860-583-3910

The next newsletter will be in November. Special announcements, articles or events provided by October25 will be published in the November 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 pay pal. Go to www.terryvillecongregationalchurch.org and click on “donate”. You can make a one-time donation or a recurring donation/pledge. Thank you.

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 the Activity Room. 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 musical talent! On Friday, Nov. 3, we are doing a benefit dinner/concert which will benefit the Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut as well as our church's general fund. The concert portion of the evening will be made up of local talent including anyone from our congregation who is interested in singing or playing an instrument. We are meeting on Wednesday 9/27 and every Wednesday in October at 7pm in the Sanctuary to rehearse and prepare for Nov. 3. Please come and show your talent!

Get your tickets now for "A Night to Cherish": Friday, Nov. 3, **6:30pm.** In conjunction with Alzheimer's Awareness Month, a benefit dinner and concert; \$50/ticket. Food catered by Patti's Place of Thomaston with appetizers by Chute Gates and Desserts by Tony's Coffee Express. Call the office at 860.589.0182 for tickets.

The new LED sign finally will be delivered around the end of September. We have received a grant which covers a portion of the cost, the remainder of the cost will come out of the Contingency Fund. Anyone wishing to donate to help with the cost of the sign, please write either "contingency fund" or "sign" in the memo line when handing in a check. We are looking forward to this sign and it should help promote all our events.

Terryville Congregational Church

presents

“A Night to Cherish”

A Dinner & Concert to benefit The CT
Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association

In recognition of Alzheimer’s
Awareness Month

Nov. 3, 2017 6:30pm

Dinner Catered by Patti’s of Thomaston
with Appetizers by Chute Gates and
Desserts by Tony’s Coffee Express

Vocal & Instrumental music concert
featuring local talent

\$50/person or \$450/table of ten

Call the church 860.589.0182 to
reserve tickets