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TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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Dear Members & Friends of Terryville Congregational Church:

God's blessings to you all as I return from my summer Sabbatical! I hope you have had a great summer! Mine has been so blessed with quiet, family time, recreation and much prayer. For those who are curious, I am happy to share a synopsis of my summer which I will do below. But first let me say many, many thank yous to everyone who helped in my absence: our Diaconate, our Staff, Jerry, Rev. Fowler and all the others who have played important roles this summer. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

My Sabbatical started with a week-long trip to Falmouth, MA, for a work-related conference Melissa was attending. My days were spent playing with the kids in the hotel pool and getting into "Sabbatical mode." After a few days home from that trip, our family took a three-day trip to Ogunquit, ME; this time, with Melissa not having to attend to work, we all enjoyed time together and soaked in lots of sun. After both of those trips (Melissa back to work), I spent a week at home with Connor (while older brother Josh attended day camp) and Connor and I went fishing every... single... day. The following week (Josh still in day camp), Connor drove with me to North Carolina and we spent a week visiting my dad and my grandmother. Upon return from that trip, both my boys attended day camp while I relaxed. I took lots of naps, did a few projects around the house, and got ready for our biggest trip of the summer, which was coming up soon. On August 6, our family drove to Bar Harbor, ME and tent camped for a week while enjoying Acadia National Park. For me, this was the highlight of the summer. I had never been north of Ogunquit, and I had previously only tent camped for two nights with the boys. Melissa and I weren't sure how the boys would do for a week in the tent (or how we would do), but we had a wonderful time. We swam in Echo Lake, walked around Jordan Pond, soaked in sun at Sand Beach, felt the wind atop Cadillac Mountain, and enjoyed evening campfires with stories and memories that will last forever. A special highlight for me was hiking the Precipice Trail in the pouring rain (I didn't plan it that way, it just happened).

In fact, I would say many of the special memories this summer were made when I let go of my plans and just allowed life to happen. For example, after the trip to Acadia, the last two weeks of my Sabbatical I left completely unplanned. And these were some of my best weeks: got more done around the house, caught some of the biggest fish, and really felt at peace. It reminds me of that saying, "Life is what happens when we're busy making other plans."

This summer, I have learned a lot about myself. I have learned more and more about patience (hint: want to learn about patience? Go fishing!). I have learned that sometimes, for something great to happen, we have to allow ourselves to be pulled and stretched out of our comfort zones (hint: spend a week in a six person tent with two active young boys!). And I have re-learned or been reminded of some important things: 1) the power of discernment. Listening quietly, praying, and thinking through the pathways God lays before us; 2) the power of the sense of call. All summer, no matter what I was doing, my calling as a parish minister came through time and time again. I

was reminded in so many ways I am meant to be where I am, doing what I am doing, learning and growing and serving.

Along with that sense of call shining through time and time again, I really missed you all this summer! People that I met this summer always asked me, "Is it strange or difficult to be away from church and the people this long?" And yes, it was both strange and difficult. The closest thing I can relate it to is the feeling of being away from your family for an extended period of time, and not having a way to travel to see them. It was especially difficult for me when I learned of the passing of Bernie Smith and Laura Rappleyea. I wanted so much to be there.

It was also strange not preparing and delivering a weekly sermon. For the first time since 2003 (when I worked at a church in New Haven), I had nine Sundays away from weekly sermon preparation. I have to say... I miss that, too! I am a person who likes to reflect on what's happening in the world and in our parish and relate it to scripture, and I look forward to getting back into that sacred weekly act. Proclaiming Jesus Christ and God's love is always something I cherish!

So, ask me to show you fishing pictures! And Acadia pictures! Ask me about my dad and grandmother! Ask me about my boys and Melissa! I am excited to share it all with you. And I am also excited to hear about your summer. What adventures did you get into? And how were things at church? What was the experience like? What did you learn about yourself and about our congregation?

With Christ's Love,

Rev Zack

Our Prayers Go To:

*The friends and family of Bernard Smith who entered
the Kingdom of Heaven on Thursday, July 21, 2016*

*The friends & family of Laura Rappleyea who entered
The Kingdom of Heaven on Thursday, July 28, 2016*

Members: Louise Sweatt, Paul Hawes, Bill Fickett, Dick Foote, Rachel Reynolds, 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, Nicolina Telke, Lois & Ray Douyard, Hadley Waldron, Jessica Dorau, Buddy Hawes, Ann Krampitz

Family & Friends: 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 family (Pam Eggleston's family), Thomas Campbell (Pam Eggleston's uncle), Lon Norton (Millie Perry's nephew), Gloria Waskey (friend of Rachel Reynolds, Ginny Wagoner (Paula Wnderson's friend), Paul and Betty Bowers (former members of TCC, requested by Ross Bondeson), Jim Divine (brother-in-law of Dave Nichols)

Nursing Facility: Grace Spring, Callie Goodfield, Marilyn Kosak, Ralph Davis, Amy Young, Betty Day (recently moved back to Cook Willow in Plymouth), 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: Our collection for the Support the Soldiers Drive is at \$185.00, we are hoping to reach a goal of \$500.00 by December of this year (that's when the THS LEO Club begins gathering supplies to be shipped in March. The red, white and blue container located in the Narthex is available for donations twenty four/seven.



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 Grosof

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

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

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Submitted by Jennifer Zalaski

...and just like that Sunday school is about to begin! I truly hope your summer was enjoyable and you are ready to begin a new year. Summer was busy around here. Cavequest VBS saw 97 students registered with over 40 teens and a few adults helping throughout the week. Our program continues to be quite successful with or without advertising. I'd like to give a huge thank you to Betsy Chadwick, and Hannah Chadwick for all your help planning and prepping before the week of VBS and for running music and arts and crafts during VBS, also to Robin Bilodeau for your help in the movie room, to Ellen Cifone, Don Cushman, Roseanne Hannon, Judy Harris, Sue Kozikowski, and Dickie Zalaski for your help in the kitchen, to Courtney Reek for leading Prek Bible Adventure, Cat Gullotta for running Prek Arts and Crafts, to Jacob Rideout for running games, and to Jonathan Zalaski for running Bible Adventure, also to Gerry for popping the corn and to Jake for last minute "set" alterations. VBS is a much bigger undertaking than many realize. It takes many, many hands to get the job done and while we didn't have much help in prepping or in leading stations we were able to improvise and make it happen. The kids had a blast, the teens were amazing, and parents were grateful. Once VBS ended I was able to focus on completing some of the elementary story pieces as well as work towards finalizing the curriculum for the middle school classes. Before implementing this curriculum I'll need to discuss the changes with the CE committee, Rev. Zack and Tricia Kovaleski, our new middle school teacher.

As we begin to move into a new Sunday school year the search for teachers continues. We have been extremely blessed with the commitment Danielle DellaVecchia, Tricia Kovaleski, Jen Wollman, and Jonathan Zalaski have given the students this past year. They made a commitment to teach and did not waiver the entire year. If each one of them returns to teach this year and are able to secure a teaching partner all the teachers would have the opportunity to attend church services and take a Sunday off guilt free. If you would consider teaching one Sunday out of the month I know it would be greatly appreciated and of course it would be extremely helpful.

As of the writing of this newsletter I have not had the opportunity to meet with our teachers. Plans are in the works for mission Sundays, communion classes, and middle school bible study. I'll explain more once I've spoken with the teachers and can plan things with their input. Until then my plans are to clean out closets and cabinets in the classrooms to get things right and orderly for the new school year. May God bless us with a successful, fun, and faith filled Sunday school year!



2016 BINGO DATES

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

1 Spark Can Change the World

Kiva Celebrates 10 years

In 2005 Kiva began with a simple idea and a single loan. That idea grew into a movement with 1.4 million lenders from 192 countries backing the dreams of more than 2 million borrowers. 75% of these loans are provided to women who use the loans to build and grow businesses.

Terryville Congregational Church Kiva celebrates 4 years!

Kiva recently sent an email celebrating us. Four years ago on June 3, 2012, Terryville Congregational Church opened a \$250 account with Kiva allowing us to create our first 10 loans. Since then we have supported 59 loans across 30 countries.

New Loans

With additional loan repayments we were able to make two new loans over the summer months.

Joan - Gumbauan, Echague, Isabela, Philippines / General Store

Joan is aged 28, married, and they're blessed with two children. She has owned and operated a retail store in their village for almost five months. With her store she earns a net income of PHP 1,300 daily. Her net income from this business always goes to savings. Due to insufficient capital in her business she would like to access a loan amounting to PHP 12,000 (\$275) to purchase cooking oil, coffee, sugar, detergent soap, noodles, canned goods, and beverages to sell. She's hoping that her business will continue to improve and become more profitable.

Maria Jose - Manta, Ecuador

María José is 28 years old. She is married and has a daughter. The walls of her house were damaged and the partition walls are loose because of the earthquake. María José is a very good merchant and needs to invest in her stationary and copy business so she can help support her husband and her family. With the new loan she will buy bond paper, foam crafts, poster paper, notebooks, etc. Doing this she can get ahead with her family.

Payment on a Delinquent Loan - Leticia - Sheema, Uganda - Business in a box

Leticia had not been able to pay on her loan since March. This month she was able to pay back \$1.51, which brings her total loan payments to \$20.45. Leticia is 30 years old and is married with five children. her income is earned through the sale of crops and livestock. In addition, she receives a monthly wage as a Community Knowledge Worker (CKW). Community Knowledge Workers 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. On her land, Leticia grows maize, beans, coffee, vegetables and bananas. She also has cows, goats and chickens. She plans to use 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 will earn as a CKW, Leticia will 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.

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>.

Dreams are universal. Opportunity is not.

TRUSTEES LISTING – 2016

SEPTEMBER	Alison Reed	860-583-5977
OCTOBER	Dave Morrel	860-583-8302
NOVEMBER	Phil Armbruster	(home) 860-583-7864
(home)		(cell) 860-673-0488
DECEMBER	John Wallingford	(home) 860-589-4341
		(cell) 860-977-9056

**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

September 4	Don & Juney Cushman	860-314-1804
	<u>Worship back to 10:00am – Rev. Zack returns from sabbatical</u>	
11	Val & Mark Bourdeau	860-589-9105
18	Rose Balowski	860-584-1569
	Ann Petrin	860-582-1879
	<u>Sunday School Resumes</u>	
25	Diane Pratt	860-589-8883
	Jean Goodwin	860-402-7928
October 2	Jean Mariano	860-583-0413
	Pat Daigle	860-589-4893
October 9	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	
October 16	Sylvia & Larry LaFreniere	860-589-2145
October 23	Michele Benson	860-582-3450
	Ellen Cifone	860-583-1094
October 30	Ron & Barbara Benson	860-582-1908

The next newsletter will be in October. Special announcements, articles or events provided by September 23 will be published in the October 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.

TCC is looking for volunteers to work on the Audit Committee. Please call Jerry Wunsch (860-209-2891) or Bob Grosf (860-589-6334) for more information or to volunteer.

UPCOMING MUSICAL CONCERTS Presented by Matt Miskin
7:00pm in Sanctuary

October 1 – GUITAR PARTY!

November 19 – DUO ALTERITY DREAMSCAPES (works for flute & guitar)

There will be a meeting of the BINGO Committee on Sunday, September 4 in the Chapel after worship. They would like to invite anyone who may be interested in helping out once a month.

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

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!

*THEATRE AT TCC ANNOUNCES
AUDITIONS FOR*

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

September 19 & 21.

SEEKING ALL AGES

Email tccaudition@gmail.com for more info

(The show will be held December 2-3)

TCC THEATRE

2016-2017 Season Announcement

It's a Wonderful Life

December 2-3

A Night on Broadway

February 18

Summer 2017 Musical

To be announced