

Terryville Congregational Church
March, 2022 Newsletter



HAPPY SPRING!!!



Everyone is cordially invited and encouraged to attend an **ALL – CHURCH POTLUCK DINNER**. This is a partnership event with Plymouth Congregational Church. It is going to be a great night of food & fellowship! Bernie Licki from our church will be providing musical entertainment by serving as our DJ! Please RSVP to our church office with how many people will be attending and what dish you will bring.

DATE: MARCH 11, 2022 / TIME: 6PM



Terryville Congregational Church
March, 2022 NEWSLETTER
233 Main Street
Terryville, CT 06786
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TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

March 2022

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

First, thank you to everyone who responded to our survey about the newsletter! (If we did not hear back from you, you will receive the newsletter the same way you were already receiving it. Also, please remember that if you are receiving the newsletter via email, we need always to have your most up-to-date email address. Finally, if you are receiving it via email, sometimes our email company - mailchimp - will send our emails to your spam or junk folder; please make sure you check those folders regularly so you don't miss any emails from us).

As reported in a previous newsletter, our deacons are now assisting me with visitation. This means that we are going out in 2s - just like the disciples did in Jesus' time! - to spend time with our church members. We visit both shut-ins as well as people we haven't seen in church in a while. Visits happen both in homes as well as the church office. If you or someone you know would like a visit, please let us know. (These visits are not in place of my regular visits, these are in addition to my regular visits).

We have resumed sign-ups for lay reader and usher duties. You may sign up to volunteer to help in these areas on the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall and/or by calling the church office at 860-589-0182. Please see the enclosed responsibilities list for lay readers and ushers (on page 12 of this newsletter).

We have resumed committees taking turns hosting coffee hour. This does not mean that the actual committee members have to handle coffee hour each Sunday; it simply means that the committee needs to recruit volunteers to help with coffee hour. Please see the enclosed listing of months and committees for coffee hour as well as coffee hour responsibilities (on page 10 of this newsletter).

In the coming months/year, we will be increasing partnership events with Plymouth Congregational Church. Just to name a few examples... we recently partnered for the care packages for Bristol Hospital; we are partnering for the potluck on March 11; and we are going to be resuming Saturday afternoon worship services (outdoors) in the warmer months starting in May. It is a great thing to partner because we can build relationships and we can have fellowship as well as serve our community together!

Speaking of the church potluck dinner, you can sign up for this event (to be held March 11 at 6pm) in the Social Hall or by calling the office. Let us know how many people will attend and what dish you will be bringing. Bernie Licki will be providing DJ music. It will be a great night of food and fellowship!

Other events happening this month:

March 2 - Ash Wednesday Service (7pm)

March 5 - Chicken BBQ Dinner (call the office for tickets)

March 11 - Potluck Dinner (6pm)

March 13 - Boy Scout/Cub Scout Sunday!

March 19 - Maple Festival (Plymouth Green, 9am-12pm)

March 19 - Gosinski Park Dinner (to-go meal served by our Outreach Committee)

March 20 - We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism! We also have a special guest soloist who will be playing bells and leading a brief workshop for our bell choir members after worship

March 20 - 12pm - Bible Study Sand Art! This will also feature lunch. The event runs from 12-2:30pm. Limited to 25 people and cost is \$10/person. Call the office to sign up.

March 25-27 - Confirmation Class Retreat!

March 27 - Deacons will lead worship

And mark your calendars now for April:

April 9 - Roast Beef Dinner!

April 10-17 - HOLY WEEK! Services on April 10, 14, 15, and 17th!

On the newsletter survey, we asked for suggestions for our newsletter as we move forward. We are asking that all committees as well as all church staff submit articles for our monthly newsletter. This was something that was suggested in our newsletter survey, and in fact (prior to covid) was something that happened more regularly than in recent months. We don't want to "get out of the habit" so - even if you think your committee does not have much to report - please at least give a brief overview of your most recent meeting as well as tell us when your next meeting will be so that we can post it and so that any visitors or guests who may want to attend your meeting can do so. I know sometimes we might think "what can I write about this month?" but even if you simply start with your events (after all, we are an active church) it will be very helpful and meaningful. You can also always reflect on a piece of scripture or write about Biblical themes that relate to your committee's area of church life. These articles will be especially needed as we continue coming out of covid and getting back more into an in-person experience with church life. Thank you in advance!

Due to Covid, we postponed our annual concert/dinner event (in previous years, we supported a variety of charitable organizations, including Alzheimer's Association, CT Children's Hospital, and Smilow Cancer Center). For this year's event, we have decided to support Veterans Strong Community Center. We are in the process of deciding how best to organize this year's event (for example, it may not be best to do the traditional concert and a sit-down dinner, so we are exploring other ideas to best support our Veterans). The current team of people helping with this event are Wayne Kamens, Tina Gagner, Sandy Kamens & Jeannie Zalaski. We'd like to add some more helpers to this team, so if you are interested in supporting our veterans this might be the perfect project for you to get involved with. Please call the office and let us know if you'd like to join the team. Thank you! (We meet once per month to organize this event. The event will likely be in October of 2022).

In closing, something I have been reflecting on lately is the Body of Christ. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul writes that the people (the followers of Christ, the Church) make up the Body of Christ. He explains that each person has a role, and he relates it to how a body has different parts and yet all the parts are important. For example, a leg is very important in a body, as is a nose, an ear, a mouth, an arm, etc. Paul describes how important it is that all the parts contribute so that the body can be as whole as possible. Dear friends, never underestimate your role in the Body of Christ. It takes all of us - with all of our individual skills and talents - to be this church. Just because we've been dealing with covid, again let's not get "out of the habit" of contributing to this body. It takes us all. Let's come together and be the Body of Christ and keep Terryville Congregational Church going strong so that we can continue sharing God's good news in this world!

Blessings always,
Rev Zack

Bible Study Class Beach Glass Art Event!

Theme: PRAYER

Sunday, March 20

Lunch at 12pm

Art class will start at 12:30pm and run until 2:30pm

See the example artwork and poster that is in the Narthex

\$10/person

Limited to 25 people

Call the office to sign-up!

Did you know that our Deacons have been going with Rev. Zack to visit people in our congregation? We visit both nursing facilities as well as people in our church who we haven't heard from in a while. Visits happen in the members' homes or at the church office. If you would like a visit, please let us know! God Bless you all.

Special Events Celebrated During February, 2022

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Alexa Harnish	Feb. 1	16 th Birthday
Hedy Kelley	Feb. 4	Birthday
Pam Eggleston	Feb. 5	Birthday
Curt Wilbanks	Feb. 16	91 st Birthday
Charlotte Audet	Feb. 21	Birthday
Christina Solomito	Feb. 24	Birthday
Jean Mariano	Feb. 26	Birthday
Alison Reed	Feb. 26	Birthday
Elizabeth Audet	Feb. 28	Birthday
Kara (Armbruster) Peabody	Feb. 28	Birthday
Tricia Kovaleski	Feb. 29	Birthday



Note: Anyone who may want their Special Event listed in our Monthly Newsletter, please call Mary-Alice at 860-583-3910 or our church secretary, Tracy at 860-589-0182.

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



Prayer Requests:

Wayne Kamens, John Layton, Rachel Reynolds (Apple/Plainville), Ellen Cifone, Hunter Zalaski, Erin Zalaski, Karen Reilly, Sylvia LaFreniere (hip replacement), Sue Dillane, Rudy Witocy, Alex Morrell, Janet Waldron, Paul & Marie Hawes, Bill Hawes, Buddy Hawes, Hadley Waldron, Pam Eggleston and family and her mom, Carmela Heuschkel, Mary Mitchell, Diane Pratt, Dacy Pratt, Wayne Hotchkiss (husband of Ellen Hotchkiss), Jean Mariano, Debbie Wartonick, Marian McLam. **Friends and Family:** Tom Nordgren (friend of Diane Pratt) Pat Buckberrough (friend of Sue Korzeniecky) Nancy (Koltko) Henches (friend of Pam Kamens) Patty Ososki (friend of Joy Armbruster, Pam Kamens, & Terri Faragher) Marco Goodwin (cancer/step-son of Jean Goodwin), Sue Piercy, Ken Walls (hospice/friend of Millie Perry), Family of Marty Sandshaw, Carole Kozikowski (daughter of Curt & Mary-Alice Wilbanks), and Raymond Dery (son-in-law of Millie Perry). **Nursing Facility/Assisted Living/ Independent Living/Home:** Ann Krampitz (Sheriden Woods), Lois Douyard (Apple Rehab, Avon), Rae Link (LiveWell, Plantsville), Juney Cushman (Farmington Station), Edna Kirkby (Middlewoods), Elaine Tedesco "E.T." (Ingraham Manor), Doris Bondeson (Brandywine). **Military:** Derek Thibodeau.

Notes: Please help us update our prayer list. We would like to offer a brief reason why we are praying for each person so that we can better direct our prayers (see the example above for Rachel Reynolds).

WE SUPPORT OUR MILITARY: The church continues its support of service men and women in the Town of Plymouth. Donations are welcome in the church Narthex or they can be mailed or dropped off at the church office. To date contributions total \$895.10. Currently we are researching our options on how to best put the donations to use in our community. We will keep you posted. Thank you!

CHURCH TREASURER CHANGE

Over the past 2 years, it became evident that the Finance Committee needed more timely monthly reports, bill paying, check requests, and other financial transactions to maintain integrity. During the fall of 2021, I began searching for an outside vendor as an alternative to our Treasurer. I met with Candace to discuss the plan. After time, she decided to vacate the position to spend more time with her growing family & job demands.

For those that attended the Annual Meeting February 20, 2022, I presented the solution to use Nesso Wealth. The Nesso Company is a consortium of investment and accounting services. Curt Wilbanks voiced his thoughts about outsourcing the financial services in accordance with the Church Bylaws.

Bob met with Curt during the week of February 21 to further discuss the proposal.

Robert Grosf, Chair of Finance Committee

TCC Bylaws provide the authority for the Finance Committee to outsource specific functions of the vacated Treasurer position to a qualified vendor. See paragraph 2 of Article F-1 Finance Committee below:

2. Oversee and have charge of all funds, investments, financial concerns and the financial commitments of the Church.

The specific Treasurer functions are cited below in paragraphs 2, 3, 5, and 7 of article F-2 Treasurer:

2. Receive and have the custody of all monies and funds of the Church, except Legacies and Trust Funds.

3. Provide quarterly statements to contributors regarding their pledge payment status.

5. Pay out monies from funds on the order of the specific Committee responsible for the budgetary item.

7. Make a report to the Church at its Annual Meeting of all monies received and paid out.

The word “Treasurer” in Articles F-3 – Collectors and F-5 ASSISTANT TREASURER shall mean vendor. All bylaw references to the Treasurer being and ex-officio, non-voting member of the Finance Committee are not applicable to a vendor.

Curtis Wilbanks, Bylaws Manager

Terryville Congregational Church

2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship & Sunday School - Sundays at 10am

Holy Communion 1st Sunday of Each Month

- Bible Study – Mondays at 11am
- March 2 – Ash Wednesday (7pm Service)
- March 5 - Chicken BBQ Dinner (take-out only) Call office for tickets
- March 11 – All Church Potluck Dinner!
This is a shared event with Plymouth Congregational Church and featuring DJ music offered by Bernie Licki!
- March 13 – Boy Scout/Cub Scout Sunday!
- March 19 – Maple Festival (Plymouth Green, 9am-12pm)
- March 20 - We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism! We also have a special guest soloist who will be playing bells and leading a brief workshop for our bell choir members after worship.
- March 20 - 12pm - Bible Study Sand Art! This will also feature lunch. The event runs from 12-2:30pm. Limited to 25 people and cost is \$10/person. Call the office to sign up.
- March 20 – Easter Lily Forms will in the bulletin
- March 25-27 Confirmation Class Retreat (Silver Lake Retreat Center)
- March 27 – Deacons will lead worship
- April 9 – Roast Beef Dinner (take-out only)
- April 10, 10am: Palm Sunday Worship Service
- April 14, 7pm: Maundy Thursday Service
- April 15, 12pm: Good Friday Service
- April 17, 6am: Easter Sunrise Service at the Plymouth Green
- April 17, 10am: Easter Worship Service
- April 19, 1pm – 6pm Red Cross Blood Drive

**TAKE A SNEAK PEEK
AT THE
2022 TCC GRAND RAFFLE PRIZES**

PRIZES

Tractor/Mower

Playscape

Visa Gift Card

55" TV

Home Heating Oil Gift Certificate

Grocery Card

Home Depot Gift Card

Walmart Gift Card

Target Gift Card

Car Detailing Gift Certificate

Tickets and more details to come soon!

COFFEE HOUR IS NOT TRIVIAL



A very important part of Sunday worship come, interestingly enough, *after* the worship service, in the fellowship time which follows. This is the *ministry* we call *Coffee Hour*.

By offering coffee, juice, etc. people hang around and it is during that time that significant things can take place. A visitor can be properly welcomed and we begin to build new friendships. It can also be a time for members to connect with each other and share in joyful celebrations or offer support to each other during times of struggle.

We can also connect with “ministry representatives”, that is, members of our various boards and committees. This accomplishes two (2) very important things: 1) it gives each board and committee a chance to “show off” its work by setting up a display and be available to inform people “what you are all about”. A time to brag about your accomplishments, describe your short and long range goals, etc. 2) it gives you an opportunity to “network” and develop interests in your committee and hopefully fill vacant slots that occur or create a list of individuals who may be interested in helping with scheduled projects.

Coffee hour should be viewed as a great seed – planting opportunity rather than a drudgery; a blessing rather than a burden.

Enjoy those coffee hours!!!!

Terryville Congregational Church

Coffee Hour Instructions



What you need to bring with you:

Package of cookies, cheese and crackers or pastry

Half and Half for coffee and Milk for Tea

Ginger Ale

Fruit Juice

Bag of Ice

Coffee:

You will need to prepare 60 cups of coffee. You should start to percolate it before service starts so it will be ready by the time service is over. Coffee is in a can in the cabinet to the left of the sink. You will need 3 cups of grounds to 60 cups of water (fill to #60 line on large silver percolator). Plug it in and let it brew.

Hot Water

Fill the small silver electric hot water tea pot with water. Plug it in the outlet on the counter in the social hall near the water fountain (make sure pot is pulled out from under cabinets).

Cups

Styrofoam cups should be in the same cabinet with the coffee. Use about 50 for coffee and 10 for tea. Place 25 cups on the left of the coffee hour table and 25 on the right. Place 10 cups on the counter near the hot water tea pot.

Sweeteners, Stirrers and Milk

You need to prepare three containers with a combination of sugar, Sweet N Low, Equal and/or Splenda packets. You will find them on the shelf under the cabinet in the kitchen closest to the small refrigerator. Two containers will go on the coffee hour table. One container will be placed next to the hot water. Pour the milk and half n half just before coffee hour begins. Two pitchers of half n half should be on the coffee hour table (one on each side) and one container of milk should be placed with the hot water. Empty pitchers can be found in the kitchen under the cabinet where the coffee pot is plugged in. Place four spoons on the coffee hour table and one placed with the hot water. Don't forget to put out a basket or container with the tea bags in it.

Cookies, pastry, cheese and crackers

Cookies or other snack items should be placed on a platter and put on the same table as the punch.

Punch/Juice

Use the covered punch/juice dispenser (found on the counter) and empty one container of fruit juice to one half to two thirds of ginger ale. Just before everyone comes down from service, add the bag of ice. Punch cups are located in the upper cabinet all the way to the right of the sink.

Miscellaneous

You should put out napkins on the coffee hour table, the punch table and the counter with the hot water for tea. Please remember to put out a basket for donation.

Coffee Hour 2022

<u>Month:</u>	<u>Committee:</u>
January	⇒ Deacons
February	⇒ Council
March	⇒ CE
April	⇒ Music
May	⇒ Trustees
June	⇒ Outreach
July	⇒ Deacons

Usher / Lay Reader Signup

(call the office or sign up in the social hall after worship)

Ushers:

March 6 – Russ Wagoner
March 6 –
March 13 –George Wartonick
March 13 –Diane Pratt
March 20 – Paula Anderson
March 20 –
March 27 – Roseann Hannon
March 27 – Avis Flanders
April 3 – Bill Hall
April 3 – Pam Eggleston
April 10 -
April 10 -
April 17 -
April 17 –
April 24 –
April 24 –
May 1 – Jake Armbruster
May 1-
May 8 –Paula Anderson
May 8 – Jake Armbruster
May 15 –Jake Armbruster

Lay Reader:

March 6 – Holly Zemak
March 13 – Mary-Alice Wilbanks
March 20 – George Wartonick
March 27 – Barbara Benson
April 3 – Paula Anderson
April 10 – Avis Flanders
April 17 – Diane Pratt
April 24 -
May 1 -
May 8 –
May 15 -
May 22 –
May 29 –
June 5 -
June 12 -
June 19 -
June 26 – Paula Anderson
July 3 -
July 10 -
July 17 -
July 24 -

TCC Ushers Guide

On any given Sunday, you may sign up to be an usher for our worship service. (Sign up in the Social Hall or call the office). We need two ushers for each service. If we only have one usher sign up, that usher needs to recruit another volunteer to help.

Your job as usher is a very important part of the worship service! Be friendly and greet members and guests as they enter church. Newcomers often make up their mind as to whether or not they like a church within the first ten minutes after they arrive – remember this, and make a great first impression of our warm and loving congregation!

The role of our ushers is first to greet people, help hand out bulletins, direct people if they have any questions, and give a welcome bag (found on the shelf in the Narthex) to any new visitors. We also have newsletters available in the Narthex as well as pledge forms and pledge envelopes for anyone who might need them. There are also children's coloring books and activities if any family would like to use them during the service. Finally, the Narthex also has "Our Daily Bread" and other devotionals that are free if anyone would like them.

During the first hymn, please take the worship attendance count. This is easiest to do by standing in the balcony to count.

During the offering, take the plates from the minister and pass them to each pew in the congregation. Bring them back to the altar during the playing of the Doxology and hand them to the minister after the prayer.

Be available during the worship service for any other need that may arrive. After the service, you can help to direct people (especially newcomers) to the Social Hall for Coffee Hour & Fellowship. Thank you for fulfilling this very integral part of our spiritual life!

TCC LAYREADER GUIDE

PREPARATION

Review the printed **Order of Worship (Bulletin)**

- Arrive and meet with the Minister in the Narthex at least 15 minutes prior to the start of Worship. As may be needed, clarify with him/her the pronunciation of any unfamiliar biblical names/places. (You may also talk during the week leading up to Sunday if needed).
- Proceed to the Altar with the Minister at the start of worship.

WORSHIP SERVICE

- Following the musical prelude and the Minister's opening statements, introduce yourself & ask for any announcements, prayer requests and celebrations from the congregation.
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- Read your parts – which will usually be one or two scripture readings.
- Help as needed with any special events that may be happening that day, such as a Baptism.
- Stand beside the Minister during the Benediction and proceed to the Narthex with him/her.

ELECTED OFFICERS, LAY-READERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

***Moderator** - Gerald Wunsch

***Vice Moderator** – Paula Anderson

***At-Large Council Members** – Jim Hannon, Sandra Kamens

***Spiritual Group Leader - Rich Sauzedde**

Diaconate – Roseann Hannon, Ray Zalaski Jr., Holly Zemak

Music Committee – Barbara Benson, Sandi Ehmer, Betsy Dixie

Christian Education Committee – Jolene Cahill, Charlotte Audet, Robin Bilodeau

***Business Group Leader – Vacant**

Finance Committee –Robert Grosf, Wayne Harnish, Jackie Merchant, Wayne Waldron, Jake Armbruster

Assistant Treasurer – Alison Reed

Collectors – Millie Perry, Donna Wunsch

Trustees Committee – Jake Armbruster, Eric Armbruster, Dave Morrell, Bob Worden, Tom Zalaski

Communications Committee – Tina Gagner, Church Secretary, Committee Event Members/Volunteers (Temporary)

Clerk – Vacant

***Service Group Leader – Vacant**

Outreach Committee – Crista Furtado, Carol Barberi, Sharon Paradis, Candace Telke

Fellowship Committee – (1) Vacancy, Judy Harris, Jean Mariano

***Church Council Members**

Council Appointed Positions

By-Laws Manager: Curt Wilbanks

Safe Conduct Advocate: Wayne Kamens

Personnel Committee: 1. Donna Wunsch
2. Holly Zemak
3. Vacant

Floral Committee: 1. Vacant
2. Sue Kozikowski
3. Rachel Reynolds

Church Historian:

Historical Committee: 1. Vacant
2. Dick Foote
3. Donna Wunsch

Audit Committee: 1. Sylvia LaFreniere
2. Vacant

Updated: February 23, 2022

Plymouth Community Food Pantry

Items in Short Supply (plymouthfoodpantry.org 2/28/22):

Canned Ravioli

Crushed Tomatoes

Baking Supplies (cake mixes, etc.)

Men's Adult Diapers, Size Large & Extra Large

Nutritional Drinks (Ensure)

Condiments

Laundry Soap

Personal Care Items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)

HOURS:

Monday – 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Wednesday – 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday- 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

To volunteer contact the food pantry at (860) 584-1750 for details.

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.
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2022 Food Collected for \$1.67/POUND
Food Pantry by TCC

<u>Month</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
January	101	\$168.67
February	142	\$237.14
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2022 Total:	243	\$405.81

*as reported by the food pantry



COMMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES!

MUSIC COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee Members: Barbara Benson, Sandi Ehmer, Betsy Dixie

Next Meeting: March 1, 2022 @ 7:30 pm

If you are interested in attending a meeting contact a member of the committee for the next meeting schedule.

Update: Sue Wilber (Bell Choir specialist) will be playing in church on March 20 & leading a workshop with our Bell Choir after worship

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee Members: Carol Barbieri, Candace Telke, Sharon Paradis, Crista Furtado

Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): The committee usually meets when they serve Outreach dinners. See dinner schedule in Outreach Report on page 17 or if you are interested in attending a meeting contact a member of the committee for the next meeting schedule.

Next Meeting: March 19, 2022 at Gosinski Park

Update: See Outreach Committee News on page 18

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee Members: Jake Armbruster, Eric Armbruster, Dave Morrell, Bob Worden, Tom Zalaski

Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): 1st Tuesday of Each Month 7pm in the Office (no meetings in July or August)

Next Meeting: April 5, 2022 (note: March 2022 meeting canceled)

Update: On February 21, 2022 the Trustees hosted an American Red Cross Blood Drive. At the blood drive 30 pints of blood were collected. Our next Blood Drive will be on April 19, 2022 from 1pm - 6pm, please contact the Red Cross to sign up.

Trustee of the Month 2022

January – Eric Armbruster

February - Jake Armbruster

March-Dave Morrell

April – Tom Zalaski

May – Jake Armbruster

CE NEWS

Committee Members: Jolene Cahill, Charlotte Audet, Robin Bilodeau

If you are interested in attending a meeting – contact a member of the committee for the meeting schedule.

Update: None

DIACONTE NEWS

Committee Members: Roseann Hannon, Ray Zalaski Jr., Holly Zemak

Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): 3rd Sunday of Each Month after Church Services (with some exceptions, see below)

Next Meetings: March 13, 2022 after Church Services (April's meeting is April 24 after church, May's meeting is an all-deacons potluck dinner on May 18 at 6pm)

Update: Deacons have been working on the usher/lay reader list, helping with the potluck on March 11, visiting with Rev Zack, & planning to lead the church service on March 27. The next all-deacon meeting/potluck is May18 at 6pm.

FINANCE NEWS

Committee Members: Robert Grosof, Wayne Harnish, Jackie Merchant, Wayne Waldron, Jake Armbruster
Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): 3rd Wednesday of Each Month at 6pm

Next Meeting: March 16, 2022 6pm

Update: See the update about the new Nesso company (page 6)

COUNCIL MEETING

Council Members: Gerald Wunsch, Paula Anderson, Jim Hannon, Sandra Kamens, Rich Sauzedde

Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): 4th Wednesday of the Month at 6pm in the Chapel

Next Meeting: March 23, 2022 6pm

PRAYER SHAWLS – 3 Donated in the Month of February 2022



Knitters & Crocheters: just a reminder we are always in need of prayer shawls.

We have some yarn here that you are welcome to use for the shawls.

Please contact the Church Office with any questions.

Hour: Monday – Friday, 10am - 2pm

Thank you to all knitters & crocheters past, present, & future!

WEEKLY CHURCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

Date:	*In-Person Attendees:	**Online Attendees:	Notes:	Collection
Sunday, Jan. 2	23	172	Cold weather!	\$4,815
Sunday, Jan. 9	--	243	Canceled/Snow	--
Sun., Jan. 16	37	172	Cold weather!	\$3,329
Sun., Jan. 23	43	177	Cold weather!	\$1,236
Sun., Jan. 30	--	526	Canceled/Snow	--
Sun., Feb. 6	35	123	Cold weather!	\$3,556
Sun., Feb. 13	--	149	Canceled/Snow	--
Sun., Feb. 20	55	155	Annual Mtg. Day	\$2,691
Sun., Feb. 27	65	141	Baptism	\$1,986

*In person attendance is an estimate. The number can be affected by people coming late, leaving early, in the restroom, etc. Also since the children have been entering separately, these numbers do not include Sunday school. (This will change starting March 6 because students will be in worship until after the children's message).

**Online includes Facebook and YouTube. Online attendance is an estimate, too, as the online platforms do not tell us how much of or how long someone viewed the video. Also, the number can grow over time because the videos remain online and can be viewed at any time.

Outreach Committee News



Outreach Committee: Carol Barbieri, Sharon Paradis, Crista Furtado

Outreach Committee has started hosting dinners for 2022. It was great to have our Committee back together and joined by Tracy and Rev Zack to serve dinner to the residents at Eli Terry. The residents were happy to have us for a dinner of chicken, mashed potatoes (Dickie's favorite), green beans with chocolate eclairs and yodels for dessert.

Our next dinner on March 19 will be served at Gosinski Park.

Dinner Schedule for 2022 - Outreach Committee will be serving "to go style" dinners to residents of Eli Terry and Gosinski Park communities on the following dates:

February 19 - Eli Terry	March 19 - Gosinski Park
April 23 - Eli Terry	May 7 - Gosinski Park
June 18 - Sundaes at Eli Terry	September 17 - Gosinski Park
October 15 - Eli Terry	November 19 - Gosinski Park
December 3 - Eli Terry	

Please reach out to anyone on the Committee if you are interested in helping serve dinner. We meet at Eli Terry or Gosinski Park at 4:45 to serve dinner at 5:00. Serving is complete by 6:00.

Schedule of Events for 2022

January - Submission for Annual Report, Budget review

February - Dinner at Eli Terry

March - Dinner at Gosinski Park

Donation to Terryville High School After Grad (this has not happened in 2019 or 2020)

April - Dinner at Eli Terry

May - Dinner at Gosinski Park

Donations to Community Garden and Susan B. Anthony Project (Mother's Day)

June - Ice Cream Social at Eli Terry

June Fair

July - no events

August - Back to School - Town Human Resources

September - Dinner at Gosinski Park

October - Dinner at Eli Terry

November - Dinner at Gosinski Park

Donations for Veteran's Day and Food Pantry (Thanksgiving)

December - Dinner at Eli Terry

Small Wonders Holiday Program (Christmas)

If you are interested in more information on upcoming Outreach events or helping the Committee, please contact any of our members. We'd love to have your support and ideas!

Crista Furtado



Supporting 15 open loans - total of 128 supported - \$3,225

Loan Updates

Paid In Full

No loans were fully paid this month.

New Loan

Harrisa - Port Vila, Vanuatu - Laundry

This loan is special because it provides women with credit in a country where alternative financing is extremely scarce.

Harrisa resides on the outskirts of Port Vila on the island of Vanuatu with her husband and son. She is 48 years old, and has multiple small businesses she operates. Her husband is a pastor at the local church within their community. Apart from being a pastor, he also operates a small local take away, inspired by his wife's business-minded mentality.

Harrisa's son does not attend school anymore but helps in taking care of the business whenever he is asked to. Harrisa slowly grew her in-home retail shop into a window shop, then expanded into setting up the food take away spot and passed that on to her husband. She has since started expanding her home into small rental apartments. She is now requesting a loan to buy a washing machine. Her goal is to set up a small laundry which her tenants can pay to use. This will benefit her tenants while also generating more income for her and her family. Harrisa is always looking to expand her business ventures.

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Crista and Justin Furtado

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