

Terryville Congregational Church

July/August 2022 NEWSLETTER



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TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

JULY & AUGUST 2022

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

July is here! Thank you all for all your help, attention, love, care and support with our very full slate of events that we've had recently... the June Fair, Confirmation, the Youth Retreat, dinners for Gosinski Park and Eli Terry residents, several funeral receptions, and more! As we move into July and August, we continue to have some great things happening in our church and community. This newsletter will cover both July & August...

Worship July & August is at 9:30am, partnering with Plymouth Congregational Church. July services will be in our church (Social Hall if it's hot, so we can use the A/C), and August services will be at Plymouth Congregational Church. Plymouth has a tradition of having the 2nd Sunday of the month be outside worship, so August 14th's service will be outdoors at Plymouth. Both ministers will participate in all services this summer (taking turns preaching as well as taking turns leading prayers) unless one of us is away for vacation. As of now, I don't have any set vacation plans because my son, Josh, is playing American Legion baseball which lasts most of the summer. Once baseball ends, Josh quickly transitions to high school football practice. We may have about a week between baseball and football (depending on baseball playoffs); if we do, we likely will take a trip to North Carolina to see my dad. This would happen around the first week of August. I will keep you posted. Holy Communion will continue to be on the first Sunday each month this summer, and we also have two Baptisms that we will be celebrating this summer as well.

Summer concerts on the Plymouth green every Wednesday from June 22 to July 20; the last in the concert series is on a Monday (July 25). Our church will be there selling hot dogs and hamburgers. If you'd like to help, give our church office a call and we can add you to the list of helpers. Thank you! Office number: 860.589.0182.

Our Grand Raffle is fully underway! As a reminder, we did a very successful grand raffle in 2020 and we decided to continue this project on an every-other-year basis. Please see the enclosed flyer about the raffle. Throughout the summer, we will be sitting in the church parking lot selling tickets, as well as selling tickets at any other event that takes place. We need helpers! If you can sit in the parking lot for a shift of time, please let us know (call the office).

Vacation Bible School is July 18-22! We are very excited to try something different this year by having VBS in the evening (6-8:30pm). We decided to try this because many of our volunteers have day jobs, and it takes quite a crew of helpers to make VBS a success. It will be so wonderful to be back in person after two years of virtual. Praise God!

Summer potluck dinner fun! We are joining together with Plymouth Congregational Church on Saturday, July 30 at 4pm for an outdoor potluck dinner (on our church's front lawn). Our church will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, and everyone else can sign up to bring the side dishes and dessert. Call the office to sign up.

Veterans Benefit event is coming October 15! We have a planning team meeting every-other-Thursday throughout the summer to plan this event. The funds we raise on October 15 will support Veterans Strong Community Center in Bristol (this is our local agency for veterans resources and support). The October 15 event will have vendors, live auction, music, food, and silent auction. (It is going to be a big event. Because we're having food and vendors and music, it will likely have a similar feel as our church fair -- but with the beauty of knowing that all of the funds raised go directly to veterans -- what a wonderful thing!). Our summer planning meetings are Thursdays at 2pm in the Activity Room and you are welcome to join us and help us. We will also be asking for sign-ups to help on the day of the event. Summer meeting dates: July 14, 28, August 11, 25.

Terryville Country Fair is August 26-28! Our church (starting last summer) now has two booths at the fair. We also will have a new location this year - last year, the fair changed one of the entrances/exits so that the traffic flow from that entrance/exit didn't flow by our booth. Traffic flow greatly helps our booth, so we asked the fair (and they said yes) to put us near one of the entrance/exits so that we could benefit from that flow of foot traffic. One of our booths will be our traditional baked goods sale, and other booth will be for our grand raffle sales. We will also utilize the fair as the place to draw the winners of our grand raffle, and that will happen on Sunday, August 28. We also provide morning worship to all fair workers and volunteers at 7 or 7:30am on the morning of August 28 (this is in addition to our regular church worship service which will take place at 9:30am at Plymouth).

Music Director search is underway! The Music Committee will be conducting interviews with candidates as we receive applications/resumes. We will keep you posted on their progress. Thank you to Sandy Kamens for providing music leadership for us during this search process.

Last but not least... mark your calendars now... worship at our regular time of 10am will resume on Sunday, September 4 (Labor Day Weekend) and Sunday school resumes Sunday, September 11!

May God bless you this summer! Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, start each moment from a place of gratitude - being thankful for every "God-moment" that enters your life - and be a blessing to others along the way!

Rev Zack

WEEKLY CHURCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

Date:	*In-Person Attendees:	**Online Attendees (viewcount):	Notes:	Collection (offering)
Sunday, June 5	106	168	Confirmation Sunday	\$4,894
Sunday, June 12	63	155	Baptism	\$744
Sunday, June 19	Attendance not taken	132	Father's Day	\$1,880
Sunday, June 26	24	130		\$1,026

*In-person attendance is an estimate. The number can be affected by people coming late, leaving early, in the restroom, etc.

**Online attendance 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.

Special Events Celebrated During June 2022

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Ellen A. Hotchkiss	June 02	Birthday
Andrew & Jessica Hawes	June 03	16 th Wedding Anniversary
Alan DuFour (father of Michele Benson)	June 09	82 nd Birthday
Rev. Zack & Melissa	June 10	16 th Wedding Anniversary
Nico Ferrucci	June 11	8 th Birthday
Danielle Ouellette (Peg Witecy's Daughter)	June 13	Closing on her 1 st Home
Jordan Hawes	June 15	10 th Birthday
McKenna Ann Jaques	June 17	14 th Birthday

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY JUNE 19TH

Landon Brinker Waldron (Grandchild of Janet & Wayne Waldron, and Great-grandchild of Curt & Mary-Alice Wilbanks)	June 26	2 nd Birthday
Anne & Wayne Krampitz	June 28	42 nd Wedding Anniversary

Special Events Celebrated During July 2022

(Note: please add any additional special events celebrated during July/August to the whiteboard in the social hall and we will publish them in the September Newsletter)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Madelaine & Fredrick Boughton	July 3	68 th Wedding Anniversary

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4TH

Greg Armbruster	July 6	Birthday
Ellen Cifone	July 6	Birthday
Sandra Kamens	July 7	64 th Birthday
Bryanna Cahill	July 7	12 th Birthday
Gerald Wunsch	July 10	Birthday
Janet Waldron	July 13	Birthday
Debby Grosos	July 17	Birthday
Jeremy Link	July 18	Birthday
Brady Waldron	July 21	11 th Birthday
Andy Wagner	July 22	Birthday
Roseann Hannon	July 23	Birthday
Rich Sauzedde	July 23	Birthday
P. Sherman	July 24	Birthday
Sean Link	July 26	Birthday
Kyle Zalaski	July 27	Birthday
Michael Furtado	July 30	Birthday

Special Events Celebrated During August 2022

(Note: please add any additional special events celebrated during July/August to the whiteboard in the social hall and we will publish them in the September Newsletter)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Norm & Joan Luba	August 4	Anniversary
Sadie Vieira	August 6	2 nd Birthday
(Sadie is the granddaughter of Donna & Gerry Wunsch)		
Larry Lafreniere	August 6	Birthday
Mary-Alice Wilbanks	August 7	Birthday
Karen & Emery Austin	August 9	Anniversary
Wayne Kamens	August 15	Birthday
Wayne Waldron	August 15	Birthday
Sylvia Lafreniere	August 15	Birthday
Brandy Welesky	August 17	Birthday
Zach Harnish	August 30	Birthday
Naya Bilodeau	August 31	10 th Birthday

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS!

DAKOTA BACHMAN

OLIVIA CHRISTOPHER

JOSHUA MABE

KELSEY MARIN

COLBY PRONOVOST

TYLER SPIER

Congratulations!

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:

Gail Beale (back surgery), June Lozewski (shoulder surgery), Lee Grela, John Layton, Rachel Reynolds, Karen Reilly, Sue Dillane, Rudy Witecy, Wayne Kamens, Hunter Zalaski, Erin Zalaski, Alex Morrell, Janet Waldron, Paul & Marie Hawes, Bill Hawes, Buddy Hawes, Hadley Waldron, Pam Eggleston, Mary Mitchell, Dacy Pratt, Wayne Hotchkiss (husband of Ellen Hotchkiss), Jean Mariano, Debbie Wartonick, Marian McLam.

Friends and Family: Sandy Rinaldi (daughter of Millie Perry), Glen Dahlstrom (friend of the Lowd Family), Randy Wagoner (Surgery/son of Mary Mitchell & brother of Russell Wagoner), Caremela Heuschkel (Pam Eggleston's mother), Val Voilet (friend of Barbara Benson), Leslie Kulac, Mary Nordgren & Family (friend of Diane Pratt), Charlie Collier (brother-in-law of Larry & Sylvia LaFreniere) Theresa Soucy (Eli Terry Resident & Friend), Chris Perkins (Terryville High Career Advisor and Boy Scout Leader), Joyce Krinitsky (John & Jennifer Zalaski's cousin & former Teacher at the Jr. High School), 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), Doris Bondeson (Brandywine).

Military: Derek Thibodeau.

If you have a celebration, please share it with Mary-Alice Wilbanks for our Celebration board and for our newsletter.

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 \$983.10. 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!

PRAYER SHAWLS – **18** Donated in the Month of **June** 2022



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

We have some lots 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!

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR THE ALTER



If you would like to donate flowers to beautify our altar in someone's memory, in honor of, or to congratulation someone on any given Sunday, please contact the church office and give your information to the Secretary.

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NOTE THESE FUTURE DATES:

- **Grand Raffle Tickets on sale until the drawing on August 28th! Contact the Church Office for Tickets (860) 589-0182, Open: M-F/10am – 2pm.**
- **Summer concerts on the Plymouth green** every Wednesday from June 22 to July 20; the last in the concert series is on a Monday (July 25). Our church will be there selling hot dogs and hamburgers. If you'd like to help, give our church office a call and we can add you to the list of helpers. Thank you! Office number: 860.589.0182.
- **July 18-22: Vacation Bible School *please note: we are trying evenings this year! 6-8:30pm!***
- **July 30: All Church Potluck 4pm at TCC on the Front Lawn**
- **(weather permitting/in the social hall if it rains) Signup Sheet Coming Soon!**
- **Coming August 26-28: Terryville Country Fair**
- **September 11th Sunday School Resumes**
- **October 1: Town of Plymouth Block Party**
- **October 15: Veterans Benefit Event**

-Worship in July & August is at 9:30am. July & August Services will be shared services for Plymouth Congregational Church. July Services are in our Social Hall (a/c) and August Services at Plymouth Congregational Church.

-Coffee Hour & Fellowship after worship each Sunday in the Social Hall

-Sign up in the Social Hall to volunteer to be lay reader and/or usher any Sunday

-Bible Study Every Monday at 11am in the Activity Room

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!!!!

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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	⇒	C&E
April	⇒	Music
May	⇒	Trustees
June	⇒	Outreach
July	⇒	Deacons
August	⇒	At Plymouth Congregational Church
September	⇒	C&E
October	⇒	Council
November	⇒	Music
December	⇒	Trustees

Usher / Lay Reader Signup

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

Ushers:

July 3 - Roseann Hannon
July 3 - Jim Hannon
July 10 - Ray Zalaski
July 10 - Jeannie Zalaski
July 17 - George Wartonick
July 17
July 24 - Curt Wilbanks
July 24 - Mary-Alice Wilbanks
July 31 -
July 31 -

Lay Reader:

July 3 - Peggy Witecy
July 10 - Hedy Kelley
July 17 - Ray Zalaski
July 24 - Rich Sauzedde
July 31 -

August 2022 - Worship at The First Congregational Church of Plymouth

September Ushers & Lay Readers Needed!

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, 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

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