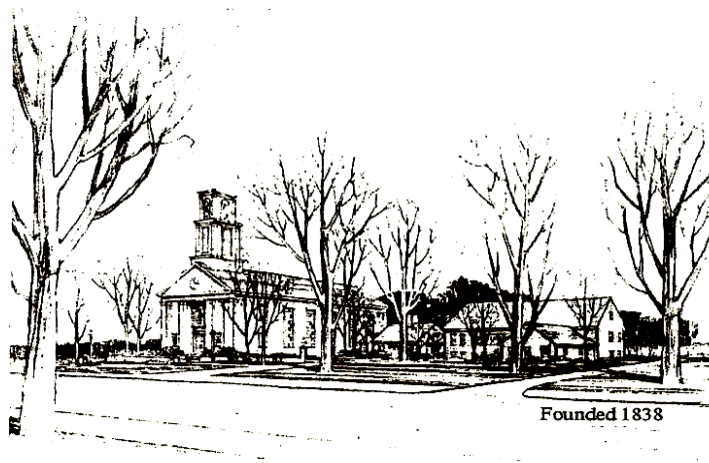


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TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

What a summer it's been! Last summer seemed to be one of the rainiest we've ever had, and this summer was one of the driest! While we need the rain, not having any allowed us to worship outdoors during August at the Plymouth Church. It also allowed us to have a wonderful mid-summer potluck dinner with our friends from Plymouth as well as allowed us to have a great week of Vacation Bible School and our hot dog/hamburger sales at the summer concert series. Last but not least, the sunshine also allowed us to sell raffle tickets throughout the summer and to have a great weekend at the Terryville Country Fair. Summer went fast! Thank you to everyone who helped with all of our various summer worship services and events! In addition to everything I just mentioned, I also got away for a week and visited my family in North Carolina. It was nice to see my father, my sister, and my nieces. The only unfortunate part was that my wife was not able to join us for the trip (she had to travel separately to see her father in Oregon who was recently in the hospital; please continue to keep him in your prayers).

August 15th marked 17 years that I have been with our church. Talk about time flying by! As I start this 18th year, I am very excited about some great things that we have planned in the next couple of months:

September

Sunday, Sept. 4: We return to our regular 10am worship time in our Sanctuary

Sunday, Sept. 11: Sunday school resumes! Special music guests Betsy & Lisa Dixey! We will also have a picnic and fellowship after worship on the front lawn of the church, with music and with games!

Saturday, Sept. 17: Our friends from Plymouth are inviting us to join them at the Plymouth church for "game night" 7pm.

Sunday, Sept. 18: Confirmation Class begins! (9th graders or older)

Saturday, Sept. 24: 11am Memorial Service for our former minister Rev. Vardell Swett

Sunday, Sept. 25: Hot Cat Jazz Band Joins us for worship!

Monday, Sept. 26: Our weekly Bible Study group is doing a fall luncheon at Parkside in Bristol, 12pm. All are welcome!

October

Saturday, Oct. 1: Town of Plymouth Block Party! 11am-4pm! This is a continuation of last year's very successful Plymouth 225th Anniversary celebration which drew a crowd of over 1,000 people! Our church will be utilized for children's activities as well as many food vendors, including our own church which will be offering a lot of food for sale. Call the office to sign-up to help us with this event!

Wednesday, Oct. 5: 6pm Meeting for all Veterans Event volunteers (see below)

Saturday, Oct. 15: Veterans Fundraiser Event! This is something new that we have never tried before. We are going to do an all-day event (10am-4pm) which will include food, vendors, live music, live auction, and teacup raffle. We will also have a special ceremony thanking our veterans at 10:30am that morning which will feature words by our local American Legion representatives as well as the Mayor of Plymouth. We will also have the Color Guard and special patriotic music. All of the funds that we raise at this event will go to Veterans Strong Community Center in Bristol. Veterans Strong is our local agency for resources and support for all local military veterans. What a great cause! Join us! We are meeting weekly on Thursdays at 2pm to plan this event, and we are having a volunteers meeting on Wed., Oct. 5 at 6pm. Call the office to sign up to help us at this event - we will need lots of hands to make this event a success!

In addition to all of the above, we are still actively searching for a new Music Director. Our Music Committee will keep us posted on the progress of the search. In the meantime, we are thankful to have music helpers such as Sandy Kamens, Paul Bilodeau, Betsy & Lisa Dixey, and Curt Wilbanks who blesses us with many wonderful

solos. I also want to thank Curt who continues to go with me to area nursing facilities once per month as we offer music to the residents.

We just received a \$1500 grant from Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation which is great news because this means that our Outreach Committee will be able to continue offering monthly meals to the residents of Eli Terry Retirement and Gosinski Park.

We had four Baptisms between the months of June-July-August and I'm happy to announce that we have two more Baptisms scheduled for the end of September!

Last but not least: last spring we had a very successful after-church art class. We are currently planning another one for the end of October.

With everything going on in the world and in our personal lives, the most important thing throughout it all is God; our faith; our relationship with Jesus and with one another; and our daily response to God's love. Let's all make worshiping God a priority in our lives - I look forward to seeing you in church!

May God bless you today and always,
Rev Zack

WEEKLY CHURCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

Date:	*In-Person Attendees:	**Online Attendees (viewcount):	Notes:	Collection (offering)
Sunday, July 3	Attendance not taken	179	Communion	\$2,203
Sunday, July 10	Attendance not taken	165	Baptism	\$1,388
Sunday, July 17	Attendance not taken	304	Baptism	\$1,762
Sunday, July 24	Attendance not taken	171		\$819
Sunday, July 31	Attendance not taken	144		\$1,631
Sunday, Aug. 7	Attendance not taken	210	At Plymouth	\$897
Sunday, Aug. 14	Attendance not taken	163	At Plymouth	\$1,005
Sunday, Aug. 21	Attendance not taken	190	At Plymouth	\$2,309.88
Sunday, Aug. 28	Attendance not taken	184	At Plymouth	Combined with following Sunday

*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 July

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
<i>HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4TH</i>		
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	66 th Birthday
Debby Grosof	July 17	Birthday
Anna Matulis (youngest daughter of Bernie & Marie Licki)	July 17	16 th Birthday
Jeremy Link	July 18	Birthday
Brady Waldron	July 21	11 th Birthday
Randy Wagner	July 22	Birthday
Roseann Hannon	July 23	Birthday
Rich Sauzedde	July 23	66 th Birthday
(TCC's member who is dedicated to the Plymouth Food Garden & Ultimately, the Plymouth Food Pantry)		
P. Sherman	July 24	Birthday
Sean Link	July 26	Birthday
Kyle Zalaski	July 27	Birthday
Michael Furtado	July 30	Birthday
Ray & Jeannie Zalaski	July 31 st	46 th Anniversary

During our July 24 Worship Service, TCC proudly presented *Kaitlin DeForest* with a special Scholarship Award. Kaitlin graduated from TCC High School and will be attending Siena College in New York this fall.

Special Events Celebrated During August 2022

<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
Sandy Colasanto	August 10	Birthday
Wayne Kamens	August 15	Birthday
Wayne Waldron	August 15	Birthday
Sylvia Lafreniere	August 15	Birthday
Brandy Welesky	August 17	Birthday
Josh Mabe	August 29	15 th Birthday
Zach Harnish	August 30	23 rd Birthday
Naya Bilodeau	August 31	10 th Birthday

In addition to the above, 2 baptisms were celebrated – Raelynn Margaret Kubena on July 17 and Hope Patricia Trelli on August 14.

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:

Erin Keenan (surgery), 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), Sonny Markie (former husband 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), Joyce Krinitsky (John & Jennifer Zalaski's cousin & former Teacher at the Jr. High School), Marco Goodwin (cancer/step-son of Jean Goodwin), Sue Piercy, Family of Marty Sandshaw, Carole Kozikowski (daughter of Curt & Mary-Alice Wilbanks). **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 \$988.10. 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 – **11** Donated in the Month of **July & August 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 ALTAR



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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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

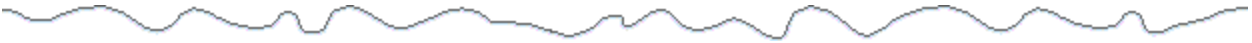
Use the covered punch/juice dispenser (found on the counter) and empty one container of fruit juice to one half to two thirds of ginger ale. Just before everyone comes down from service, add the bag of ice. Punch cups are located in the upper cabinet all the way to the right of the sink.

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:

September 4 - Marie Licki
September 4 - Bernie Licki
September 11 - Phil Armbruster
September 11
September 18
September 18
September 25
September 25
October 2
October 2
October 9
October 9
October 16
October 16
October 23
October 23
October 30
October 30

Lay Reader:

September 4 - Pam Kamens
September 11 - Russ Wagoner
September 18 - Curt Wilbanks
September 25 - Ray Zalaski
October 2
October 9
October 16
October 23
October 30

September & October 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.