TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER





PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

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What a fall and winter season we've had! It's been very full! We've had some heartaches, unfortunately, but we've also had many wonderful times together and many successful events. And - most importantly - throughout it all we have worshipped God each week and we have prayed and sang and studied the Bible and served the community and given all glory to God. Praise God!

And what a beautiful Christmas we had together! December 18 and December 24 were both particularly memorable. Thank you so much to everyone who participated: our Bell Choir, our Puppet Ministry, the Monahans with their beautiful music, all our soloists; and a special thank you to our new music director, Paul, who dove right into everything and led us in beautiful music throughout the season. We had over 130 in worship on December 18, and we had about 70 at our midnight Christmas Eve Service. Again, praise God!

Moving into the New Year, here's a look at some events that are already on the calendar:

Ianuary Events:

Thur., January 19: 2pm Dementia Care Workshop (on Zoom) – see church email for zoom link Sat., January 21: 7pm Fun Night with 1st Congregational Church of Plymouth (in our Social Hall)

Wed., January 25: 6pm Deacons' Dinner (Activity Room)

Sun., January 29: 8am Men's Breakfast (Social Hall)

Also - be on the lookout for a sledding party date if and when we receive enough snow!

February Events:

Sun., February 5: 12pm Art Class with Lori Little! (after worship) (This will be Lori's 4th time joining us to lead us in an art craft). RSVP to the church office. 860.589.0182.

Fri., Feb. 17: 6pm Pasta Dinner with the Music of Dean Martin & Frank Sinatra (Hosted by Our Music Committee) Sun., February 19: Annual Meeting of the Congregation (after worship in the Sanctuary) (Snow date Feb. 26) Wed., February 22: 7pm Ash Wednesday Service

Tues., February 28: Lenten Lunches Begin (every Tuesday at 12pm during Lent at our town churches)

If you just read that last line, you read it correctly. After three years of no Lenten Lunches due to covid, the Lenten Lunches are finally resuming this year! Be on the lookout for the specific schedule, but for now simply mark every Tuesday in Lent from Feb. 28 to March 28. We will attend a different church in town each Tuesday for lunch (\$5) and a small program. Historically, these lunches have been very popular and usually draw nearly 100 people each Tuesday. Mark your calendars!

We've had some questions about the town Seniors potentially using our building for their meetings. Here's the update: Thus far, the Seniors group has had a couple of organizational meetings. The plan is for the group to start meeting regularly on Thursdays at 1pm beginning on January 19. The group will be able to use the Activity Room and Social Hall as needed, depending on the size and needs of each meeting; and eventually the group will be using the previous Terry Nursery School space for card gatherings and other small group meetings. We welcome them! If you are a Senior and would like to join them, I'm sure they will be happy to have you. Eventually the group may also be able to have some luncheons from time to time, some of which may be catered by BARC from Bristol. It will be so wonderful to see our Seniors in town active again after covid. Thanks be to God!

It was such a joy to gather with Plymouth church last summer for worship. We also gathered with them for a game night in the fall, and then they joined us for worship on Christmas Day. Moving forward, we are excited to do even more events with Plymouth. On January 21, we are going to host a "fun night" (it's a surprise as to what game or event we'll be doing together!) in our Social Hall (hint: wear comfortable shoes!) with Plymouth at 7pm. Join us! We also will join together for our Men's Breakfast on January 29. We also will be worshipping together with Plymouth again this coming July & August; and other events may rise up in time as well. What a wonderful friendship we are creating!

If you have any questions about the events you see listed above, simply call the office. In addition to these events, we hope you will join us regularly for worship and fellowship every Sunday at 10am. Who knows what new instruments or creative music Paul will be leading us in! (I've already heard some of his plans, and they are very exciting!).

The 12 days of Christmas go from December 25 to January 6. On January 6, we begin the Season of Epiphany. The Season of Epiphany is all about recognizing, confessing, and professing the identity of Jesus Christ; and celebrating Christ's identity by thinking about his birth, his gifts from the Magi, his Baptism, his beginning of public ministry, his first miracles, and his service and sacrifice as our leader, teacher, and Savior. Journey with us this month as we reflect on Jesus' identity and as we reflect on how we might proclaim that identity in our daily lives; and, as we practice knowing our own identities and how those relate to the identity of Christ.

Who are you? Who is Jesus? Who is Jesus in light of who you are? Who are you in light of who Jesus is? Why does it matter? Epiphany is often an overlooked Season. We know the Season of Christmas. And we know the Season of Lent. But we often skip over Epiphany because we either still basking in Christmas or we're looking ahead to Lent. Epiphany will take us from January 6 to February 22. I look forward to journeying together and proudly proclaiming the beautiful identity of Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah, our Lord, our Savior!

With Christian Love, Rev Zack

WEEKLY CHURCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

Date:	*In- Person Attendees:	Notes:	Collection (offering)
Sunday, Dec. 4	80	Communion	\$2,583
Sunday, Dec. 11	87	New Members	\$1,618
Sunday, Dec. 18	130	Baptism	\$1,404
Saturday, Dec. 24	70	Christmas Eve	\$366 Donated to Plymouth Fuel Fund
Sunday, Dec. 25	46	Christmas!	\$733

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

Note: Online attendance will be reported next month

Special Events Celebrated During December, 2022

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	Event
Jacob Bilodeau	Dec. 1	5th Birthday
Ryan Fitzpatrick	Dec. 13.	Birthday
Connor Mabe	Dec. 17	13th Birthday
Tracy Fitzpatrick	Dec. 20	Birthday
Carolyn Dube	Dec. 24	Birthday
	Jesus Birthday	Dec. 25
Joyce Rioux	Dec. 25	62nd Birthday
Al Morsch	1:00 am, Dec. 26	70th Birthday
Wayne Harnish	Dec. 28	55th Birthday
Everett Harnish	Dec. 29	80th Birthday

2022 was another busy year. We were pleased to have added the following 9 new members to our congregation, Welcome to you all.

May 15, 2022	Lila Cahill Betsy Caswell Steve Durel Bruna Durel Terese France
<u>December 11, 2022</u>	Rebecca Trelli Stephanie Trelli Ruth Rideout Coralie Tedesco

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 LIST

Emery Austin, Debbie Wartonick, Paula Anderson (surgery), Betsy Caswell (lung cancer), Erin Keenan (surgery), June Lozewski (shoulder surgery), Lee Grela, John Layton, Karen Reilly, Sue Dillane, Rudy Witecy, Wayne Kamens, 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, Marian McLam. Friends and Family: Barbara Badey (Barbara Benson's mother) Keith Falkner (lymphoma/relative of Gail Beal), Norman Wunsch (brother of Jerry Wunsch), Randy Wagoner (Back Surgery/son of Mary Mitchell & brother of Russell Wagoner), Sandy Rinaldi (daughter of Millie Perry), Glen Dahlstrom (friend of the Lowd Family), Caremela Heuschkel (Pam Eggleston's mother), Val Voilet (friend of Barbara Benson), 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), 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.

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).

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

<u>WE SUPPORT OUR MILITARY</u>: 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 \$1,054.10. 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!



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!!!!

Coffee Hour 2023

Month:	Con	Committee:	
January	\Rightarrow	Deacons	
February	\Rightarrow	Council	
March	\Rightarrow	Œ	
April	\Rightarrow	Music	
May	\Rightarrow	Trustees	
June	\Rightarrow	Outreach	
July	\Rightarrow	Deacons	
August	\Rightarrow	At Plymouth Congregational Church	
September	\Rightarrow	Œ	
October	\Rightarrow	Council	
November	\Rightarrow	Music	
December	\Rightarrow	Trustees	

<u>Terryville Congregational Church</u> 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).

<u>Cups</u>

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 he counter with the hot water for tea. Please remember to put out a basket for donation.

USHER/GREETER'S DUTIES

- 1-Always greet people attending church service in a warm and friendly manner.
- 2-Hand them a copy of Sunday's Bulletin, the current Newsletter if they don't have one and answer any questions they may have.
- 3-Once the service starts and during the first hymn, please take the attendance. It is easier to do this from upstairs in the balcony. Count each adult, child and participant in the service.
- 4-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. At the close of the prayer, hand them to the minister.

Note: Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. Provide the elements to all who wish to participate in communion.

If you are interested in signing up to be an usher, please call Mary-Alice Wilbanks at (860)583-3910. Thank You!

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.
- 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.

LAY READER SCHEDULE/SIGNUP: (contact Roseann Hannon or the church office to signup)

January 1 – Jerry Wunsch

January 8 – Pam Kamens

January 15 – Russ Wagoner

January 22 – Scott Scholl

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** – Charlotte Audet, Robin Bilodeau

*Business Group Leader - Vacant

Finance Committee - Robert Grosof, 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 – Church Secretary, Committee Event Members/Volunteers (Temporary)

Clerk - Vacant

*Service Group Leader - Vacant

Outreach Committee – Crista Furtado, Carol Barberi, Sharon Paradis Fellowship Committee – (1) Vacancy, Judy Harris, Jean Mariano

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 Kozikowski3. 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

^{*}Church Council Members

Plymouth Community Food Pantry

Items in Short Supply (plymouthfoodpantry.org 01/01/23):

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.

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	165	\$275.55
April	120	\$200.40
May	281	\$469.27
June	225	\$375.75
July	*253	\$422.51
August	*11	\$18.37
September	^244	\$407.48
October	^195	\$325.65
November	^249	\$415.83
December	^187	\$312.29
2022 Total:	2,173	\$3,628.91

^{*}As reported by the food pantry. This does not include produce from the community garden.

[^] reported by Rich Sauzedde.

COMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES!

MUSIC COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee Members: Barbara Benson, Sandi Ehmer, Betsy Dixie Next Meeting: TBD contact Barbara Benson for the date/time

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

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee Members: Carol Barbieri, Sharon Paradis, Crista Furtado

Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): The committee usually meets when they serve Outreach dinners. If you are interested in attending a meeting contact a member of the committee for the next meeting schedule.

Update: See Outreach Committee News on page 12

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee Members: Jake Armbruster, Eric Armbruster, Dave Morrell, 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 with some exceptions, see below)

Next Meeting: January 3, 2023, at 7pm

Trustee of the Month 2023

January 2023 – Jake Armbruster February 2023 – Eric Armbruster March 2023 – Dave Morrell April 2023 – Tom Zalaski May 2023 – Jake Armbruster June 2023 – Ray Zalaski

CE NEWS

Committee Members: Charlotte Audet, Robin Bilodeau

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

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

(except for month when potluck takes place) Next Meeting: January 15, 2023 after worship Next Deacons Potluck: January 25, 2023 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: January 18, 2023 6pm

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: January 25, 2023 at 6pm in the Chapel

Outreach Committee News



Outreach Committee: Carol Barbieri, Sharon Paradis, Crista Furtado

Outreach Committee happenings

December

Simply Smiles -

Donations made to

- purchase gifts for the children of Children's Village in Mexico to celebrate Three Kings Day
- help with construction of a sweat lodge at the Reservation Village in South Dakota

Small Wonders Christmas Program -

Sponsored 4 children, 2 girls ages 7 and 10 and 2 boys newborn and 4. Gifts included several outfits, winter boots, pajamas and socks.

Eli Terry dinner served for their Christmas Party on December 17.

Outreach Dinners

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

April 23 - Eli Terry

June 18 - Sundaes at Eli Terry

November 12 - Gosinski Park

May 7 - Gosinski Park

November 5 - Eli Terry

December 17 - Eli Terry

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 - Donation to Community Garden

May - Dinner at Gosinski Park

June - Ice Cream Social at Eli Terry - June Fair Tag Sale

July - no events

August - Back to School - Town Human Resources

September - no events

October - Donation to Susan B. Anthony Project

November - Dinner at Gosinski Park and Eli Terry - Donations to Food Pantry (Thanksgiving)

December - Dinner at Eli Terry - Donations to Simple Smiles and Small Wonders Holiday

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 140 supported - \$3,510 loaned

New Loans

Zynthia - Philippines - Food Production

This loan is special because it helps the borrower grow her business.

Zynthia is a married woman with one child. She is a very hardworking entrepreneur. Zynthia has a food vending business in the Philippines. She has requested a loan through NWTF (Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation) to buy ingredients for her food production business. Zynthia has been in this business for 6 years. In the future, Zynthia would like to save money to expand her business.

This loan is facilitated by Kiva Field Partner, Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation (NWTF). Field Partners are local organizations working in communities to vet borrowers, provide services and administer loans where they are needed.

About Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation -

NWTF is a non-governmental organization established with the aim to help women achieve self-sufficiency, particularly in the province of Negros Occidental's low-income communities. The organization offers its clients a wide variety of products, including loans for entrepreneurs, hospital income benefits, life insurance, accidental death benefits and more. Kiva lenders' fund will be used to expand the reach of these products to low-income urban and rural communities.

If you are interested in more information on Kiva visit their website at Kiva.org, view our lender page at http://www.kiva.org/lender/terryvillecongregati3466 or if you would like to help in deciding our next loan recipient, please contact us!

Crista and Justin Furtado

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 congratulate someone on any given Sunday, please contact the church office and give your information to the Secretary.

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PRAYER SHAWLS – **9** Donated in the Month of **DECEMBER** 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!

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.

The next newsletter will be in *February 2023*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *January 27, 2023*, will be published in the *February, 2023* issue. Please email to:

Terryvillechurch@hotmail.com

We now have online giving on our church website. It is a secure system through pay pal. Go to

www.terryvillecongregationalchurch.org and click on "donate". You can make a one-time donation or a recurring donation/pledge. Thank you.

HELP WITH ADVERTISING CHURCH EVENTS







Our communications committee is looking for members to assist the church secretary with advertising different events for the church. If you are interested in volunteering to help with advertising church events, please contact the church office 860-589-0182. If you would like posters to be hung up and/or advertising put on radio, newspapers, etc. for a church event, please email the church office with your info at terryvillechurch@hotmail.com or call the church office. Be sure to always include YOUR contact information and the event you are working on.

SPECIAL!!! \$12.00 ONLY

INCLUDES: A TCC Buddy the Beefalo T-Shirt, TCC Reusable Bag, & TCC History Book (while supplies last).

Contact the Church Office to Purchase