

TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

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March is here! Normally we'd be celebrating the fact that we are edging closer to the end of winter, but this year winter has been quite mild so we will see what March brings?! One thing we'll certainly be celebrating is changing the clocks forward because then it stays light longer into the evening each day. (Night of March 11 we "spring forward" one hour).

March also brings the following celebrations our way:

March 4 - Chicken BBQ Dinner (to-go or sit down meal, your choice) 4-6pm. Call the office for tickets.

March 5 - 10am Worship & Holy Communion (we will be returning for the first time since Covid to serving Communion in the pews with the passing of plates from our Deacons).

March 11 - "Fun Night" with our friends from the Plymouth Church (7pm in our Social Hall).

March 12- 10am Worship, Boy Scout Sunday, and the Sacrament of Baptism!

March 18- Maple Fest at the Plymouth Church (9am-12pm).

March 19 - March Madness Basketball Tournament Bracket Selection for Charity (\$10 to pick the final four of the tournament, all money goes to Turkey).

March 24-26: Youth Retreat to Silver Lake (in Sharon, CT).

March 25- Dinner for residents of Gosinski Park (organized by our Outreach Committee).

March 26 - Deacons will lead worship.

We also continue in our Lenten Lunch series in March (our church hosts the lunch on March 28).

It is nice to have some celebrations because we have continued to experience loss recently. Continue to keep in your prayers the following families:

Jeannie & Ray Zalaski (Jeannie's mother, Nancy Downs, recently passed).

Jennifer Sirois & Family (Jen's husband, Phil, recently passed).

And mark your calendars now... Roast Beef dinner is coming April 1!

Holy Week Schedule:

Sunday, April 2, 10am: Palm Sunday Service

Thursday, April 6, 7pm: Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7, 12pm: Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 9, 6:30am: Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service (at 1st Congregational Church of Plymouth)

Sunday, April 9, 10am: Easter Service followed by outdoor Easter Egg Hunt

May God bless you today and always; and may you bring God's light into the world!

Rev Zack

2023 LENTEN LUNCH SCHEDULE



Tuesday, March 7:

12:30pm - St. Paul Lutheran Church

(134 Main St., Terryville – parking lot is located in the back of the church on Burnham St.)

Tuesday, March 14:

12:30pm Lyceum (181 Main St., Terryville)

Tuesday, March 21:

12:30pm - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

(8 Maple St., Terryville)

Tuesday, March 28:

12:30pm - Terryville Congregational Church

(233 Main St., Terryville)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR LENTEN LUNCH! We need helpers to setup, make soup, sandwiches, desserts, & cleanup. To **VOLUNTEER** see Donna Wunsch at church or contact the church office at (860) 589-0182.

WEEKLY CHURCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

Date:	*In- Person Attendees:	Online Attendance:	Notes:	Collection (offering)
Sunday, Feb. 5	69	322	Communion	\$1,720
Sunday, Feb. 12	76	265		\$1,766
Sunday, Feb. 19	86	235		\$645
Sunday, Feb. 26	71	261		\$1,775

*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 February, 2023

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Alexa Harnish	February 1	17 th Birthday
Hope Trelli	February 2	1 st Birthday
Hedy Kelley	February 4	Birthday
Alex Kelemensky	February 8	17 th Birthday
Gabriel Hawes	February 11	15 th Birthday
Curt Wilbanks	February 16	92 nd Birthday
Quinn Harnish	February 19	20 th Birthday
Cari Vieira	February 26	Birthday
Alison Reed	February 26	Birthday
David Wunsch	February 28	Birthday

Our favorite gardener, Rich Sauzedde, has put out the word that he again will be looking for assistance from anyone who would enjoy giving him a hand with the Community Garden to help support the town's Food Pantry. As you can imagine, Rich is hoping for assistance from beginning to end. This year, he is also looking for items to help with an early start by donating any garden items, such as pots, etc. to get things off to an earlier start.

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

The Zalaski Family, Nancy Downs (mother of Jeannie Zalaski), entered eternal life on February 19 2023.

The Sirois Family, Phil Sirois (husband of Jennifer Sirois), entered eternal life on February 20, 2023.

O'Leary Family, Lowd Family, Emery Austin, Lawton Wood, Betsy Caswell, June Lozewski, Lee Grela, John Layton, Karen Reilly, Wayne Kamens, Janet Waldron, Buddy Hawes, Dacy Pratt, Wayne Hotchkiss (husband of Ellen Hotchkiss), Jean Mariano, Marian McLam.

Friends and Family: Christine Post (The Pines of Bristol/mother of Rebecca Cyr), Dave & Marie John (friends of Terri Faragher), Barbara Badey (Barbara Benson's mother), George Badey (Barbara Benson's father/caretaker of her mother), Randy Wagoner (Back Surgery/son of Mary Mitchell & brother of Russell Wagoner), Sandy Rinaldi (daughter of Millie Perry), Carmela Heuschkel (Pam Eggleston's mother), Val Voilet (friend of Barbara Benson), Charlie Collier (brother-in-law of Larry & Sylvia LaFreniere), Family of Marty Sandshaw, Carole Kozikowski (daughter of Curt & Mary-Alice Wilbanks). **Nursing Facility/Assisted Living/ Independent Living/Home:** Ann Krampitz (Sheriden Woods), Bill Hawes (Sheriden Woods), Lois Douyard (Apple Rehab, Avon), Rae Link (LiveWell, Plantsville), Juney Cushman (Farmington Station), Edna Kirkby (Middlewoods), Doris Bondeson (Brandywine), Mary Mitchell (Home), Roland & Ellen Anderson (Home).

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). **Military:** Derek Thibodeau.

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 \$1,104.10. 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!



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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!!!!

Coffee Hour 2023

<u>Month:</u>		<u>Committee:</u>
<i>January</i>	⇒	<i>Deacons</i>
<i>February</i>	⇒	<i>Council</i>
<i>March</i>	⇒	<i>C&E</i>
<i>April</i>	⇒	<i>Music</i>
<i>May</i>	⇒	<i>Trustees</i>
<i>June</i>	⇒	<i>Outreach</i>
<i>July</i>	⇒	<i>Deacons</i>
<i>August</i>	⇒	<i>At Plymouth Congregational Church</i>
<i>September</i>	⇒	<i>C&E</i>
<i>October</i>	⇒	<i>Council</i>
<i>November</i>	⇒	<i>Music</i>
<i>December</i>	⇒	<i>Trustees</i>

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.

2023

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.

Following is a list of Ushers scheduled to serve during the services specified. If you cannot usher on the date listed, please call Mary-Alice at (860)583-3910 prior to the date so a substitute can be assigned.

Thank You

March 5, 2023

" "

1. Russ Wagoner

2. Lila Cahill

March 12, 2023

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1. Sharon Paradis

2. Jake Armbruster

March 19, 2023

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1. Betsy Dixie

2. Lisa Speir

March 26, 2023

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1. Larry LaFreniere

2. Sylvia LaFreniere

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.

LAY READER SCHEDULE/SIGNUP: (Contact: Curt Wilbanks (860) 583-3910 to signup)

March 5 – Alison Reed

March 12 – Scott Scholl

March 19 – Jean Goodwin

March 26 – Deacons Lead Service

ELECTED OFFICERS, LAY-LEADERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

***Moderator** - Gerald Wunsch

***Vice Moderator** – Barbara Benson

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

***Spiritual Group Leader - Rich Sauzedde**

Diaconate – Ray Zalaski Jr., Holly Zemak, Scott Scholl

Music Committee – Diane Pratt, Sandi Ehmer, Betsy Dixie

Christian Education Committee – Charlotte Audet, Robin Bilodeau, Cari Vieira

***Business Group Leader – Jake Armbruster**

Finance Committee –Robert Grosf, Wayne Harnish, Jackie Merchant, Wayne Waldron, Dave Nichols

Assistant Treasurer – Alison Reed

Collectors – Millie Perry, Donna Wunsch

Trustees Committee –Eric Armbruster, Dave Morrell, Tom Zalaski,

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

Clerk – Samantha Lowd

***Service Group Leader – Vacant**

Outreach Committee – Crista Furtado, Carol Barberi, Sharon Paradis

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

Church Historian:

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

Audit Committee: 1. Sylvia LaFreniere
2. Vacant

Updated: February 19, 2023

Plymouth Community Food Pantry

Items in Short Supply (plymouthfoodpantry.org 03/01/23):

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.

2023 Food Collected for \$1.70/POUND
Food Pantry by TCC

<u>Month</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
January	^264	\$448.80
February	^151	\$256.70
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2023 Total:	415	\$705.50

*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: Diane Pratt, Sandi Ehmer, Betsy Dixie

Next Meeting: TBD

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: 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: March 7, 2023, at 7pm

Trustee of the Month 2023

March 2023 - Dave Morrell

April 2023 - Tom Zalaski

May 2023 - Jake Armbruster

June 2023 - Ray Zalaski

CE NEWS

Committee Members: Charlotte Audet, Robin Bilodeau, Cari Vieira

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

DIACONTE NEWS

Committee Members: Ray Zalaski Jr., Holly Zemak, Scott Scholl

Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): TBD: Wednesday Night, Once a Month (except for month when potluck takes place)

Next Meeting: TBD

Next Deacons Potluck: May 18, 2023 at 6pm

FINANCE NEWS

Committee Members: Robert Grosf, Wayne Harnish, Jackie Merchant, Wayne Waldron,

Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): Contact Bob Grosf for the meeting schedule

Next Meeting: March 15, 2023 6pm

COUNCIL MEETING

Council Members: Gerald Wunsch, Barbara Benson, Jim Hannon, Sandra Kamens, Rich Sauzedde, Jake Armbruster

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

Next Meeting: March 22, 2023 at 6pm in the Chapel

Outreach Committee News



Outreach Committee: Carol Barbieri, Sharon Paradis, Crista Furtado

Outreach Committee happenings

Donations were made to support –

Community Garden – presented to Rich Sauzedde on February 19.

Terryville High School Parent Teacher Student Association Project Graduation – The PTSA is committed to providing a drug and alcohol free celebration for all Seniors on graduation night at no cost to students, parents or families.

Dinner Schedule for 2023 - Outreach Committee will be serving "to go style" dinners to residents of Eli Terry and Gosinski Park communities on the following dates:

February 25 - Eli Terry

March 25 - Gosinski Park

April 22 - Eli Terry

May 13 - Gosinski Park

June 17 - Sundaes at Eli Terry

October - Eli Terry

November - Gosinski Park

December - Eli Terry

Schedule of Events for 2023

January - Submission for Annual Report, Budget review

February – Supported Music Committee Pasta Dinner; Dinner at Eli Terry

March - Dinner at Gosinski Park - Donation to Terryville High School After Grad

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 - Dinner at Eli Terry - Donation to Susan B. Anthony Project

November - Dinner at Gosinski Park - 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

Paid in Full

Joycelyn - Accra, Ghana - Arts

Joycelyn is an artisan from Ghana who specializes in sterling silver jewelry. Her loan was requested so she could invest in a bulk purchase of silver. Joycelyn has been selling through NOVICA since 2012.

This is her story: "My mother traded in earrings, necklaces and beads, so I naturally followed up. It has been a challenge working in a male-dominated field; fortunately, I am one tough cookie so I don't get pushed over easily. I really appreciate the effort of helping artisans grow their business. I want to thank you for boosting my business and helping me to maintain my workers who are able to take care of their families too. God bless you." Use the link below to view Joycelyn's sterling silver jewelry on the NOVICA site:

<http://www.novica.com/kiva/8447/>

Guido Fabricio - Educador - Food Sales

Guido Fabricio is 46 years old, widowed, and has a 19-year-old daughter who is a university student. They live at a relative's house in the city of Portoviejo, which was affected by an earthquake on April 16, 2016. This city is rich in its production of vegetables, legumes, and tropical fruits for domestic consumption. Guido is a merchant who sells various products such as cheese, milk, eggs, salprieda [an Ecuadorian condiment], peanuts, butter, and cottage cheese. He delivers his products to his customers in stores and individual households. Guido offers his products through WhatsApp for home delivery and travels to various parts of the city. He goes to the farms every day to acquire fresh products. Guido's loan was used to buy peanuts, crushed peanuts, salprieda, cottage cheese, cheese, and packaging. Part of the loan was used to repair his motorcycle. His dreams are to have a convenience store and to acquire a house of his own.

Laydah - South Pacific - Solomon Islands - Home Improvements

Laydah is a 33-year-old woman who is married with four children. They live in Honiara, the capital of the Solomon Islands. She runs a small business selling cooked foods such as fish, potatoes, and cassava at the market to earn a living. She has been in this business for ten years. Laydah has been working to build a new house for her family. This loan was requested to pay for additional bags of cement, steel rods, and bricks to fully complete her family's house and provide better living conditions for her family.

Harrisa - Vanuatu - Laundry

Harrisa resides on the outskirts of Port Vila on the island of Vanuatu with her husband and son. She is 48 years old. She 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 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. Her loan was requested to buy a washing machine 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.

New Loans

Mui – Samoa – Farming

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

Mui is 39 years old with six children. She operates a business of selling kava in the community to earn a living. Kava is a beverage or extract made from the Piper methysticum plant. In the South Pacific, it's a popular drink that is used in ceremonies for relaxation. Mui has been doing this for more than two years. She requested a loan to buy kava roots, hand gloves, a wheelbarrow, water tank, rake, shovel and chainsaw to assist her in running the business. Mui's loan is facilitated by Kiva's lending partner South Pacific Business Development (SPBD). SPBD provides financial literacy training to help borrowers better understand their income and expenses. In addition, SPBD improves conditions for families living in poverty by providing accessible credit, training and guidance to help them start, grow and maintain businesses, build assets, finance home improvements and afford to educate their children. Mui hopes to use her business profit to expand her business in the future.

If you are interested in more information on Kiva visit their website at [Kiva.org](http://www.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 – **6** Donated in the Month of **FEBRUARY** 2023



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!

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA PASTA DINNER (TROUP 75)



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SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023 4:30PM – 7PM
AT TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH/SOCIAL HALL

Adults - \$15

Ages 7-12 - \$10

Ages 6 & Under - \$5

TAKE OUT OR SIT DOWN

Tickets are available at the door or from a Scout

Heavens Above Observatory Spring Notes



Info for Photo: Galaxy M82 in the Big Dipper located 30 million light years away.

I must start by giving a big thank you to Jake Armbruster and Dave Morrell for their hard work in completing the construction of our roll off shed observatory which was named by our Sunday School students last year. With the coming of spring weather we will begin having observing sessions depending on sky conditions and objects which will be visible at that time. Spring is referred to as galaxy season as at this time of year we are looking up above the plain of our Milky Way Galaxy which blocks most distance galaxies with it's dust and gas which is what makes up the stars of our home galaxy.

WE will be looking to observe galaxies in the constellation Leo, Leo Minor and Coma Berenices. These galaxies are at a distance of any where from 20 to 50 million light years away, very dim objects but we will be able to pick some of them up. Unfortunately, this is a poor time for the planets and we will have to wait to latter in the year to start observing them. I will try to pick a few dates which will be good for observing the moon before it gets to close to full phase which makes for a pretty night but a very poor night for astronomical observation.

I am very lucky to have the help of Lisa Dixey and my good friend Paul Lecko with these observing sessions and we may have as many of three telescopes up and running. As we get close to observing time I will inform everyone on the observing dates.

James Hannon
Heavens Above Observatory

PLYMOUTH
SENIOR OUTREACH GROUP
NOW ORGANIZED



ALL ARE WELCOME!!!
BRING FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS
Residents from Neighboring Towns are
Welcome Too!

MEETING AT:

Terryville Congregational Church
(Activity Rm)

233 Main Street Terryville, CT 06786

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, March 16, 2023,

TIME: ***1p.m.***

(meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month/light refreshments served)

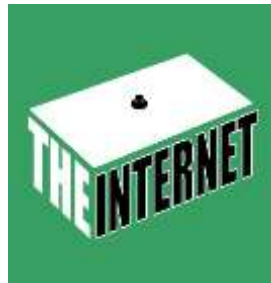
For more information contact: The Church Office (860) 589-0182 (M-F, 10am – 2pm), Fran Swierczynski (860) 485-5585, or
Millie Perry (860) 906-7041

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 *April 2023*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *March 24, 2023*, will be published in the *April, 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