TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER





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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

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Greetings in the name of our Savior, Jesus! As of the writing of this article, we have just returned from our youth retreat at Silver Lake, where we gathered with a total of 18 high school students from around our state and where we discussed, "Who are you?" "Who is Jesus?" "What does it all mean?" "Why does it all matter?" It was a wonderful weekend!

Here's our Holy Week Schedule:

Sunday, April 2: 10am Palm Sunday Service

Thursday, April 6: 7pm Maundy Thursday Service (Plymouth churches - Congregational and Baptist - will join

us)

Friday, April 7: 12pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 9: 6:30am Sunrise Service (Plymouth Green) & 10am Easter Day Service

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the following:

Chicken BBQ Dinner Roast Beef Dinner Fun Night with the Plymouth Church

Vanth Datmart

Youth Retreat

Lenten Lunch

Worship Services & Bell Choir Rehearsals

Gosinski & Eli Terry Dinners

We've had a very meaningful Lenten Season!

Other happenings in April:

April 14-15 (Wedding rehearsal and wedding)

April 16: Celebration of 2 Baptisms!

April 22: Eli Terry Retirement Community Dinner

And coming soon... We will be working on a new picture/address membership directory! Be on the lookout for dates when you can have your picture taken (it's free, and everyone who gets their picture taken for our book also receives a free book when the books are completed).

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Happy Easter! Rev Zack

WEEKLY CHURCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

Date:	*In- Person Attendees:	Online Attendance:	Notes:	Collection (offering)
Sunday, Mar. 5	87	304	Communion	\$2,607
Sunday, Mar. 12	127	271	Baptisms	\$1,861
Sunday, Mar. 19	72	204		\$2,259
Sunday, Mar. 26	72	198	Deacons Led Service	\$1,579

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

Chicken BBQ Dinner 3-4-23 Report

We had 258 ticket sales for this year's 12th annual chicken BBQ. I was hoping we would sell the 275 dinners as we had sold the past two years 2021 and 2022. We still feel it was a great success. We are so thankful we had great help from lots of members and even friends of members that came to help out. Thanks to Rev. Zack for delivering several dinners to our shut-in members.

We had to raise our ticket price from \$15 to \$17 this year due to price increase of all the food items included in the dinner. The breakdown below.

\$ 4,722.00 total Income \$ 2,227.30 Expenses \$ 2,294.70 Profit

Jake Armbruster
TCC Trustee & Finance Business task leader

^{**}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 March 2023

Name	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Hunter Zalaski	March 3	3 rd Birthday
Barbara Benson	March 3	55 th Birthday
Rev. Zachary Mabe	March 4	45 th Birthday
Brody Wunsch	March 5	19 th Birthday
Josephine Renee	March 6 Th	e actual day of her Birth
Betsy Caswell	March 6	Birthday
Jayce Caswell	March 6	9 th Birthday
Cynthia Harnish	March 7	51st Birthday
Paul Bilodeau	March 7	41st Birthday
Pam Kamens	March 8	66 th Birthday
Phil Armbruster	March 11	Birthday
Jase Viera	March 13	7 th Birthday
Millie Perry	March 15	Birthday
Macklin Lowd	March 19	Birthday

We are happy to continue sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 75 and Cub Scout Pack 75. They, along with their leaders (male and female) were with us on March 13. Thank you for providing us with videos and other information on your accomplishments throughout the year. We are proud of you.

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.

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

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON: 3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT

TIME: <u>1p.m.</u>

(LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVICED)

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



PRAYER LIST

Jerry Wunsch's brother, John Wunsch, entered eternal life on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Please keep Jerry and Donna and the rest of their friends & family in your prayers.

Barbara Benson's mother, Barbara Badey, entered eternal life on Saturday, March 11 down in New Jersey. Please keep Barbara & Ron and their kids Meredith & Adam as well as the rest of the family in your prayers.

Michelle O'Leary entered eternal life on Thursday, March 9 down in North Carolina. This adds to the loss of Will, Jr last year as well as the recent losses of William O'Leary and Marcus Rodgers. Please keep Michelle's kids Jake and Julia and the rest of the family and friends in your prayers.

Rachel Reynolds (surgery), 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: Sandy Rinaldi (breathing issues/Millie Perry's daughter), Bob Fox (friend & neighbor of Wayne Kamens), Christine Post (The Pines of Bristol/mother of Rebecca Cyr), Dave & Marie John (friends of Terri Faragher), George Badey, Randy Wagoner (Back Surgery/son of Mary Mitchell & brother of Russell Wagoner), Carmela Heuschkel (Pam Eggleston's mother), 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.

<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 \$1,144.10. 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!!!!

<u>Coffee Hour 2023</u>

Month:	<u>Com</u>	<u>mittee</u> :
January	\Rightarrow	Deacons
February	\Rightarrow	Council
March	\Rightarrow	CE
<mark>April</mark>	\Rightarrow	<mark>Music</mark>
Мау	\Rightarrow	Trustees
June	\Rightarrow	Outreach
July	\Rightarrow	Deacons
August	\Rightarrow	At Plymouth Congregational Church
September	\Rightarrow	CE
October	\Rightarrow	Council
November	\Rightarrow	Music
December	\Rightarrow	Trustees

<u>Terryville Congregational Church</u> <u>Coffee Hour Instructions</u>



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 he 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 <u>during the first hymn</u>, <u>please take the attendance</u>. It is easier to do this from upstairs in the balcony. Count each adult, child and participant in the service.
- 4-<u>During the Offering, take the plates from the minister and pass them to each pew</u> in the congregation. <u>Bring them back to the altar during the playing of the Doxology.</u> 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 me prior to the date so a substitute can be assigned.

Thank You

Mary-Alice at (860)583-3910

April 2, 2023	 Rich Sauzedde/CU Paula Anderson/CU Barbara Benson/SU Bob Grosof/SU
April 9, 2023	 Herman Armbruster Andrea Armbruster
April 16, 2023	 Sharon Paradis Jake Armbruster
April 23, 2023	 Brenda Connors Susan Kozikowski
April 30, 2023	 Tom Zalaski Sue Zalaski

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: Curt Wilbanks (860) 583-3910 to signup)

April 2 - Dick Foote

April 9 - Diane Pratt

April 16 - Alison Reed

April 23 - George Wartonick

April 30 - Holly Zemak

May 7 – Rich Sauzedde

May 14 – Russ Wagoner

May 21 – Bob Grosof

May 28 – Curt Wilbanks

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 Grosof, 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

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

^{*}Church Council Members

Plymouth Community Food Pantry

Items in Short Supply (plymouthfoodpantry.org 04/01/23):

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	^256	\$435.20
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2023 Total:	671	\$1,140.70

^{*}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: April 10, 2023 at 6PM

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: April 4, 2023, at 7pm

Trustee of the Month 2023

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): Last Wednesday of the Month at 6pm.

Next Meeting: April 26, 2023 at 6:30 pm Next Deacons Potluck: May 18, 2023 at 6pm

FINANCE NEWS

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

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

Next Meeting: April 11, 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 Thursday of the Month at 6pm in the Chapel

Next Meeting: April 27, 2023 at 6pm in the Chapel

Outreach Committee News



Outreach Committee: Carol Barbieri, Sharon Paradis, Crista Furtado

Outreach Committee happenings

Terryville High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Project Graduation Received a thank you for our donation.

On behalf of The Terryville High School PTSA, thank you for your generous donation. As you know, the THS PTSA is committed to providing a CELEBRATE GRADUATION... CELEBRATE LIFE all night drug, alcohol and substance-free celebration for the class of 2023. Donations are extremely important in helping to make this event happen and we are truly grateful. Let's give our kids the gift of a safe celebration!

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
April 22 - Eli Terry
June 17 - Sundaes at Eli Terry
November - Gosinski Park
December - Eli Terry
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



Supporting 13 open loans - total of 143 supported - \$3,585 loaned

Paid in Full

Ruth Noemi, El Salvador - Fruits and vegetables

Ruth is single. She lives with a daughter who is 15 years old. Ruth's business is selling vegetables and fruits. She learned the trade from her family and opened her own business 4 years ago. She works from Monday to Sunday with a schedule of 5:00 am to 6:00 pm. Ruth requested a loan request for working capital to boost her business. She purchased plantains, pineapple, tomatoes, potatoes, and other types of fruits and vegetables. She hopes that the investment will serve to strengthen her business and offer better service to her customers. Her dreams are to grow her business and to have financial stability to share a better lifestyle with her family.

New Loans

Jose Ernesto – Peru – Agriculture – Coffee Farm

This loan is special because it supports lucrative and sustainable livelihoods for organic farmers.

A loan of \$1,100 helps to buy organic fertilizer and to pay day laborers to weed the coffee farm of Jose Ernesto. This loan helps smallholder coffee farmers in the Peruvian Andes with the upfront costs of organic and Fair Trade farming practices, such as tutoring, organic composting and other inputs. By supporting this loan, help gives more farmers access to capital at below-market cost and enables them to produce organic products sold for a Fair Trade price premium to international markets.

Jose is 46 years old. He lives with his wife in the small village El Paraiso, Huabal - Jaén. Jose works cultivating organic coffee, which he sells in a local cooperative. He also has other income from raising and selling small animals. Jose will use this loan in order to buy organic fertilizer and to pay day laborers to weed his coffee farm.

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 – **3** Donated in the Month of **MARCH** 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!

A MESSAGE FROM ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

St Paul Lutheran Church wants to thank everyone who gave their generous support of our newest ministry Small Angels Baby Pantry at our Lenten luncheon. We opened in August 2022, and on the second Saturday of each month from 10-12 we invite anyone who is in of need baby or toddler items. We are blessed to be able to serve our local communities in this way.

Peace to you and yours, Small Angels Volunteers 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 *May 2023*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *April 27, 2023*, will be published in the *May, 2023* issue. Please email to: <u>Terryvillechurch@hotmail.com</u>

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