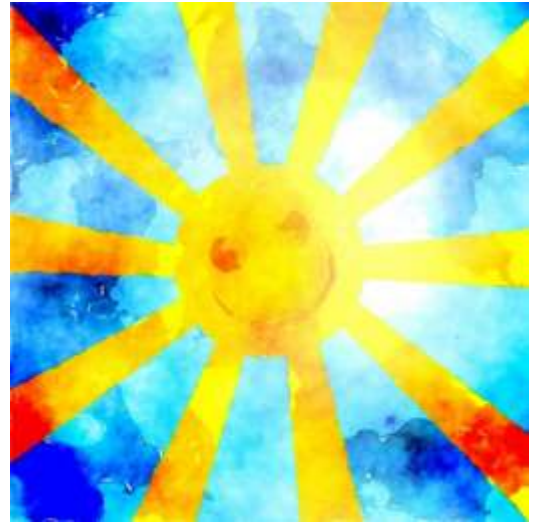


TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

July is here! Here's a snapshot of happenings...

Church Office

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Summer concerts are underway (Wednesdays at 6pm on the Plymouth Green - call the office to volunteer to help)!

Vacation Bible School is July 10-14... (register online)!

Lori Little (Art Teacher) will be back with us for a craft project and lunch after worship on July 9 (call the office to sign up)! Craft will be decorative sea shell bowls!

Summer worship every Sunday at 9:30am in July (in the Social Hall with air conditioning)! Plymouth Congregational will be joining us this summer, and St. Paul Lutheran as well as Our Savior Lutheran will be joining us for Communion Sunday!

Meeting after worship on July 2 to continue planning our October charity event! (Charity event itself will be October 21 and we will be supporting the Plymouth Parks and Rec. Department).

Deacons meeting after worship on July 23!

And congratulations to Lindsay Bourdeau who is getting married on July 21!

In August:

August worship will be at 9:30am at Plymouth Congregational Church.

Terryville Fair is August 25-27. Call the church to sign up to help in our booths at the fair. And make plans to bake some goodies for our baked goods booth!

In my own family, we are hoping that Connor will get his cast off this month (broke his arm playing lacrosse back in May). We are also enjoying Josh play on the 17 year old American Legion baseball team. And our puppy "Bo" turns 2 years old this month! We are looking forward to seeing my Dad and Sister in North Carolina in August. (I'll be away August 1-August 12).

I hope you and your family are all doing well and enjoying the beauty of God's creation this summer. See you in church!

With Christian Love,
Rev Zack

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



PRAYER LIST

Family & Friends of Paul Hawes. Paul's wake will be June 30th from 5-8pm at Scott Funeral Home. Paul's Memorial Service will be July 1 at 10am at our church followed by a reception at the Firehouse.
Family & Friends of Julio Mariano (Jean Mariano's ex-husband)

Denise O'Donnell, Brenda Connors, Roseann Hannon (surgery), Gail Foote, Marian McLam, John Layton, Rachel Reynolds, Lowd Family, Emery Austin, Lawton Wood, Betsy Caswell, June Lozewski, Lee Grela, Karen Reilly, Wayne Kamens, Janet Waldron, Buddy Hawes, Dacey Pratt, Wayne Hotchkiss, Jean Mariano. **Friends and Family:** Peter Murawski (partner of Sue Korzeniecky), Steve LaFreniere (Larry LaFreniere's brother), Michael Cappelletti (friend of Larry & Sylvia LaFreniere), Dave (Lisa Dixey's brother), Arianna Hannon (Jim & Roseann Hannon's great granddaughter), Terrance Hannon (Jim & Roseann Hannon's son), Bob & Jackie Fox (friends & neighbors of Wayne Kamens) Family & Friends of Frank Beecher (friend & neighbor of Jake Armbruster), Joel Cerniglia (Jessica Hawes father), Maria Kelley (mother of Peggy Witocy & Hedy Kelley), Wayne Trudeau (Tracy Fitzpatrick's Uncle), Sandy Rinaldi (Millie Perry's daughter), Christine Post (at the Pines of Bristol/Mother of Rebecca Cyr), Dave and Marie John (friends of Terri Faragher), George Badey (Barbara Benson's father), Randy Wagoner (son of Mary Mitchell and brother of Russ Wagoner), Carmela Heuschkel (Pam Eggleston's mother), Family of Marty Sandshaw, Carole Kozikowski (Curt & Mary-Alice Wilbanks' daughter). **Nursing Facility/Assisted Living/Independent Living/Home:** Rose Balowski (Country Side Manor) Ann Krampitz (Sheriden Woods), Bill Hawes (Sheriden Woods), Lois Douyard (Apple of Avon), Rae Link (LiveWell, Plantsville), Juney Cushman (Farmington Station), Edna Kirkby (Middlewoods, Farmington), Doris Bondeson (Brandywine, Litchfield), Mary Mitchell (home), Roland and Ellen Anderson (home).

WE SUPPORT OUR MILITARY: The church continues its support of service men and women in the Town of Plymouth. Donations are welcome in the designated donation can at the front of the church or they can be mailed or dropped off at the church office. To date contributions total \$119.69 We recently donated \$500 of these funds to the Plymouth American Legion Post 20 and \$500 to the Soldiers' Sailors', & Marines' Fund of the American Legion. Thank you to everyone for continuing to support our military!

WEEKLY CHURCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

Date:	*In- Person Attendees:	Online Attendance:	Notes:	Collection (offering)
Sunday, June 4 th	75	118	Communion	\$2,868
Sunday, June 11 th	67	134		\$1,759
Sunday, June 18 th	55	90	Father's Day	\$1,196
Sunday, June 25 th	50	135		\$568

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

**Online attendance includes Facebook and YouTube. Online attendance is an estimate, too, as the online platforms do not tell us how much of or how long someone viewed the video. Also, the number can grow over time because the videos remain online and can be viewed at any time.

Special Events Celebrated During June 2023

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Ellen Hotchkiss	June 2	Birthday
Rev. Zack	June 8	20 th Ordination
Rev. Zack	June 10	17 th Wedding Anniversary
Nico Ferrucci	June 11	9 th Birthday
Happy Father's Day!	June 18	Celebrate Fathers
Landon Brinker Waldron	June 18	Baptism
Makenna Ann Jaques	June 17	15 th Birthday
Diane Gore	June 20	Birthday
Landon Brinker Waldron	June 26	Birthday
Anne & Wayne Krampitz	June 28	43 rd Wedding Anniversary
Joan Luba	June 30	Birthday
John & Roberta Layton	June 30	61 st Wedding Anniversary



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On June 10th the church hosted another successful June Fair. There was food, FUN, music, a raffle, vendors, and a tag sale. Lots of smiles, laughter, and fellowship were shared among the crowd. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended!

Did you know that the June 30th celebrations are shared with the birthday of the first Chevrolet Corvette? The first Chevrolet Corvette rolled off the assembly line in Flint, Michigan on this day in 1953.



Note: Anyone who wishes to have their Special Event listed in our Monthly Newsletter, please write it on the whiteboard in the Narthex or contact our church secretary, Tracy at 860-589-0182.

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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>Council</i>
<i>October</i>	⇒	<i>C&E</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. The elements are to be prepared and distributed by deacons.

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

July 2, 2023

1. Larry LaFreniere (CU)
2. Ray Zalaski Jr. (CU)
3. Sue Zalaski (SU)
4. Tom Zalaski (SU)

July 9, 2023

1. Jean Goodwin
2. Ruth Rideout

July 16, 2023

1. Gail Beale
2. Mary-Alice Wilbanks

July 23, 2023

1. Dickie Zalaski
2. TBD

July 30, 2023

1. Brenda Connors
2. Susan Kozikowski

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.
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- 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)

July 2 – Jean Goodwin
July 9 – Janet Waldron
July 16 – Curt Wilbanks
July 23 – Holly Zemak
July 30 – Mary-Alice 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 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

Most Needed Items (plymouthfoodpantry.org 6/30/23):

Cereal & Oatmeal (healthy) Canned ravioli/SpaghettiOs
Pancake mix Macaroni (not spaghetti)
Canned fruit Applesauce
Baked Beans Boxed Potatoes
Coffee
Baking Products: cake/brownie/muffin mixes, flour, sugar, etc.,
Condiments: ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressing, etc.,
Personal Care Items: deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, adult diapers (large/extra-large), 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	^174	\$295.80
May	^170	\$289.00
June	^271	\$460.70
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2023 Total:	1,286	\$2,186.20

*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: September 11, 2023 at 6:30pm

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 11

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: September 12, 2023 at 6pm

Trustee of the Month 2023

July 2023 - Eric Armbruster

August 2023 - 1st Congregational Church of Plymouth

September 2023 - Tom Zalaski

October 2023 - Dave Morrell

November 2023 - Phil Armbruster

December 2023 - Jake Armbruster

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): Typically the 3rd Wednesday of the Month after church.

Next Meeting: (Note: Out of Schedule Date) June 23, 2023 in the Chapel after church services

Next Deacons Potluck: September 21, 2023 at 6pm in the Activity Room.

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: Contact Bob Grosf for the June 2023 meeting date.

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: August 24, 2023 at 6pm in the Chapel.

Outreach Committee News



Outreach Committee: Carol Barbieri, Sharon Paradis, Crista Furtado

Outreach Committee happenings

The **June Fair Tag Sale** was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who donated goods, helped with set up and on the day of the fair and those who made purchases. Everyone's support was much appreciated!! Unsold items were donated to Hand to Hand Direct Care Ministry in Bristol. Hand to Hand is a non-profit organization that offers clothing, furniture, household items and spiritual guidance to people in need. From the Hand to Hand website - "Our Mission is to help those in need with basic necessities for daily life, to break poverty stricken behavior, and to show the love of Jesus Christ." Items were also donated to The First Congregational Church of Plymouth Good News Thrift Shop. Both Hand to Hand and Good News Thrift Shop were very grateful to receive our donations.

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
July TBD - 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



Supporting 13 open loans - total of 145 supported - \$3,635 loaned

CELEBRATE with Kiva! As of June, Terryville Congregational Church has been involved with Kiva for 11 years. Eleven years of changing lives around the world!!

Paid in Full

No loans were paid in full, but there were enough repayments to allow us to fund another loan.

New Loans

Rita – Fiji – Weaving

Rita is a talented weaver and mother who is proud of her work. Her husband's income is barely enough to meet all their needs. Rita will use her loan to buy the best quality pandanus leaves and materials for weaving decorative and functional mats. Pandanus leaves are fibrous leaves good for weaving. To prepare them for weaving, the weaver cuts the leaves from the plant, removes the thorns, boils, scrapes and dries the leaves in the sun. The leaves can also be dyed to suit a specific mat or basket design. With more available products to sell, Rita can provide the best for her children by doing what she loves.

This loan supports financially marginalized women in Fiji with credit to help them establish businesses and improve their livelihoods.

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 – **0** Donated in the Month of **JUNE 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!

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: 1p.m.

(LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVICED)

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

On the 3rd Thursday of every month the group will have lunch at Noon.

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.

We will not be printing a newsletter in August. In September we will have a joint August/September Newsletter. Special announcements, articles or events provided by August 25, 2023, will be published in the *August/September, 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