TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

October is going to be a wonderful month!



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Church Office

Hours: Monday - Friday, 10am - 2pm

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In addition to weekly worship, committee meetings, Bible study, and other activities, we have several things that we are very excited about:

October 15 is Pledge Sunday. Bring your 2024 pledge to church for a special blessing. If you did not receive a pledge form in the mail, we will have extra copies in the narthex on that day.

October 21: Annual Charity Fundraiser! This year we are supporting the Plymouth Parks & Rec. The event will be at the Lyceum from 6-10pm and will include dancing, fellowship, and raffles. \$25/person. Please call the office for tickets. The event is also BYOB.

October 27 & 28: Rev Zack will be in a brief play about the Salem Witch Trials at Avon Congregational Church, 6 W. Main St., Avon, CT. The show will be at 7:30pm each night and only runs about one hour in length. There will be some interaction Q & A or some other brief discussion with the cast after the show as well as a reception following. \$15/ticket. This show was written by Avon's pastor - Rev. Chris Solimene - and Avon's pastor requested that Rev. Zack be in the show doing a non-memorized role. Rev. Zack will be playing one of two Magistrates overseeing the "Trial."

October 28: 4pm Plymouth Trunk or Treat. This event takes place at the Police Dept. parking lot and we will be sitting with Plymouth Congregational Church, giving out candy and promoting our churches to all the young families in town.

October 28: 7pm BINGO!

Please also mark your calendars now:

On November 8 we will be helping the Plymouth church with their Wednesday night dinner. We did this in September and it was a huge success. Plymouth really appreciates our help because many of their volunteers have ailments at the moment.

November 15th's Wednesday night meal will take place at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Thomaston.

November 18 is our Annual Christmas Bazaar!

May God bless you today and always, and as we like to say, "See ya in church!" Rev Zack

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



PRAYER LIST

The family & friends of John Layton. John has entered eternal life.

Hedy Kelley, Peggy Witecy and family. Their mother, Maria, recently entered eternal life.

Charlotte Crockett (The Pines, Bristol), Sandy Kamens (surgery), Donna Wunsch, "Skip" Vaino Skarp, Norman Luba, Denise O'Donnell (UConn), Gail Foote, Marian McLam, Lowd Family, Emery Austin, Lawton Wood, Betsy Caswell, June Lozewski, Lee Grela, Karen Reilly, Wayne Kamens, Janet Waldron, Buddy Hawes, Dacey Pratt, Jean Mariano. Friends and Family: Clark Holbrook (Ruth Guay's Brother), Family & Friends of Shawn Holden, he recently entered enteral life (husband of Kelly Hotchkiss & Nephew of Ellen "Armbruster" Hotchkiss), Family & Friends of Marybeth Morelli, she recently entered eternal life (former Plymouth Parks & Recreation Director), Ricky Fellows (friend of the Benson family), Donna Cook (Ruth Rideout's sister), Sue Kiszka, Gloria Waskey (friend of Rachel Reynolds), Shirley Forbes (Ruth Rideout's sister), 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 Rocinetti (Jim & Roseann Hannon's great granddaughter), Terrance Hannon (Jim & Roseann Hannon's son), Bob & Jackie Fox (friends & neighbors of Wayne Kamens), Joel Cerniglia (Jessica Hawes father), Wayne Trudeau (Tracy Fitzpatrick's Uncle), 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 (CountrySide 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). 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 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 \$144.69 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!

Special Events Celebrated During September 2023

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	Event
Justin Furtado	September 1	26 th Birthday
Jeff Lowd	September 4	Birthday
Karen Reilly	September 7	Birthday
Roland Anderson	September 8	95 th Birthday
Lee & Paula Anderson	September 8	50 th Anniversary
Dickie Zalaski	September 9	89 th Birthday
Betsy Dixey	September 9	Birthday
Ethan Bilodeau	September 12	13 th Birthday
Greg H.	September 16	Birthday
Chandler Kinane	September 17	1st Birthday
Cari & Hank Vieira	September 17	12 th Anniversary
Jim Hannon	September 18	Birthday
Rebecca & Steph Trelli	September 19	4 th Anniversary
Mya Kimberly Ferrucci	September 21	8 th Birthday
Curt & Mary-Alice Wilbanks	September 23	45 th Anniversary
Sylvia & Larry LaFreniere	September 28	55 th Anniversary
Rachel Reynolds	September 28	Birthday
Roseann & Jim Hannon	September 29	55 th Anniversary
Jodi Waldron	September 20	Birthday

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.

A poem for the couples celebrating their Anniversary this month:

Love Remains



Happiness grows as each year passes And trials test the love that will grow.



Pleasures of the heart remain a treasure, Perhaps a memory of some time ago.

Yesterday's joys are your heart's treasure And love remains to guard the store.

Now and then we are reminded, It is love (the key) that unlocks the door.

Vivid are the scenes of days gone by, Each thought, a page from the past,

Reminding us that God guides our path and Yielding to His will, our love will last.

by Judy Crowe

Source: https://www.christian-resources.net/church-anniversary-poems.html

WEEKLY CHURCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

Date:	*In- Person Attendees:	Online Attendance:	Notes:	Collection (offering)
Sunday, September 3	54	108	Communion	\$2,815
Sunday, September 10	68	106	Sunday School Started!	\$1,298
Sunday, September 17	65	196	All Church Picnic/Rally Day	\$1,901
Sunday, September 24	57	126		\$1,299

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

PRAYER SHAWLS – **11** Donated in the Month of **SEPTEMBER** 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!

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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^{**}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.

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:	Con	umittee:
January	\Rightarrow	Deacons
February	\Rightarrow	Council
March	\Rightarrow	Œ
April	\Rightarrow	Music
Мау	\Rightarrow	Trustees
June	\Rightarrow	Outreach
July	\Rightarrow	Deacons
August	\Rightarrow	At Plymouth Congregational Church
September	\Rightarrow	Council
October	\Rightarrow	<mark>€E</mark>
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.

Important Note: Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. The elements are to be prepared and distributed by the Deacons listed below. [Note: CU = Cleanup; SU = Setup]

October 1, 2023	 Paul Anderson (CU) Lisa Dixey (SU) Alex Morell (SU) Russ Wagoner (CU)
October 8, 2023	 Roseann Hannon Jim Hannon
October 15, 2023	 Bernie Licki Marie Licki
October 22, 2023	 Al Morsch Peggy Witecy
October 29, 2023	 Curt Wilbanks Mary-Alice Wilbanks

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)

October 1 – Bob Grosof

October 8 – Russ Wagoner

October 15 – Tom Zalaksi

October 22 – Pam Kamens

October 29 – Barbara Benson

November 5 – Peggy Witecy

November 12 – Jean Goodwin

November 19 – Ray Zalaski

November 26 – Paula Anderson

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

*Church Council Members

Council American Desitions

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 10/29/23):

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	^426	\$724.20
August	^407	\$691.90
September	^528	\$897.60
October		
November		
December		
2023 Total:	2,647	\$4,499.99

^{*}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: Contact a member of the committee for the meeting scheduled

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: October 3, 2023 at 6pm

Trustee of the Month 2023

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: October 22, 2023

Next Deacons Potluck: January 18, 2023.

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: TBD

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: October 25, 2023 at 6pm in the Chapel.



Outreach Committee: Carol Barbieri, Sharon Paradis, Crista Furtado

Outreach Committee happenings

We are working on scheduling Sundaes at Eli Terry.

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
September - Sundaes at Eli Terry
November - Gosinski Park
December - Eli Terry
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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 - June Fair Tag Sale

July - no events

August - Back to School - Town Human Resources

September - Ice Cream Social at Eli Terry

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 Simply Smiles and Small Wonders

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 14 open loans - total of 148 supported - \$3,710 loaned

Paid in Full

Clemente - Peru - Farming

Clemente is 60 years old and lives with his spouse. His home is located in the populated center of La Cascarilla, Jaén, a place where he works growing coffee and raising cattle, which he sells locally. His loan was requested to purchase organic soil amendments and pay day laborers. Clemente was able to complete his loan payments early. Best wishes for continuing to be prosperous with his farming.

New Loans

Orlando Ismael - Montecristi, Ecuador - Furniture Making and Sales

This loan is special because it is accompanied by useful, real-life business training. The loan is to buy wood, paint, adhesive, and various tools that Orlando needs for his work.

Orlando Ismael, age 24, is single and lives with relatives in region of Montecristi in Ecuador. This region is a place of hardworking people involved in handicrafts and the sale of their products.

He is a hardworking man who seeks to earn income to help his family get ahead. He has a carpentry workshop. There he makes living room and dining room furniture, shelves, beds, doors and many other items made from wood. He takes furniture orders from customers who know the quality of his work.

Rosario - Philippines - General

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

Rosario is a hardworking entrepreneur who has a general store business in the Philippines. Rosario requested a loan to buy additional items to sell in her store like canned goods, chips, and personal care products. She has been sustaining her business activities through her own efforts and the help of loans she obtains through Kivs. She dreams to save enough to secure the future of her family.

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

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>**1**p.m.</u>

(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.

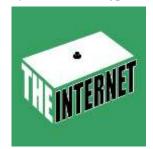
Our next newsletter will be in November 2023. Special announcements, articles or events provided by October 27, 2023, will be published in the *November*, 2023 issue.

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