

# ***TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH***

## **NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER**



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### **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

We've just come off of a wonderful fundraiser for the Parks & Rec in our town, raising approximately \$4,000 to help families in need with the cost of registering their children for sports and other programming in our town -- thank you!!!

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Now it's time to shift gears to our Christmas Bazaar! The event is coming up on November 18 and, as always, is one of the highlights of our year. Please help us by baking for the cookie walk, making soups for our luncheon, donating to the Christmas past room as well as donating toward our teacup raffle. And, of course, attend the event! It is always such a festive time at our church, and this year we're even going to have a Carol sing in the Social Hall during the event for anyone who'd like to join us!

In addition to these events, BINGO is now back. Thank you to all who've been helping and attending!

And, we continue to attend Plymouth Congregational Church's Wednesday evening dinners; we'll be helping by cooking the meal on November 8 if you'd like to join us starting at around 2pm that day down at their church. (Meal time is 6pm and is suggested donation of \$5/person).

We also continue in our core mission which is to worship God every Sunday and to have Christian fellowship. Join us at 10am each Sunday! And if you know anyone interested in joining our church, we'll have a New Member Orientation after worship on November 5.

Speaking of November 5, that's also the day of our kick-off meeting for the 2024 Mission Trip (June 22-30, 2024). The kick-off meeting will be held at Farmington Congregational Church on Nov 5 at 5pm (with pizza!). You can meet at our church at 4:15 that day to carpool to Farmington.

Here's a full list of November events:

Nov 4 - 7pm BINGO

Nov 5 - New member orientation after worship

Nov 5 - 5pm meeting at Farmington Cong. Church to discuss June 2024 Mission Trip

Nov 8 - our church will prepare and cook the Plymouth Cong. Church meal. Meet at their church at 2pm to help

Nov 12 - Art teacher Lori Little will join us after worship to help us make Christmas ornaments (call the office to sign up)

Nov 15 - the Wed. Plymouth meal will be served at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Thomaston and will be a Thanksgiving Meal

Nov 18 - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Nov 19 - We will welcome new members into our church!

Nov 23 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

On Oct 28 our church representatives attended a workshop held in Avon. The workshop was a kick-off event for church coaching or consulting. For the coming year (Nov 2023-Nov 2024) we will be working with a church consultant named Rev. Paul Nickerson who will help to guide us and teach us, as well as hold us accountable, in being the best version of ourselves as servants of God and as active participants in our local community.

Hopefully in this coming year we will grow as a congregation and develop new and exciting ministries that will carry us into the future. Our team that is working on this project will give regular updates to our church council as well as updates during Sunday morning announcements and in the newsletter.

May God bless you today and always,

Rev Zack

## WEEKLY CHURCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

<b>Date:</b>	<b>*In- Person Attendees:</b>	<b>Online Attendance:</b>	<b>Notes:</b>	<b>Collection (offering)</b>
Sunday, October 1	65	98	Communion	\$2,651
Sunday, October 8	--	109		\$1,318
Sunday, October 15	72	127	Pledge Sunday	\$2,134
Sunday, October 22	52	187		\$1,201
Sunday, October 29	58	150		\$1,358

\*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.

## OUR PRAYERS GO TO



### **PRAYER LIST**

Joan Luba, Susan Korzeniecky (surgery), Charlotte Crockett (Home 11/3/23), “Skip” Vaino Skarp, 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:** George Badey (Barbara Benson’s father), Phyllis & Kerri (friends of Donna Wunsch), Clark Holbrook (Ruth Guay’s brother), 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), 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), 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).

**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 \$164.69. 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!

### **PRAYER SHAWLS – 6 Donated in the Month of OCTOBER 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!

## Special Events Celebrated During October 2023

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tracy & Ryan Fitzpatrick	Oct. 4	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Ruth Rideout	Oct. 5	85 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Jerry & Donna Wunsch	Oct. 5	49 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Wayne & Cindi Harnish	Oct. 11	26 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Dawn Hotchkiss Manzi	Oct. 13	Birthday
Susan Korzeniecky	Oct. 13	Birthday
Phil & Joy Armbruster	Oct. 16	Anniversary
Brian & Jodi Waldron	Oct. 21	Anniversary
Ruth Ann (Wilbanks) Amentastro	Oct. 22	Birthday
Dante D'Brickshaw	Oct. 24	Birthday
(Great Grandchild of Curt & Mary-Alice & Grandson of Bev & Russ Schleich)		
Jolene Dery Abbate	Oct. 27	Birthday
Pam & Hank Kamens	Oct. 28	46 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Anne Krampitz	Oct. 28	Birthday
Clay Reeves (Son of Ruth Ann)	Oct. 29	Birthday

### Birthday Humor:

**Why do some people get heartburn every time they eat birthday cake?**

Answer: They always forget to take off the candles. (source: parade.com)

### Anniversary Humor:

**I Bought my wife a fridge for our anniversary.**

I know it wasn't a great gift, but I loved seeing her face light up when she opened it.

(source: laffgaff.com)



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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.

## **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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## **LOST & FOUND**

We found the following items in the church. If they belong to you, please contact the church office at (860) 589-0182 to claim them. Any unclaimed items will be donated to the thrift store at Plymouth Congregational church on January 1, 2024.

- Black Cigna Yeti Cup
- Green & White Check Baby Beanie
  - Sage Green Large Raincoat
- Black/Gray Women's Large Cardigan



## 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**

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

**Note:** the committee assigned coffee hour does not have to do coffee hour – they just need to arrange coverage for coffee hour.



## **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.

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]

November 5, 2023	1. Alex Morrell (SU) 2. Rich Sauzedde (SU) 3. Holly Zemak (CU) 4. Larry LaFreniere (CU)
November 12, 2023	1. Brenda Connors 2. Susan Kozikowski
November 19, 2023	1. Phil Armbruster 2. Joy Armbruster
November 26, 2023	1. Diane Pratt 2. Gary Pratt



## **LAYREADER GUIDE**

### **PREPARATION**

- The church office will provide you with an advance copy of the Scripture Reading, plus a copy will be on the lectern for your use. Please review the reading and the order of service (Bulletin) as needed.
- 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.

### **LAYREADER SCHEDULE**

Please contact Curt Wilbanks (860-583-3910) if you are not able to be Layreader as scheduled below. He will obtain a substitute for you or if you have obtained a substitute on your own. Thank you!

## **LAYREADER SCHEDULE**

November 5 – Peggy Witecy  
November 12 – Jean Goodwin  
November 19 – Tom Zalaski  
November 26 – Paula Anderson

December 3 – Alison Reed  
December 10 – Scott Scholl  
December 17 – Joy Armbruster  
December 24 – Curt Wilbanks  
December 31 – Diane Pratt

## **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, Alex Morrell, Lisa Dixey

**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 Groszof, 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**

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### **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	Canned ravioli/SpaghettiOs
Pancake mix	Macaroni & Cheese
Pasta	Spaghetti
Canned fruit	Applesauce
Baked Beans	Boxed Potatoes
Coffee	Tomato Paste
Soup	Tea
Syrup	Nutritional Drinks
Ensure/Boost	Glucose Control
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.	
Gift Cards to Adams IGA	

## **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.
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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	^217	\$368.90
November		
December		
<b>2023 Total:</b>	<b>2,864</b>	<b>\$4,868.89</b>

^ reported by Rich Sauzedde.

## **COMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES!**

### **MUSIC COMMITTEE NEWS**

Committee Members: Diane Pratt, Sandi Ehmer, Betsy Dixie

Next Meeting: November 13, 2023 – contact committee for time

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

### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS**

Committee Members: Carol Barbieri, Sharon Paradis, Crista Furtado

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

Update: See Outreach Committee News on page 14

### **TRUSTEE COMMITTEE NEWS**

Committee Members: Eric Armbruster, Dave Morrell, Tom Zalaski

Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Each Month 7pm in the Office (no meetings in July or August with some exceptions, see below)

Next Meeting: November 14, 2023 at 6pm

#### ***Trustee of the Month 2023***

***October 2023 - Dave Morrell***

***November 2023 - Jake Armbruster***

***December 2023 - Dave Morrell***

### **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, Alex Morrell, Lisa Dixey

Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): Typically the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month after church.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2023

Next Deacons Potluck: January 18, 2023.

### **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: 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): 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 6pm in the Chapel

Next Meeting: November 29, 2023 at 6pm in the Chapel.

# BINGO

## DATES 2023 & 2024

<b>December</b>	<b>16, 2023</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>20, 2024</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>17, 2024</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>16, 2024</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>20, 2024</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>18, 2024</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>15, 2024</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>20, 2024</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>17, 2024</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>21, 2024</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>19, 2024</b>



**7:00 P.M. Terryville Congregational Church – Doors open 5:30 P.M.**

# Outreach Committee News



**Outreach Committee: Carol Barbieri, Sharon Paradis, Crista Furtado**

## **Outreach Committee happenings**

**Small Wonders Program Committee** sent a Thank You card for our sponsorship of children as part of the Back to School Program. They much appreciated our support in helping them “to shop for more children than we ever have”.

**Parks and Recreation Fund Raiser** – Outreach Committee provided support anywhere we were needed. Our main focus was the Raffle table. Thanks to all who supported the Park and Rec Fund Raiser Committee with a special shoutout to Tracy Fitzpatrick and Barbara Benson for helping with preparations for the raffle.

**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
November - Gosinski Park	December 16 - 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** - June Fair Tag Sale

**July** - no events

**August** - Back to School - Town Human Resources

**September** – no events

**October** - Donation to Susan B. Anthony Project

**November** - Dinner at Gosinski Park - Donations to Food Pantry (Thanksgiving) – Christmas Bazaar – Christmas Past and decorating

**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 15 open loans - total of 151 supported - \$3,810 loaned  
**Paid in Full**

### **Jose Ernesto - Peru – Agriculture – Coffee Farm**

This loan is special because it supports lucrative and sustainable livelihoods for organic farmers. It helps a small coffee farmer in the Peruvian Andes with the upfront costs of organic and Fair-Trade farming practices, such as tutoring, organic composting.

Jose is 46 years old. He lives with his wife in the small village of El Paraiso, Huabal – Jaén located in Peru. Jose works cultivating organic coffee, which he sells at a local cooperative. He also has other income from raising and selling small animals. Jose's loan was to help him buy organic fertilizer and pay day laborers to weed his coffee farm. Who knows – the coffee you had with breakfast this morning may have come from Jose's farm.

### **Nazava Water Filters for Kenya**

With this loan, Nazava Kenya imported 3,000 water filters to provide safe drinking water to nearly 20,000 Kenyans. Nazava Water Filters turn dirty pond, river, rain and tap water into water ready to drink without the need for boiling. Nazava consumers are very excited about their water filters because they finally have a source of clean, fresh and healthy drinking water in their homes. Nazava started in Indonesia in 2009 and — because of the great need for safe drinking water in Kenya — decided to expand its operations there last year. What a great relief for these people to know the water they are drinking is clean and safe.

### **New Loans**

Because we lent \$50 during Kiva's celebration of obtaining \$2 Billion in loans, we earned a \$50 credit towards additional loans. This allowed us to fund 3 loans this month.

### **Ma. Teresita – San Carlos, Negros Occidental, Philippines – Personal Housing Expenses**

This loan is special because it helps protect families who are most vulnerable to waterborne diseases. This loan helps to improve the living and hygiene standards of families in the Philippines by ensuring households have a safe water supply and improved sanitation facilities.

Ma. Teresita works hard to support her four children. She is a single woman and has a general store in the Philippines. Ma. Teresita has applied for a loan to invest in a sanitary toilet. Ma. Teresita is aware that by using the sanitary toilet, she is not only saving money, but she's also helping the environment and reducing health and hazard risks to her family.

### **Setoa – Samoa – Agriculture – Funded with the \$50 Kiva credit**

This loan helps support financially marginalized women in Samoa with credit to help them establish businesses and improve their livelihood.

Setoa is 35 years old with 4 children. To earn a living, she operates a business selling banana and taro in her community. She has been doing this for more than 2 years. She works diligently in sustaining her plantation to produce better quality. Setoa needs a loan to buy banana tube, taro roots, wheelbarrow, water tank, hand gloves, rake, shovel, chemicals, and a back blower to assist her in running the business. She hopes to use her business profits to expand.



## Mariana – Solomon Islands – Sewing

This loan is special because its goal is to reach financially excluded and underserved people.

Mariana is a 28-year-old single woman. She lives in a community in Honiara, the capital of Solomon Islands. She runs a small business selling clothes and cakes in her community to earn a living. She's had this business for five years. Mariana is requesting this loan to pay for a sewing machine, clothing materials and cotton for her sewing business. She will use her profits to meet the financial needs 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:**

**3<sup>RD</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month the group will have lunch at Noon.**

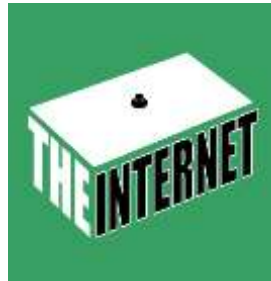
**SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR PER COST OF WINDOWS:** We would like to suggest to anyone who would like to, to donate whatever amount they feel they can to go toward payment of a new window. The cost per window is \$400, but a partial donation would be fine. We would like to put name plates under each window that has a donation.

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

**Please email to: [Terryvillechurch@hotmail.com](mailto:Terryvillechurch@hotmail.com)**

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## **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](mailto:terryvillechurch@hotmail.com) or call the church office. Be sure to always include YOUR contact information and the event you are working on.

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