

TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

Many blessings from God be with you as we enter the month of February. A lot is happening this month in and around our church and community!

Church Office

Hours: Monday – Friday, 10am – 2pm

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February 4: 5pm Mission Trip meeting at Farmington Congregational Church

February 9-11: Confirmation Class retreat to Silver Lake in Sharon, CT

February 14: 7pm Ash Wednesday Service at **PLYMOUTH** Congregational Church (Season of Lent begins)

February 16: 6pm Pasta Dinner & the Music of Dean Martin (call the office for tickets)

February 17: 7pm BINGO

February 18: Annual Meeting after worship

February 25: Scout Sunday! A presentation will be given during worship from our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts

Lenten Lunch Schedule (\$5/person, 12:30pm start time):

February 20: St. Paul Lutheran Church

February 27: Terryville Congregational Church

March 5: Plymouth Congregational Church

March 12: Lyceum (St. Max Kolbe Parish)

March 19: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Last but not least, the Wednesday evening dinners at Plymouth Congregational Church are continuing, \$5/person each Wednesday at 6pm.

As we begin the Season of Lent on February 14, we think about the sacrifices of our Lord Jesus as he journeyed through ministry and to death on the cross. We reflect on our lives, we pray, and we work toward strengthening our relationship with God and with neighbor. Traditionally - because of the sacrifices of Jesus - Lent was a time to sacrifice and to "give up" something in our lives. This tradition still can be a meaningful way to observe the Season. More recently, we think about Lent as *both* – it can be both a Season to "give up" something and a

Season to "take on" something. Perhaps there is a devotion or a service project or generosity or an outreach ministry or an act of faith that you can take on this Season that will draw you closer in your relationship with God and with neighbor; think about it, pray about it, and put it into action! All things are possible!

So often we find ways to hesitate or to be afraid to take on something; or we think our work or our contribution isn't big enough. Never doubt the possibilities with God! Someone once recently told me this story I'd like to share. There was a small bird laying on its back with its feet up in the air out in the jungle. A lion approached and said, "Why are you laying on your back with your feet up like that?" The small bird replied, "I heard the sky might be falling, and if it does, I want to try to hold it up with my feet." The lion replied, "I'm the king of this jungle. If the sky is falling, I can't do anything about it. How do you think you'll be able to do anything about it?" The small bird replied, "Each one of us does as one can."

With God, all things are possible! Believe!

With Christian Love,
Rev Zack

WEEKLY CHURCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

Date:	*In- Person Attendees:	Online Attendance:	Notes:	Collection (offering)
Sunday, January 7	N/A	395	Snowy	N/A
Sunday, January 14	75	357	Communion	\$8,438
Sunday, January 21	64	287		\$1,513
Sunday, January 28	38	236	Snowy	\$912

*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.

PRAYER SHAWLS – 1 Donated in the Month of JANUARY 2024



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!

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



PRAYER LIST

Rae Barry, Buddy Hawes, Paula Anderson (ankle surgery), James Hannon (back surgery), "Skip" Vaino Skarp, Denise O'Donnell (Grandview, New Britain), Gail Foote, Marian McLam, Lowd Family, Emery Austin, Lawton Wood, Betsy Caswell, June Lozewski, Lee Grela, Karen Reilly, Wayne Kamens, Janet Waldron, Dacey Pratt, Jean Mariano.

Friends and Family: Bryan Martin (friend of Barbara & Ron Benson), Aiden Waldron (grandson of Glenn & Carmel Waldron) – friends of Rachel Reynolds), Peter Salerno (Millie Perry's son-in-law), George Badey (Barbara Benson's father), Phyllis & Kerri (friends of Donna Wunsch), Ricky Fellows (friend of the Benson family), Donna Cook (Ruth Rideout's sister), Gloria Waskey (friend of Rachel Reynolds), Shirley Forbes (Ruth Rideout's sister), 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), 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: Ann Krampitz (home), 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), 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 \$245.69. Last year we 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!

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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Special Events Celebrated During January 2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Carol Barbieri	1/3	Birthday
Wayne Krampitz	1/6	66 th Birthday
Donna Wunsch	1/7	Birthday
Juliana Rose Poulin	1/7	Baptism
Marian McLam	1/10	90 th Birthday
Andrew Hawes	1/12	Birthday
Peggy Witecy	1/12	34 years at STS
Tyler Speir	1/12	7 th Birthday
Brian Waldron	1/16	Birthday
Herman Armbruster	1/18	Birthday
Hadley Waldron	1/22	Birthday
(daughter of Brian Waldron)		
Robin Bilodeau	1/20	16 th Birthday
Jessica Hawes	1/31	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.

CALL TO THE YEAR 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 18, 2024 (snow date February 25, 2024)

Warning and notice is hereby given to all members of the Terryville Congregational Church that the Annual Meeting shall be called to order on Sunday February 18, 2024, in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

The agenda will include:

- 1. Discussion and vote on the 2023 Annual Report**
- 2. Election of Church Officers and Committee Members**
- 3. Discussion and vote on a budget for 2024**
- 4. Any other pertinent business of the church**

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Wunsch, Moderator

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 refreshments (coffee, tea, 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. 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 2024

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

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



The following supplies are provided by the church for coffee hour:

Decaf Coffee	Cups
Tea	Napkins
Creamer/Milk	Paper Plates/Plastic Silverware (if necessary)
Sugar	

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. We usually only brew decaf coffee. However, if we have regular coffee in stock you may choose to make percolate some regular coffee too in a separate coffee maker. The suggested split would be 40 cups of decaf & 20 cups of regular.

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 Creamer/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.

****NOTE: THE COMMITTEE OR PERSON(S) HOSTING COFFEE HOUR CAN CHOOSE IF THEY WANT TO PROVIDE SNACKS, JUICE, PUNCH, ETC. WITH THE COFFEE & TEA.****

Instructions for optional snacks, juice, punch, etc.

Cookies, pastry, cheese/crackers, etc.

Cookies or other snack items should be placed on a platter and put on the same table as the punch (if included punch or juice).

Punch (recipe: ginger ale, fruit juice, and ice (the church does not have ice onsite))

Use the enclosed punch/juice dispenser (found on the kitchen 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 donations.

Updated: 1-19-24

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]

February 4, 2024	1. Barbara Benson (SU) 2. Alison Reed (CU) 3. George Wartonick (CU) 4. Scott Scholl (SU)
February 11, 2024	1. Jean Goodwin 2. Eric Armbruster
February 18, 2024	1. Cindy Harnish 2. Alexa Harnish
February 25, 2024	1. Stephanie Trelli 2. Ruth Rideout

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

February 4 – Rich Sauzedde
February 11 – Russ Wagoner
February 18 – Pam Kamens
February 25 – Bob Grosos

March 3 – Barbara Benson
March 10 – Jean Goodwin
March 17 – Roseann Hannon
March 24 – Dick Foote
March 31 – Ray Zalaski

If you are not able to be Layreader as scheduled above, please contact Curt Wilbanks (860-583-3910). He will obtain a substitute for you. Also, contact Curt and let him know if you obtain a substitute on your own. Thank you.

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 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:

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.

2024 Food Collected for \$1.70/POUND
Food Pantry by TCC

<u>Month</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
January	154	\$261.80
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2024 Total:	154	\$261.80

^ reported by Rich Sauzedde.

COMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES!

MUSIC COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee Members: Diane Pratt, Sandi Ehmer, Betsy Dixie

Next Meeting: Monday, February 5, 2024 at 6:30pm.

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 13

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: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6pm

Trustee of the Month 2024

January 2024 - Eric Armbruster

February 2024 - Tom Zalaski

March 2024 - 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, Alex Morrell, Lisa Dixey

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

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 25, 2024

Next Deacons Potluck: Thursday, June 13, 2024

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): typically, the 4th Wednesday of the Month at 6pm in the Chapel.

Next Meeting: February 28, 2024 at 6pm in the Chapel.

BINGO

DATES 2024

January	20, 2024
February	17, 2024
March	16, 2024
April	20, 2024
May	18, 2024
June	15, 2024
July	20, 2024
August	17, 2024
September	21, 2024
October	19, 2024



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

Tentative Schedule of Events for 2024

Dinners at Gosinski Park will resume once the Community Room is open for use.

January - Submission for Annual Report, Budget review

February - Dinner at Eli Terry – February 24

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 – Ice Cream at Eli Terry

July - no events

August - Back to School - Town Human Resources

September – no events

October – Dinner at Gosinski Park

November – 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

KIVA UPDATE

Supporting 16 open loans - total of 153 supported - \$3,860 loaned

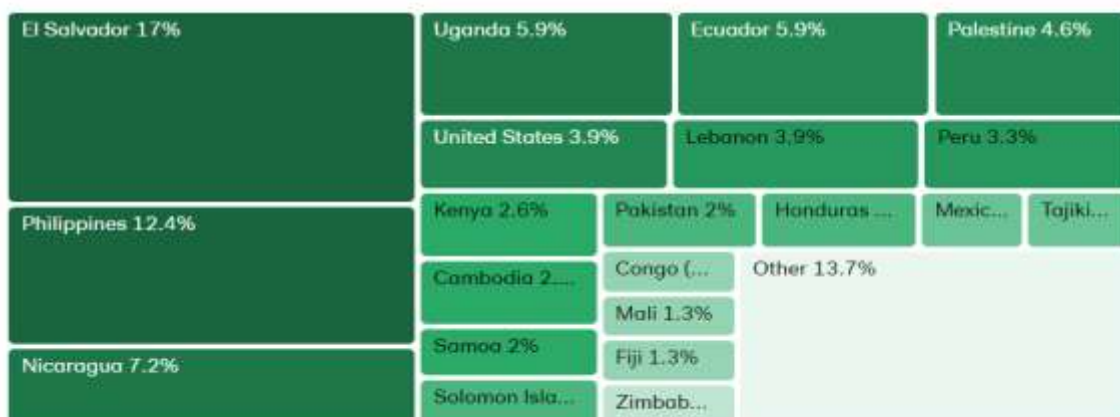
No loans were paid in full and there was not enough funding from repayments to support a new loan (current balance - \$23.38).

Our Kiva Accounts over the years

Presented below are the locations and sectors supported by the Terryville Congregational Church Kiva account.

Portfolio distribution

Location Gender Sector Lending partner



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Agriculture	20.92%	Personal Use	2.61%
Food	15.69%	Manufacturing	2.61%
Retail	13.73%	Health	1.96%
Services	11.11%	Construction	1.96%
Education	9.80%	Transportation	1.96%
Clothing	6.54%	Entertainment	0.65%
Housing	6.54%	Wholesale	0.65%
Arts	3.27%		

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 reach out!

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 the **3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT**
TIME: 1p.m.

(light refreshments served)

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

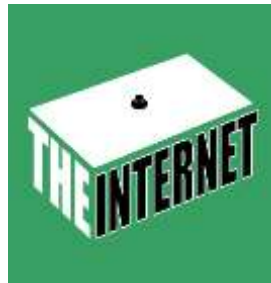
SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR PER COST OF WINDOWS: We would like to suggest to anyone who would like to, to donate whatever amount they feel they can to go toward payment of a new window. The cost per window is \$400, but a partial donation would be fine. We would like to put name plates under each window that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

Our next newsletter will be in March 2024. Special announcements, articles or events provided by February 23, 2024, will be published in the *March, 2024* 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