

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

2024

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]

March 3, 2024	1. Brenda Conners (SU) 2. Phil Armbruster (SU) 3. Robert Grosof (CU) 4. Rich Sauzedde (CU)
March 10, 2024	1. Susan Kozikowski 2. Brenda Conners
March 17, 2024	1. George Wartonick 2. Gail Beale
March 24, 2024	1. Phil Armbruster 2. Pam Kamens
March 31, 2024	1. Janet Waldron 2. Wayne Waldron
April 7, 2024	1. Curt Wilbanks (SU) 2. Mary Alice Wilbanks (SU) 3. Russ Wagoner (CU) 4. Alex Morrell (CU)

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

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

April 7 – Tom Zalaski
April 14 – Paula Anderson
April 21 – Alison Reed
April 28 – Peggy Witecy

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., Scott Scholl, Alex Morrell, Lisa Dixie, Rebecca Trelli

Music Committee – Diane Pratt, Sandi Ehmer, Betsy Dixie

Christian Education Committee – Robin Bilodeau, Cari Vieira, AJ Hawes

***Business Group Leader – Jake Armbruster**

Finance Committee – Ron Benson, Wayne Harnish, Paula Anderson, Bob Grosf

Trustees Committee – Eric Armbruster, Dave Morrell, Tom Zalaski

***Service Group Leader – Crista Furtado**

Outreach Committee – Crista Furtado, Carol Barbieri, Heather Noccio, Leif Erikson

Communications Committee – Samantha Lowd, Church Secretary, Committee Event Members/Volunteers

Clerk – Samantha Lowd

***Church Council Members**

Update: February 18, 2024

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

Plymouth Community Food Pantry

Most Needed Items (plymouthfoodpantry.org:

Cereal & Oatmeal
Pancake mix
Pasta
Canned fruit
Baked Beans
Coffee
Soup
Syrup
Ensure/Boost
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

Canned ravioli/SpaghettiOs
Macaroni & Cheese
Spaghetti
Applesauce
Boxed Potatoes
Tomato Paste
Tea
Nutritional Drinks
Glucose Control

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	^239	\$406.30
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2024 Total:	393	\$668.10

^ reported by Rich Sauzedde.

COMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES!

MUSIC COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee Members: Diane Pratt, Sandi Ehmer, Betsy Dixie

Next Meeting: Contact a member for the date of the next meeting.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee Members: Carol Barbieri, Crista Furtado, Heather Nuccio, Leif Erikson

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, March 5, 2024 at 6pm

March 2024 - Jake Armbruster

April 2024 - Tom Zalaski

May 2024 - Jake Armbruster

CE NEWS

Committee Members: Robin Bilodeau, Cari Vieira, A.J. Hawes

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., Scott Scholl, Alex Morrell, Lisa Dixey, Rebecca Trelli

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

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 17, 2024

Next Deacons Potluck: Thursday, June 13, 2024

FINANCE NEWS

Committee Members: Ron Benson, Wayne Harnish, Paula Anderson, Robert Grosf

Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): Contact a member of the committee for the next meeting date.

COUNCIL MEETING

Council Members: Gerald Wunsch, Barbara Benson, Jim Hannon, Sandra Kamens, Rich Sauzedde, Jake Armbruster, Crista Furtado

Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): typically, the 4th Wednesday of the Month at 6pm in the Chapel.

Next Meeting: March 27, 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, Heather Nuccio, Leif Erickson, Crista Furtado

Donation was made to support –

Terryville High School Parent Teacher Student Association Project Graduation – The PTSA is committed to providing a drug and alcohol free celebration for all Seniors on graduation night at no cost to students, parents or families.

Dinner

On February 24, Eli Terry residents enjoyed a great time of food and fellowship. We also celebrated Dickie Zalaski and all she does for the residents. Thanks to all who participated in making this a fun time.

We will be planning a dinner for residents at Gosinski Park in March.

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
- ✓ Donation to Terryville High School After Grad

March - Dinner at Gosinski Park - Donation to Community Garden

April - Dinner at Eli Terry

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



Supporting 18 open loans - total of 155 supported - \$3,910 loaned

Paid in Full

Mui - Samoa - Farming

Mui is 39 years old with six children. She operates a business selling kava in the community to earn a living. She has been doing this for more than two years. Mui requested a loan to buy kava roots, hand gloves, a wheelbarrow, water tank, rake, shovel and chainsaw to assist her in running the business. Mui hopes to use her business profits to expand her business in the future.

New Loans

Isidra - Phillipines – General Store

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

Isidra is 72 years old and married with six children. She has a general store business in the Philippines and has requested a loan through NWTf to buy additional items like canned goods, chips, and personal care products to sell in her store. Isidra aspires to save enough to secure the future of her family.

This loan is facilitated by Kiva's lending partner, NTFW – Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation. Lending partners are local organizations working in communities to vet borrowers, provide services and administer loans on the ground.

Malena's Group - Managua, Nicaragua – Clothing Sales

This loan is special because it empowers women through community support and financial training.

Malena's Group is a community association from Managua, Nicaragua, made up of women who stand out for being responsible and hard working. Most of their businesses are in sales of Nicaraguan tamales, food, and clothing.

Olga Tatiana is 23 years old, single, considers herself a responsible and hard-working person, and is the secretary of the group. She has a three-year-old daughter who goes to preschool and nine people who live in her house. Her business, which she has had for two years, is in sales of clothing, shoes, and accessories for women. What she likes about her business is offering her products to her customers. The biggest challenge she has faced in her business is her customers putting products on their tab and not paying. She will use the loan to invest in the purchase of t-shirts, uniform skirts, shoes, and bags. This loan will help her grow her business to become self-reliant. Her dreams and hopes for the future are to continue with her own business, finish college, and move forward.

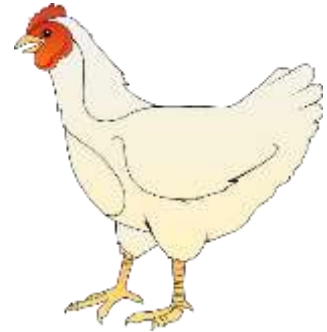
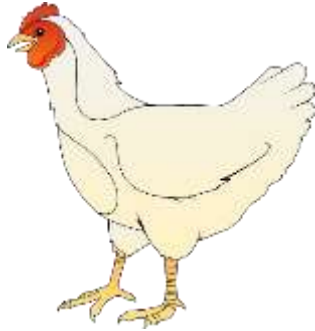
If you are interested in more information on Kiva visit their website at [Kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org), view our lender page at <http://www.kiva.org/lender/terryvillecongregati3466> or if you would like to help in deciding our next loan recipient, please reach out!

Crista and Justin Furtado

Terryville Congregational Church

233 Main Street
Terryville, Connecticut
Office (860) 589-0182 (10-2pm/M-F)

Chicken Barbecue Dinner



March 9TH 2024



TAKE OUT or SIT DOWN



Half (1/2) Chicken Dinner , Baked Potato, Beans,
Cole Slaw, Roll (from Harvest Bakery) & Slice of *Homemade*
Apple  Pie

Cost: Half (1/2) Chicken Dinner...\$20

Takeout: 4pm to 6pm

Sit Down: 5pm to 6pm

Tickets may be purchased by contacting the church office
at (860) 589-0182 between 10-2pm M-F or by calling
Jake Armbruster (cell 860-681-1837)



Proceeds benefit the work of the church.

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 April 2024. Special announcements, articles or events provided by March 25, 2024, will be published in the *April, 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**