

TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

With the month of May comes many things for which to be thankful. What a beautifully full and rich month!

Here's a summary:

National Day of Prayer May 2 (service at 12pm on our church front lawn)

One of my dear friend's daughter is getting married (I'm presiding, in Simsbury) May 4

New Members will join our church on May 5!

My oldest (1st born) niece is graduating from college, and I'm planning to attend - May 11 in Ohio

Mother's Day on May 12

Bingo on May 18

We will celebrate the gift of the Sacrament of Baptism on May 19!

Mission Trip meetings on May 5 and May 19 (trip is coming soon, June 22-30!)

Memorial Day weekend (May 25-27) which will include our tradition of outside ecumenical worship on the Plymouth Green on May 26

And last but not least... spring weather! As the weather improves, it is such a gift from God to be outside and experience the beauty of God's creation.

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

With Christian Love,
Rev Zack

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WEEKLY CHURCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

Date:	*In- Person Attendees:	Online Attendance:	Notes:	Collection (offering)
Sunday, April 7	62	231	Communion	\$2,624
Sunday, April 14	68	172		\$1,379
Sunday, April 21	78	154		\$979
Sunday, April 28	75	149		\$1,555.11

*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 – **23** Donated in the Month of APRIL 2024



Thank you to Donna McHenry for this months donations!

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!

Vice Moderator Moment with Barbara Benson

As someone whom was raised Catholic, I was taught that we should make sacrifices and give up something we love during the Lenten season. Truth be told, I rarely saw that commitment through. I now have a completely different view of what the Lenten season means to me. During that time, I take longer moments with my Lord and myself. This past season, I started to watch “The Chosen”. The story of Jesus’s ministry and his relationships with the apostles. It has reminded me to open my heart and remember that “all are welcome at the Lord’s table”. The state of the country seems to be causing more anxiety and fear. We are struggling to take the time and be kind to each other. I was speaking with Reverand Zack about this and expressed to him that I wished we had some kind of outline for how we treat each other in our church. He reminded me that we do have a behavioral covenant and gave me a copy. You may have noticed that I hung one on Reverand Zack’s office door and I also hung one on the Committee board in the social hall. I wanted to write a little something and add it to this month’s newsletter. I am hoping you take a moment to read through this covenant and gain some form of positive spirit as I have. I thank you for your time and wish many blessings.

(see “Behavior Covenant” on page 19)

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



PRAYER LIST

Emery Austin, Karen Reilly, Dickie Zalaski, Roberta Layton, Rae Barry, Buddy Hawes, "Skip" Vaino Skarp, Gail Foote, Marian McLam, Lowd Family, Lawton Wood, Betsy Caswell, June Lozewski, Lee Grela, Wayne Kamens, Janet Waldron, Dacey Pratt, Jean Mariano.

Friends and Family: Sue Prime (friend of Roseann & Jim Hannon), Mark Tompkins (Dickie Zalaski's son), George Badey (Barbara Benson's father), Tatem Derosier (family friend of Tracy Fitzpatrick), 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), 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), 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 (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), Denise O'Donnell (Grandview, New Britain), 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 \$351.69. 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 April 2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Dick & Gail Foote	4/1	Anniversary
Bob Brown	4/2	Birthday
Eric Armbruster	4/3	58 th Birthday
Susan Kozikowski	4/4	85 th Birthday
George Wartonick	4/5	Birthday
Kelsey Kozikowski	4/8	Birthday
Holden Waldron	4/8	11 th Birthday
Sharon Paradis	4/10	Birthday
Tyler Hawes	4/15	Birthday
Kaitlyn Armbruster Ferrucci	4/17	Birthday
Crista Furtado	4/19	Birthday
Dave Morrell	4/19	Birthday
Charlie Bilodeau	4/20	9 th Birthday
Melissa Mabe	4/20	Birthday
Tom Zalaski	4/24	Birthday

My Mother Kept a Garden:

My Mother kept a garden,
A garden of the heart.
She planted all the good things
That gave my life its start.
She turned me to the sunshine
And encouraged me to dream.
Fostering and nurturing
The seeds of self-esteem.
And when the winds and rain came,
She protected me enough.
But not too much because she knew
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.
Her constant good example
Always taught me right from wrong.
Markers for my pathway
That will last a lifetime long.
I am my Mother's garden.
I am her legacy.
And I hope today she feels the love
Reflected back from me.

—Unknown

(source of poem: <https://www.realsimple.com/holidays-entertaining/holidays/mothers-day/mothers-day-poems>)

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.

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!!!!

<u>Coffee Hour 2024</u>		
<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]

May 5, 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pam Kamens (SU)2. Ray Zalaski (SU)3. Holly Zemak (CU)4. Alex Morrell (CU)
May 12, 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Curt Wilbanks2. Mary-Alice Wilbanks
May 19, 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kurt Link2. Jane Link
May 26, 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Joanne Keenan2. Charlotte Audet

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

May 5 – Joy Armbruster
May 12 – Wayne Harnish
May 19 – Hedy Kelley
May 26 – Diane Pratt

June 2 – Bob Grosf
June 9 – George Wartonick
June 16 – Russ Wagoner
June 23 – Pam Kamens
June 30 – Roseann Hannon

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:	Ron Benson
Safe Conduct Advocate:	Vacant
Personnel Committee:	1. Donna Wunsch 2. Holly Zemak 3. Vacant
Church Historian:	Millie Perry
Historical Committee:	1. Dick Foote 2. Donna Wunsch 3.

Updated: April 24, 2024

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	^239	\$406.30
March	^552	\$938.40
April	^369	\$627.30
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2024 Total:	1,314	\$2,233.80

^ reported by Rich Sauzedde.

COMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES!

(copies of council & committee minutes are available in the social hall on the table under the events bulletin board)

MUSIC COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee Members: Diane Pratt, Sandi Ehmer, Betsy Dixie

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

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 14

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee Members: Eric Armbruster, Dave Morrell, Tom Zalaski

Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): 1st or 2nd Sunday of the Each at Coffee Hour (no meetings in July or August with some exceptions, see below)

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

May 2024 - Jake Armbruster

June 2024 - Ray Zalaski Jr.

July 2024 - Eric 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 Trelly

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

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 19, 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: May 22, 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

A thank you was received from Terryville High School Project Graduation to thank us for our donation to the **Celebrate Graduation... Celebrate Life** all night drug, alcohol and substance-free celebration for the Class of 2024.

Beginning your Spring cleaning? Please think of “treasures” to donate to **June Fair Tag Sale**.

Thanks to everyone who has inquired about helping with the tag sale. We will be having a meeting after church to discuss the schedule for accepting donations, setting up for the fair and support on the day of the fair.

ITEMS NEEDED

Items that are clean and in good condition such as glassware, books, puzzles, children’s toys

Anything you no longer use or need that could be someone else’s treasure

EXCEPTIONS

No clothes, stuffed animals or anything bigger than will fit in a car trunk

Dinners

Our next dinners will be in May for the residents of Gosinski Park on May 11 and Eli Terry on May 25.

Outreach Committee happenings for 2024

January

- ✓ Submission for Annual Report, Budget review

February

- ✓ Dinner at Eli Terry – February 24
- ✓ Donation to Terryville High School After Grad

March

- ✓ Donation to Patti from Patti’s Place
- ✓ Donation to Community Garden

April

May - Dinner at Gosinski Park and Eli Terry

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 15 open loans - total of 157 supported - \$3,960 loaned

Paid in Full

Yosef - Palestine - Sewing and sales

Yosef is a hardworking young man who tries his utmost to help his family live a decent life. He is a 23-year-old refugee who lives with his family in Tulkarem in the West Bank. Yosef works in sewing and sews beautiful clothes to sell to the customers upon request. This is his only source of income. Yosef requested a loan to buy a sewing machine, yarn, silk, and fabrics for his work. Our hope is the new sewing machine and materials will increase his production and enhance his income.

Amy - Solomon Islands - Farming

Amy is a 45-year-old woman who is married and has five children. She and her family live in the rural community of Papangu, which is outside of Honiara, the capital of the Solomon Islands. Amy has a small retail business selling vegetables and fruits at the market so that she can earn a living. She has been in this business for 10 years. Amy requested a loan to buy a wheelbarrow, sprayers, and fertilizers, as well as pay for labor so that she can continue her business. She will use her profits to meet her family's financial needs and grow her business.

New Loans

Kalena - Samoa - Farming (Banana, Taro)

Kalena is 28 years old with two children. She operates a business selling bananas and taro in her community to earn a living. Taro root is a starchy root vegetable originally cultivated in Asia but now enjoyed around the world. It has brown outer skin and white flesh with purple specks throughout. When cooked, it has a mildly sweet taste and a texture similar to potato. Kalena has requested a loan to buy banana tubes, taro roots, a wheelbarrow, a water tank, hand gloves, a rake, a shovel, and chemicals to assist her in running the business. She hopes to use her profits to expand her business.

This loan supports financially marginalized women in Samoa with credit to help them establish businesses and improve their livelihoods. In addition to facilitating this loan, South Pacific Lending Partners provides financial literacy training to help borrowers better understand their income and expenses and offers market specific guidance throughout the loan period. Kalena will be empowered with the credit and education needed to grow her business.

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

Touring the Moon at the Heavens Above Observatory



Image Data: A highly detailed image of the lunar Apennines mountains and the crater Archimedes. Imaged with the observatory's 10-inch telescope.

Come join the fun of a tour of our moon closeup. We will observe the moon visually using a 4-inch-high Quality telescope and observe the moon using the large 10-inch telescope with a video camera attached and study in detail craters, mountains, valleys, and strange cracks on the surface called rills, all on a full screen where we can "walk" around the lunar surface and see named craters and other features. Some lunar history will also be presented, centering on the observers of the 1800's who made hand drawn maps of the moon which will be explained. All are welcome and I encourage you to bring young children who show an interest in science, but all students are welcome. Sometimes a new journey is started with that first look through an astronomical telescope.

We are setting the date of Friday May 17th with a cloud out date of Saturday May 18th. We will start at dusk as the moon is bright enough to observe even before it gets completely dark. Remember as we move closer to late spring it does get dark a little later. Our trustees worked hard to build this observatory, so we can enjoy the mysteries of the night sky. Come join in on the fun.

Jim Hannon
Heavens Above Observatory

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

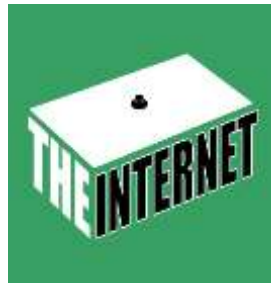
SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR PER COST OF WINDOWS: We would like to suggest to anyone who would like to, to donate whatever amount they feel they can to go toward payment of a new window. The cost per window is \$400, but a partial donation would be fine. We would like to put name plates under each window that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

Our next newsletter will be in June 2024. Special announcements, articles or events provided by May 24, 2024, will be published in the *June, 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

A “BEHAVIORAL COVENANT”

A covenant is a set of promises, vows we make to each other and to God as a community of faith. We believe that we, together, are the body of Christ, and our unity as a congregation is important. Therefore, we believe it is essential to cooperate with each other in a spirit of good will, putting the needs of others and the welfare of our Church community before our own. In order to encourage each other to have the courage to “speak the truth in love” for the greater good of the church rather than individual interests, we seek to create an atmosphere of trust, openness, and Christian fellowship and commit to the following as part of our covenant together:

- We will first speak directly to any person with whom we have a problem before complaining to another – stopping harmful gossip and rumor should be our priority. Included in this is our use of phone calls and emails – phone calls and emails will be used in constructive ways, such as for the sharing of committee minutes, but will not be used for gossip.
- We will listen to others with respect using active listening (Use “I” statements, maintain eye contact, try to understand the other person’s intentions, ask clarifying questions when needed, and listen from the heart).
- We will affirm and validate a person’s ideas before stating something negative, accentuate the positive in what the other is saying.
- We will demonstrate openness and honesty with each other, acknowledging our own feelings and sharing them honestly and in the first person, instead of keeping “secrets”.
- We will strive to understand another person’s point of view with sensitivity.
- We will speak from the facts (“direct observable data”). Sticking to what we know to be true.
- We will not air disagreements outside this body, nor engage in any attempts to enflame our personal disagreements by drawing others into them, splintering our unity, or urging others to “pick sides”.
- We will work towards solving problems as they occur using a four-step process (Understand the facts, share desired outcomes, generate creative options and commit to action).
- We will hold others and ourselves accountable if our words and actions do not exemplify covenant behavior--- unacceptable behaviors that are the opposite of those described here---each of us is responsible for keeping the covenant.
- We will forgive each other and ourselves when we break this covenant, allowing others to take a “time out” and giving each of our members the opportunity to learn and try again.