

TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



Church Office

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

February is here! I wonder if we'll get any more snow?

In the time I've lived in Connecticut (25 years now), I do not remember a year where we've gotten so little snow. Perhaps February will bring us some?!

Here's a snapshot of what's happening this month:

Worship & Sunday school & Confirmation Class every Sunday

Bible Study Mondays at 1pm

Dean Martin/Frank Sinatra Valentines Dinner February 8

BINGO February 15

Mission Trip Meeting February 23 at 2pm at Avon Cong. Church (Mission Trip will be Aug 2-7)

And soon into March we have:

Ash Wednesday March 5 - we begin the Season of Lent

Chicken BBQ Dinner March 8

Lenten Lunches begin March 11 (and continue every Tuesday in Lent)

As we travel through these cold days, be reminded of the warmth of God. May God embrace you and call you into a life of service and love. And as we often affectionately like to say, "See ya in church!"

With Christian Love,

Rev Zack

WEEKLY CHURCH COLLECTION

Date:	*In- Person Attendees:	Online Attendance:	Notes:	Collection (offering)
Sunday, January 5	83	771	Communion	\$3,481
Sunday, January 12	77	515		\$1,764
Sunday, January 19	61	430		\$1,118
Sunday, January 26	85	413		\$5,971

PRAYER SHAWLS – 3 Donated in the Month of January 2025

Knitters & Crocheters: just a reminder we are always in need of prayer shawls

Please contact the Church Office with any questions.

Hour: Monday – Friday, 10am - 2pm

Thank you to all knitters & crocheters past, present, & future!



FLOWER DONATIONS FOR THE ALTAR



If you would like to donate flowers to beautify our altar in someone's memory, in honor of, or to congratulate someone on any given Sunday, please contact the church office and give your information to the Secretary.

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The Annual meeting of the Congregation has been postponed by (1) month. The new date is Sunday, March 16, 2025 after church services (snow date: Sunday, March 23, 2025).

Special Events to Celebrated in January 2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Carol Barbieri	1/3	Birthday
Sue Zalaski	1/5	Birthday
Wayne Krampitz	1/6	Birthday
Donna Wunsch	1/7	Birthday
Andrew Hawes	1/12	Birthday
Tyler Speir	1/12	Birthday
Gail Beale	1/13	Birthday
Brian Waldron	1/16	Birthday
Herman Armbruster	1/18	Birthday
Robin Bilodeau	1/20	Birthday
Hadley Waldron	1/22	Birthday
(daughter of Brian Waldron)		
Jeannie Zalaski	1/30	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.

*Thank you to all who volunteered to help at the funeral for Roland Anderson.
Whether it be in the parking lot, the kitchen, the dining area, or the sanctuary.
Much appreciated!*

The Anderson Family

BOY SCOUT TROOP 75

ZITI DINNER AT TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

TICKETS: \$15 – SEE A SCOUT MEMBER FOR TICKETS OR CONTACT
DIANE GORE



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OUR PRAYERS GO TO



PRAYER LIST

Family & Friends of Marion McLam. Marion entered eternal life on January 25. Memorial Service will be May 3.

Family & Friends of Jackie Fox. Jackie entered eternal life January 16.

Joan Luba, Ann Krampitz, Lois Douyard (Apple of Avon), Eleanor Shinglar, Gail Foote, Karen Reilly, Roberta Layton, Buddy Hawes, “Skip” Vaino Skarp, Lowd Family, Lawton Wood, Betsy Caswell, June Lozewski, Lee Grela, Wayne Kamens, Janet Waldron, Dacey Pratt, Jean Mariano.

Friends and Family: Family & Friends of David Hanscom (Lisa’s Reeks Father). David entered eternal life on January 30th, James Nodine Jr. (Jennifer Zalaski’s Brother), Becky Sears (Jerry & Donna Wunsch’s niece), Heather Defosses (Ruth Guay’s daughter), Terrance Hannon (Jim & Roseann Hannon’s son), Mark Tompkins (Dickie Zalaski’s son), Damien Howell (grandson of Toby & Ester (Atwood) Vega), Shirlene Nordgren (Aunt of Tracy Fitzpatrick), Kristine Hodline (Diane Pratt’s sister), Laurie Founk (Millie Perry’s daughter), Sue Prime (friend of Rosann & Jim Hannon), 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), Ricky Fellows (friend of the Benson family), Gloria Waskey (friend of Rachel Reynolds), Steve LaFreniere (Larry LaFreniere’s brother), Arianna Rocinetti (Jim & Roseann Hannon’s great granddaughter), Dave and Marie John (friends of Terri Faragher), Randy Wagoner (brother of Russ Wagoner), Carmela Heuschkel (Pam Eggleston’s mother), Carole Kozikowski (Curt & Mary-Alice Wilbanks’ daughter). **Nursing Facility/Assisted Living/Independent Living/Home:** Denise O’Donnell (Grandview, New Britain), Bill Hawes (Sheriden Woods), Juney Cushman (Farmington Station), Doris Bondeson (Brandywine, Litchfield), 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 \$653.58. Thank you to everyone for continuing to support our military!

Have you ever considered being a Living organ donor?

Learn more about living organ donation for: **Kenneth Carattini**

Contact for More Information:

Center for Living Organ Donors

Yale New Haven Transplantation Center

Call: 866-925-3897

Ynhh.org/organdonation

An adult can be considered for living kidney or liver donation at the Center for Living Organ Donors, Yale New Haven Transplantation Center. Living organ donors express great satisfaction in saving the life of another human being.

Shared by: *Rebecca & Stefanie Trelli*

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

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 2, 2025	1. Brenda Conners (SU) 2. Alex Morrell (SU) 3. Jean Goodwin (CU) 4. Rich Sauzedde (CU)
February 9, 2025	1. Jean Goodwin 2. George Wartonick
February 16, 2025	1. Roseann Hannon 2. Jim Hannon
February 23, 2025	1. Andrea Armbruster 2. Herman Armbruster
March 2, 2025	1. Holly Zemak (SU) 2. Scott Scholl (SU) 3. Lisa Spier (CU) 4. Joy Armbruster (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

February 2 – Peggy Witocy
February 9 – Charlotte Audet
February 16 – Alison Reed
February 23 – Hedy Kelley

March 2 – George Wartonick
March 9 – Tom Zalaski
March 16 – Russ Wagoner
March 23 – Pam Kamens
March 30 – Dick Foote

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 Grosz

Trustees Committee – Eric Armbruster, Dave Morrell, Tom Zalaski

Communications Committee – Committee Event Members/Volunteers

***Service Group Leader – Crista Furtado**

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

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

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.
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2025 Food Collected for \$1.70/POUND
Food Pantry by TCC

<u>Month</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
January	305	\$518.50
2025 Total:	305	\$518.50

^ reported by Rich Sauzedde & includes produce grown in the community garden.

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: Monday, February 3, 2025 at 6pm – Please contact a member of the committee for the location.

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 12.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee Members: Tom Zalaski, Eric Armbruster, Dave Morrell,

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

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

February 2025 - Eric Armbruster

March 2025 - Alex Morrell

April 2025 - Tom Zalaski

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, February 16, 2025.

Next Deacons Potluck: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 6pm in the Activity Room

FINANCE NEWS

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

Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): Please 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: February 26, 2025 at 6pm in the Chapel.

Outreach Committee News



Outreach Committee: Carol Barbieri, Heather Nuccio, Leif Erickson, Crista Furtado

Outreach Committee happenings for 2025

January

- Submission for Annual Report, Budget review

February

- Donation to Terryville High School After Grad

March

- Donation to Community Garden

April

- Dinner at Gosinski Park

May

- Dinner at Eli Terry

June

- June Fair Tag Sale
- Coffee hour

August

- Dinner at Gosinski Park
- Back to School - Town Human Resources

October

- Dinner at Eli Terry

November

- Help with Christmas Past Room
- Dinner at Gosinski Park
- Food donation to Food Pantry (Thanksgiving)
- Christmas gifts for veterans at Rocky Hill Medical Facility
- Small Wonders Holiday Program – gifts for children

December

- Christmas Party Dinner at Eli Terry
- Donation to Simply Smiles

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 15 open loans - total of 167 supported - \$4,210 loaned

There were no new loans or full loan repayments this month.

Here's is a view into our lending



You've lent to

Albania	Armenia
Bolivia	Cambodia
Colombia	Congo (DRC)
Costa Rica	Ecuador
El Salvador	Fiji
Georgia	Ghana
Guatemala	Haiti
Honduras	India
Indonesia	Jordan
Kenya	Lebanon
Mali	Mexico
Mongolia	Mozambique
Nicaragua	Pakistan
Palestine	Panama
Paraguay	Peru
Philippines	Rwanda
Samoa	Senegal
Sierra Leone	Solomon Islands
Tajikistan	Thailand
Timor-Leste	Uganda
United States	Vanuatu
Vietnam	Zimbabwe

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 reach out!

Crista and Justin Furtado



Tribute to Dean Martin & Frank Sinatra Show

as performed by: Jack Lynn & Steve Kazlauskas

Terryville Congregational Church
233 Main St
Terryville, CT 06786
860-589-0182

25/25/50
PASTEL



SOLD OUT! SOLD OUT! SOLD OUT!


Pasta Dinner
\$18 per person
(dine-in only)



No Walk-Ins


February 8th
6-8:00 PM

FREE PIANO AT ELI TERRY

*If you are interested, please contact the Terryville Congregational Church Office for more information
(860) 589-0182*





VALENTINES DINNER DANCE



**Profits raised go to the Relay for Life
Plainville-Bristol-Southington Teams**

Anything Is Possible & Patty's Pride.

Tickets: \$40 per person includes

Buffet Dinner, Dessert, Coffee & DJ

Cash Bar & Raffles

Saturday, February 15, 2025

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The Manor Inn Restaurant

1636 Meridan-Waterbury Turnpike

Plantville, CT

TICKETS SELL QUICKLY GET YOURS NOW

CONTACT LUISA GLADU @ 860-869-6734

ANGIE KARAL @ 860-913-9654

SUSANNA SESTO @860-830-4505

***Make checks payable to Luisa Gladu and in Memo
Section: Valentines Relay Fundraiser***



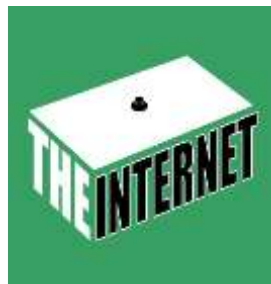
SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR PER COST OF WINDOWS: We would like to suggest to anyone who would like to, to donate whatever amount they feel they can to go toward payment of a new window. The cost per window is \$400, but a partial donation would be fine. We would like to put name plates under each window that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

Our next newsletter will be in March 2025. Special announcements, articles or events provided by February 24, 2025, will be published in the *March 2025* 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.