

TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

What a summer it has been!

Church June Fair was great, as always!

Vacation Bible School was our best year since before Covid!

The mission trip saw 33 people go (19 of which were youth!) to help people in need in western Maine! Our shared summer services with Plymouth were a joy! And the Terryville Fair was awesome, of course! And on August 24 I moved my oldest, Josh, into Fordham University down in Bronx, NY for his first year of college! On top of all of this, August also marked the beginning of my 21st year with our church. All praise be to God!

Sunday school and Confirmation Class will resume September 14. On September 21, we are having a Back to Church After Summer Event which will be an outside worship service (at 11am on the Plymouth Green) followed by a luncheon with hot dogs, hamburgers, sides and desserts. All are welcome! You can bring a side or a dessert to share, or just show up and enjoy! We have done the picnic for the past two years and they were wonderful, and this year is our first year also adding an outside worship service to the event. Rain date is September 28.

It is also time for me to announce that - believe it or not - I am eligible for a Sabbatical in 2026. Sabbaticals are four months of rest after every 8 years of service, and my last one was 2017. (If you're doing the math, technically I should have taken my first Sabbatical in the years 2014-2015 since I started at our church in 2005; that didn't happen because at the time I was trying to apply for grant money so that I could travel overseas during the Sabbatical. I waited and waited to find out about the grant. Unfortunately, I did not receive the grant -it is very competitive, as you can imagine. So my first Sabbatical ended up being summers of 2016-2017).

My plan is to approach this next Sabbatical the same way I did last time which was, instead of taking four consecutive months in a row, taking two months (summer months) two years in a row. This worked well last time because summer tends to be a lighter time in our parish. What this means is that July and August of both 2026 and 2027 will be my Sabbatical time. This should work quite well in the sense that we are already joined together with the Plymouth church for services in July and August. I have already spoken with Pastor Denise from Plymouth and she has agreed to handle any pastoral emergencies while I am away. I will talk more about the Sabbatical as it approaches, but I want to announce it now so that everyone is well prepared.

Now, onto this coming academic and program year! What dreams do you have for our church in this upcoming program year? Last year, our church consultant stressed that we be present at as many town and community events as possible. We did that, and we will certainly continue to do that. What other dreams do you have? What prayers do you have? We have a team of people from both Plymouth and our church who have been meeting regularly to informally discuss a shared future together; those talks will continue as well. What other dreams? Hopes? Prayers? In a day and age when many churches are struggling, our church continues to have consistent attendance. However, our budget is not met because our pledges do not cover the expenses of our church. Fundraisers help, but again - we remain in a deficit. Has God placed anything on your heart that might help your church? Let's all pray and dream big and do what we can for our beloved TCC.

With God's Love,
Rev Zack

WEEKLY CHURCH COLLECTION

Date:	*In-Person Attendees:	Online Attendance:	Notes:	Collection (offering)
Sunday, June 1	84		Communion	\$2,613
Sunday, June 8	58			\$1,587
Sunday, June 15	61			\$1,161
Sunday, June 22	50			\$1,037
Sunday, June 29	67			\$976
Sunday, July 6			Communion	\$1,735.77
Sunday, July 13				\$1,268
Sunday, July 20	57			\$994
Sunday, July 27	51			\$505
Sunday, August 3	At Plymouth		Communion	\$1,351
Sunday, August 10	At Plymouth	499		\$645
Sunday, August 17	At Plymouth	396		\$1,070
Sunday, August 24	At Plymouth	396		\$1130
Sunday, August 31	At Plymouth	447		\$622

PRAYER SHAWLS – 24 Donated in the Months of June, July, & August 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!

Special Events to Celebrated in June, July, & August 2025

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Kurt Link	June 2	Birthday
Ellen Hotchkiss	June 2	Birthday
Ada (Hedy Kelley's grand-daughter)	June 3	Born
Rev. Zack	June 8	22nd Ordination
Rev. Zack	June 10	19 th Wedding Anniversary
Nico Ferrucci	June 11	11 th Birthday
Herman & Andrea Armbruster	June 15	40 th Wedding Anniversary
Happy Father's Day!	June 15	Celebrate Fathers
Makenna Jaques	June 17	17 th Birthday
Diane Gore	June 20	Birthday
Landon Brinker Waldron	June 26	Birthday
Anne & Wayne Krampitz	June 28	45 th Wedding Anniversary
Gloria Velez	June 29	Baptism
Joan Luba	June 30	Birthday
Greg Armbruster	July 6	Birthday
Sandy Kamens	July 7	Birthday
Jerry Wunsch	July 10	76 th Birthday
Brooke & Kenz	July 12	14 th Birthday
Janet L. Waldron	July 13	Birthday
Debby Grosof	July 17	Birthday
Jeremy Link	July 18	Birthday
AJ Hawes	July 21	19 th Birthday
Brady Waldron	July 21	Birthday
Roseann Hannon	July 23	Birthday
Rich Sauzedde	July 23	Birthday
Sean Link	July 26	Birthday
Kyle Zalaski	July 27	40 th Birthday
Norm Luba	July 27	Birthday
Michael Furtado	July 30	31 st Birthday
Ray & Jeannie Zalaski	July 31	49 th Wedding Anniversary
Norm & Joan Luba	August 4	67 th Wedding Anniversary
Mike & Courtney Bragg	August 6	9 th Anniversary
Sadie Vieira	August 6	5 th Birthday
Larry LaFreniere	August 6	Birthday
Mary-Alice Wilbanks	August 6	Birthday
Luisa Gladu	August 14	Birthday
Sylvia LaFreniere	August 15	Birthday
Wayne Kamens	August 15	Birthday
Wayne Waldron	August 15	Birthday
Krystal Pierce	August 17	Baptism
Gary Gladu	August 19	Birthday
Gary & Luisa Gladu	August 20	31 st Wedding Anniversary
Zach Harnish	August 30	Birthday
Naya Bilodeau	August 31	13 th 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.

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



PRAYER LIST

Joan Luba, Millie Perry, The Mathe's Family – Richard Mathes Jr. enter eternal life on July 26, Karen Reilly (Village Manor), Diane Pratt, Roseann Hannon, Rachel Reynolds (Apple Plainville), Wayne Kamens, Ann Krampitz, Eleanor Shinglar, Gail Foote, Roberta Layton, Buddy Hawes, "Skip" Vaino Skarp, Lowd Family, Lawton Wood, Betsy Caswell, June Lozewski, Lee Grela, Janet Waldron, Dacey Pratt, Jean Mariano.

Friends and Family:

Erica Cabiya (niece of Jerry and Donna Wunsch), Lynda Rideout (Ruth Rideout's daughter), Eugene Seeley (Valerie Manor, Torrington/Millie Perry's Nephew), Catherine Palmer (Karen Reilly's niece), Patty Ososki, James Nodine Jr. (Jennifer Zalaski's Brother), Terrance Hannon (Jim & Roseann Hannon's son), Mark Tompkins (Dickie Zalaski's son), Shirlene Nordgren (Aunt of Tracy Fitzpatrick), Kristine Hodline (Diane Pratt's sister), Laurie Fonck (Millie Perry's daughter), Sue Prime (friend of Rosann & Jim Hannon), Aiden Waldron (grandson of Glenn & Carmel Waldron – friends of Rachel Reynolds), Peter Salerno (Millie Perry's son-in-law), Gloria Waskey (friend of Rachel Reynolds), 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 (The Pines, Bristol), Bill Hawes (Sheriden Woods, Bristol), Juney Cushman (Farmington Station, Farmington), 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 \$,1011.58. 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 2025</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]

Sepetember 7, 2025	1. Rebecca Trelli (SU) 2. Brenda Connors (SU) 3. Russ Wagoner (CU) 4. Larry LaFreniere (CU)
September 14, 2025	1 Jean Goodwin 2. Rich Sauzedde
September 21, 2025	1. Joanne Keenan 2. Charlotte Audet
September 28, 2025	1. Russ Wagoner 2. Lynne Wagoner

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

September 7 – George Wartonick
September 14 – Tom Zalaski
September 21 – Pam Kamens
September 28 – Rebecca Trelli

October 5 – Jean Goodwin
October 12 – Rich Sauzedde
October 19 – Alison Reed
October 26 – Paula Anderson

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, Charlotte Audet

***Spiritual Group Leader – Rich Sauzedde**

Diaconate – Hedy Kelley 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, Vacant

Trustees Committee – Eric Armbruster, Dave Morrell, Tom Zalaski, Alex Morrell

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: March 16, 2025

Council Appointed Positions

By-Laws Manager: Curt Wilbanks

Safe Conduct Advocate: Terese France

Personnel Committee: 1. Donna Wunsch
2. Holly Zemak
3. Vacant

Church Historian: 1. Millie Perry
2. Richard Foote

Updated: March 26, 2025

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.

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

<u>Month</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
January	^305	\$518.50
February	^96	\$163.20
March	^237	\$402.90
April	^153	\$260.10
May	^308	\$523.60
June	^358	\$608.60
July	^472	\$802.40
August	^97	\$164.90
2025 Total:	2,026	\$3,444.20

^ 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: Please contact a member of the committee for the date, time, & location 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 16.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE NEWS

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

September 2025 - Tom Zalaski

October 2025 - Dave Morrell

November 2025 - Phil Armbruster

December 2025 - Alex Morrell

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: Hedy Kelley, 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: See below

Next Deacons Potluck: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 6pm in the Activity Room

FINANCE NEWS

Committee Members: Ron Benson, Wayne Harnish, (1) Vacant

Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 6pm

COUNCIL MEETING

Council Members: Charlotte Audet, Gerald Wunsch, Barbara Benson, Jim Hannon, 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: September 24, 2025

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 or one of our floral volunteers.

Floral Volunteers:

Brenda Conners

Susan Kozikowski

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BINGO

DATES 2025

January 18, 2025

February 15, 2025

March 15, 2025

April 26, 2025

May 17, 2025

June 21, 2025

July 19, 2025

August 16, 2025

September 20, 2025

October 18, 2025

7:00 P.M. Terryville Congregational Church – Doors open 6:00 P.M.

WHO ARE THE TCC CHURCH MICE? A group of volunteers who help with the upkeep and care of the interior of the church and assist with events. The mice are members that typically work quietly under the radar without expectation of recognition. However, if the mice are too quiet, we find that we don't know how much they do. We also need the mice to mentor new incoming mice. Some examples of things that the mice do:

- make baked goods for events
- assist the deacons with funeral receptions
- clean, organize, and restock the church kitchen
- assists the deacons with tidying the sanctuary (if needed)
- help during church fairs, events & dinners
- restock restrooms with toilet tissue, paper towels, & soap for events



*Please note the list above is not limited to the mice. Anyone can volunteer to help with these tasks.

* Please contact the committee or event chair to volunteer.

TCC CHURCH MICE

<i>Name</i>
Charlotte Audet
Joann Keenan
Crista Furtado
Carol Barbieri
Peggy Witecy
Hedy Kelley
Sue Zalaski
Diane Pratt
Robin Bilodeau
Pam Kamens
Teri Faragher
Ann Kuelsa
Paula Anderson
Joy Armbruster
Jean Goodwin
Brenda Conners
Dickie Zalaski
Roseann Hannon
Ruth Guay

THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED MICE!

TCC DEACONS	NAME
	*Joy Armbruster
	*Dick Foote
	*Bob Grosf
	*Paula Anderson
	*Phil Armbruster
	*Barbara Benson
	Gail Beale
	*Cheryl Brazee
	*Brenda Conners
	*Lisa Dixey
	*Jean Goodwin
	*Roseann Hannon
	*Pam Kamens
	*Hedy Kelley
	*Larry LaFreniere
	*Alex Morrell
	*Diane Pratt
	*Alison Reed
	Rachel Reynolds
	*Richard Sauzedde
	*Scott Scholl
	*Rebecca Trelli
	*Russ Wagoner
	*George Wartonick
	*Curt Wilbanks
	*Mary Alice Wilbanks
	*Dickie Zalaski
	*Ray Zalaski, Jr
	*Sue Zalaski
	*Tom Zalaski
	*Holly Zemak

*** Names with an asterisk are Deacons willing and able to serve Communion ***

Deacons Homebound/Nursing Home & Independent Living Facilities/Out of State

TCC DEACONS	NAME
	Ellen Anderson
	Michele Benson
	Pam Eggleston
	Janet Waldron

THE HEAVENS ABOVE OBSERVATORY



Photo info: The nebula complex known as NGC6992 Located 1500 light years away.
This nebula region is the result of a Super Nova explosion.

Havens Above Observatory Image by: Jim Hannon

The Heavens Above Observatory will hold a public observing session on Saturday September 27th starting at dusk, at about 7:00 - 7:30PM. I hope to have 4 different instruments up and running. You will be able to see live images coming into computer screens and then be able to compare those to views using the optical telescopes as seen by your eye. If clear, Galaxies Nebulae and Star Clusters will be targets. With some luck the planet Saturn may clear the trees to the east and give us a treat of one of the most beautiful planets in our Solar System.

As always, I encourage everyone to try to bring students to this observing session. For most it will be their first view of our galaxy. There is no charge for this event, but I encourage you to bring a donation for the Plymouth Food Bank.

Jim Hannon

Outreach Committee News



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

June Fair Tag Sale

Outreach Committee had a very successful tag sale. Thanks go out to all of those who helped during the week to take in items and set up displays, on Saturday during the sale and to all of those who made donations and purchases. Donations were made to the Good News Thrift Shop at Plymouth Congregational Church and to Hand to Hand Direct Care Ministry in Bristol. From the Hand to Hand website - "Our Mission is to help those in need with basic necessities for daily life, to break poverty stricken behavior, and to show the love of Jesus Christ." Both the Good News Thrift Shop and Hand to Hand were very grateful to receive our donations.

Outreach Committee happenings for 2025

January

- ✓ Submission for Annual Report

February

- ✓ Budget review

March

- ✓ Donation to Terryville High School After Grad
- ✓ Donation to Community Garden

April / May

- ✓ Dinner at Gosinski Park – May 24
- ✓ Dinner at Eli Terry – May 31

June

- ✓ June Fair Tag Sale
- ✓ Coffee hour

August

- ✓ Dinner at Gosinski Park
- ✓ Donation to support mission trip to Maine
- Back to School - Town Human Resources – Will move funding to support Small Wonders Holiday Program

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 be determined

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 14 open loans - total of 172 supported - \$4,335 loaned

Paid in Full

Amy - McFarland, WI USA - Contractor

The loan helped Amy expand her contracting business to a full-time business with employees.

Amy grew up in McFarland, Wisconsin in a house her father built. She still lives in that house today. Amy has always loved McFarland and the Greater Madison community and has been fortunate for the past 25+ years to work in a way that supports it. She started working for Margaret Larson at her CPA firm in McFarland her senior year of high school. Margaret taught Amy about business and why it was essential to conduct business with caring and ethics. Margaret has since passed away, but the lessons learned from her were invaluable and still guide Amy to this day, especially in the sense that if you do good work, success will come, and it will come with respect.

Flor Del Carmen - El Salvador - Crafts

Flor requested loan to be able to invest in her business, which consists of making and selling piñatas and typical snacks. She has invested in purchasing paper goods, wire, glue, etc. to make piñatas and vegetables and corn to make typical snacks to sell.

Flor is satisfied with the results obtained from the investment her loan. She obtained good profits, with which she has been able to improve her family's living conditions. Now she is economically stable and her family lives in more comfortable conditions. They all enjoy perfect health.

Lavenia - Matanabou, Fiji / Grocery Store

Like many rural women, Lavenia runs a grocery canteen. These micro retail outlets sell items like canned goods, margarine, soap, milk, tea and sweets, etc. A loan was requested to restock her shelves and boost Lavenia's earnings. Lavenia estimates when her shelves are fully stocked, she could achieve sales of \$35 a day. Her goal is to ensure she can continue to meet her children's school costs.

New Loans

Mauro – Ecuador – Farming

Mauro and his family live in Los Bajos de Montecristi, which stands out for its crafts made from toquilla straw, wicker, piquigua, and wood. The fine hats made from toquilla straw are known to the world as the "Panamá Hat."

Mauro is a hardworking man who has crops of corn, yuca, beans, watermelons, and papayas. When he harvests he brings goods to sell at the markets in the city or to merchants. His children work producing artisanal bricks, which are sold to builders and merchants or shipped within and outside of the country.

He is very grateful for the support he receives from the good people who are a constant source of support and encouragement for his family. This loan is to pay for water and transportation and to purchase urea, fertilizers, herbicides, and more.

Maria Elena - Nicaragua - Toilet and Sanitation Systems

María is a small entrepreneur who sells clothes. She wants to improve the conditions in her home by making important repairs to her bathroom. The existing toilet leaks and the infrastructure needs changes to guarantee a safer and more functional space. With the support of her husband, María decided to make these improvements. The loan will be used to buy a new toilet, sinks, and ceramic tiles. These essential supplies are needed to

complete the renovation. Not only will these improvements guarantee a more sanitary and pleasant environment in her home, but they will also increase the overall well-being of her family. María is confident that finishing this project will significantly improve her quality of life. Her long-term vision includes continuing to grow her business, achieving stability, and seeing that her family makes progress within the next few years.

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

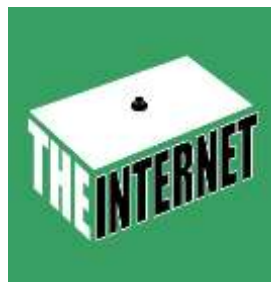
SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR PER COST OF WINDOWS: We would like to suggest to anyone who would like to, to donate whatever amount they feel they can to go toward payment of a new window. The cost per window is \$400, but a partial donation would be fine. We would like to put name plates under each window that has a donation. NOTE: all windows in the sanctuary, narthex, balcony, & social Hall have been fully funded. The remaining windows are on the west end of the building or facing Eli Terry.

Our next newsletter will be in October 2025. Special announcements, articles or events provided by September 26, 2025, will be published in the *October 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.