

TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

What a snowy January we had! I can't remember too many other Januarys in my 25 years in this state that were quite as snowy, other than maybe 2012 (I think?) when we had so much snow the roofs were collapsing! Hopefully February won't be as snowy because we have many great things planned:

Feb. 1 Holy Communion

Feb. 6 Pasta Dinner

Feb. 15 Annual Meeting of the Congregation (after worship)

Feb. 18 7pm Ash Wednesday Service

Feb. 21 BINGO

Feb. 22 Boy Scout/Girl Scout "Scout Sunday"

Feb. 24 Lenten Lunches begin (and take place every Tues at 12pm for \$5 at town churches - this first one will be at Plymouth Congregational)

Feb. 27-28 Confirmation Class Retreat

Full Lenten Lunch Schedule:

Feb. 24 Plymouth Congregational

Mar. 3 Terryville Congregational

Mar. 10 St. Michaels

Mar. 17 (still open as of this newsletter date)

Mar. 24 Lyceum

Blessings, and see ya in church!

Rev Zack

WEEKLY CHURCH COLLECTION

Date:	*In-Person Attendees:	Notes:	Collection (offering)
Sunday, Jan. 4	71	Communion	\$14,998
Sunday, Jan. 11	76		\$2,226
Sunday, Jan. 18	--	Snow Day	--
Sunday, Jan. 25	--	Snow Day	--

Please note: that Facebook no longer keeps videos up indefinitely, so it's sometimes difficult for us to note the number of online views. However, we have consistently been between 300-600 online views each week.

Special Events to Celebrated in January 2026

<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 (daughter of Brian Waldron)	1/22	Birthday
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.

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



PRAYER LIST

Prayers for the family and friends of Deborah Ann Wartonick. Deborah entered eternal life on January 15, 2026.

Norman Luba, Jim Hannon (surgery), Lila Cahill, Rachel Reynolds, Wayne Kamens, Millie Perry, Karen Reilly (Village Green, Bristol), Diane Pratt, Roseann Hannon, Ann Krampitz, Eleanor Shinglar, Gail Foote, Roberta Layton, Buddy Hawes, "Skip" Vaino Skarp, Lowd Family, Lawton Wood, Betsy Caswell, June Lozewski, Lee Grela, Dacey Pratt, and Jean Mariano.

Friends and Family:

Terri E. (Arizona) [Friend of Pam Kamens, Terri Faragher, & Corky Tedesco], 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), James Nodine Jr. (Jennifer Zalaski's Brother), Terrance Hannon (Jim & Roseann Hannon's son), Mark Tompkins (Dickie Zalaski's son), 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), Gloria Waskey (friend of Rachel Reynolds), Arianna Rocinetti (Jim & Roseann Hannon's great granddaughter), Randy Wagoner (brother of Russ Wagoner).

Nursing Facility/Assisted Living/Independent Living/Home: Joan Luba (Ingraham Manor), 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 welcomed in the designated donation can in the Narthex of the church or they can be mailed or dropped off at the church office. Between May 16, 2023, and November 16, 2025, we collected \$1,340.58. On November 24, 2025 we cut a check to the Plymouth, CT American Legion for \$650 and cut a \$650 check to the Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund in Hartford, CT. Our current balance is \$166.53. Thank you to everyone for continuing to support our military!

PRAYER SHAWLS – 2 Donated in the Month of January

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!



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 2026

<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	⇒	Finance

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

2026

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 1, 2026	1. Brenda Conners (SU) 2. Hedy Kelly (SU) 3. Scott Scholl (CU) 4. Rich Sauzedde (CU)
February 8, 2026	1. Paula Anderson 2. Marie Licki
February 15, 2026	1. Joanne Keenan 2. Charlotte Audet
February 22, 2026	1. Carol Barbieri 2. Crista Furtado

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 1 – Pam Kamens
February 8 – Barbara Benson
February 15 – Alison Reed
February 22 – Rich Sauzedde

March 1 – Hedy Kelley
March 8 – Peggy Witecy
March 15 – Paula Anderson
March 22 – Coltrane Haislip\
March 29 – Rebecca Trelli

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.

2026 Food Collected for \$1.70/POUND
Food Pantry by TCC

<u>Month</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
January	^101	\$171.70
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2026 Total:		

^ 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: February 5, 2026, 6pm.

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: 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.

February 2026 - Eric Armbruster

March 2026 - Alex Morrell

April 2026 - 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: Hedy Kelley, 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: February 11, 2026

Next Meeting/Potluck: February 11, 2026 at 6pm

FINANCE NEWS

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

Meeting Schedule (church members are welcome to attend): Please contact a Committee Member for the date/time of the next meeting

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: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 6pm in the Chapel.

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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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scouts of America are always looking for new members if you have a child interested in joining, they are welcome to come to either of the following meetings for their age group here at the church:

Monday nights at 6:30pm in the church activity room for Cubs Scouts ages kindergarten through 5th grade.

Wednesday nights at 7pm in the church social hall for Scouts ages 6th grade through high school.

Also, the Boy Scouts will be hosting a Pasta Dinner in the social hall of our church on March 28, 2026. Please contact Troop 75 for details.

Supporting 14 open loans - total of 177 supported - \$4,460 loaned

Paid in Full

Kalena - Samoa - Farming (Banana, Taro)

Kalena is 28 years old with two children. She operates a business selling banana and taro in her community. She has been doing this for more than two years. Kalena 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 profit to expand her business.

Ana Cristina - Ecuador - Soft Drink Sales

Ana Cristina and her family live in the Bajos de Montecristi, which is known for the handicrafts made of toquilla straw, wicker, piquigua [a fibrous forest plant], and wood for fine toquilla straw hats recognized in the world as “Panama Hats”.

Ana Cristina buys colas and waters in bulk to sell them. She has the advantage of having them refrigerated so that her customers buy more. She sells every day; when she is busy, her mother helps her with sales. She is very grateful to each of the people who help them to have a decent life.

New Loans

Lourdes - Tacoma, Washington - Bakery

Lourdes' story

I began my bakery during the early months of Covid-19. I'm originally from Jalisco, Mexico, and I have lived in Tacoma, WA, for 25 years. For more than two decades, I worked as a property manager while raising my family. When my twins were five, we relied heavily on daycare, but when Covid-19 outbreaks forced the daycare to close, I suddenly had no childcare. I brought my children to work, but management didn't allow it, and I had no choice but to leave my job.

Facing the uncertainty of supporting a family of six, I turned to something that has always grounded me—baking, a skill I learned back in Mexico. I decided to take a chance on myself, get my business license, and start selling cakes from home. As word spread, my clientele grew. My husband helped me convert our garage into a small shop, giving me a space to meet clients professionally.

Looking back, I feel grateful and humbled to see how far this journey has taken me. I want my children to be proud and to see that with hard work and determination, dreams are possible. Every day, I'm reminded that leaving my country in search of the American dream was worth it.

Business description - <https://www.lulusbakeryshop.com/>

Lulu's Bakery Shop is a small, community-focused bakery specializing in cakes, pastries, and desserts inspired by traditional Mexican recipes passed down through generations. What began as a home-based project during the Covid-19 pandemic has grown into a dedicated shop where customers can place orders, explore new flavors, and enjoy culturally rooted baked goods.

Many customers come from the Latino community drawn to the familiar flavors of home. Clientele is expanding as more people discover the richness of Hispanic baking traditions. Thanks to this growing interest, new opportunities continue to open for Lulu's Bakery Shop.

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

Outreach Committee News



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

Below includes Outreach Committee's plans for 2026. Please reach out if you would like to be involved in any of these events.

Outreach Committee happenings for 2026

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
- Dinner at Eli Terry

June

- June Fair Tag Sale
- Coffee hour

August

- Dinner at Gosinski Park
- Back to School - Town Human Resources **October**
- Consider donations to support mission trip to Maine and Hole in the Wall Gang Camp or other causes.

September

- Dinner at Eli Terry

October

November

- Help with Christmas Past Room
- Dinner at Gosinski Park
- Food donation to Food Pantry (Thanksgiving)

December

- Christmas gifts for veterans at Rocky Hill Medical Facility
- Small Wonders Holiday Program
- Christmas Party Dinner at Eli Terry

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



*"Angels are the messengers of hope,
delivering messages of encouragement
and reminding us to never give up."*

—Gabriela Bertrán, "Miscales Nue"



2026 Annual Meeting

Call to the year

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026 – (snow date Sunday Feb. 22, 2026)

Warning and notice is hereby given to all members of the Terryville Congregational Church that the Annual Meeting shall be called to order on Sunday, February 15, 2026 in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service, The agenda will include:

1. Discussion and vote on the 2025 Annual Report
2. Discussion and vote on a budget for 2026
3. Election of Church Officers and Committee Members
4. Vote on Proposed Bylaw changes (attached sheet from Jan. 25, 2026)
5. Any other pertinent business of church

!!!! A luncheon will follow in the Social Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald Wunsch, Moderator

Proposed Church Bylaws Changes
Submitted by: Curtis Wilbanks, Bylaws Manager

The following proposed Church Bylaws changes will be reviewed by the Church Council and presented to the Congregation for action at a special Congregational Meeting scheduled for January 25, 2026.

- Item 1 - Article F-1 Finance Committee
See the attached revised Article F-1 which highlights the recommended changes requested by the Finance Committee.
- Item 2 - Article F-2 Treasurer; and Article C-3 paragraph 2
Following the approval of change item 1 delete the entire Article F-2, and the word Treasurer from the list of Church Officers in paragraph 2 of Article C-3.
Bases: There is a need to outsource the Church Treasurer functions because the credentials, training and experience required for such position are no longer available from within our congregation as is required by the current Church Bylaws. New paragraphs 11 and 12 in Article F-1 provide the Finance Committee with the rules for hiring and working with a non-church member Treasurer.
- Item 3 - Article F-4 (prior F-5) Assistant Treasurer(s)
Add new wording: "There shall be up to two Assistant Treasurers" who shall be elected annually.
Basis: Provides the option of electing a second Assistant Treasurer when needed.
- Item 4 - Article E-2 Music Committee
Change to paragraph 3; "In Collaboration with the Treasurer Finance Committee, assist in the administration of funds from bequests for musical purposes."
Basis: Requested by the Finance Committee.
- Item 5 - Standing Committee Articles references to Article C-3.
Add the complete title of Article C-3 exemplified as follows; "Consider the information in Article C-3 GENERAL ORGANIZATIONAL RULES as applicable to them."
Basis: Enhances definition and clarity of the applicable standing committee articles.

SECTION F – BUSINESS GROUP

ARTICLE F-1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will consist of four (4) members elected annually for one (1), two (2) or three (3) terms as selected by the candidates, plus a designated representative from the Trustees Committee, who will be a voting member. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member. The Collectors and Assistant Treasurer(s) shall be ex-officio, on-call, non-voting members.

The Finance Committee shall:

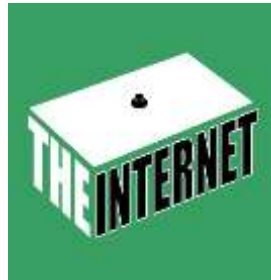
1. Be charged with the responsibility to finance and support the programs of the Church with a Christian concept of stewardship.
2. Oversee and have charge of all funds, investments, financial concerns and the financial commitments of the Church.
3. Be responsible for the direction and support of the Treasurer, Collectors, Assistant Treasurer(s), Investment Committee, and the Auditors.
4. Develop and implement plans to obtain donations and pledges from the Congregation necessary to meet church and budgetary requirements, and provide quarterly statements to the Church members regarding their pledge status when requested.
5. Report to the congregation at a special meeting before action is taken on significant deviations from the current budget.
6. Have the responsibility to oversee the financial transactions, accounting and auditing of all Church sponsored activities.
7. Develop a proposed budget for each fiscal year by obtaining budgetary data from all applicable committees and entities of the church.
8. Present a proposed annual budget to the Church Council for evaluation, and in concert with the Council, call a Congregational meeting to act on the proposed budget in accordance with Bylaws Article B-1.
9. Provide suitable bonding for the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer(s) and Collectors under the Church Property / Casualty plan.
10. Act as the Investment Committee which shall:
 - a - Care for the Church's Legacies, Trust Funds and other investments.
 - b - Be authorized to buy, sell, invest and reinvest such funds for the benefit of the Church, in securities made legal for the investment of Trust Funds, with the approval of the Church Council.
 - c - Designate such income and dividends as payable to the Treasurer except in case of other designations in the terms of a bequest.
 - d - Provide a full report, in writing, at each annual meeting of the Church.
11. With Church Council Approval, develop and direct the implementation of a Hiring Agreement which establishes the details, scope and limits of a Treasurer position, hired from outside the membership of this church when the Treasurer position is vacated and cannot be filled by a duly elected member of this church.
12. Be responsible for removing/replacing the Treasurer for reasons noted but not limited to unsatisfactory performance or communication.
13. Conduct formal job performance appraisals of the Treasurer at least annually.
14. Consider the General information in Article C-3 (GENERAL ORGANIZATIONAL RULES) as applicable to them.

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 March 2026. Special announcements, articles or events provided by February 23, 2026, will be published in the *March 2026* 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.