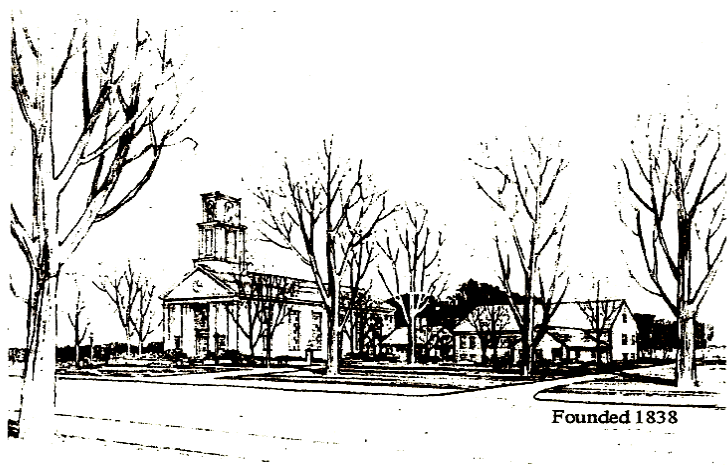
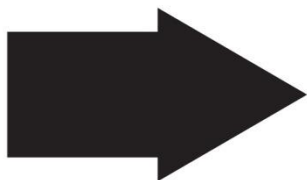


Terryville Congregational Church
AUGUST, 2020 Newsletter



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

All events are currently on hold until COVID19 restrictions are lifted further by the Governor of CT.

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2020 Grand Raffle:



THERE IS STILL TIME! PLEASE HELP US TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS. SIGN UP TO SELL TICKETS IN THE PARKING LOT ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS. CONTACT THE OFFICE OR ROSEANN HANNON TO VOLUNTEER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO DATE.

TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

AUGUST, 2020

Wow, I can't believe we started dealing with COVID-19 in March and we're still waiting to be able to get back inside for worship. I never imagined it would last this long. I am, however, so thankful for all of the loving and caring things our congregation has done during this time to stay in touch and to reach out to people in need. I am also thankful that we've been able to have worship outdoors and have at least been able to be in-person in that manner.

Let me take this opportunity simply to address some frequently asked questions.

When will we be back inside for worship? Our hope is to go back inside for worship at the beginning of September. However, since (as of this article) the Governor of CT has not yet started the July 20th phase of reopening, we really are still not sure. We will keep you posted. In the meantime, worship continues to be outdoors (9:30am for August, then back to 10am starting in September) and will continue also to be online (facebook and youtube).

What is the plan for cleaning the building and keeping it sanitized once we return to indoor gatherings? Our Trustees got several quotes for professional cleaning companies to sanitize our building. As you can imagine, the costs were very expensive. At our July 29th Church Council meeting, the Council voted to use the same cleanser that the pros use, but to purchase it ourselves and then use our current janitorial service (Homestyle Cleaners) to administer the sanitizer. We will also be purchasing our own misting equipment. Because we have saved money during COVID-19 on some of our budget items, the good news is that this additional cleaning should not bring us too much (if any at all) over budget for the year. Homestyle Cleaners will sanitize the building, then we will be coming up with our own guidelines for how we will wipe down and sanitize between each of our gatherings. We will have these guidelines posted throughout the building, and our plan is to have them ready by the end of August. All individuals/groups that use the building will also have to adhere to the guidelines. We will have hand sanitizer and masks available as well.

When we do return to worship indoors, what will it look like? We will likely need to space out where we sit (and we'll have the pews marked for this), we will likely need masks, and we will likely be advised not to sing (due to the force of breath exhaled and potentially spreading germs). We likely will not have an indoor coffee hour, but we may be able to have an outdoor coffee hour (in nice weather) if we can distance and use disposable cups, etc.

In addition to indoor worship, what about other events that we normally have in Sept-Oct-Nov-etc.? At the recent Church Council meeting, we decided not to have the Christmas Bazaar this year; our October concert/dinner had already been postponed to 2021; and other events such as BINGO are all on hold until we have more information.

What about Sunday school? No decision has been made yet about Sunday school. Again, because we haven't even been given the go-ahead yet for the July 20th phase, we are still very much in "wait and see" mode. We will keep you posted. Regardless of what ends up happening with Sunday school, we do plan to continue the online Sunday school videos that we know have been very well received during this pandemic.

What can we do (other than worship)? We are planning a special event for our raffle drawing on Sept. 12. Our hope is to have an outdoor event with food, a tag sale, and perhaps some other festivities. It will not be

anything like a full church fair, but it will be something that should make our raffle drawing a fun and festive outdoor experience.

I am very encouraged that our online videos have received hundreds and - in some cases - thousands of views. The Vacation Bible School videos were especially amazing!

In addition, we continue to reach out to people in need. We just completed our 4th round of care packages (thank you all for your generous donations!) and we are now collecting for our 5th round of packages. I also just applied for a Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation, Inc. grant so that we can continue providing meals for the residents of Eli Terry Retirement and Gosinski Park for the 2020-2021 year. (We can do the meals take-out or to-go if needed).

Finally, we may be able to have some to-go meal fundraisers as a church this fall. This is something we are thinking about.

Please continue to support our church during these times. You can give online at terryvillecongregationalchurch.org or by mailing (or dropping at the office) your pledge. Our church has and continues to be a bright shining light of God's good news and love during these trying times, and we have to keep it going!

If you have any questions about anything mentioned here or another question about something not addressed in this message, feel free to call our office at 860.589.0182.

Continue to draw close to God in prayer and in Christian outreach and love!

Sincerely,
Rev Zack



AT OUR JULY 29 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, WE DECIDED TO MAKE SEPT. 12TH AS FESTIVE A DAY AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR GRAND RAFFLE DRAWING. OUR PLAN IS TO HAVE FOOD (USING OUR MOBILE FOOD TRUCK THAT WE NORMALLY USE AT OUR JUNE FAIR), A TAG SALE, AND A TEACUP AUCTION. ALL OF THIS WILL BE HELD OUTDOORS ON THE FRONT LAWN OF THE CHURCH. DIANE PRATT VOLUNTEERED TO HELP LEAD THE TAG SALE AND TEACUP AUCTION. THIS MEANS WE NEED DONATIONS! PLEASE BE IN TOUCH WITH DIANE PRATT IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY. CALL OR TEXT DIANE AT 860.329.6401. REMEMBER, WE WILL NOT BE HAVING A CHRISTMAS BAZAAR THIS YEAR, SO PLEASE HELP MAKE SEPT. 12TH AS SPECIAL A DAY AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU!

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



The Day Family on the passing of their beloved, Elizabeth “Betty” on August 3, 2020

Members: Darlene Wartonick, Alex Morrell, Janet Waldron, Paul Hawes, Bill Hawes, Buddy Hawes, Rachel Reynolds & family, Hadley Waldron, Karen Reilly, Pam Eggleston and family and her mom, Carmela Heuschkel, Mary Mitchell, Diane Pratt, Dacy Pratt, Sue Piercy, Mary McLam, Wayne Hotchkiss (husband of Ellen Hotchkiss), Jean Mariano

Friends and Family: Barbara Badey (Barb Benson’s Mom), Christine Gagne (mother of Brandy Welesky), Olive Crepon (Andrea Armbruster’s mother), Jacqueline McQueeney (friend of Jake Armbruster), Carole Kozikowski, (daughter of Mary-Alice and Curt Wilbanks, and sister of Janet Waldron), Renee Lucie, health issues (friend of Rae Link), Gayle Bondeson (daughter-in-law) of Doris Bondeson), Marsha Oelschlegal Ormondroyd (friend of Alison Reed & Roberta Layton), Randall Wagoner (requested by his mom, Mary Mitchell and his brother, Russ Wagoner, Ginny Wagoner, (Paula Anderson’s friend), Jim Devine (brother-in-law of Dave Nichols), Aimee Parzych (friend of Jake), Rita Chatelle, friend of Pam & Hank Kamens, Pat Kensiski, Bob Pelz (requested by Bob Worden), Carrie Jansen (friend of Mary Mitchell), Fred Grohs (Wayne Waldron’s brother-in-law), Tanya Beach (friend of Sylvia & Larry LaFreniere), Requested by Robert Worden prayers for his cousin Ray, his wife Sharon and their daughter, Jolene Dery for the loss of their beautiful daughter and sister, Amanda, Jourdan Cody, (Alice Cody’s granddaughter), Jay Piercy, Christopher Gray, and Georgie (good friend of Ray & Jeannie Zalaski)

Nursing Facility/Assisted Living/Retirement/Living Independent/Home: Ann Krampitz (Sheriden Wood Conv. Home), Ralph Davis (Cook Willow), Rae Link, Doris Bondeson, (Atria, Farmington, CT), Bill Fickett (Shady Oakes), Ray & Lois Douyard (Apple Rehab in Avon) Lois Kamens (Live Well, Plantsville), Barbara Plumb/Home, Mary Lecko/Home, Juney Cushman (Atria, Farmington), Edna Kirkby (Middlewoods, Farmington), Elaine Tedesco “E.T.” (Ingrham Manor), Darlene Wartonick (Arden Courts of Farmington)

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 church Narthex or they can be mailed or dropped off at the church office. To date contributions total \$245.41. Currently we are researching our options on how to best put the donations to use in our community. We will keep you posted. Thank you!

ELECTED OFFICERS, LAY-READERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

***Moderator** - Gerald Wunsch

***Vice Moderator** – Paula Anderson

***At-Large Council Members** – Jim Hannon, John Layton

***Spiritual Group Leader - Rich Sauzedde**

Diaconate – Roseann Hannon, Andy Gagner, Holly Zemak

Music Committee – Barbara Benson, Sue Dillane, Sandi Ehmer

Christian Education Committee – Jolene Cahill, Betsy Dixie, Charlotte Audet

***Business Group Leader – Ray Zalaski, Jr.**

Finance Committee – Bob Groszof, Wayne Harnish, Jackie Merchant, Wayne Waldron, Trustees Rep.

Treasurer – Candace Telke

Assistant Treasurer – Allison Reed

Collectors – Sue Dillane, Millie Perry

Trustees Committee – Jake Armbruster, Eric Armbruster, Dave Morrell, Bob Worden, Tom Zalaski

Communications Committee – Jeanne Zalaski, Tina Gagner

Clerk – Sylvia LaFreniere

***Service Group Leader – Cindy Harnish**

Outreach Committee – Crista Furtado, Carol Barberi, Sharon Paradis, Candace Telke

Fellowship Committee – Ellen Cifone, Judy Harris, Jean Mariano

***Church Council Members**

Council Appointed Positions

<u>By-Laws Manager:</u>	Curt Wilbanks
<u>Safe Conduct Advocate:</u>	Wayne Kamens
<u>Personnel Committee:</u>	1. Donna Wunsch 2. Holly Zemak
<u>Floral Committee:</u>	1. Ellen Cifone 2. Sue Kozikowski 3. Sandy Colasanto
<u>Church Historian:</u>	Charlotte Crockett
<u>Historical Committee:</u>	1. Charlotte Crockett 2. Dick Foote 3. Donna Wunsch
<u>Audit Committee:</u>	Sylvia LaFreniere

Updated: 2/19/20

Special Events Celebrated During June, 2020

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Andrew & Jessica Hawes	June 3	14 th Anniversary
Alan DuFour	June 9	80 th Birthday
(Father of Michele Benson)		
Rev. Zack & Melissa Mabe	June 10	14 th Anniversary
Jordan Hawes	June 15	8 th Birthday
Steve & Susan Kozikowski	June 18	60 th Anniversary
Caylee & Colby Brown	June 18	21 st Birthday
Landon Brinker Waldron	June 26	Birth of 4 th child of Brian & Jodi
Waldron; Grandchild of Janet & Wayne Waldron, and Great-grandchild of Curt & Mary-Alice Wilbanks		

Sunday, June 7, 2020 was a day to celebrate - the first Church service celebrated by some of our parishioners at TCC since Sunday, March 8. We were outside, wearing masks, sitting on our own lawn chairs or on the wall in front of the church and keeping our distances. It was very different but still a beautiful event.

To All Dads, Hope you had a Happy Father's Day on June 21.

We understand that Rich Sauzedde had a great time with his grandson, 11 year old, Finnegan. They've been bike riding, catching frogs, moles, snakes, turtles, and who knows what else. (I appreciated the fact that I was not invited to join them in their fun.)

Special Events Celebrated During July, 2020

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Madelaine & Frederick Boughton	July 3	66 th Anniversary
Greg Armbruster	July 6	Birthday
Ellen Cifone	July 6	Birthday
Bryanna Cahill	July 7	10 th Birthday
Gerald Wunsch	July 10	Birthday
Janet Waldron	July 13	Birthday
Debby Grosof	July 17	Birthday
Jeramy Link	July 18	Birthday
Brady Waldron	July 21	9 th Birthday
Andy Wagner	July 22	Birthday
Roseann Hannon	July 23	Birthday
Rich Sauzedde	July 23	Birthday
Frederick Boughton	July 23	87 th Birthday
P. Sherman	July 24	Birthday
Sean Link	July 26	Birthday
Kyle Zalaski	July 27	Birthday
Michael Furtado	July 30	Birthday

I'm proud to say that Rich Sauzedde is celebrating the success of another yield of the Plymouth Community Garden for the benefit of our local Food Pantry. It is already producing peppers, zucchini, summer squash and kale. If you enjoy gardening or simply the company of someone else who enjoys helping others, give Rich a call. I'm sure he'd appreciate it.

Plymouth Community Food Pantry

ITEMS IN SHORT SUPPLY:

Macaroni & Cheese

Pancake Mix

Paper Towels

Mashed Potatoes

Cake Mixes/Baking Supplies

VOLUNTEERS:

Every Monday 1:30pm-3:15pm

Every Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

The first Monday of the month 4:00pm-5:15pm

Every other Wednesday (starting 1/22/20) 12:30pm-2:00pm

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.



2020 Food Collected for
Food Pantry by TCC

<u>Month</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
January	150	
February	111	
March	138	
April	unknown	
May	unknown	
June		\$50.00
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2020 Total:	399	\$50.00

(as reported by the Food Pantry)

Outreach Committee News



Outreach Committee: Carol Barbieri, Cindi Harnish, Candace Telke, Sharon Paradis, Crista Furtado

Outreach made two donations in June.

We made one donation to support the Community Garden, which provides fresh produce to our local food pantry. Thank you to Rich Sauzedde and others who provide watering and tender loving care to the plants.

We also made a donation to the Susan B. Anthony Project, which supports the victims of domestic and sexual violence. Victims have felt the assurance of an advocate at the end of the phone, supporting them in the criminal and civil court process while safe shelter continues to be on the minds of many in contact with the Susan B. Anthony Project through their 24/7 hotline. They're busier right now with more women and children seeking shelter and more clients feeling stress as increased isolation creates greater vulnerability. With our donation we are keeping victims safer.

Dinners

We received several very thoughtful Thank You cards from friends at Eli Terry, who enjoyed our takeout dinner on Friday, May 8. We are glad we were able to support the Eli Terry community.

Upcoming Events

Dinner Calendar for 2020 -

January 11 - Gosinski Park
March 14 - Gosinski Park
October - Gosinski Park

February 8 - Eli Terry
May 2 - Eli Terry - Postponed to May 8
November - Eli Terry

Meeting Schedule for 2020 - Monthly on second Sunday at 9:15 in the Social Hall

January 12 - no meeting	February 9 - no meeting	March 8 - meeting held
April 5 - no meeting	May 10 - no meeting	June 14 - email meeting
July - no Meeting	August 9	September 13
October 11	November 8	December 13

I hope everyone is safe and doing well handling our current social and physical distancing situation.

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! As we all deal with this challenging time, let's keep each other in our thoughts and prayers.

Crista Furtado

13 open loans - total of 109 supported - \$2,800

Eight years ago on June 3, Terryville Congregational Church began its KIVA account. We began our relationship with KIVA to change lives around the world. We received a "birthday" thank you from the KIVA organization which celebrates our continued support.

Loan Updates

Paid in Full

Marc and Artur - United States - New York City - Media Production

Marc and Artur are both children of immigrants who grew up in Spanish speaking households in Indiana and Texas.

Artur began self producing video content with iPhones at the request of his acting agencies, who needed custom demo reels to pitch to casting directors for television, film and commercial use. While the content created jobs for Artur as an actor, he was also becoming more passionate about the ability to tell his own stories through filmmaking while also creating work as an actor. To satisfy his interests, Artur began to study directing on his own and with a mentor. He began to work on set with Marc as his assistant to learn more about the work done behind the camera. Artur has reached a point now where he is able to handle multiple roles on set, while focusing on his growth as a director. In addition, he also volunteers as youth leader, web developer and videographer for his family's nonprofit, The Association for the Development of Carrizal. It feels empowering to Artur to be able to help family while also fulfilling his creative passion.

For Marc growing up in a place like Indiana taught hard work, but when the work you want to do doesn't exist in your hometown, you need to move. NY was the perfect mixture of international influence with hard working, talented people who excel in every field. Marc earned a masters in Digital Media production and began working not just in New York City, but around the country and the world as a photographer, videographer, and Director of Photography.

Artur and Marc continue to scout talent to collaborate with, and in the future hope to finance and executive produce video content for submission to film festivals and distribution throughout the country and the world. Best wishes to Artur and Marc as they continue to expand their production goals.

Teodoro - Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua - Farming

Teodoro is a 48 year old farmer with good principals and great vision. When he was young his parents taught him to work the land and to love it. His farm is 4.2 hectares (10 acres) with coffee planted. He lives in a remote community in Nueva Segovia with his wife and three children. For ten years he has been making a living growing and harvesting quality coffee. Each year is a new challenge to meet and this year is no exception. For this season Teodoro's challenge is to improve the nutrition of his 1.4 hectares (about 3.5 acres) of coffee. Good luck to Teodoro as he continues to fulfill his goal of improving his coffee crop and production.

New Loan

Romela - Bago 2, Negros Occidental, Philippines / General Store

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

Romela is 45 years old and married with three children. Romela works very hard to provide for them. She runs a general store in the Philippines and requested a loan to buy items like canned goods, personal care products, etc. to sell in her general store.

She has been in this business for 10 years. Romela would like to save enough to provide a secure future for her family.

If you are 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 contact us!

As we all deal with this challenging time, let's keep each other and our Kiva friends in our thoughts and prayers.

Crista and Justin Furtado

NICODEMUS, THE CHURCH MOUSE



Hi! It's me Nicodemus.

Well I don't believe it, I sat quietly in his office and I finally was able to snag Reverend Zack for a little chat. As you all know better than I, how busy he is every day.

We had a great talk about all the wonderful things that go on: Worship Services, Bible Study, June Fair, Christmas Bazaar, Roast Beef and Chicken Dinners, Bingo, and so much more. In August he will be celebrating 15 years at TCC, he is amazed in all that has taken place.

We talked about this Covid19, he and Melissa with the boys, are keeping healthy and adjusting to the changes in our lives. He admits to the challenge that home schooling has presented. Josh is finishing 7th grade and Connor is finishing 4th and both are doing well. Of course like most boys they miss their sports, this year they were both on the same basketball team and were undefeated champions (good job boys). Josh is still growing and is almost as tall as Dad.

We also talked about the changes around the church. Summer Worship will be outside in the nice weather. No Vacation Bible School at the church. I really miss the kids the little ones make me laugh.

Hey! On the upside I heard you're going to have a raffle. I hope Rich Sauzedde or Phil Armbruster wins the tractor, can't you see me riding on their shoulder (what fun); I know that they would take me for a ride. Boy! Can you just see all the cheese you could buy with the Price Chopper's gift card (I know a few mice that could help you with it). Well I wish everyone good luck.

I want to wish everyone a safe great summer.
Remember to love each other.
I'll be seeing you around. Thanks for the talk Rev. Zack.

All together in Jesus' love,
Nicodemus your Church Mouse

GIVE WAY

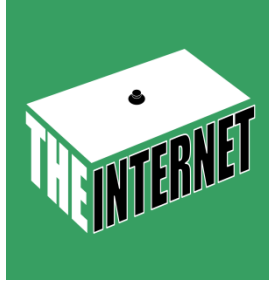


Very often we can gain more if we yield to this or that
For by doing so we can avoid an argument or a spat
Or if we should make an error it is better to admit
All the wrong we might have fostered by the fault we did commit
Giving ground can win a battle like an orderly retreat
For peace of mind is worth far more than victory with deceit
I don't mean we should be yes men, but I say we should use tact
And by reason of acknowledgement we'll sign a friendship pact
For one time or another, we can plant a magic seed
If only we have the courage to give way or concede

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Submitted by: Ellen Anderson

HELP WITH ADVERTISING CHURCH EVENTS



We are very fortunate to have Jeannie Zalaski, and Tina Gagner as our new Communications people for this church. They will be assisting in advertising different events for us. If you would like posters to be hung up and/or advertising put on radio, newspapers, etc. please email Jeannie with your info at rzalaski@comcast.net or call her at home at 860-582-7331. Be sure to always include YOUR contact name information and the event you are working on.

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

The next newsletter will be in *September, 2020*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *August 21st* will be published in the *September, 2020* 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.