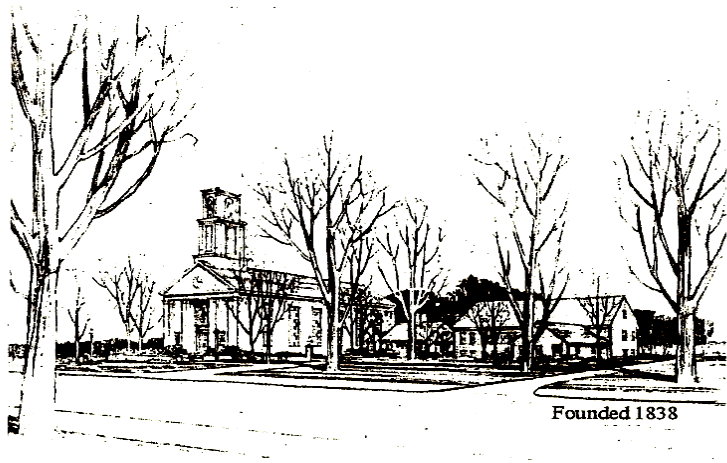
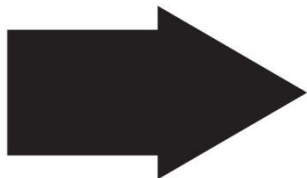


*Terryville Congregational Church*  
*September, 2020 Newsletter*



Terryville Congregational Church  
**SEPTEMBER, 2020**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
233 Main Street  
Terryville, CT 06786  
USA

ADDRESS CORRECTION  
REQUESTED



**SEPTEMBER**  
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**  
Outdoor Events Only

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**2020 Grand Raffle:**



***THERE IS STILL TIME! PLEASE  
CONTINUE TO HELP US SELL TICKETS  
(RETURN ALL, MONEY, SOLD, AND  
UNSOLD TICKETS TO ROSEANN HANNON  
BY WED., SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>)***

***SEPTEMBER 12, 2020  
12-3PM – LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, TEA  
CUP AUCTION, & FUN***

***3PM – GRAND RAFFLE DRAWING!!!***

# TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## SEPTEMBER, 2020

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

Greetings in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! No matter what has happened since March, we are blessed to know God's love and abiding Spirit!

I know these have been tough times, but I will say that I feel very blessed to have had such wonderful weather this summer, my boys got to play baseball, and my family was able to take a trip to Maine. I am also feeling very thankful and blessed in that August 15th marked 15 years that I've been with our congregation.

In normal times, I'd be talking about Rally Day and getting into our fall routines as we enter this month of September. However, as we all know, these are not normal times. As of the writing of this article (Aug. 21), the latest news from the State of CT is an Aug. 14 update. The update simply states that phase 3 (which was supposed to begin July 20 but got delayed) has not yet started but will be announced soon. Meanwhile, the UCC has stated that they will not be updating their guidelines because the best and safest path is to follow one's own state and local health agency's guidelines. The UCC for CT (Southern New England Conference) has also announced that their office buildings will remain closed for duration of the year and all staff will continue to work from home.

So, what does this mean? It means we are still in "wait and see" mode.

Here's an updated version of our 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 (phase 3) 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 product 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 (phase 3), 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. These videos will start with the beginning of what would have normally been the start of our Sunday school year (week of Sept. 13). We will also be planning an outdoor gathering for our students, and those details will be announced soon.

**What can we do (other than worship)? We still have our Raffle Drawing on Sept. 12!** Our plan is to have an outdoor event with food, a teacup auction, and live music. The local health department advised that we not have a tag sale, but all our other plans are a go at this time for that day. Please donate to our teacup auction! Be in touch with Diane Pratt if you can help. 860.329.6401.

**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!

**I am also encouraged** that many hospitals and some nursing facilities are now allowing visits (in some cases, outdoors only). Please let me know if you or someone you know is in the hospital and would like to receive a visit.

**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](http://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

## OUR PRAYERS GO TO



**Members:** Darlene Wartonick, Alex Morrell, Janet Waldron, Paul Hawes, Bill Hawes, Buddy Hawes, 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, Rachel Reynolds

**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, Plymouth CT), Rae Link, Doris Bondeson, (Farmington Station, 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 (Farmington Station, Farmington, CT), Edna Kirkby (Middlewoods, Farmington), Elaine Tedesco "E.T." (Ingrham Manor), Darlene Wartonick (Arden Courts of Farmington) **NOTE: Atria's Name has changed to Farmington Station.**

**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!

**NOTE:** As of the October 2020 Newsletter we are going the clean out the Our Prayers Go To "Friends and Family" (non-members) section of the Newsletter.

If you would like your family or friends to remain please contact the office before September 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 Grosopf, 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**

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

**Special Events Celebrated During August, 2020**  
**Along with a special one carried over from July**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Ray & Jeanne Zalaski	July 31	44 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Norm & Joan Luba	August 4	Anniversary
Larry Lafreniere	August 6	Birthday
Mary-Alice Wilbanks	August 7	Birthday
Karen & Emery Austin	August 9	Anniversary
Wayne Kamens	August 15	Birthday
Wayne Waldron	August 15	Birthday
Sylvia Lafreniere	August 15	Birthday
Brandy Welesky	August 17	Birthday
Zach Harnish	August 30	Birthday
Naya Bilodeau	August 31	8 <sup>th</sup> Birthday

Our August 16 Sunday (outdoor) service was conducted by members of the Diaconate while Rev. Zach and his family enjoyed a well deserved vacation. The Deacons leading worship were Ray Zalaski and Rich Sauzedde with Matt Miskin providing musical accompaniments and Wayne Krampitz and Wayne Harnish manning the cameras.

The Scripture Reading, from Matthew 16, was delivered by a special guest and friend of Rich's, Horace Elliston, who is obviously well versed in the Bible. About 9:00am, Curt and I were preparing to leave for church but changed our minds at the last minute due to the rain which was not coming down hard but was not letting up either, so unfortunately, missed Horace's live delivery. We were able to view it on our tablet and were very impressed. As the sound of the rain increased and was combined with the sound of traffic, Horace continued with his presentation and did not "miss a beat", as they say.

A Job Well Done!

## Plymouth Community Food Pantry

### Items most needed as of 8/27/20:

Baked Beans	Coffee/Tea
Jams/Jellies	Chunky Style Soups
Baking Items (cake mix/brownie mix/etc.)	Salad Dressing
Mashed Potatoes	Condiments

### 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

<i>Month</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
January	150	
February	111	
March	138	
April	unknown	
May	unknown	
June		\$50.00
July		\$150.00
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
<b>2020 Total:</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

(as reported by the Food Pantry)



# Outreach Committee News



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

Outreach supported the Back to School program by sponsoring 5 students from second grade through high school. We provided each student clothing and schools supplies including jeans or uniform pants, hoodies, socks, shirts, backpacks, pencils, binders, paper, folders, Packages were delivered to Plymouth Town Hall on Thursday, 8/20, and Friday, 8/21. Best wishes to students as they prepare for the school year.

## Dinners

Over the next month we will be planning for the last two dinners for 2020. These dinners will most likely be served as take out at Gosinski Park and Eli Terry. Looking forward to providing the residents a special meal..

## 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

## **Terryville Congregational Church, thanks to you, 1 borrower is closer to their dreams!**

### **Loan Updates**

#### **Paid in Full**

##### **Merlyn - Altavas, Aklan, Philippines / Personal Housing Expenses**

This loan is special because: It helps protect families who are most vulnerable to waterborne diseases. Merlyn works hard to support four children. She is married and has a fish vending business in the Philippines. Merlyn requested a PHP 10,000 loan to build a sanitary toilet for her family. Merlyn is aware that by using the sanitary toilet, she is reducing health and hazard risks to her family and neighbors as well as promoting environment protection.

##### **Rhea Joy - Lapu-Lapu, Cebu, Philippines / Personal Housing Expenses**

This loan is special because: It helps protect families who are most vulnerable to waterborne diseases. Rhea Joy works hard to support three children. She is married and has a general store business in the Philippines. She requested a loan through Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation (NWTF) to pay for materials and labor to construct a sanitary toilet for her family. She is aware that by using the sanitary toilet she is reducing health and hazard risks to her family and neighbors, as well as promoting environmental protection.

#### **New Loan**

##### **Jose Rufino - Wiwili, Nicaragua - Coffee Farming**

José is a coffee farmer who lives in an isolated community in Nicaragua. He has a seven hectare (1 hectare = 2.47105 acres) farm of which 1.4 hectares is designated to growing and harvesting Fair Trade Certified coffee. This year he has made a plan to improve the nutrition of his coffee plants. This consists of buying inputs like calcium, zinc and boron and to pay for labor to apply the inputs. With this investment José hopes to obtain better results with his harvest in this new cycle

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 contact us!

*Crista and Justin Furtado*

## NICODEMUS, THE CHURCH MOUSE

Whoa! It's Nicodemus. What a summer we have had. No confirmation, no in house vacation bible school (I really missed all the kids), no church fair.

Special thanks and kudos from me to Rev. Zack, Matt, and everyone that helped for our continued worship service and the great music done outside this summer. (I sat on the wall every week and sang along with all the songs I knew)

I understand that kudos are also due to Jennifer Zalaski along with her son Jonathan and all her helpers for their great work to provide Video Bible School for the young people that would have been at Vacation Bible School.

Kudos to all the people that contributed food and household supplies to help those in need, I do feel that there are angels at TCC.

Kudos to Roseann Hannon and Wayne Harnish for not giving up on the raffle, they also had a lot of help from members to sell tickets (I sure do hope everything goes well on Sept. 12 and I win something; just a ride on the tractor).



## NICODEMUS, THE CHURCH MOUSE

Well as you all know I wanted to get to know people in the church and it's been a little hard but I got to have a little chat with Rich Sauzedde, he keeps himself busy helping others and working around his own home he seems to love working with the earth, planting and growing vegetables and many beautiful flowers. He also works hard at the community garden growing vegetables for our local food pantry.

Rich is your new Spiritual Group Leader that reports to the council for the Diaconate, Music Committee and Christian Education Committee.

He really enjoys spending time with his grandson Finnegan whom seems to have a great love for nature also.

Rich also spends time reading his bible and going to Bible studies, he truly believes in the Lord. It was great talking he really is a nice guy to know (don't forget my tractor ride).

Well the more I get to know this church I have news for this Covid-19, along with other churches, our prayers and God's love for all you will be gone.

Prayers' for the kids, teachers and staff going back to school.

All together in Jesus' love,  
Nicodemus your Church Mouse

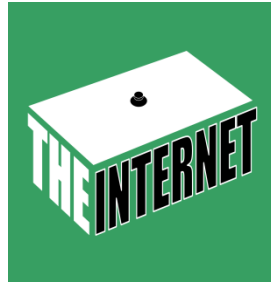
## **MY DAILY PRAYER**



God, be my resting place and my protection  
In hours of trouble, defeat, and rejection  
May I never give way to self-pity and sorrow,  
May I always be sure of a better tomorrow,  
May I stand undaunted come what may  
Secure in the knowledge I have only to pray  
And ask my Creator and Father above  
To keep me serene in his grace and his love  
Helen Steiner Rice

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](mailto: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 *October, 2020*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *September 25th* will be published in the *October 2020* issue. Please email to: [Terryvillechurch@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.terryvillecongregationalchurch.org) and click on “donate”. You can make a one-time donation or a recurring donation/pledge. Thank you.**