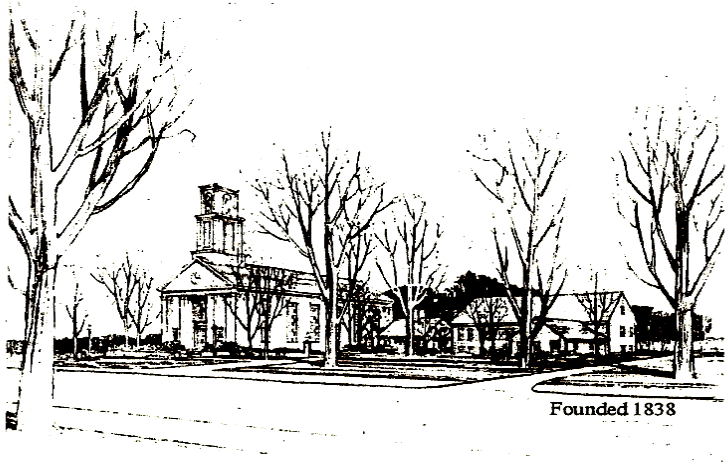
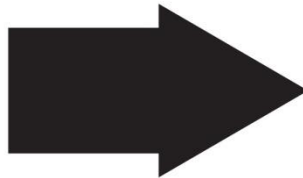


Terryville Congregational Church
APRIL, 2020 Newsletter



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ADDRESS CORRECTION
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APRIL
CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

All events are currently on hold until the "no gatherings of 10 or more people" rule has been lifted by the Governor.

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Important Info About our 2020 Grand Raffle:

We are in the process of trying to determine if we can extend the raffle dates or other options to pursue. We were planning to draw the winning tickets on June 13th at our church fair.

In the meantime, we are asking that for all tickets that have already been sold: please turn in the ticket stubs and the money to the office or call the church office with a sales update.

We are trying to determine how many tickets have already been sold and where we fall toward our goal.

We will continue to update you as we learn more.

If you have any questions, please contact Roseann Hannon.

Thank you!

TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

APRIL, 2020

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

April is here, which means Easter is coming! Christ is Risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

I had already written my newsletter article for this month, back in early March -- needless to say, I'm now writing a new article in light of everything happening with the Coronavirus.

Our church's primary way of communicating during this Coronavirus situation has been email and facebook. However, we now also have a phone-calling system that we can use. Each time I use the phone call system, I will need to be brief because the system costs more per call if I go over 30-seconds in length. Please let our office know if you have not received a call and we will make sure to add your phone number to the system.

We are going to try to mail this newsletter to those who do not have email or facebook, and I will include the emails I have sent below so that you can see those as well.

I think the best thing for me to do with the remainder of this article will be a frequently asked questions. These are the questions I'm getting most often during the past couple of weeks, and the answers as I know them (as of now, and I'm writing this on March 24th. We know, of course, that things are changing quickly which means some of these answers may change very soon). Please call the office with any questions 860.589.0182 or my cell phone 203.676.4419.

Frequently Asked Questions (as of March 24th):

When will we be back to church? We are not sure. As of now, the Governor has said no gatherings of 10 or more people. He has also said schools will not go back any earlier than April 30, and of course it could be later than that date.

How do I access the online church services? We have been using facebook, but starting this Sunday, March 29 we will also use youtube. Just search for Terryville Congregational Church in either youtube or facebook, and the service will be live on Sundays at 10am. I am also planning to do live services during Holy Week, at our usual Holy Week service times - Maundy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday 12pm, Easter Sunrise 6am and Easter Day service 10am.

What if I do not have a computer? Do you have a smartphone or tablet? If so, you can connect to the services using those. If not, I am working on a phone-call system where you can call in and at least listen to the services. Please call the office to see if we have it installed and what number to call to listen to the services.

How are all our church people doing? We have been trying to call around to see how everyone is doing. From what I can tell, most everyone has a good group of family and friends who are being very supportive and helping one another with groceries, etc. I think our biggest challenge right now is our people who are in nursing facilities and hospitals because visitors are being denied visitation unless the family member is actively dying. Even though we cannot visit in person, please call those who you know and spend some time "visiting" on the phone until the visitor ban is lifted. Another challenge

that will continue to grow is those in our church who have lost jobs, those who have their hours drastically reduced, those whose retirement portfolios are greatly damaged, and other financial impacts. Another challenge is the virtual/online schooling for all our children, lack of childcare in many cases, and just adjusting to the children being home and having their own additional needs during this time. Last but not least, there is the challenge of those who have health needs but their needs are "on-hold" because of the emergency situation of this virus. *At this time, I do not know of anyone in our church or even in Terryville who has Coronavirus.*

What can I do to help? Can I bring groceries to someone? Can I volunteer somewhere, such as the food pantry? As I learn of opportunities to help, I will certainly pass those along. One of the challenges with volunteering at an organization, such as the food pantry, is that we cannot gather 10 or more people together. Therefore, the food pantry and other organizations are trying to keep only a very small number of volunteers present to take care of the needs. As this changes, and as we know of other needs, I will be in touch.

How do I pledge or donate? You can mail your pledge or drop it by the church office. You can also give online. There is a "donate" button on our church website at terryvillecongregationalchurch.org

Is the office still open? Our secretary, Tracy, is sticking to her regular hours (Mon-Fri 10am-2pm), especially to be available if anyone calls. However, we are keeping the office sign at "closed" because we do not want the general public coming in and we need to stick to 10 or less people gathered together.

How about the groups (Al Anon, etc) that meet in our building? We cannot have any gatherings of 10 or more people.

Bible Study has been very uplifting! For the past two Mondays, we have had our regular, weekly Bible Study group via phone. This past Monday there were 12 or 13 of us connected on the phone. It was so nice to hear one another's voices and to share scripture. We will keep this going. If you'd like to join the call, it's on Mondays at 11am. Call the office to find out the details of how to join the call.

Below are the emails I have sent thus far, with additional information. (Keep in mind some of the information below is outdated, but I'd still like those who do not have computers to be able to see the timeline and the emails that have been sent thus far).

Email sent March 13:

Our church's response to Coronavirus

First, the power of prayer -- please keep our entire world in your prayers at this time.

Second, please know that we practice what is known as a *Safe Conduct* policy at our church, which means safety and health always come first.

Yesterday, the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ (UCC) sent an email saying they recommend no large gatherings for two weeks, including

in-person Sunday worship. We have decided to go with this recommendation, so no in-person worship on March 15 or March 22. You can read their email here: [message from Southern New England UCC](#). However... we will have a live-stream worship service that you can watch online at the regular 10am time both Sundays. To do this, you need to connect to our church facebook page and then await the feed to start. Below is a link:

[Our church facebook page](#)

Because of the recommendation to cease large gatherings, **this also means that all remaining Lenten Lunches are canceled.**

What about other events that happen in the building? While this could change, as of this time the church building itself is not closed, so if there is something such as AI Anon, a birthday rental, etc., it is up to that individual group to decide. *The recommendation here is to err on the side of caution.*

There is another important thing to note. Eariler today, our local Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church (Father John Hopko) sent an email saying that their building is completely closed until further notice. The email said that they found that a parishioner (who had been in church last weekend) had been in contact with someone who they later learned now has Coronavirus. Ss. Cyril & Methodius has decided to be as safe as possible and close until further notice.

For our students: because we go with the school system schedule, we will not have Sunday school or Confirmation Class for the next two Sundays.

How about needs in our local town/community? I have already been in touch with our local Food Pantry (Erin) and our town Human Services (Carrie) about what our church can do to help our local folks as needs arise. We will stay in touch, and I will pass along ways we can help as those needs arise.

Please let me know if there's any questions you have or anything I've missed. Also, because hospitals and nursing facilities are in lock-down mode, please let me know if you have a loved one who needs a visit as I will need to ask for special permission and follow special protocol to make sure I can see them in a timely manner.

This is the Season of Lent, a time to draw close to God. Let us use these coming days to read and study the Bible, reflect and pray, be thankful for every blessing, seek forgiveness, be generous, seek ways we can help our friends and neighbors, and of course, be safe.

Email sent March 17:

Email Dear Members & Friends,

The newest federal recommendation is gatherings of no more than 10 people for 15 days. As we know, schools are closed through March 31, as well as many other organizations and facilities where large gatherings normally take place.

We want safety and health for all to continue to be a priority for us. Therefore, we will adhere to the [national recommendations](#).

This means no in-person gatherings through the end of March, but this does not mean that our community life has to cease -- it just means we have to be more creative! Below are ways that we will continue to stay in touch via phone and internet and how we will continue to be Christ's servants in this world:

1. On Mondays, we will be holding our Bible Study sessions via conference call at 11am. Please let us know if you'd like to join the call.
2. Our planned March 21st Saturday worship service with Plymouth Cong. Church will be online (link will be coming in a separate email).
3. Sunday services will be live online, Sundays at 10am on facebook. Here's the link: [Sunday worship on facebook live](#)
4. Faith formation - Resources for children, youth & families: [resources for children](#)
5. How about other resources? Our Southern New England UCC has put together a list of additional resources: [general resources from Southern New England Conference UCC](#)
6. Every message I've ever recorded for WJMJ 88.9fm: [Rev. Zack 1-minute messages](#)
7. Giving to our church. Please keep in mind that, like every other place in our world right now, we still need funds in order to operate. Please mail your pledge or drop it at the church office. Or, you can use our online giving system through paypal: [donate to our church](#)
8. Helping our local neighbors. We will continue to stay in touch via phone with our local community to see what we can do to be helpful at this time. If you have elderly neighbors or neighbors with other special needs, please call them and check on them. If there's anything our church can do to help, please let us know.

9. Committee meetings. If there's something important to vote on, votes can be done on phone or through email. Please make sure it is recorded into minutes, as usual, and send a copy to the office.
10. Use this time to talk with God in prayer & read the Bible. There are also numerous facebook & youtube videos of wonderful religious music, sermons, etc. that can aid your spiritual life during this time.
11. Use this time with the people in your household to be thankful for each blessing of each moment, including this shared time together.

As of now, our church office is still open for regular hours, but we are trying to keep the gathered number of people present to less than 10 at any time. I recommend calling before visiting so that we can assure one another there's not a lot of people in the office at once.

We will continue to update one another as we learn more, including plans for Holy Week and for our April 18th Roast Beef Dinner.

If there's anything I've missed, feel free to ask questions or let me know. And again, if you have loved ones in hospitals or nursing facilities, please let me know if they'd like a pastoral visit so that I can try to navigate the protocol in a timely manner.

I'll leave you with this joke I saw on the internet:

"Honestly I hadn't planned on giving up this much for Lent!"

Email sent March 20:

News & Updates from TCC March 20, 2020

Coronavirus response is challenging, but our faith remains strong

"Keep on loving one another...do not forget to show hospitality to strangers... God has said, 'Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you'... so we say with confidence 'The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid'..."

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

(from Hebrews 13:1-8)

Our church now has a mass phone calling system

Like school systems & doctors' offices, our church now has a phone call system. Last night I sent the first message. This system will be especially helpful to get communication to our members & friends who do not have email or facebook. I want to thank our Secretary, Tracy, who worked with me for several hours yesterday checking each phone number and getting the system installed. Please let us know if you know someone who would like to receive these messages but for some reason did not receive it and we will make sure to add their number. In case you didn't receive it, the message said that worship will be online through the end of March, Bible Study will be via phone, and especially we want to continue to care for everyone. If you know of any needs where our church can be helpful, please call the office at 860.589.0182. (And the system does provide an "opt-out" feature in case some people would rather not receive phone calls.)

Yesterday we learned of a need, and responded

We learned that Brian's Angels in Bristol (an outreach housed in Prospect St. Methodist Church that serves daily meals to the homeless) was having difficulty serving hot meals. A few of us from church went and served a hot meal. A lot of services for homeless are being limited now due to closures and due to the 10-person rule (not gathering with more than 10 people at a time). We are going to try our best to continue helping Brian's Angels as often as we can.

Worship will be online (live on Sundays at 10am) and it is my understanding that you do not have to have a facebook account to watch. Here's the link:

Unfortunately, we've decided we need to cancel our Roast Beef Dinner

The dinner was scheduled for April 18. Hopefully we can reschedule once we have a better sense of the timing of closures, etc.

Pastor Denise from Plymouth is working on an online video for the Saturday worship service

We were scheduled to have Saturday worship on March 21 with Plymouth Congregational Church -- instead, we will have an online worship video which will be available on youtube (link will come in a separate email and also be posted on facebook).

Important links from my last email:

Online resources for faith formation, children, youth & families: [faith formation resources](#)

Please remember to support our church by mailing your pledge, dropping it by the office, and/or giving online: [Paypal link to TCC giving](#)

My 88.9FM WJMJ One-Minute messages: [Rev Zack WJMJ messages](#)

My family & my prayers

A lot of people have reached out to ask about my family -- I love you all and I love our church -- thank you! Like a lot of families, my wife and I both work so we are doing our best to "juggle" the kids while they are out of school.

My prayers at this time go to those who have been put out of work (restaurant, salons, etc);

those who do not have adequate child care; those who are feeling overwhelmed with trying to "home school" their kids; our seniors/elders who are quite worried; those who are not able to get to stores (or when they get to stores the stores are lacking meat or other products they need); our high school and college seniors who are thinking about what graduation will look like; our college and high school seniors who are missing their final seasons of sports and other activities that they love; our entire country and world who are missing the very valuable social gatherings that make us who we are; families who have babies and/or are expecting a new baby soon; our homeless and hungry who are missing a lot of their normal services and support; those with special needs who are also missing a lot of services and support at this time; those who are in hospitals and nursing facilities and cannot have loved ones visit them; all of the doctors, nurses, hospital and nursing facility staff, first responders, and others who are on the "front lines" of this virus. I also pray for all of our leaders - from the local level all the way to the national and worldwide level - who are having to make very important decisions every hour. And of course, I am also in prayer for all the families who have coronavirus or have a loved one who has it. I am sure I am missing someone, but I trust that God knows the needs.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

Again, please be in touch with any needs where our church might be helpful. Just because we do not meet in person in large groups does not mean that we cease being a community of followers of Jesus Christ!

Please also see the attached press release from the Food Pantry

Blessings,
Rev Zack

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



Members: *Darlene Wartonick, Ingrid Beicke, 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, Ellen Armbruster, Wayne Hotchkiss (husband of Ellen Hotchkiss)*

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, Sue Kiszka*

Nursing Facility/Assisted Living/Retirement/Living Independent/Home: *Ann Krampitz (Sheriden Wood Conv. Home), Ralph Davis, Elizabeth Day (Cook Willow in Plymouth), 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." (Ingram Manor), Darlene Wartonick (Arden Courts of Farmington)*

Military: *Derek Thibodeau*

WE SUPPORT OUR MILITARY: The church continues its support of the men and women of the Town of Plymouth. To date contributions total \$245.41. Our yearly endeavors of the LEO Club of THS, under the guidance of Chris Perkins they solicit help from the community once a year – pack and send a package of remembrance and support to those of the Town of Plymouth who have entered the armed forces.



Elected Lay Leaders, Committee Members at annual Meeting 2/16/20

<u>Clerk:</u> Spiritual Group	Sylvia LaFreniere	<u>*Group Leaders:</u>	1. Rich Sauzedde –
<u>*Moderator:</u> Business Group	Gerald Wunsch		2. Ray Zalaski Jr. –
<u>*Vice-Moderator:</u> Group	Paula Anderson		3. Cindy Harnish – Service
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Candace Telke	<u>*At Large:</u>	1. Jim Hannon
<u>Asst. Treasurer:</u>	Allison Reed		2. John Layton
<u>Collectors:</u>	1. Millie Perry 2. Sue Dillane	<u>Music Committee:</u>	1. Barbara Benson 2. Sue Dillane 3. Sandi Ehmer
<u>CE Committee:</u>	1. Jolene Cahill 2. Betsy Dixie 3. Charlotte Audet	<u>Trustees:</u>	1. Dave Morrell 2. Jake Armbruster 3. Eric Armbruster 4. Bob Worden 5. Tom Zalaski
<u>Outreach Committee:</u>	1. Crista Furtado 2. Carol Barberi 3. Candace Telke 4. Sharon Paradis 5. Cindy Harnish	<u>Diaconate:</u>	1. Roseanne Hannon 2. Andy Gagner 3. Holly Zemak
<u>Finance:</u>	1. Bob Grosf 2. Jackie Merchant 3. Wayne Harnish 4. Wayne Waldron 5. Trustee Representative	<u>Fellowship:</u>	1. Ellen Cifone 2. Judy Harris 3. Jean Mariano
<u>Communications:</u>	1. Jeanne Zalaski 2. Tina Gagner		

***Denotes Church Council Members**

Updated: 2/16/2020

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

COFFEE HOUR LIST
2020

Each month a different church committee will be responsible for calling to get volunteers for coffee hour. The volunteer does not have to be a committee member.

APRIL, 2020
FINANCE

Bob Grosf
Jackie Merchant
Wayne Harnish
Wayne Waldron
Trustee Representative

MAY, 2020
TRUSTEES

Jake Armbruster
Eric Armbruster
Bob Worden
Dave Morrell
Tom Zalaski





BINGO DATES FOR 2020
Doors Open at 5:30pm-Games Start at 7:00pm

JANUARY 25, 2020

AUGUST 15, 2020

FEBRUARY 22, 2020

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

~~MARCH 28, 2020~~ -CANCELED

OCTOBER 24, 2020

APRIL 25, 2020

NOVEMBER 21, 2020

MAY 23, 2020

DECEMBER 19, 2020

NEED HELP SETTING UP, KITCHEN (SNACKS ONLY)

CALL BOB GROSOFF (203) 885-4848

OR

JERRY WUNSCH (860) 209-2891

Events Celebrated Since Our Last Newsletter was Published

Special Events Celebrated During March, 2020

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Rev. Zachary Mabe	3/4/20	42 nd Birthday
Brody Wunsch	3/5/20	16 th Birthday
Cindi Harnish	3/7/20	48 th Birthday
Barbara Plumb	3/7/20	97 th Birthday
Pam Kamens	3/8/20	63 rd Birthday
Phil Armbruster	3/11/20	65 th Birthday
Mary Lecko	3/11/20	100 th Birthday
Ellen B. Armbruster	3/13/20	97 th Birthday
Carol Hopkins	3/14/20	65 th Birthday
Linda Miskin	3/14/20	
Jase Vieira	3/13/20	4 th Birthday
Millie Perry	3/15/20	79 th Birthday
<i>Happy St. Patricks Day to EVERY ONE - 3/17/2020</i>		
Emery Austin	3/18/20	81 st Birthday
Macklin Lowd	/19/20	5 th Birthday
Karen Austin	3/23/20	79 th Birthday

As I was typing this today, I decided to dwell on solely the pleasantries of the world and nothing else, as I turned the radio off.

Curt was reading the newspaper so I asked him for something good and at first he read me one of our favorite comics, "Pickles". At our age, we easily relate to them. He then said, "here's something great. The Deforest siblings, Katie and Chris, were named **Athletes of the Week** for area scholastic sports." They both do excellent at indoor track and cross country running. Many of you may know them as students of Terryville High and children of proud parents, Jennifer and John Deforest, all members of our church.

For Katie, her interest began 4 years ago, while a sixth grader, when her father and brother started encouraging her. Chris, will be attending Siena College in N. Y. this fall. He was described by his coaches as one of the hardest athletes they ever worked with.

Congratulations to a very loving and supportive family.

LAYREADER GUIDE

PREPARATION

Review the printed **Order of Worship (Bulletin)** and specifically read and understand the “Call to Worship” and “Unison Reading” portions.

- 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.
- Proceed to the Altar with the Minister.

WORSHIP SERVICE

- Following the musical prelude and the Minister's opening statements, introduce yourself, announce the Trustee of the Month and the Deacon of the Month, and if appropriate, the occasion for and name of the donor(s) of the day's flowers on the altar. (As printed in the Bulletin)
- Read your parts of the Call to Worship.
- Following the Children's Message and Offering, announce and proceed with leading the Unison Scripture Reading.
- Participate in The Offering by taking a plate to Individuals sitting in the Balcony. Then return to the altar with the ushers.
- Stand beside the Minister during the Benediction and proceed to the Narthex with him/her.

LAYREADERS AND USHERS 2020

STARTING IN JANUARY, 2019 LAYREADERS AND USHERS WILL BE PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER AND BULLETIN ONLY FOR THE 1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, (COMMUNION SUNDAY). ALL OTHER SUNDAYS, LAYREADERS WILL BE PUBLISHED AND USHERS WILL BE ASKED TO HELP OUT AS THEY ENTER CHURCH.

April 5, 2020

Communion /Plates

April 12 (Easter)

April 19

April 26

LR: Student

USHERS:

Rich Sauzede

Andrew Hawes

Carol, Hopkins

TRUSTEES LISTING 2020

APRIL, 2020	RAY ZALASKI JR. (860) 582-7331 Home (860) 605-4128 Cell
MAY, 2020	DAVE MORRELL (860) 583-8302 Home (860) 261-8035 Cell
JUNE, 2020	ALISON REED (860) 583-5977 Home (860) 302-8034 Cell
JULY, 2020	DICKIE ZALASKI (860) 583-5367
AUGUST, 2020	RAY ZALASKI (860) 582-7331 Home (860) 605-4128 Cell
SEPTEMBER, 2020	DAVE MORRELL (860) 583-8302 Home (860) 261-8035 Cell
OCTOBER, 2020	TOM ZALASKI (860) 283-8665 Home (203) 206-4214 Cell
NOVEMBER, 2020	PHIL ARMBRUSTER (860) 583-7864 Home (860) 673-0488 Cell
DECEMBER, 2020	ERIC ARMBRUSTER (860) 583-7864 Home (860) 940-8293 Cell
JANUARY, 2020	JAKE ARMBRUSTER (860) 589-1964 Home (860) 681-1837 Cell
FEBRUARY, 2020	ERIC ARMBRUSTER (860) 583-7864 Home (860) 940-8293 Cell
MARCH, 2020	DICKIE ZALASKI (860) 583-5367

EACH TRUSTEE IS REQUIRED TO FIND THEIR OWN SUBSTITUTE IF ONE CANNOT OPEN UP ON SUNDAY. ALSO, NOTIFY TRACY IN THE OFFICE TO MAKE A NOTE IN THE BULLETIN.

DEACON OF THE MONTH
2020

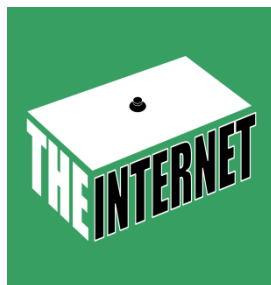
APRIL, 2020

GEORGE WARTONICK

Deacon of the Month Responsibilities:

- Call the scheduled Lay Reader (each week) and ushers (on Communion Sunday).
- Please, arrive early for the service to make sure that you have everything you need, and ask for volunteer ushers (on non-Communion Sundays). On Communion Sundays, make sure the pre-assigned ushers (Deacons) know their roles for the service.
- Communion Sunday Week-You are responsible to set-up communion including purchasing the roll, bread and juice.
- You can call Roseanne (860-582-0116) with any questions or if you need help.
- Thank you for your service!

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 *May, 2020*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *April 24th* will be published in the *May, 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.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT:

John Hopko, Immediate Past Board President (860-582-3631) OR
Erin Kennedy, Executive Director (860-584-1750)
Plymouth Community Food Pantry, 20 Dewey Avenue, Terryville, CT 06786
EMAIL: foodpantry@plymouthfoodpantry.org

Plymouth Community Food Pantry Maintains Emergency Services during COVID-19 Crisis

Terryville, CT – March 23, 2020 – The Plymouth Community Food Pantry serves the emergency food needs of food insecure persons who are resident in the Town of Plymouth. If you live in the Town of Plymouth and have an emergency need for food, call 860-584-1750, and leave a message.

Erin Kennedy, Executive Director of the Food Pantry says, “Right now, if you live in the Town of Plymouth and have an emergency need for food (true emergencies only, please!) call the Plymouth Community Food Pantry at 860-584-1750, and leave your name and phone number. We will get back to you as soon as we can, to help meet your need for food. Also, if you are able to donate food for distribution at this time, please, also call and leave us a message. In particular, right now, we require non-perishable, long shelf-life food items—especially needed are jelly, canned chicken, pasta, and sauce. Also, we do distribute some personal care items, especially diapers, both for children and adults.”

Kennedy added, “We will be distributing food on an emergency basis, by appointment only, on a ‘grab-and-go’ basis, which will limit contact between our Food Pantry volunteers and the clients we serve. We want to keep distributing food, but we must do so safely, following the guidelines about ‘social distancing’ and proper hygienic practices that have been put into place by the authorities.”

Fr. John Hopko, an Orthodox Christian priest who serves a parish in Terryville, is the Immediate Past Board President of the Food Pantry. He says, “Right now, our new Board President is consumed at his place of fulltime employment with meeting the needs of those effected by the present COVID-19 crisis. So, I have been asked to oversee the Food Pantry’s efforts at this time, on an executive level. On a day-to-day basis, Tom Doyle, one of our Board members, will be coordinating daily activities at the Food Pantry, endeavoring to meet emergency food needs in the Town of Plymouth. Our Executive Director, Erin Kennedy, will be concentrating her efforts on making sure that we have food to distribute, and, most importantly, on reaching out to our clients with information about how to access the Food Pantry at this time.”

Tom Doyle, Food Pantry Board Member, added, “It is imperative that we meet the needs of the hungry in the Town of Plymouth right now. I am committed, each and every day, for as long as this crisis lasts, to do my part to make sure that happens. I intend to be the voice of those who are hungry in our town right now, and make sure that they are not marginalized or forgotten.”

Since 1990, The Plymouth Community Food Pantry has been working to defeat hunger in the Town of Plymouth, CT. Last year, the Food Pantry distributed over 120,000 pounds of food, serving hundreds of people in the Town of Plymouth. The Food Pantry accomplishes its mission by running a program that has an annual budget of less than \$70,000, and which has just one paid employee, Erin Kennedy, the Executive Director. Thankfully, under normal circumstances, numerous volunteers from the community provide around 250 hours of freewill work each month. Seeking to fulfill its stated mission of ending hunger in the Town of Plymouth, the Food Pantry is pleased, privileged and proud to be doing vital work in an efficient and effective manner.

Persons who are interested in learning more about the Plymouth Community Food Pantry are asked to contact either Erin Kennedy, Executive Director, or John Hopko, Board President. The Plymouth Community Food Pantry is located at 20 Dewey Avenue, Terryville, CT 06786. The phone number is 860-584-1750, and the email address is foodpantry@plymouthfoodpantry.org. The Food Pantry is a non-governmental, community-based, independent, charitable endeavor that seeks to serve any and every person resident in the Town of Plymouth who is hungry or at risk of hunger.

For information:

CONTACT: John Hopko, Immediate Past Board President (860-582-3631)
CONTACT: Erin Kennedy, Executive Director (860-584-1750)
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Plymouth Community Food Pantry

NEEDS (as of March 23, 2020):

Jelly

Canned Chicken

Pasta

Sauce

Diapers (for Children/Adults)

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>
January	150
February	111
March	138
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
2020 Total:	399

Outreach Committee News



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

Prepare for the June Fair Tag Sale coming up on June 13

As you are making room for all of your holiday gifts and doing your Spring cleaning, keep in mind the June Fair Tag Sale. Outreach will be taking donations for the June Fair Tag Sale. Box up your "trash" and "no longer used treasures" for donation. Your donations can become a treasure for someone else.

Dinners

Outreach hosted dinner at **Gosinski Park** on March 14. In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rye bread and desserts were served to go style. It was very nice to be able to go ahead with our dinner. The residents were very appreciative. Thanks to all who helped with serving and desserts - Rev Zack, Cindi, Candace, Sharon, Crista and Sue Dillane.

We will be serving dinner at **Eli Terry** on May 2. If you are interested in helping to serve or make a dessert, please reach out to anyone on the Outreach Committee. We would love to have you!

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

November - Eli Terry

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

January 12 - no meeting

March 8 - meeting held in Social Hall

May 10

July - no Meeting

September 13

November 8

February 9 - no meeting

April 5

June 14

August 9

October 11

December 13

If you are interested in more information on upcoming Outreach events or helping the Committee, please reach out to 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



Supporting 13 open loans - total of 107 supported - \$2,750

Loan Updates -

Paid in full

Gemma - Dabubu Grande San Agustin, Philippines - Manufacturing

Gemma and her husband have a welding shop business. They are happily living together with their two kids. They both want to give their children a better future, which is why they are doing their best to improve their business. To make this more possible, Gemma requested a loan to buy welding materials like a welding machine, welding rods, and other supplies needed in her shop. The couple will continue to help each other to make their wish come true.

New Loan

Norma Noemi - Acari, Peru - Clothing Sales

This loan is special because: It expands access to financial services for rural clients.

Norma is a hard-working woman, 43 years old, who lives with her partner and 2 children in the locality of Acari, Peru. She works selling clothing in her retail space which with great effort she managed to open. Norma is always seeking to have a variety of clothing to attract new customers. She requests her loan to be able to purchase clothing such as sweaters and school jackets to stock her business and increase her sales volume.

Norma hopes in the future to improve her house and to continue offering her children a good education, so that they become professional people with many values.

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!

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

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The following first appeared in an Ann Landers column in 1979 – This was written by a Third-grader and appeared in a newsletter of the St. Andrews Society of Washington.

What Is A Grandmother

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own. She likes other people's. A grandfather is a man grandmother.

Grandmothers don't have to do anything except be there, they are old, so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to market and have a lot of dimes ready. When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. They never say "hurry up". Usually grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth out.

Grandmothers don't have to be smart, they only have to answer questions like, "why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?" When they read to us, they don't skip lines or mind if we ask for the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have a TV, because they are the only grown-ups who have time.

Submitted by Ellen Anderson