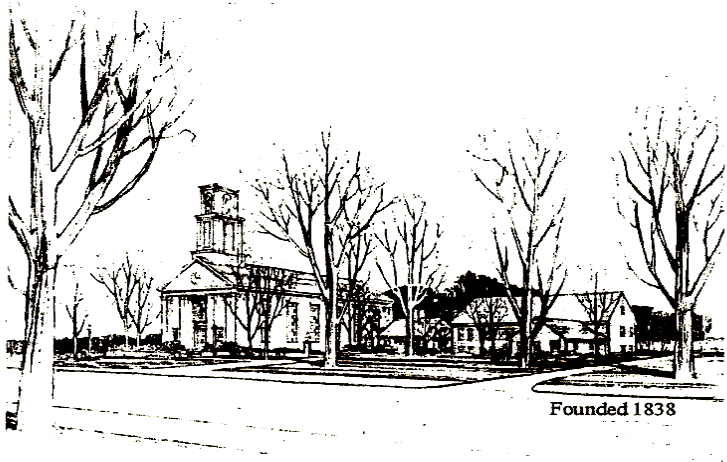
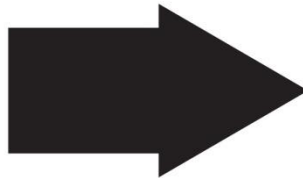


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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:



The Grand Raffle has been extended to Saturday, September 12, 2020. Thank you to everyone who purchased and sold tickets! Let's all keep up the great effort!

TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

MAY, 2020

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

Our first Sunday of "social distancing" was March 15. Therefore, as of the end of April, we've had 7 Sundays apart. Wow. I never could have imagined something like this. Currently, we are still in a "wait and see" mode in terms of when we can get back to church. We know that our Governor has said schools are closed for the academic year (through June) so we will just have to continue to wait. Like last month's newsletter, it might be best if I put together some frequently asked questions and other highlights below.

What events have been canceled at church and what are still a possibility? As of now, all events through and including the date of the June Fair (June 13) have been canceled. We are still not sure about VBS. We are hoping we can have some of the events we've missed (Roast Beef Dinner, Main Street Clean Up, Eli Terry Dinner, June Fair, etc. later in the year in some version or another).

What about our Big Raffle Project? We have extended the raffle date and now the winner will be selected on September 12. So please help promote our raffle and help sell the tickets!

What can we do to help others? The last week of April, we took up a collection of goods (toilet paper, hand sanitizer, masks, gloves, simple non-perishable food, candies, small games) and put together some care packages for local residents in need (we were able to do 60-something packages, which completely covered all of Gosinski Park's residents and left us with enough to help several more people/families). We are now collecting for round 2 of this kind of program – we will collect through May 15, then distribute soon thereafter. The care packages contain: toilet paper, masks, gloves, canned goods, crackers/chips/granola bars, a little game or book, candy, hand sanitizer, and any other helpful or meaningful small items we can fit into the bag. The first round we did this, they were very full bags! Depending on how long all of this lasts, we will keep this going as much as we need to – thank you for your support! In addition to this, please continue to call and check on your local neighbors and friends. We have also had a few members helping with Brian's Angels outreach in Bristol, serving meals to the homeless - Thank you! Please also remember that our local food pantry is operating by appointment. Please call them if you need food, and you can also call them if you'd like to help them (860) 584-1750.

What's the schedule for church services and how do I access them? The services continue on Sundays at 10am on Facebook Live and YouTube Live. We continue to have issues with YouTube Live not always functioning properly. However, later in the day on Sunday - if the live feed doesn't work - the service is re-loaded onto YouTube so that you can watch it in its entirety.

Bible Study continues to meet on Mondays at 11am via phone and/or computer.

Confirmation Class & Sunday school continues to meet, Sundays at 11:15am on Zoom.

As mentioned previously, we now have a mass-phone call system so that messages can get out to all our members and friends. If you know someone who is not receiving our calls and would like to be on our phone list, please let our church office know.

Please continue to mail in your pledge or donations or you can also drop them at the office Mon-Fri 10am-2pm.

I have started doing brief, weekly check-in videos and I plan to continue that until we can be together again in person.

National Day of Prayer is May 7. Pastor Denise from Plymouth is putting together a compilation video that will feature local pastors and others from the community.

Prayer Requests: As you've seen on our Facebook comments, we are starting to know people personally who have tested positive for COVID-19. Please pray for them as well as all health care workers, first responders, government leaders, and all those who have lost jobs.

Please pray for Wayne Kamens & his family and friends, on the passing of Bonnie Kamens.

Please pray for our nursing facility and independent living facility residents: Ray & Lois Douyard, Ann Krampitz, Betty Day, Ralph Davis, E.T., Jean Mariano (in rehab), Edna Kirkby, Rae Link, Doris Bondeson, Juney Cushman, Darlene Wartonick, Lois Kamens, Bill Fickett.

Remember that nothing can separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord! (Romans 8:38-39).

God's blessings be with you,
Rev Zack

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



Wayne Kamens & Family on the passing of his wife, Bonnie, on April 28, 2020

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, 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, and Christopher Gray

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), Jean Mariano (rehab- Ingram Manor)

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 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

By-Laws Manager: Curt Wilbanks

Safe Conduct Advocate: Wayne Kamens

Personnel Committee:
1. Donna Wunsch
2. Holly Zemak

Floral Committee:
1. Ellen Cifone
2. Sue Kozikowski
3. Sandy Colasanto

Church Historian: Charlotte Crockett

Historical Committee:
1. Charlotte Crockett
2. Dick Foote
3. Donna Wunsch

Audit Committee: Sylvia LaFreniere

Updated: 2/19/20



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~~ - CANCELED

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 OCCURRING IN APRIL, 2020

What a month it's been due to the Coronavirus. Never one like it before and we hope for none like it again. Since so many beautiful churches continue to remain closed, there has been no access to our Celebration Easel maintained in the narthex, so I copied the list of celebrants from last year's April Newsletter enabling us to continue to honor our members.

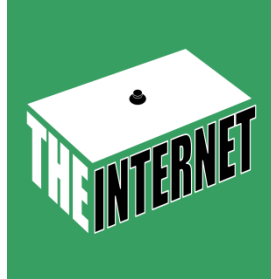
Thank God for giving this nation the many lovely, generous, faithful and dedicated people who have had and who continue to have the strength to deal with this situation.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Eric Armbruster	Birthday	April 3
Susan Kozikowski	Birthday	April 4
Avis Flanders	Birthday	April 6
Denise O'Donnell	Birthday	April 7
Holden Waldron	7 th Birthday	April 8
Sharon Paradise	Birthday	April 10
Bethany Reek	Birthday	April 11
Nicole Zalaski	Birthday	April 14
Diane & Garryl Pratt	Anniversary	April 13
Kaitlyn Ferrucci	Birthday	April 17
Diane Pratt	Birthday	April 19
Joy Armbruster	Birthday	April 20
Charlie Bilodeau	5 th Birthday	April 20
Melissa Mabe	Birthday	April 20
Gary Pratt	Birthday	April 26
Colby Pronovost	13 th Birthday	April 28

<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>April 5</i>
<i>Maunday Thursday</i>	<i>April 9</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>April 10</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>April 12</i>

Note: We may not have been physically in attendance at the above listed services, however many of us were able to listen and/or view them through the special efforts and support put forth by The Reverend Zachary Mabe; Matthew Miskin, our Director of Music and his accompaniment; Tracy Fitzpatrick, our Church Secretary; Wayne Krampitz and Wayne Harnish, our two efficient and hard working sound and video effects team members who also served as disciples in the very beautiful and moving Maunday Thursday Service who were further supported by Richard Sauzedde, one of our most dedicated church members who fills in anywhere there is a need.

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 *June, 2020*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *May 22nd* will be published in the *June, 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:

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Plymouth Community Food Pantry

NEEDS (as of April 24, 2020):

Canned pasta meals

Baked beans

Small cans of beef stew and chili

Canned tuna fish

Condiments (mayo, ketchup, mustard)

Instant mashed potatoes

Tea bags (you can buy in bulk and package up in zipper bags)

Small cans of coffee and instant coffee

Toilet paper

Pasta

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	unknown
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

Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach

Thank you to Candace, who has been hosting weekly dinners to support Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach in Bristol, Ct. From the Brian's Angels website - Brian's Angels is dedicated to helping the Bristol Connecticut homeless with love and caring. They supply items such as toiletries, non-perishable foods, clothing (such as socks, thermal sets, underwear, shoes, coats), temporary shelter, and supplies. The goal is to try to "fill a hole" for items that are not in the area agencies and for items outside their budgets. Brian's Angels was founded by Pat Stebbins in her son's memory, Brian Pinz. Brian died on March 10, 1998, two weeks before his 25th birthday, after having a period of homelessness. Brian's Angels is dedicated in his honor to aid the homeless population in Bristol.

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. Thanks to all who helped with serving and desserts - Rev Zack, Cindi, Candace, Sharon, Crista and Sue Dillane.

I hope you are all doing well handling our current social and physical distancing situation. In light of where we are and taking everyone's best interests as a priority, the Outreach Committee has decided to postpone the Eli Terry dinner planned for May 2. Once we have a better idea of when we can safely "get out", we can discuss new dates. Thinking of having a picnic celebration in early summer.

Upcoming Events

Dinner Calendar for 2020 -

January 11 - Gosinski Park	February 8 - Eli Terry
March 14 - Gosinski Park	May 2 - Eli Terry - Postponed
October - Gosinski Park	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 in Social Hall	April 5 - no meeting
May 10 - no meeting	June 14
July - no Meeting	August 9
September 13	October 11
November 8	December 13

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

The logo features the word "KIVA" in a green, stylized font with leaf-like shapes for the letters, followed by the word "UPDATE" in a plain, black, sans-serif font.

Supporting 14 open loans - total of 108 supported - \$2,775

New Loan

Jihad - Construction - Jenin-West Bank, Palestine

This loan is special because it targets youth in a region where young people are often unable to find jobs.

Jihad is a 26 year-old young man who lives with his family in a village near Jenin, West Bank. He is an enthusiastic and active young man, full of hope and energy. Jihad is a hard worker, serving his family by facing life's challenges. He works in construction which is his only source of income. Jihad has requested a loan to buy wood, iron, and construction tools for work. This loan will improve his work and increase his income.

Loan Updates

Cate McCoy Studio - Fayetteville, AR United States / Sewing Services

An update on our loan to [Cate](#)

Greetings, I hope everyone is well and staying home and/or taking part in the social distancing with protection. The Covid-19 virus has greatly affected my sewing alterations business, with having to get close with clients in pinning garments for alterations. At the onset of the virus, there were a couple of times when clients would leave their garments in a bag at my door to be altered and then pickup the same way. Everyone else has canceled until the curve has flattened. Currently I am putting my new machine to good use in making face masks for our local Children's Hospital and yesterday had some clients ask for some masks, as well. Regrettably, I am not able to make my full payment this month. I can pay \$25.00. I really appreciate your understanding at this time. Please take care and stay safe!
Sincerely, Cate McCoy Studio

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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