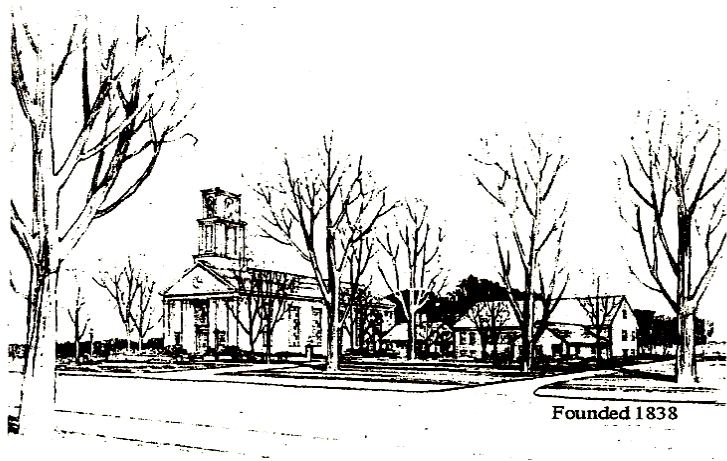
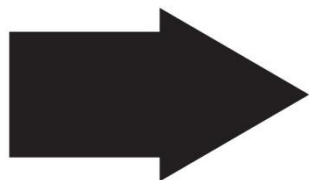


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NOVEMBER
CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

10AM SUNDAY WORSHIP

**JOIN US ON MONDAY'S AT 11AM FOR BIBLE
STUDY IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM**

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
2019-2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS!!!**



**6TH ROUND OF CARE PACKAGES
FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED**



NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF:
Non-perishables as well as sanitizer, masks,
little games or books, tissues, candy, and
anything else you think would help to
brighten someone's day.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

November, 2020

Dear Members & Friends of Terryville Congregational Church:

For this month's article, I'd like to do a little looking back at this past year, as well as some looking ahead to the future...

Sunday, March 15th was our first Sunday of dealing with new protocols and precautions due to COVID-19. I am so happy, thankful and proud to say that - since that date - we have not missed a single worship service. We were already live streaming our services (prior to March), so we simply kept doing that starting March 15. Once we got into the month of May, we were able to go outside for services and have in-person worship. We remained outside through October 11th. October 18th was our first Sunday back indoors, once the state allowed for 50% occupancy of our Sanctuary. Throughout this time, we were also able to continue with weekly Bible Study (via phone at first, then Zoom, and now back in person); Sunday school has been able to provide videos for instruction; and Confirmation Class was able to meet via Zoom (and now - this year's class - back to in-person meetings). All of this culminated in a beautiful Confirmation Sunday that we were able to celebrate in person with our 2019-2020 Confirmation Class on October 25. In so many ways this wild journey has been filled with amazing blessings!

In addition to these blessings, let's also not forget that we had an amazing virtual VBS this year as well as a HUGELY successful raffle! God is good, all the time; all the time, God is good!

Moving forward, we are still very much in "one day at a time" mode. Our Sunday school department (Christian Education Committee) has decided not to try to do in-person Sunday school until some later date (to be determined). In the meantime, they will continue with videos and other creative tools for our students. Confirmation Class meets in-person on Sundays (masks and distancing). Worship will continue to meet in-person as long as we can still have 50% occupancy. If the state reduces that percentage, then we will go back either to outdoors (if it happens to be a warm enough day) or virtual (live stream only).

You may have noticed that, in addition to Confirmation, we've had lots of Baptisms lately! We had three baptisms on October 18, we have one scheduled for Nov. 8, and we have three more scheduled for November 15. Again, 2020 isn't all bad! There are many blessings to celebrate! We also have a wedding scheduled for December!

As far as church events, it's time to get creative! We have been talking about the possibility of an online auction. We have also been talking about the possibility of some to-go meal fundraisers. We can also look forward to some outside events (such as caroling) as we draw closer to Christmas. We will keep you posted as our creative juices continue to flow!

In the meantime, we are still worshiping, studying the Bible, praying, and reaching out to people in need. We are now on our 6th round of care packages that go to local families in need. We are also serving monthly meals to the residents of Eli Terry Retirement Community and Gosinski Park. God is great!

Don't let 2020 get you down. Celebrate the ways that God is blessing you, and contribute to God's blessings by participating in the work of Jesus through being a disciple with the whole of your heart, mind and soul!

With Christian Love,

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF THE LAMY FAMILY, ON THE PASSING OF BILL'S MOTHER

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 (recovering from hip procedure), Debbie Wartonick*

Friends and Family: *), Carole Kozikowski,(daughter of Curt and Mary-Alice Wilbanks), Rocky Fonck and Raymond Dery (son-in-laws of Millie Perry)*

Nursing Facility/Assisted Living/Retirement/Living Independent/Home: *Ann Krampitz (Sheriden Wood Conv. Home), Rae Link, Doris Bondeson, (Farmington Station, Farmington, CT), Ray & Lois Douyard (Apple Rehab in Avon) Lois Kamens (Live Well, Plantsville), Barbara Plumb, 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!

Notes: Please help us update our prayer list. We would like to offer a brief reason why we are praying for each person so that we can better direct our prayers (see the example above for Rachel Reynolds).

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 Grosf, Wayne Harnish, Jackie Merchant, Wayne Waldron, Jake Armbruster

Treasurer – Candace Telke

Assistant Treasurer – Alison 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 October, 2020

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Gerry & Donna Wunsch	Oct. 5	46 th Anniversary
Charlotte & Rich Audet	Oct. 10	33 rd Anniversary
Andy & Tina Gagner	Oct.10	Anniversary
Wayne & Cindy Harnish	Oct. 11	23 rd Anniversary
Lisa Reek	Oct. 11	Birthday
Phil & Joy Armbruster	Oct.16	38 th Anniversary
Doris Bondeson	Oct. 21	Birthday
Brian & Jodi Waldron	Oct. 21	14 th Anniversary
Shane Levesque	Oct. 27	7 th Birthday
Anne Krampitz	Oct. 28	64 th Birthday
Pam & Hank Kamens	Oct. 28	43 rd Anniversary
Jenny Miskin	Oct. 31	Birthday

Thanks to the efforts of Rev. Zack, Matt Miskin, Wayne Krampitz and Wayne Harnish, our outdoor Sunday Services were still enjoyed, whether you were there in person or were able to pick the services up on your tablets, computers or whatever means, they were there for you. Thank the Lord!

During Sunday, the 11th of October, our last outdoor service was further enhanced by the voices of David Nichols and Jeanine Pray, accompanied by Paul Bilodeau on his base fiddle and as usual, Matt Miskin on his guitar. For her final number, as the leaves fell from the trees overhead, Jeanine sang “*When Fall Comes To New England*”, a special tribute to our lovely state.

After a long absence of enjoying services inside our beautiful sanctuary, we finally were able to again worship indoors with masks and proper distancing on Sunday, October, 18th, the *Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost*. The last time we were inside was on March 8th, the *2nd Sunday in Lent*.

This service provided us with a warm and enthusiastic “Good Morning and Welcome”. Along with that, we had a Blessing of Prayer Shawls, made by our faithful and dedicated knitters. This was followed by a celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism of three (3) individuals, Joseph Capuano, soon to be 1 year old; his cousin 6 year old, Link Vassak and their Great Grandfather, 89 year old, Curt Wilbanks. All gifts for the baptized were lovingly created by our talented Ruth Guay. The service was closed by Curt singing “Why Me, Lord?”

Plymouth Community Food Pantry

Items most needed for Thanksgiving as of 10/28/20:

- Canned Yams
- Stuffing Mix
- Jellied Cranberry Sauce
- Gravy

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		\$150.00
August	unknown	
September	unknown	
October	unknown	
November		
December		
2020 Total:	399	\$200.00

(as reported by the Food Pantry)

Outreach Committee News



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

Outreach Committee will be planning dinner for Gosinski Park in November. Dinner will be served "to go" style. For Veteran's Day we will be making a donation to the American Legion Post 20 in town. A donation will be made to the Free Food Pantry in town.

Dinners

Dinner was served "to go" for residents of Eli Terry on Saturday, October 17. Thanks to Jeannie and Ray for their help.

Upcoming Events

Dinner Calendar for 2020 -

January 11 - Gosinski Park

March 14 - Gosinski Park

October 17 - Eli Terry

February 8 - Eli Terry

May 2 - Eli Terry - Postponed to May 8

November 21 - Gosinski Park

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

January 12 - no meeting

April 5 - no meeting

July - no Meeting

October 17 - meeting

February 9 - no meeting

May 10 - no meeting

August 9 - no meeting

November 8

March 8 - meeting held

June 14 - email meeting

September 13 - no meeting

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

12 open loans - total of 112 supported - \$2,900

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Kiva is working with lenders, Field Partners, borrowers and more to ensure a rapid and impactful global response. Your donations help us fight this global crisis.

Loan Updates

Paid in Full

Grupo Pajales Central 6 Group - Suchitepéquez, Guatemala / Food Production/Sales

Alejandra is a young woman who is 19 years old. She is in a relationship and has a beautiful family with one daughter. They live in a community in San Andrés Villa Seca. In order to continue prospering with her family, Alejandra works making tortillas. She now has over three years in her business. She sells on one of the principal streets of her community. With the goal of continuing to grow her business, Alejandra requested a loan to invest in the purchase of firewood. This will provide her what she needs to continue making delicious tortillas, and to better meet the demands of her customers. Since Alejandra's loan was not planned to be paid in full until August 2021, she must be doing well with her tortilla business. Best wishes to Alejandra as she continues to prosper and benefit from her sales.

New Loan

Miltor Jose - Teustepe, Nicaragua

For the past 13 years, Miltor has worked the land he inherited from his father. He also works selling shoes in order to earn additional income and improve his quality of life.

Miltor is seeking to further improve his situation, which is why he is seeking a loan to purchase agricultural supplies to grow squash and cucumbers as well as 36 pairs of shoes for men, 24 pairs of shoes for women, 24 pairs of sandals, and 36 pairs of shoes for children. His dream is to be the owner of a shoes distribution company.

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



Hi! Everyone,

Well it's fall and I love it. The trees are vibrant shades of red, golden yellow, and bright orange and when the sun shines on the trees it's so beautiful. Pumpkins with and without faces along with the mums. The crispy apples and hot apple cider. It all makes me feel so happy.

Hey! How about the Hot Cat Jazz Band the music was great and I sure did dance and sing along. It was nice to see Jeanine Pray and Dave Nichols singing together again, and to have Aaron Pratt doing some music for the service.

Well I ran into a group having a meeting, they were all so intense working on something they called a budget. I mean numbers were flying around. Bob Grosf, chairman, was leading the meeting and his committee of Wayne Harnish, Jackie Merchant, Wayne Waldron, Jake Armbruster and group leader Ray Zalaski (they told me that they were the Finance Committee). They were really hard at work to be able to present to the congregation a budget that the people of the church can afford. (I had heard that Bob knew how to pinch a penny and he was sure working on that penny.) They were also working on pledge forms to send out to the members. This gives every member the opportunity to decide what they can contribute toward the upkeep and running of the church.

As your church mouse I hope that you call pray and give thought to what you can contribute financially; time and talent are all need to help the church grow.

All together in Jesus' love,

Nicodemus your Church Mouse

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 *December, 2020*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *November 20th* will be published in the *December 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.