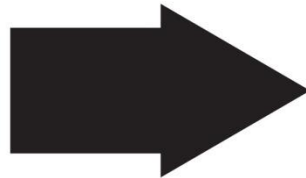


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DECEMBER
CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

December 12, 2020 Christmas Past Walk
10 AM – 3PM

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Church Outside Door Keys:

We are in the process of doing an inventory of key assignments. **If you have key to the outside doors of the church and no longer need the key, please return it to the church office.**

Address, Phone Number, or Email Address Changes: If you have recently moved, changed your phone number, or changed your email address don't forget to notify us. Please contact the church office with any changes.

Thank you!!!

Church Office

Hours: Monday – Friday, 10AM -2PM

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TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

December, 2020

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

At the risk of sounding like a broken record... we are still in "wait and see" mode when it comes to church events. We are continuing to have in-person worship (that is, as of the writing of this article, which is Nov. 23). As long as our State remains in the 2.1 phase, then we are able to have up to 25% occupancy of the sanctuary, or 100 people max. We've been getting between 30-50 people on Sundays in person; therefore, as of now, we do feel that it is safe to continue. We will, of course, also continue to livestream our services. If Connecticut goes back to phase 1 or some other version of higher restrictions, we will let you know. Our weekly videos will also continue regardless of any new rules or guidance.

I know we are all especially missing our Christmas Bazaar this year, one of our most well attended and very spirited events. Even though we were unable to have our Bazaar, we were able to get approval from our local health authorities to have an in-person (distanced, of course, and masks, etc.) "walk-through" for the sale of Christmas past items. This event will take place on Saturday, December 12. (see details in this newsletter).

I am so encouraged that our Confirmation Class has also been able to remain in-person, and we've taken advantage of warm days to get outside and go on several local hikes together. I want to thank Wayne Harnish who has served as our local hike expert and guide. I am also encouraged that we've been able to serve to-go meals to residents of Eli Terry and Gosinski Park - thank you outreach committee! We have also been able to do 6 rounds of care packages for people in need - thank you Ray & Jeannie Zalaski! And we've been able to do a really neat time capsule project - thank you Jim Hannon! Even in the midst of a challenging year, we have continued many ministries! Thank you all!

For Christmas Eve, we are planning a special video which will feature many soloists and special musicians. As of the timing of the writing of this article, we are not yet sure about having an in-person service or services. Please monitor your email, facebook, and/or see our church website for updates about Christmas Eve.

In a way, it is interesting that we are in "wait and see" mode during the Season of Advent. "Advent" means "coming." Advent is a Season of preparation that involves a lot of "waiting" and "seeing." During Advent, we prepare for and await the coming of the Christ Child; we also prepare for and await the start of Jesus' ministry, as we read stories about John the Baptist proclaiming that the Messiah is coming; and, of course, we also await and prepare for the return of Christ. So there's at least three layers of "waiting" and "seeing" that we do in Advent. I want to encourage us all to take this year's pandemic as an opportunity to have this "waiting" and "seeing" mean more to us than ever before; to be brought into better focus; and for us all to draw closer to God. In your current life of faith, what is longing to be strengthened? Use this Advent Season as a time to strengthen both your relationship with God as well as your relationship with your family and neighbors. Perhaps this is a year where you can make a concerted effort to spend more time in prayer, or scripture reading, or writing cards, or making phone calls, or reaching out to neighbors... or perhaps all of the above? Remember our themes of Advent that we often discuss: 1) Spend less but 2) give more, 3) worship fully, and 4) love all.

This year has caused us all to slow down. Let's see the good in the "waiting" and in the "seeing."

With Christian Love,
Rev Zack

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



The family & friends of Barbara Plumb. Barbara entered eternal life on November 16th.

The Bell Family & everyone in Terryville.

Members: *Darlene Wartonick, Alex Morrell, Janet Waldron, Paul & Marie 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 Woods), Rae Link, Doris Bondeson, Juney Cushman (Farmington Station), Ray & Lois Douyard (Apple), Lois Kamens (Live Well), Mary Lecko (Home), Edna Kirkby (Middlewoods), Elaine Tedesco "E.T." (Ingraham Manor), Darlene Wartonick (Arden Courts). Military: Derek Thibodeau. 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).



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020

CHRISTMAS PAST WALK

(Used Christmas Items for Sale)

10AM - 3PM

**TERRYVILLE
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

2ND FLOOR HALL (NO HANDICAP ACCESS)

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, 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 November, 2020

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Aaron Witick	Nov. 1	Birthday
Dave & Jackie Merchant	Nov. 5	Anniversary
Sean (SJ) Jeffery	Nov. 7	5 th Birthday
Bill Hall	Nov. 10	Birthday
Paula Anderson	Nov. 17	Birthday
Robert Link	Nov. 17	Birthday
Rae Link (Mother of Robert)	Nov. 18	Birthday
Kenzie Garceau	Nov. 18	Birthday
Jake Armbruster	Nov. 24	Birthday

God Bless You One and All! Let's Pray that Thanksgiving Day will find us turning the corner to this dreadful year we have been having, with some suffering more than others.

In memory of Barbara Plumb please see the Historian's Corner section at the back of the newsletter. It is an article about the Plymouth Community Food Panty, its beginnings, and Barbara's role. The article was published in the October, 2018 TCC Newsletter and written by Mary-Alice Wilbanks

Plymouth Community Food Pantry

Items in Short Supply (plymouthfoodpantry.org 12/1/20):

Cereal
 Pancake Mix
 Baking Goods, Cake/Brownie Mix
 Jelly
 Coffee
 Tea

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	unknown	
September	unknown	
October	unknown	
November	40	
December		
2020 Total:	439	\$200.00

(as reported by the Food Pantry)

Outreach Committee News



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

Happenings in November and December

In November donations were sent to

- American Legion in Terryville to commemorate our veteran's on Veteran's Day
- Free Food Pantry (Keith Dwy at Black Sheep Art Studios) for Thanksgiving

For Christmas

- Sponsor 5 children as part of the Small Wonders Holiday program
- Supporting Simply Smiles Christmas on the Reservation by purchasing gifts through their online shopping site

Outreach Committee received a thank you note from Sally R Bain-Picard Chairman of our town's Human Services Commission "to express our appreciation for your continuing generosity to our Small Wonders Back to School Program, also known as our Back Pack Program. Your charitable support by way of sponsorship of five children from our Small Wonders Program makes it possible for our program to exist. Thank you from all of us to all of you. You have truly made a difference."

We also received a "thank you" from Irene at Eli Terry for the October dinner.

Dinners

Thanksgiving dinner was served "to go" style to 55 residents of Gosinski Park on Saturday, November 22. Catering of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, veggies, gravy, cranberry sauce and rolls was done by Epicure Pizza House in Thomaston. Pumpkin pies were purchased from Costco.

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 - no meeting

March 8 - meeting held

June 14 - email meeting

September 13 - no meeting

December 13 - no meeting

It is so special to be able to serve our community in all of the ways we are able. Happy holidays to all!

If you are interested in more information on upcoming Outreach events or helping the Committee, please contact any of our members. We'd love to have your support! As we all deal with this challenging time, let's keep each other in our thoughts and prayers.

Crista Furtado

13 open loans - total of 113 supported - \$2,925

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

New Loans

Erwin Alexis - Matagalpa, Nicaragua - Farming

This loan is special because the repayments are aligned with the harvest season.

Erwin is the father of two children. He's a farmer and a merchant of coffee, ferns, and greens. He's very familiar with the work of Kiva and MiCrédito because he has already benefitted from a loan from both organizations. His previous loan was used for maintenance of his coffee crop. He was able to get a good crop and he's very grateful to Kiva and MiCrédito. He opted for a new Kiva loan from MiCrédito to buy agricultural inputs and maintenance for his ferns. He hopes to plant more areas this way, and also to plant beets.

Paid in Full

We had no loans paid in full this month, but because of continuous payments from our borrowers, we were able to make one new loan.

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

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 *January, 2021*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *December 27, 2020* will be published in the *January 2021* 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.