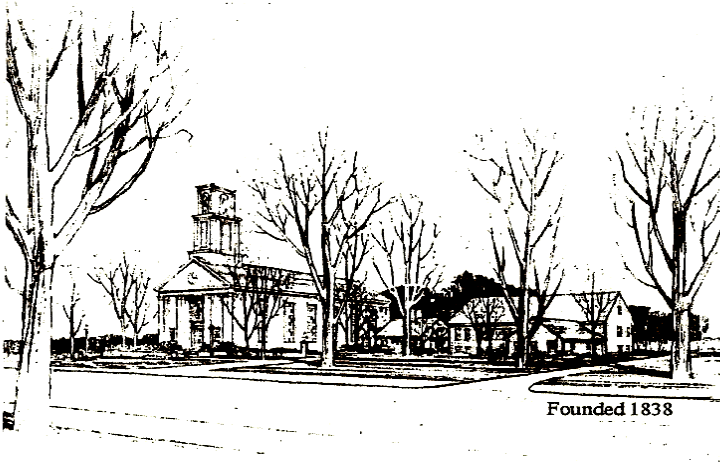
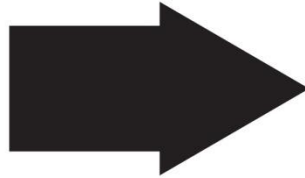


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JANUARY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

STAY SAFE!!!

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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

JANUARY, 2021

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

Happy New Year! 2021 is here, yay!

Like you, I am very hopeful about this year and very much looking forward to resuming many of our activities, as soon as it is safe. For now, we know that will be continuing Sunday worship; we will be having Chicken BBQ (to-go meals), first Saturday in March; we will continue Bible Study and Confirmation Class; we will continue collecting non-perishables and other goodies to put into care packages; we will be continuing meals for Eli Terry Retirement and Gosinski Park (to-go meals); we will continue our weekly videos and livestreaming; and, as soon as we know more, we will let you know about other activities that we may be able to resume.

I am happy and thankful to announce that a nursing facility in Bristol has put me on their list of "contractors/vendors/essential helpers" so that I will be able to get a covid vaccine very soon. I am also thankful that my wife, due to working in the medical field, will get an early vaccine as well. I am also thankful that my boys are doing well in school, and before we know it we will be into the baseball/lacrosse season. Last but not least, my family is in the process of getting a hypo-allergenic dog. (Connor has allergies). I will keep you posted on this process!

Now I'd like to address something more serious. This past year has been extremely difficult for many people. I want you to know that you are not alone in this; that God loves you; and that there are resources that can help. My own family has dealt with these difficulties. This past fall, my son, Josh, experienced mental health challenges. We are so thankful that the school got in touch with us and gave us many resources and help. Josh was set up with a counselor, and the school continues to check-in with us. If you see something, say something -- this is exactly what happened in our case, and we are so thankful that the school immediately addressed it and worked (and continues to work) with us.

Please know that you are not alone. If you need help, you can always dial 2-1-1 and there will be someone to assist you. You can also dial 860-585-4028 and Carrie at our town Human Services can help as well. We all need each other, perhaps now more than ever; we need faith; we need hope; we need love. Please continue to reach out to one another and help one another in any way that you can. Through Christ, we have nothing to fear and we know that God is with us. Take one moment at a time, and know that 2021 will be a better year!

Blessings always,
Rev Zack

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



Family & Friends of Andy Gagner, who entered eternal life on Dec. 16. A Memorial Service is scheduled for June 5th at our church.

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). Joanne Collier (sister of Sylvia LaFreniere, Francis DeFelice (brother-in-law of Karen Reilly).*

NursingFacility/AssistedLiving/Retirement/LivingIndependent/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).

Each year at Epiphany (January 6), we give out Star Gifts. Star Gifts are a simple yet powerful reminder to draw close to God throughout the year and to strengthen your relationship with God and with neighbor. Just as the Magi (Wisemen/Three Kings) were guided by the star to Jesus, a simple word can be a guide for you during 2021. This word can be a theme for your life, something to reflect/pray about and something to put into action.

If you did not get to receive a Star Gift this year, below is the list of Star Gift words. Simply close your eyes and point to a place on this page to receive your word.

kindness	joy	renewal
caring	strength	purpose
sharing	comfort	peacefulness
giving	leadership	power
compassion	discernment	excitement
love	obedience	reliability
worship	thoughtfulness	reverence
Sabbath	responsibility	serenity
openness	patience	humor
understanding	forgiveness	boldness
discipleship	humility	genuineness
servanthood	faithfulness	illumination
stability	hope	vision
hopefulness	tenderness	dependability
prayerfulness	enthusiasm	endurance
praise	evangelism	listening
gentleness	healing	accountability
laughter	loyalty	speaking
acceptance	rejoicing	sincerity
self-control	respect	writing
restraint	selflessness	music
mercy	righteousness	motivation
truth	honesty	planning
peace	wisdom	organization
faith	awareness	cheerfulness
fellowship	guidance	focus
unity	hospitality	balance
teaching	trust	helpfulness
singing	learning	sympathy
celebration	proclamation	empathy
perseverance	encouragement	sensitivity
judgment	trustworthiness	time
discipline	inspiration	conviction
courage	wonder	delight
confidence	flexibility	responsiveness
clarity	grace	education
honor	graciousness	intelligence
contentment	integrity	visitation
imagination	helping	spirituality
	witnessing	thankfulness
	generosity	dignity
	prayer	quiet
commitment	service	dedication
friendship	steadfastness	empathy
freedom	determination	appreciation
creativity	nurturing	charity
devotion		

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, 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

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

Special Events Celebrated During December, 2020

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Jacob Bilodeau	Dec. 1	Birthday
Charlotte Croquette	Dec. 2	Birthday
Joanne & Kevin Keenan	Dec. 8	Anniversary
Ellen Anderson	Dec. 9	Birthday
Lois Douyard	Dec.9	Birthday
Bob Worden	Dec. 10	Birthday
Adam Benson	Dec. 13	Birthday
Ryan Fitzpatrick	Dec. 13	Birthday
Maddie Pronovost	Dec. 17	Birthday
Connor Mabe	Dec. 17	Birthday
Tracy Fitzpatrick	Dec. 20	Birthday
<i>Jesus the Christ Child</i>	<i>Dec. 25</i>	<i>Birth</i>
Holly Zemak	Dec. 25	Birthday
Skip Skarp	Dec. 26	Birthday
Wayne Harnish	Dec. 28	Birthday
Melissa Miskin	Dec. 29	Birthday

Wishing You All a Happy New Year!

Plymouth Community Food Pantry

Items in Short Supply (plymouthfoodpantry.org 1/04/21):

Cereal
 Pancake Mix
 Personal Care Items
 Jelly
 Condiments

VOLUNTEERS:

Every Monday 1:30pm-3:15pm

Every Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

The first Monday of the month 4:00pm-5:15pm

Every other Wednesday (starting 1/22/20) 12:30pm-2:00pm

Please help us to support our Food Pantry by remembering to bring non-perishables each week. You can place your food donations into our "food pantry wagon" when it is pulled down the aisle during morning announcements.



2020 Food Collected for \$1.67/POUND
 Food Pantry by TCC

<i>Month</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
January	150	\$250.50
February	111	\$185.37
*March	138	\$230.46
*April	57	\$95.19
*May	44	\$73.48
*June	50	\$83.50
*July	90	\$150.30
*August	0	\$0.00
*September	0	\$0.00
*October	0	\$0.00
*November	38	\$63.46
December	0	\$0.00
2020 Total:	678	\$1,132.26

*as reported by the food pantry

Outreach Committee News



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

Happenings in December

For Christmas Outreach Committee was able to support 5 children (2 families) as part of the Small Wonders Holiday program. Each child was given a shirt, hoodie, pants, pajamas, shoes or boots, socks, a hat and glove set, and a toy to fit their special request. Our donations along with the support of the Small Wonders Holiday program made for some happy kids on Christmas Day.

Dinners

We will be planning dinners "to go" style in 2021. All dinners are supported by a generous donation from Thomaston Savings Bank. Dates are being determined.

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	February 9 - no meeting	March 8 - meeting held
April 5 - no meeting	May 10 - no meeting	June 14 - email meeting
July - no Meeting	August 9 - no meeting	September 13 - no meeting
October 17 - meeting	November 8 - 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. A special "thank you" to Cindi Harnish, Sharon Paradis, Carol Barbieri, Candace Telke and Rev Zack for all of their support to our Outreach Committee and community!

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 and ideas!

As we all deal with this challenging time, let's keep each other in our thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy New Year!

Crista Furtado

Happy New Year to everyone! May you have a safe, happy and healthy 2021!

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

Although we received payments in December, our balance was \$17.72 so not quite enough to support a new loan.

Erwin Alexis - Matagalpa, Nicaragua - Farming

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

Erwin Alexis was our new loan recipient in November and although his repayments were to begin in January, he was able to make an early repayment of \$5.55.

Erwin is the father of two children. He's a farmer and a merchant of coffee, ferns, and greens. 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 *February, 2021*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *January 22, 2021* will be published in the *February 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.