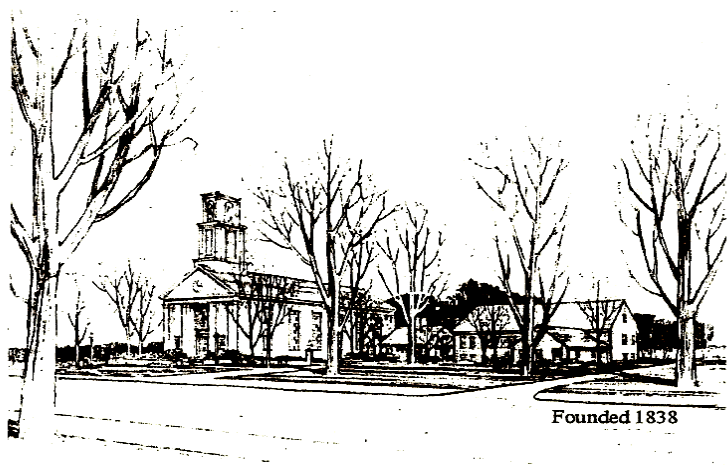
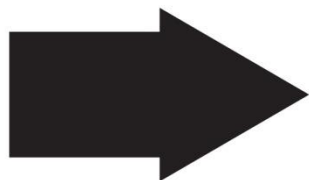


Terryville Congregational Church
FEBRUARY, 2021 Newsletter



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NEWSLETTER
233 Main Street
Terryville, CT 06786
USA

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FEBRUARY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

2/17/21 – 7pm Ash Wednesday Service
(in-person & online)

STAY SAFE!!!

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Happy Valentine's Day

ANNUAL MEETING:

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS THE ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 21 WILL BE DELAYED TO **MARCH 21**, WITH A SNOW DATE OF MARCH 28.

7TH ROUND OF CARE PACKAGES FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

NOW APPECTING DONATIONS OF:

Non-perishables as well as sanitizers, masks, little games or books, tissues, candy, snacks, and anything else you think would help to brighten someone's day! Please drop off all donations before February 14th.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FEBRUARY, 2021

Dear Members & Friends of Terryville Congregational Church:

March 14 will mark one year since we had to go into Covid-19 safety protocols. While it has been frustrating dealing with not being able to gather in person for our normally very active church schedule of events, I am very thankful that we have been able to remain true to the mission of our church:

The avowed purpose of this Church shall be to worship God; to teach and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and our Judeo-Christian faith story; to celebrate the sacraments; to realize Christian fellowship and unity within this Church and the Church Universal; to render loving service toward others; and to strive for righteousness, justice and peace.

- Our church has not missed a single Sunday of worship, and many services have been able to be offered with an in-person option.
- We have not missed a single week of Bible Study
- Confirmation Class has continued weekly
- Vacation Bible School was a huge blessing with its online videos and take-home resources
- Sunday school videos have taught and encouraged us
- We have done 7 rounds of care packages for people in need in our community
- We developed a mass-calling phone system so that important messages can reach our church family
- We moved to individually-packaged, pre-sealed Communion to be able to continue celebrating Holy Communion each month
- We masked and stayed safe so that we could continue being able to offer the gift of the Sacrament of Baptism
- We helped decorate Baldwin Park for Christmas, and our Sanctuary as well
- Our Christmas Eve 4pm in-person service and pre-recorded Christmas Eve video were both huge blessings to all
- We have continued the Outreach dinners that we offer to Gosinski Park & Eli Terry residents, and we have been able to adapt and offer the meals "to-go"
- At Christmas time, we helped the town hall with their giving program (as well as individual families in need) so that our community members in need could experience a nice Christmas
- Our online videos receive hundreds of views each, and some individual videos have received over 1,000 views
- Pledges & donations to our church have continued so that we can continue all this work in God's name -- thank you!

And the list goes on!

How about moving forward? What's the plan? I am happy to announce that as of this February newsletter, vaccinations are starting to take place. Once the weather warms up a bit, we can resume having some events outside. As of now, we are planning to have both the March Chicken BBQ Dinner and the April Roast Beef Dinner -- both dinners will be "to-go." We are still not sure about the June Fair and what it might look like. Hopefully, by September things will be safe enough that we can resume a somewhat-normal church schedule. We continue to take things one day at a time!

The Church Council will be meeting on January 27 (after the date that I am writing this article) and will decide what the plan will be for our church's Annual Meeting.

We've made it this far! Continue being safe, and before we know it we will be through this pandemic.

I'll close with a little story from our Confirmation Class. Recently, I asked the class, "If you could change one thing about our world, what would it be?" The class was to write down their answers, not sharing with anyone else, and then later we would go around the room and take turns sharing our answers. The class teacher, Robin Bilodeau, and I also wrote down answers. As we went around the room to share, we were astonished that every - single - one - of - us - had the same answer! Can you believe it? Every single one of us in the room said that we would change "judgment and stereotyping" if we could change one thing in our world currently. We are in a world that so often makes so many assumptions based on appearance or based on one thing that was said or done. Social media plays a big role in this, too, of course. How about us? Do we take the time to get to know one another truly, or do we make quick judgments just based on our brief encounters? In 2021, let's all dig deeper and try to get to know one another rather than placing those judgments. And let's love one another, just as Jesus has taught us to do.

Blessings always,
Rev Zack

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



Family & Friends of Lois Kamens. Lois entered eternal life on January 26, 2021.

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, Wayne Hotchkiss (husband of Ellen Hotchkiss), Jean Mariano, Rachel Reynolds (recovering from hip procedure), Debbie Wartonick, Marian McLam

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), Rocky Fonch and Raymond Dery (son-in-laws of Millie Perry), Malcom Lowd (father of Jeff & Sam Lowd), Evelyn Herrin (friend of Carol Barbieri), Richard Waldron (brother of Wayne Waldron). **Nursing Facility/Assisted Living/Retirement/Living Independent/Home:** Ann Krampitz (Sheriden Woods), Rae Link, Doris Bondeson, Juney Cushman (Farmington Station), Ray & Lois Douyard (Apple), 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 \$114.41. 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, 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 Grosos, 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 January, 2021

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Carol Barbieri	Jan. 3	Birthday
Scott Scholl	Jan. 4	Birthday
Tina Gagner	Jan. 5	Birthday
Wayne Krampitz	Jan. 6	Birthday
Donna Wunsch	Jan. 7	Birthday
Candace Telke	Jan. 14	Birthday
Elliana Anderson	Jan. 14	8 th Birthday
Elliana is the granddaughter of Paula & Lee Anderson and the Great granddaughter of Ellen & Roland Anderson		
Brian Waldron	Jan. 16	Birthday
Herman Armbruster	Jan. 18	Birthday
Hadley Waldron	Jan. 22	Birthday

Karen & Drake Peabody became the proud parents of Magin Drake on December 29, 2020. Young Magin, of London, England, is also the grandson of the very proud Phil & Joy Armbruster. Congratulations to you all.

Note: Anyone who may want their Special Event listed in our Monthly Newsletter, please call Mary-Alice at 860-583-3910 or our church secretary, Tracy at 860-589-0812.

Plymouth Community Food Pantry

Items in Short Supply (plymouthfoodpantry.org 1/29/21):

Laundry Detergent
Crushed Tomatoes
Baked Beans
Small/Medium Adult Diapers
Coffee & Hot Chocolate

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.



2021 Food Collected for \$1.67/POUND
Food Pantry by TCC

<u>Month</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
January	60	\$100.20
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2021 Total:	60	\$100.20

***as reported by the food pantry**

Outreach Committee News



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

We received a "thank you" note from American Legion Post 20 recognizing our gift in honor of Veteran's Day.

Dinner Schedule for 2021

We have planned our dinner schedule for the first half of 2021. Outreach Committee will be serving "to go style" dinners to residents of Eli Terry and Gosinski Park communities on the following dates:

February 6 - Eli Terry	March 13 - Gosinski Park
April 3 - Eli Terry	May 1 - Gosinski Park
October 9 - TBD - Eli Terry	November 7 - TBD - Gosinski Park

Tentative Meeting Schedule for 2021

January - email meeting to decide on dinner schedule for 2021
February 6 - after Eli Terry dinner if needed
March 13 - after Gosinski Park dinner if needed
April 3 - after Eli Terry dinner if needed
May 1 - after Gosinski Park dinner if needed
June 6 - email meeting if needed
July - no Meeting
August 1
September 12
October 9 - TBD - after Eli Terry dinner
November 7 - TBD - after Gosinski Park dinner
December 5

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.

Crista Furtado



Supporting 14 open loans - total of 116 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

Arnaud - Les Anglais - Haiti

Arnaud is a construction worker and lives with his two kids in the town of Les Anglais in southern Haiti. Their pink wooden house has no reliable access to electricity and thus Arnaud is forced to use costly and harmful kerosene for lighting. With two of his kids still in school, he wishes they had better light for studying at night. A solar-powered microgrid is being installed in Les Anglais, giving Arnaud and his family the opportunity to connect to a higher quality, lower-cost energy source - he is looking forward to being connected as it will allow him to save money. He is seeking a loan from Kiva lenders to cover the upfront cost of connection to the grid, which he will repay through his payments for electricity.

On September 1, 2014, a loan was made to Arnaud with repayments to be made between April 1, 2015 through December 1, 2020. On January 4, we were notified by Kiva -

We're writing to let you know that your Kiva loan to Arnaud, facilitated by EarthSpark International, has ended in default for the following reason:

In 2016, Hurricane Matthew severely damaged the Les Anglais micro-grid that Kiva lenders helped to finance. Since then, EarthSpark has rebuilt the grid and reconnected the community. However, as 70% of the original Kiva lender's investment was lost in the hurricane, it was agreed that EarthSpark would repay 30% of the original outstanding balance. That 30% has now been repaid and as such, the remaining balance on EarthSpark loans is being defaulted.

With Kiva loans it's common to work to accommodate repayment when loans fall behind schedule, however sometimes, despite efforts to be flexible, loans do end in default. Kiva loans are defaulted at the point in time where it's deemed that future repayment is unlikely, or when the loan is more than 180 days past due.

To date, \$8.63 has been repaid to you, and the remainder of your loan can be considered a loss.

Thank you for your support of this loan and other borrowers on Kiva. The good news is Arnaud and his family have survived the aftermath for Hurricane Matthew, which caused much devastation to Haiti, Arnaud has been connected to the solar powered microgrid and no longer using costly and harmful kerosene for electricity. The Kiva account will just have a little less to lend to other borrowers.

New Loans

Maricel - Abuyog, Leyte, Philippines / Food Production/Sales

Maricel is 30 years old and single with one child. As her child is still in school, Maricel works very hard to provide for her family. Maricel runs a food vending business in the Philippines, and requested a 6,000 PHP (Philippine pesos converts to \$125) loan through NWTF (Negros Women For Tomorrow Foundation) to buy ingredients for her food production business. Maricel has been in this business for five years. In the future, she would like to save enough money so she could afford to send her child to college.

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, 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

Joyce O. Hopkins, obituary

Mon, 12/07/2020 - 2:00pm



Joyce Owen Hopkins.

SEARSPORT — Joyce Owen Hopkins, 84, passed away December 1, 2020, at home with Ron, her loving, attentive husband of 66 years by her side.

Born in July of 1936 in Blue Hill, Maine, she was the daughter of Fred A. and Doris (Grindle) Owen.

Family always came first for Joyce and she was a kind and caring friend and neighbor to all she knew.

She was predeceased by her parents; her step-mother, Alma Gray; her Aunt Florence Owen; her sister, Doris Owen; and oldest son, Paul Hopkins.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Hopkins; daughter-in-law Chris Hopkins; daughter and son-in-law Tambra Hopkins and David Kumlin; son and daughter-in-law Grant and Lisa Hopkins; six grandchildren Eric and Ryan Hopkins, Corina Hopkins-Vacca and Rheanna Hopkins-Kumlin, Kyle and Rebecca Hopkins; and one great-grandchild, Kirin Seakit.

Also, she has a surviving step-sister, Bonnie Scholl, and a step-brother, Scott Gray.

She and Ron raised their family in Terryville, Connecticut. Employment included: Terryville Town Clerk Secretary, O.Z. Gedney Credit Union Manager, and most importantly, loving, dedicated mother of three. She was very active in Terryville Congregational Church serving as a Sunday school teacher/superintendent, and on various church committees. After retiring to Maine, she enjoyed being a member of Searsport Congregational Church.

Interests included: her treasured pets, reading, needlepoint, crocheting, family camping trips, traveling, and vacations to beloved camps in Cape Rosier, Maine and in Blue Hill, Maine.

Excellent assistance with final care was provided by MaineHealth Care at Home.

A service will be held to celebrate Joyce's life in late spring or early summer of 2021.

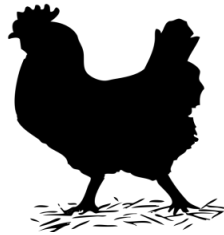
Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at ripostaff.com

"Obituary," *Penobscot Bay Pilot* (<https://www.penbaypilot.com/article/joyce-o-hopkins-obituary/141571>: accessed 19 January 2021), Joyce O. Hopkins, died 1 December 2020.

Terryville Congregational Church

233 Main Street
Terryville, Connecticut
Office (860) 589-0182 (10-2pm)

Chicken Barbecue Dinner



March 6, 2021



TAKE OUT ONLY

Half (1/2) Chicken Dinner  & Slice of  Pie

Cost: Half (1/2) Chicken Dinner...\$15

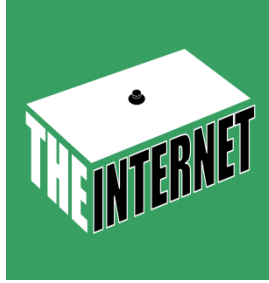
TAKE OUT ONLY starts at 4pm to 6pm

Tickets may be purchased by contacting the church office at
(860)589-0182 between 10-2pm M-F or by calling
Jake Armbruster (cell 860-681-1837) or
Eric Armbruster (cell 860-940-8293)



Proceeds benefit the work of the church.

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 *March, 2021*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *February 22, 2021* will be published in the *March 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.