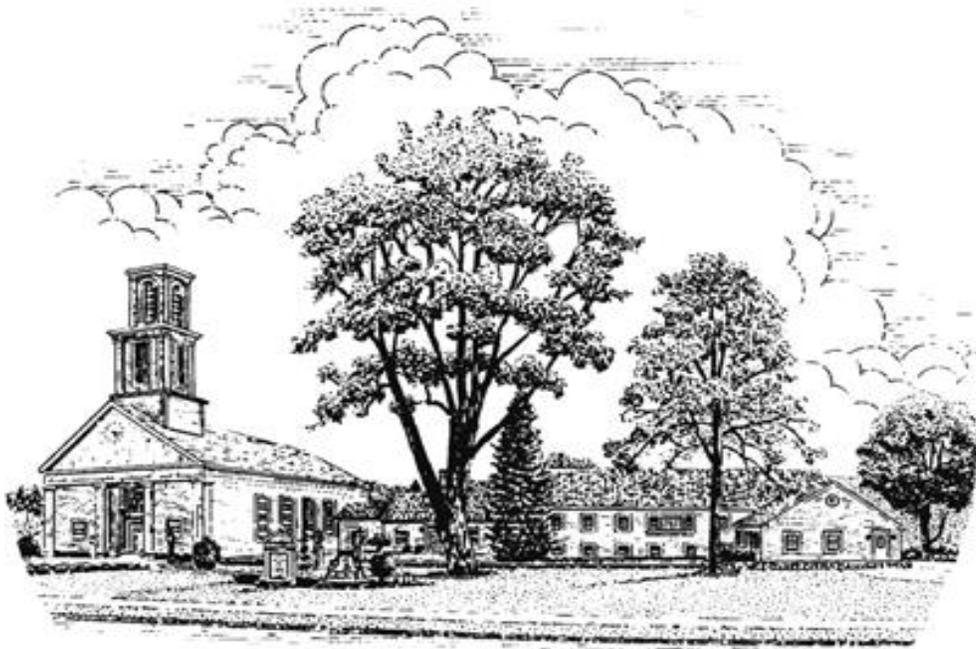


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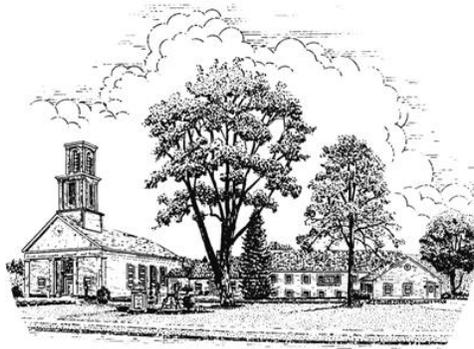


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PASTOR'S REPORT

Submitted by Rev. Zachary Mabe, Pastor

Dear Members & Friends of Terryville Congregational Church (TCC),

Greetings and blessings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. August 15, 2020 marked 15 years since I started work and ministry at TCC (June 8, 2020 was my 17th anniversary of Ordination). Since I write monthly Pastor's Reports which can be reviewed for detail, here I will simply name highlights of the year 2020. First, I was overjoyed to have been a part of 2 *Weddings, 11 Baptisms, and 7 Confirmations – all great celebrations of life!*

2020 was the most unique year of ministry I have ever experienced due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Starting in mid-March, we followed State of CT pandemic guidelines. These guidelines began with a rule of no in-person worship (however, worship continued via livestream on Facebook and YouTube). As soon as the weather got warmer, we moved outside for worship each Sunday. Guidelines enabled us to be outdoors without any problems. We were blessed with beautiful weather and only 1 rainy Sunday throughout the entire summer! We continued outdoors until late October. When the weather turned cooler, we moved worship indoors but attendance was limited by protocols including social distancing and wearing masks. We had only two funeral/memorial services indoors during the pandemic - many families chose either to have private services, graveside (outdoor) services, or to wait until spring/summer of 2021 to have a service.

In addition to altering the way we held worship, we also had to get much more creative with our other ministries to ensure that they could continue even during a pandemic. I will describe below the many ministries of 2020.

2020 ministries (in no particular order):

- ❖ 7 Confirmation Students, finally getting to make their Confirmation (delayed due to Covid-19) in October!
- ❖ Meaningful worship including special services such as Holy Week & Christmas – including some pre-recorded videos as well as the use of livestream video.
- ❖ “Virtual” Vacation Bible School – professional quality videos.
- ❖ Safe, distanced visits with people in need, including outdoor visits at nursing facilities or window visits, depending on the guidelines.
- ❖ Confirmation class continued via Zoom as well as outdoor gatherings, and the 2020-2021 class began in the fall with indoor classes as well as outdoor hikes.
- ❖ Special bonds created in our weekly Bible Study group –the group continued to grow. Starting mid-March, the group moved to online or phone via Zoom. In the summer, the group resumed in-person gatherings.
- ❖ A grant from Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation, Inc., to continue doing Outreach meals for the residents of Eli Terry Retirement Community and Gosinski Park.

- ❖ Continued meaningful work with our Called to Care team (Diane Pratt, Michele Benson, Cheryl Brazee, Pam Eggleston, Jeannie Zalaski, Russ Wagoner, Bill Hall, Dickie Zalaski, Ellen Cifone, Jennifer Zalaski, Roberta Layton, Lexi Soter, Danielle DellaVecchia, Joann Keenan & Jean Goodwin).
- ❖ Even though many town-wide ecumenical events were postponed or canceled, the clergy continued to meet via Zoom, and our clergy came together to help hold an online prayer vigil service for the Bell Family.
- ❖ Continued work as a Prepare-Enrich pre-marriage counselor/facilitator.
- ❖ Continued radio messages on 88.9FM.
- ❖ Watching and celebrating the continued success of our boy scouts and cub scouts, including a new girl scout group being added to the boy scout organization.
- ❖ Continued work on the Farmington Valley Association UCC Committee on Ministry (my 6th year on the Committee), including being the Chair of the Committee starting in the fall. This Committee oversees new ordinations, pastoral transitions at churches, church conflicts, and provides resources to churches. There are 14 churches in our Association that this Committee helps.
- ❖ Very inspiring and enriching Sunday school videos and online lessons.
- ❖ Committees continued to meet, as needed, either via Zoom or phone call or in-person.
- ❖ Helping families at Easter and at Christmastime with gifts, both families in our church and families in the community.
- ❖ Successful events such as Chicken BBQ dinner fundraiser and a wonderful Grand Raffle event, including an outdoor drawing and festivities in September. We also held an indoor Christmas tag sale in December.
- ❖ Continuing work in partnership with the Plymouth Beautification Committee to decorate the Gazebo at Baldwin Park for the Christmas Season.
- ❖ A very successful Grand Raffle project! Thank you so much to everyone who helped! This was our biggest single fundraiser since the Cow Chip Event we held in 2007!
- ❖ Working with Wayne Kamens and others on planning our 4th Annual dinner/concert (year one benefited the CT Alzheimer's Association, raising \$5105 for that organization, year two for Smilow Cancer Center in memory of Dr. Broomhead of Thomaston and in honor of Anne Krampitz, raising \$7582, year 3 which was called Sharing Smiles in honor of Nicolina Telke. Funds raised went to the CT Children's Craniofacial Dept.: \$3654). Even though our 4th won't happen until 2021 or later, our committee continued to meet in 2020 and planned to have the 4th event be in honor of local veterans. We will be raising funds for the Community Strong Veterans Center in Bristol.
- ❖ Bringing the joy of music & prayer to area long-term care facilities (once a month in each location) where some of our church members reside, including Shady Oaks, Countryside Manor, Village Gate, Farmington Station, and Live Well. Thank you to Curt Wilbanks, Sandy Kamens, and Matthew Miskin for all your help with these events! These all went on-hold after March – however, we were able to do some videos and livestreams which were meaningful for the residents.
- ❖ In the spring/summer, we did a “car parade” where members of our called to care team drove to several church members' houses and waved or talked briefly outside – this brought great cheer to many households.

- ❖ TCC Theatre's Night on Broadway was a huge success and we got the event in just in time before the pandemic (event held in February).
- ❖ Continuing our partnership with Plymouth Congregational Church for the following: Memorial Day Sunday worship video, Saturday worship video, Bell Family Prayer Service.
- ❖ Continued partnership with the High School for the Support-a-Soldier program.
- ❖ In the fall of 2020, I went onto the Board of Directors for the Plymouth Community Food Pantry. I am looking forward to serving on the Board and helping our church to stay connected to pantry news.
- ❖ Even though we were limited on in-person worship attendance, we had 10 people who expressed interest in joining our church in 2020. We are waiting until a good time where we can all be together in worship before we set the date for these new people to join.

Finally, something that is meaningful is being able to be there for one another in times of loss. In 2020, there were *12 funerals, memorials, and/or graveside services*. As a reminder, this includes both church members as well as people from our community who are not members but who would like to have a memorial or graveside service. I am on-call both with Scott Funeral Home (Terryville) and Funk Funeral Home (Bristol) to be able to offer this service to our community. Our prayers continue to be with all the families who experienced loss in 2020. It is also important to note that an additional 4 people passed in 2020, however the families are waiting until spring/summer 2021 to have these services.

Something new that happened in 2020 is that our church reached out to try to brighten lives through some simple care packages. We did 6 rounds of care packages, giving to the residents of Gosinski Park, Eli Terry, Plymouth Human Services, Plymouth Food Pantry, and individual families. We also gave to the little free food pantries located in Terryville and Thomaston. The packages program is continuing in 2021.

Our church also installed a phone-calling system (cloud based) in 2020 so that we can reach all our members and friends through automated phone messages, as needed.

I started doing weekly video messages in 2020, and plan to continue these in the future as well.

In closing, thank you to our lay people for all your hard work and creativity in 2020! We had many people especially who helped with our Grand Raffle – thank you!!! And thank you to our secretary, Tracy. 2020 was Tracy's first year with us. Tracy did a great job adjusting to the unusual circumstances and being creative in how to handle the duties of the church office.

As we come out of "pandemic mode" in 2021, I hope everyone will have a renewed appreciation for their faith and for our church; never take any of it for granted!

No matter what, always remember our mission. I am so happy, thankful, and proud – giving all glory to God! – that even in the midst of a pandemic we were able to maintain our mission:

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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Zachary Mabe

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Submitted by Gerald Wunsch, Moderator

The year 2020 has been a real challenge for our Congregation.

The Covid-19 pandemic has limited our ability to raise any funds except for the large raffle we had in September. I want to thank everyone for continuing their pledge commitment during this time.

I want to thank all the committees and Church Council for their work during these trying times, especially Outreach for the meals they continued to serve to Gosinski Park and Eli Terry during the year. I want to especially thank Rev. Zack, Matt Miskin, Wayne Krampitz, and Wayne Harnish for bringing us the Sunday Service prior to the pandemic and throughout this year, risking their own health to provide us the opportunity to attend services. I also want to thank Jen Zalaski and her people for bringing us Vacation Bible School and the Lenten home program for the children, which brought joy to the children as well as the parents.

We hope that in the near future we can get together and enjoy fellowship. The Trustees had their Chicken BBQ (take out style), the Roast Beef Dinner will be on April 17 also take out style. We hope to plan a Tag Sale sometime this year on the front lawn depending on the extent of the Covid virus.

The Church Council met occasionally during the year to be kept up on the status of the virus and our roll in preparing the church for attendance, making sure the bills were paid and along with the Trustees making provisions for the safe return of all church users.

Our hope is to return to our normal routine soon, be safe and let's pray for a safe return.

Respectfully Submitted:
Gerald Wunsch,

VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Submitted by Paul Anderson, Vice Chairman

I would like to say Hello to everyone. I miss all of you!!

A special thanks to Reverend Zack for everything he does for our church, especially for reaching out to our community in during tough times. We are so lucky to have him as our minister.

Also special thanks to Jerry Wunsch, our moderator, Matt Miskin, our Director of Music, Wayne Harnish, and Wayne Krampitz for helping us with our Facebook and YouTube recording of every Sunday Service.

The council met a few times to discuss Covid19 protocol. We provided hand sanitizer for all and gloves and masks to whoever needed them. We will all be back soon, I can't wait!!

Miss you all, Vice Chairman
Paul Anderson

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Submitted by Paul Anderson, Chairman of Personnel

There wasn't much going on this past year. All was pretty quiet in church. Hopefully soon, things will get back to a near normal. I can't wait!!!

Take care everyone, and be safe.

Miss you all, Chairman of Personnel
Paula Anderson

REPORT OF THE CLERK

Submitted by Sylvia LaFreniere, Clerk

Members as of 1/1/2019:	292
Members as of 1/1/2020:	289
Loss by death:	-7
Moved to Inactive Status:	-1
Received Communion:	<u>+7</u>
Total Members as of 12/31/2020:	288

MEMBERS LOST THROUGH DEATH:

Ellen Armbruster
Elizabeth Day
Linda Jones
Vernon Ralph Davis
William Fickett
Barbara Plumb
Andre Gagner

MOVED TO INACTIVE STATUS:

Allison Garceau

INDEPENDENT/RETIREMENT LIVING:

Juney Cushman

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY CONFIRMATION: (June 10/25/2020):

McKenzie Garceau
Levi Jachimski
Cheyenne Kovaleski
Melissa Miskin
Jack Morgan
Eva Pizzonia
Ethan Wollman

BAPTISMS PERFORMED BY REV. ZACHARY MABE:

ADULTS BAPTIZED:

Brent Gustafson
Eric Martinez
Curtis Wilbanks

DATE:

5/13/2020
5/13/2020
10/18/2020

CHILD BAPTIZED:

Riley Rosado
 Brooklyn Vaughn
 Joseph Russell Capuano
 Link Greyson Vassak
 James Wesley Bragg
 Huntington Rae Zalaski
 Daniel O'Connor
 Julie O'Connor

PARENTS:

Christina & Mike Rosado
 Gaby & Rob Vaughn
 Amanda & Joe Capuano
 Sarah & Brian Vassak
 Courtney & Michael Bragg
 Jia Gagliardo & Kyle Zalaski
 Dennis & Ashley O'Connor
 Dennis & Ashley O'Connor

DATE:

9/05/2020
 9/20/2020
 10/18/2020
 10/18/2020
 11/08/2020
 11/15/2020
 11/15/2020
 11/15/2020

WEDDINGS PERFORMED BY REV. ZACHARY MABE:

Nate Testerman & Kate McKeon 09/25/2020
 James Cullen & Sephanie Sirois 12/05/2020

FUNERAL, MEMORIAL OR PRAYER SERVICES PERFORMED BY REV. ZACHARY MABE:

Dujuan Dubose 02/29/2020
 Ellen Armbruster Graveside service- 3/28/2020

 Hilda Willis 06/03/2020
 Elizabeth Day 08/07/2020
 Bonnie Kamens Private-Graveside-5/6/2020
 Melissa Bartlett 08/31/2020
 James Albright 09/12/2020
 Linda Jones 09/14/2020
 Vernon Ralph Davis 10/03/2020
 William Fickett Stamford-Spring 2021
 Margaret Lockard 10/12/2020
 Daniel Bruneau 10/23/2020
 Barbara Plumb Memorial Service-Spring 2021
 Andre Gagner Memorial Service-Spring 2021

Special worship services and prayers were offered throughout 2020 through various videos , including National Day of Prayer during Covid 19, also joint Saturday, 3/21, Worship of Plymouth video, Memorial Day.

REPORT OF THE BYLAWS MANAGER

Submitted by Curt Wilbanks

During calendar year 2020 there were no issues or activities concerning TCC By Laws.

COMMUNICATION REPORT

Submitted by: Jean Zalaski and Tina Gagner

Unfortunately, due to COVID and the cancellation of many events, we were not called upon to do a lot of advertising.

A Night on Broadway – February 29, 2020

Chicken Barbecue Dinner - March 7, 2020

GRAND RAFFLE – Drawing September 12, 2020

Contacted The Print Shop of Wolcott for fliers and banners

Christmas Past Walk – December 12, 2020

Created fliers for above events and posted at local businesses as well as mailing to neighboring churches, Chief of Plymouth Police Department, Plymouth Fire Department Chaplain and Bristol Hospital Chaplain to announce and post. Contacted WJMJ Radio Station and Nutmeg TV to announce events. Articles submitted to the Waterbury-Republican American Newspaper, The Plymouth Connection Newspaper and Town Times Newspaper.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Submitted by Sylvia LaFreniere, Clerk

The annual meeting of the Terryville Congregational Church was called to order at 11:15 A.M. There were forty-seven (47) members present, representing a quorum. Reverend Zachary Mabe led in prayer. Jerry asked that the Call for the Annual Meeting not be read again since it was just read during the service. Congregation agreed.

ITEM #1 - ANNUAL REPORT:

Jerry asked if there were any questions or corrections to any of the Committee Reports or the Annual Report Minutes. A motion made by Curt Wilbanks, seconded by Ray Zalaski to accept the Reports and Minutes. All Reports and Minutes were unanimously accepted.

ITEM #2 - ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

MEMBERS:

Jerry presented the nominations for Church Officers, Committee Members and Service Leaders. A motion made by Curt Wilbanks and seconded by Wayne Kamens to accept nominations. All nominations were accepted unanimously.

ITEM #3 – DISCUSSION & VOTE ON BUDGET FOR 2020:

Bob Grosf, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the budget for 2020. He discussed pledges, funds – restrictive, non-restrictive, and trying to get more contributing members. Jerry asked if there were any questions. Wayne Kamens asked about the Benefit Dinner net profit. It was found that there was a typo there and the net amount should have been 386.04. Correction will be made.

Curt Wilbanks made a motion to accept the budget as proposed, Alison Reed seconded it. Vote taken – Unanimously accepted. Wayne Kamens just wanted to make a note that perhaps the Finance Committee could do a little research in what salaries are being paid for pastors and organists in churches of communities of like sized as ours. He realizes we are in a tight situation, but Rev. Zack and Matt haven't had a raise in 3 years and they both do a lot of extras. Matt is very talented, playing numerous instruments. We would hate to lose either one of them.

ITEM #4-DISCUSS & APPROVE \$2500 FROM WALLACE PRESTON ACCOUNT :

Curt Wilbanks made the motion to take the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Wallace Preston Account to replace the guardrails in the parking lot. Alison Reed seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #5 – OTHER PERTINENT BUSINESS:

Roseann Hannon presented a major raffle fund discussion for the church. She represented a committee of three: herself, Jim Hannon and Wayne Harnish. She informed the congregation that there will be five large prizes raffled off. The tickets will start selling in March and run through the Church Fair. They thought instead of the usual baskets being raffled, that only the tickets for this major raffle will be sold. The tickets will be \$20.00 each. She's asking each church member to try and take some to sell. There will be 1,500 tickets to begin with, more could be gotten. The prizes will be:

1. Riding tractor mower w/ bagger & trailer
2. Vacation voucher
3. 55” TV
4. Price Chopper Gift Certificate for \$650
5. Thomaston Oil Company Gift Certificate for \$200.

The drawing will be held at the Fair.

Discussion was made to have the selling to go longer than the 3 months. Roseann will check into this. Discussion was also made that the regular baskets also still be part of the Fair as it has been a good money maker.

Ray Zalaski made a motion to have the raffle tickets for this fund raiser and the baskets for the fair. Curt Wilbanks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

No other business. Wayne Kamens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alison Reed seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 12:10 P.M.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Submitted by Ellen Anderson

A shawl is given by the minister to express sympathy and caring for one's grief. Sometimes a shawl is requested to express thankfulness in celebration of a special occasion (graduation, etc.). The shawl is given by the minister when he visits.

This endeavor was started in 2012 with monthly meetings – prayer, charter, help with a project, yarn exchange and refreshments. At present shawls are made at home.

One faithful donor moved south, but still sends her contributions via mail!

Approximately five hundred shawls have been made to date!

WE SUPPORT THOSE WHO SERVE

Submitted by Ellen Anderson

Church donations to the military total: \$114.41. Information regarding where is best to donate this money is being sought as of this writing.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by Jennifer Zalaski, Director of Christian Education

The 2020 Sunday school year started as normal as any other year, we met for class each Sunday after the children's message, we created a Kindness jar and we hosted our annual Chocolate Festival in February, and then, BOOM, it all ended in March. We have not been back in the classroom since but that doesn't mean our Sunday school hasn't been active. We met over Zoom with the teachers and students through May, we distributed scholarships in June and in July we hosted our first ever Virtual Vacation Bible School. With the tremendous help of my son Jonathan editing hours and hours of video, Cat Gullotta hosting our program, Robin Bilodeau, Rev Zack and myself hosting "stations" and Betsy Chadwick, Kendall Garrity, AJ Hawes, Kate DeForest, and Mackenzie Garceau with Ashlynn and Jacob Hawes showing us the dance moves, we created a virtual program that rivaled any in person program we have hosted to date. It was important that we give the children as "normal" a bible school program we could at the time and I think we did exactly that. As summer turned to fall the CE Committee was not ready to return to the classroom, we decided to revisit the idea in January. We created video lessons and ran them every few weeks from September through Christmas.

The Coronavirus has created a "pause" in our lives, in our routines and while most of the time it is frustrating and upsetting there is a lot to be said for taking a step back from the sometimes chaotic, over busy lives our children and families have dealt with in times prior to COVID. We are still in the weeds with this pandemic but it is causing me to look at things, specifically our children's programs, through a different lens. We appreciate so much more the things we so

easily took for granted, a simple night out at the movies might have pre COVID been dismissed as “nah, I don’t feel like it”. I wonder now how that will be looked upon in 6 or 8 months? When the pandemic is over or at least under control, our children and their families will be seeking anything and everything to do. During that time, I would like our church to be the place that they can run to. We can and should be the host for all kinds of fun and entertaining things, not just for kids but for adults, families and seniors as well. It will take many hands, many volunteers and creative ideas. I look forward to the fun times ahead!

During the 2020 year the CE Committee included *Elizabeth “Betsy” Dixie, Jolene Cahill* and *Charlotte Audet* along with our teachers *Robin Bilodeau* and *Jessica Hawes*. I would like to thank each one of them for all the hard decisions that had to be made, the help with each new idea we tried and the support they have given to try new things!

I pray that you are all well and doing the best you can under the circumstances and I look forward to the day when we return to worship and fellowship together.

In His service,
Jennifer Zalaski

OUTREACH COMMITTEE’S ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by Crista Furtado, Outreach Committee

Outreach Committee members for 2020 included: Carol Barbieri, Cindi Harnish, Candace Telke, Sharon Paradis and Crista Furtado.

Outreach Committee is a busy and productive committee always looking for ways to sponsor and assist our Church and our community. Even with the protocols required by Covid 19, the Outreach Committee was able to continue supporting people within and outside of our community. We took on different options to fulfill outreach commitments.

Throughout 2020 Outreach held six dinners for residents of Gosinski Park and Eli Terry. In January and February, we held our regular in person dinners, one at Gosinski Park and one at Eli Terry. These are enjoyable events for the residents and the volunteers who help with serving, cleanup and games of Pokeno or Bingo. Good food and fellowship make for an enjoyable Saturday evening. To adhere to Covid 19 protocols, we began serving dinners "to go" style in March. "To go" style dinners continued in May, October and November. Residents were thankful to receive a hot meal they didn't have to cook themselves.

In addition to dinners at Eli Terry and Gosinski Park, Candace hosted dinners to support Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach. Thank you to Candace, who hosted these weekly dinners in Bristol. 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.

As May began gardening season, a donation was presented to Rich Sauzedde to support the Community Garden along with best wishes for a prosperous harvest to benefit the town Food Pantry. Thanks to Rich and others who provide watering and tender loving care to the garden.

To help raise awareness of the sexual and domestic violence that occurs daily and to help provide services to those affected, a donation was made to the Susan B. Anthony Project, which supports the victims of domestic and sexual violence. Victims have felt the assurance of an advocate at the end of the phone, supporting them in the criminal and civil court process while safe shelter continues to be on the minds of many in contact with the Susan B. Anthony Project through their 24/7 hotline. They're busier right now with more women and children seeking shelter and more clients feeling stress as increased isolation creates greater vulnerability. With our donation we are keeping victims safer.

In September and again in December, Outreach supported town Human Resources by sponsoring children in the Back to School and Holiday programs. With each program, we made purchases for 5 children. For Back to School, we provided each student clothing and schools supplies including jeans or uniform pants, hoodies, socks, shirts, backpacks, pencils, binders, paper, folders, For Christmas 5 children (2 families) were each 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 programs made for some happy kids as they went back to school and on Christmas Day.

In November, a donation was made to the town Free Food Pantry (Keith Dwy at Black Sheep Art Studios) for Thanksgiving. We are happy to be able to support this local initiative helping to provide food to those in need. In honor of Veteran's Day, a donation was made to the American Legion Plymouth Post.

The Simply Smiles Christmas Party at the reservation in South Dakota was cancelled. For Christmas, we purchased some books for the Simply Smiles Children's Village, a first of its kind intentional community of foster families serving the children most at risk on the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe reservation in South Dakota.

We'd like to thank all of you who supported the Outreach Committee. We are looking forward to continuing our service in 2021!

REPORT OF THE KIVA ACCOUNT

Submitted by Crista Furtado, Outreach Committee

During 2020, the Terryville Congregational Church KIVA Account supported borrowers through 9 new loans and received repayments in full on 12 existing loans. Since June of 2012, our 115 loans totaling \$2,900 made an impact in 37 different countries and territories from Albania to Zimbabwe including United States, Bolivia, Ecuador, Georgia, Kenya and Canada. Within these countries, we have been able to loan to recipients in a variety of sectors including agriculture, education, food, clothing, and housing to name a few.

During this year of Covid, payments have come in slower, so our ability to have a new loan each month has been limited. Regardless we have continued to provide support to those making loan requests.

The loans we support are "special" for a number of reasons including:

- helping people of historically disadvantaged communities and rural areas access financial services
- helping a female entrepreneur acquire the necessary tools to grow her creative sewing business
- targeting youth in a region where young people are often unable to find jobs
- helping borrowers grow their businesses
- helping businesses overcome the challenges posed by the Covid crisis

The TCC KIVA Account has now lent \$2,900 to a variety of loan recipients throughout the world. 115 loans that have helped 115 entrepreneurs, people and families including support of educational expenses for many students. 115 loans empowering people and lives around the world. We are blessed to be making a difference. Differences in people's lives in many ways have been realized - preventing the spread of disease by providing access to clean drinking water and sanitation; allowing students to get an education; giving options for a better way of life to families living in high risk areas.

KIVA – Loans that change lives by empowering people around the world with loans of \$25. Information is available at www.kiva.org. View our lender page at <http://www.kiva.org/lender/terryvillecongregati3466>

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Jake Armbruster, Chairman

Members: Dave Morrell, Eric Armbruster, Tom Zalaski, & Bob Worden

Business Task Leader: Ray Zalaski

We awarded The Siding Guys “ Steve Ushinski” of Bristol Connecticut to install new Azek PVC trim on the six corners of the sanctuary, Four corners on the north side facing route six and the two south corners facing Eli Terry. This was completed January 29, 2020 at a cost of \$13,300.00

We purchased a new Epson workforce ST- 4000 color MFP super tank 4 function printer for the secretary’s office on February 24th. I negotiated price with the Epson office in Arizona to give us a \$200 discount off of the retail price of \$499.95. I bought it through Visionary Computer located in Lakeville, Connecticut for \$299.95 and it was shipped direct to us no extra charge.

Our March 7th annual chicken barbecue sold out at 199 dinners served and we made a profit of \$2,234.57 for the church. Sales were \$3,058.00 and expenses were \$ 823.43. Thanks so much to all the volunteers who helped make our BBQ a great success again.

On Saturday, March 14 Just before the pandemic shut down the country my brother Phil Armbruster, Ray Zalaski and myself installed six new rails 3” x 8” x 10 ‘and installed 8 new posts 8” x 8” x 5 ‘in the East parking lot. We also straightened out several of the other posts that were not damaged from years of pushing snow against them. We purchased them from Southington Rustic Fence Company at a cost of \$ 915.00 I had originally received an estimate from Hinman Lumber for both the rails and posts at a cost of \$2500.00

In early May Rich Sauzedde and myself filled a few potholes in the west driveway with asphalt patch from Home Depot. Cost \$80.00

I purchased a new 10 'x 15 'pop-up tent to use in the east parking lot when members were selling raffle tickets for our grand raffle drawing which was held September 12th. Cost \$150.

In June I requested estimates from various companies to sanitize all the rooms throughout our church. I received the first estimate from Belfor property restoration out of Wallingford CT at a cost of \$ 9,863.00. Servpro from Bristol Connecticut estimated cost of \$17,000 which was one dollar per square foot. Our own janitorial service Home Style Cleaning did it for \$1500.00

We support the American Red Cross blood drives throughout the year and let them use our social hall. Blood drives were held on June 22, October 26, and December 28, 2020. We also have scheduled approximately five blood drives throughout 2021 already.

In June after looking at Belfor's estimate and speaking with their people I decided to use the same Bioesque botanical disinfectant that they use and recommend to disinfect the church pews and Podiums and the Organ each week. The same materials are used in the social hall and activity room. I purchased a 5 gallon pail of Bioesque disinfectant from Aramsco, Wallingford, CT for \$102.99

Early in 2020 we decided to keep track of COVID-19 expenses and assigned the GL Code # 53210. These items would not normally be purchased except for the Pandemic. A few of these items are hand sanitizers and extra masks.

In early June I purchased some White and Red Vinca flowers to plant in two clay pots in front of the office door. I also planted a double row of white and burgundy vinca flowers in the front yard just in front of the narthex patio.

In August Hartford fire extinguisher company came in to inspect and tag all 13 fire extinguishers. Five of the extinguishers had to be replaced because they were over five years old.

Tina Harkness of the Verdin company came in to service the Carallion and also synchronize our outside clock and the clock that controls the Carallion in the cabinet next to the organ. This was done August 24, 2020

The trustee committee purchased a Craftsman 108 piece mechanics tool set to donate to the Church raffle held on September 12th. It was on sale for \$59.99. Gary Pratt won the tool box.

The week before the grand raffle Rich Sauzedde and myself used hot water and simple green to scrub down and wash the dirt and mold off the Aluminum siding in the courtyard and also Terry Nursery siding facing Main Street.

I had to replace the photo control unit that turns on the flood light for the flag in the front courtyard. I purchased a unit at Electrical Wholesalers in Bristol.

I also had to purchase in September a Tork 24 hour timer from Electrical Wholesalers, cost \$89.69. It controls the front patio lights to come on at sunset and turn off at midnight. I hired a licensed electrician Chris Barry to install the unit which is located in the closet across from the chapel. Labor Cost \$150.00

The two batteries in the hydraulic lift which are 12 V and 35 amp hour batteries costing \$178.58 were replaced by myself on September 30, 2020. I purchased them through Interstate All Battery Center located in Hartford, CT

October 1st we received our sewer use bill from the town of Plymouth. This year cost was \$380.00

On October 1st we changed insurance companies for the church's Workmen's Compensation from The Hartford insurance to Utica Mutual insurance company. Our agent Anderson- Krause shopped around and reduced the annual cost from \$1541.00 to \$1013.00

Mid October I contacted Comcast Business, Tracey Colon to give us an estimate on installing cable Internet and taking over our 5 phone lines. Frontier communications had increased our monthly bill in October to Approximately \$300.00 Comcast gave me a price with a three-year contract for \$199 per month plus the taxes. A Contractor for Comcast Business came out the next day and measured the outside of the building and up to Terry Nursery School to install the cable Internet. The contractor had to submit his estimate for the new Internet cable installation to Comcast and Tracey Colon called me within a week. Tracey told me that it would cost approximately \$3000 for the installation but Comcast would absorb the installation fee. We're still waiting for Comcast to give us a new installation date.

Over the past year the Insurance Board which is a NON PROFIT Company that only insures churches has experienced a lot of water and heat damage claims. The Insurance Board our property and casualty insurance company out of Cleveland Ohio required us to install 2 water and 3 heat sensor units in October. They will be monitored by Hartford Steam Boiler through WIFI. The cost is \$50 per month. Anderson Krause had a contractor come in and install the five units at no cost. Anderson Krause and The Insurance Board will pay for the monthly cost for the year 2021. TCC will pay the invoices starting 2022.

On October 21, 2020 we purchased a new Canon model C5740i Color four function copier. Copy, print, scan and fax. Cost \$8900.00. We had to replace our old Sharp MX M200D 10 year old copier. We own the sharp copier and is up for sale please contact me or Tracey our church secretary.

Due to the large number of insurance claims throughout the country that our property casualty insurance company The Insurance Board had to pay out in 2020 our insurance premium for the year increased from \$16,454.00 in 2020 to \$20,030.00 for 2021.

I am putting together a letter for Anderson and Krause plus the insurance board of the improvements over the past six years we have made. We have installed new hot water heaters, shutoff valves for all the sinks and toilets and a pressure control valve.

Trustees would like to thank Rich Sauzedde for mowing our church lawn every week throughout the spring, summer and fall. We would also like to thank Eric Armbruster for trimming the shrubs and two large Christmas trees out front.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Robert Grosf, Chairman

The Finance Committee is under the Business Task Group. Ray Zalaski is the Business Task leader. Chairman Robert Grosf is joined with board members Jackie Merchant, Wayne Harnish, and Wayne Waldron. Treasurer Candace Telke, Assistant treasurer Alison Reed and Collectors report to the Finance Board. Jake Armbruster, a member of the Trustees, is a voting member based on the Church bylaws.

Investments are managed by FLP Financial Group, LLC which offers products from Cetera Advisors. Kevin Christopher, and Jaclyn Hissick supervise our holdings. Other investments are managed by either the United Church Funds or Thomaston Savings Bank.

Key Statistics

- Annual drawdown from General Fund non restricted funds was \$ 73,000 for 2020
- Annual drawdown from restricted investments was \$ 27,777 for 2020.
- Annual drawdown from General Fund non restricted funds was \$ 80,000 for 2019.
- Annual drawdown from restricted investments was \$ 51,358 for 2019.
- Annual drawdown from all investments except the Parsonage Fund was \$130,000 for 2018.
- Annual drawdown was \$ 65,713.13 for 2017.
- Annual drawdown was \$153,782 for 2016.
- Return from Cetera investments was 8.07% for 2019.
- Return from Cetera investments was (2.15%) for 2018.
- Return from all investments was 7.89% for 2017.
- Annual fees were \$5800 for FLP Financial for 2020.
- Annual fees were \$ 3707.57 for FLP Financial for 2019.
- Annual fees were \$3400 for 2018 & near \$4000 for 2017. Fees prior to 2017 neared \$12,000/yr.

The annual pledge near year end are as follows:

- 2012 116 pledges totaling \$74,813 (actual)
- 2013 108 pledges totaling \$75,897 (actual)
- 2014 106 pledges totaling \$70,618 (actual)
- 2015 92 pledges totaling \$ 75,418 (actual)
- 2016 85 pledges totaling \$ 69,882 (actual)
- 2017 89 pledges totaling \$ 78,621 (actual 12/31/17). This is 95% of the total original pledge.
- 2018 78 pledges totaling \$ 73,914 (12/31/17). This is down \$ 8,463 or 10.3% from 2017.
- 2019 75 pledges totaling \$ 73,748. Members gave \$68,641 (12/31/19) or 93.08%. Ironically, selected member units paid above their pledge for a total of \$73,739.
- 2020 74 pledges totaling \$ 75,884 (1/31/20). This is up \$ 2136 from 2019 or +2.8%.
- 2021 75 pledges totaling \$ 83,967 (3/1/21). This is up \$ 8,083 from 2020 or +10%.

The task of the Finance Committee is to evaluate Church expenses and investments, with the goal of maintaining solvency. **The Church continues to have an annual deficit that was not met by the 2020 pledge campaign.** The continued goal of the Finance Committee is to point out the urgency to increase revenue by enlarging membership and decreasing spending. We welcome new and innovative fund-raising events.

An internal audit for year 2019 is in the process of being performed by Sylvia LaFreniere. We all appreciate her effort & time.

I would like to thank Candace Telke for continuing her role as Treasurer. Her service is integral for Church budget evaluation & forecasting. I also thank Assistant treasurer Alison Reed, and collectors Sue Dillane and Millie Perry for their vital contributions.

The following are important financial points. Each is found in the committee minutes or associated spreadsheets on file:

- It is the continued goal to utilize restricted funds to reimburse the Church general fund for specific line item expenditures.
- Investment return gains bolstered our bottom line amidst this pandemic
- The 2021 pledges are 10% more than 2020.
- Pledge units for 2021 increased by 1 from 2020.
- Loose change contributions were \$16,279
- The lawn tractor raffle netted \$14,398 which surpassed anyone's expectations. Congratulations to Rosanne Hannon and Wayne Harnish for spearheading this effort!
- The Church applied to Thomaston Saving Bank for the Small Business Loan Phase 1 in early 2020. The government awarded \$ 24,900. In February 2021 the loan was forgiven in full.
- **Finally, beginning in 2021 the source of managed unrestricted funds will be liquidated from the single fund at the United Church Funds.**

I do impress upon the Church members that they must review the 2020 year end statistics. It is critical that each member contribute his/her time, talent, and monetary contribution.

2020 TCC Fundraising					
Event	Income	Expense	Net Profit	% over prior year	2019 Profit
Annual Benefit Dinner			\$ -		\$ 186.04
Baldwin Park			\$ -		\$ 77.98
BINGO			\$ -		\$ 2,712.16
Chicken BBQ	\$ 3,058.00	\$ 823.43	\$ 2,234.57	135.69%	\$ 1,646.77
Christmas Bazaar			\$ -		\$ 4,880.81
Horseshoe Tournament			\$ -		\$ 430.00
June Fair			\$ -		\$ 3,527.93
Large Raffle	\$ 26,059.50	\$ 11,660.74	\$ 14,398.76		\$ -
Mens Breakfast			\$ -		\$ 126.94
Roast Beef Dinner			\$ -		\$ 2,540.47
Terryville Fair Bake Sale			\$ -		\$ 1,104.73
Theatre Group	\$ 2,400.01	\$ 1,562.20	\$ 837.81		\$ 2.66
Women's Night			\$ -		\$ -
			\$ 17,471.14	101.36%	\$ 17,236.49