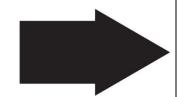
#### *Terryville Congregational Church MARCH, 2021 Newsletter*



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## MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

March 6, 2021 *Chicken BBQ* "To Go" 4pm to 6pm

March 13, 2021 Main Street Clean up Ryan C. (Boy Scout) 10am

March 13, 2021 Gosinski Park Dinner "To Go" 5pm

## STAY SAFE!!!

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#### **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.

#### TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MARCH, 2021

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

March is here! While on one hand I cannot believe it's been a full year now since we had to go into Covid-19 protocols, on the other hand I am so thankful to God for guiding us through this past year and helping our church to maintain so many of our ministries.

Now that we are in March, hopefully the weather will warm up just a bit and we can begin to do some things outside. As soon as it's bearable outside, our plan is to have outdoor worship on Sundays. Once we are outside, we can also have an outside coffee hour and fellowship each week. Please watch your email as well as Facebook for updates about when we can start these activities. In the meantime, we still do have indoor worship each Sunday (masks and distancing, as usual). We will also, of course, continue to livestream all of our services.

Additional upcoming events:
Chicken BBQ Dinner (to-go): Saturday, March 6 from 4-6pm. Call the office for tickets
Ryan C (Boy Scout) Main Street Clean Up: Saturday, March 13, 10am
Gosinski Park Dinner: Saturday, March 13, 5pm (to-go)
Annual Meeting of the Congregation: Sunday, March 21 after worship
Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday, March 28, 10am. Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7pm; Good Friday, April 2, 12pm; Easter Sunday, April 4, 10am.
Eli Terry Retirement Community Dinner: Saturday, April 3, 5pm (to-go)
Roast Beef Dinner: Saturday, April 17 (to-go). Call the office for tickets.

What have you learned in this past year? How have you grown?

On Epiphany this year, I received 3 star words: flexibility, patience, genuineness

If there's anything I've learned in the past year, it's certainly to be patient and flexible. I also had to learn to put myself out there (especially with all the videos and online offerings), which involves genuineness. I look forward in 2021 to continue to practice these three words, as I'm sure this year will also have its own set of challenges.

What about you? What have you learned? How have you grown?

What will be your guiding focus in 2021? Of course, Jesus is always our focus. But how will we practice our faith each day? What lessons will we carry with us into the remainder of this year?

My prayer for all of us is to realize the power and importance of our faith. If we've ever taken our faith for granted, now is the time to stop. Take a deep breath. Say a prayer. Realize that God is great and God loves you. Realize God is calling you into relationship with God and into discipleship, always to be a follower of Jesus. What will the remainder of 2021 look like for you? As our society opens back up, take nothing for granted. Live each moment for God!

Blessings always, Rev Zack

#### OUR PRAYERS GO TO



Family & Friends of Ray Douyard. Ray entered eternal life on Feb. 10. Family & Friends of Lois Kamens. Lois entered eternal life on January 26. Family & Friends of Richard Waldron (Wayne Waldron's brother) who recently entered eternal life. Family & Friends of Sam & Jeff Lowd on the passing of Jeff's father, Malcomb.

**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), Evelyn Herrin (friend of Carol Barbieri).

NursingFacility/AssistedLiving/Retirement/LivingIndependent/Home: Ann Krampitz (Sheriden Woods), Rae Link, Juney Cushman (Farmington Station), Lois Douyard (Apple), Edna Kirkby (Middlewoods), Elaine Tedesco "E.T." (Ingraham Manor), Darlene Wartonick (Arden Courts), Doris Bondeson (Brandywine -Litchfield). 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 Grosof, 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:	<ol> <li>Ellen Cifone</li> <li>Sue Kozikowski</li> <li>Sandy Colasanto</li> </ol>
Church Historian:	Charlotte Crockett
Historical Committee:	<ol> <li>Charlotte Crockett</li> <li>Dick Foote</li> <li>Donna Wunsch</li> </ol>
Audit Committee:	Sylvia LaFreniere

Updated: 2/19/20

#### **Special Events Celebrated During February, 2021**

<u>Name</u>	Date	Event
Alexa Harnish	2/1	Birthday
Hedy Kelley	2/4	Birthday
Pam Eggleston	2/5	Birthday
Curt Wilbanks	2/16	90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Charlotte Audet	2/21	Birthday
Christina Solomito	2/24	Birthday
Jean Mariano	2/26	Birthday
Sue Piercy	2/26	Birthday
Alison Reed	2/26	75 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Elizabeth Audet	2/28	Birthday
Kara Peabody	2/28	Birthday
Tricia Kovaleski	2/29	Birthday

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 3/1/21):

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

Food Pantry by TCC			
<u>Month</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	
January	60	\$100.20	
February	25	\$41.75	
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
2021 Total:	85	\$141.95	
*as reported by the food pantry			

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

On Saturday, February 6, dinner was served at Eli Terry. We served Chicken Florentine, mashed potatoes, Valentine cookies and chocolate chip cookies delivered to the residents "to go" style. Everyone was appreciative and excited to receive their dinner.

Our next dinner will be served to the Gosinski Park community on March 13. Please reach out if you are interested in helping or would like to provide a dessert.

#### **Dinner Schedule for 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 April 3 - Eli Terry October 9 - TBD - Eli Terry

March 13 - Gosinski Park May 1 - Gosinski Park 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 117 supported - \$2,950

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

#### Loan Updates

#### Paid in Full

#### Erwin Alexis - Matagalpa, Nicaragua - Farming

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 that he used for maintenance for his coffee. He was able to get a good crop that way 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.

Erwin's loan was funded on November 18, 2020 with expected repayments between January and August 2021. Erwin completed repayment in February 2021. Congratulations to Erwin!

After completing repayment, Erwin Alexis requested another loan. We are excited to be able to continue to support Erwin and his farming endeavors.

#### **New Loans**

#### Erwin Alexis - Matagalpa, Nicaragua - Farming

Erwin is a farmer who has been growing vegetables, rice, beans and corn for 10 years. He has excelled in this economic activity with the help of his brother. His impulse to continue giving the best of himself are his wife and his children and his wish to give them a better quality of life. Erwin resides in an area with a very pleasant climate and very hard-working people in the agricultural sector. His previous was loan was requested to expand the crops on his land. He is now requesting another Kiva loan together with Micrédito to give his crops the proper maintenance with the purchase of agricultural input and pesticides to obtain a quality harvest. His vision for the future is to be able to acquire a new loan to buy more land. This will help him expand the planting of his grains and buy another variety to offer to the various areas of the country.

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

# **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 Cost: Half (1/2) Chicken Dinner...\$15 <u>TAKE OUT ONLY</u> starts at 4pm to 6pm

<u>Tickets may be purchased</u> 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.



# FOR TICKETS CALL: 860-589-0182 Proceeds benefit the church's general fund

# MAIN STREET CLEANUP

WHEN: Saturday, March 13, 2021

- WHERE: Along Main Street, Terryville Meet a Rite Aid Parking LotWHO: Anyone
- TIME: 10am 11am

# RSVP TO: Ryan C. at (860) 940-4642

(Ryan is doing this as part of his scouting, however, everyone is encouraged to participate including members of the church)

# Bring trash bags, gloves, and a mask.

# Thank You!

#### New Church T-Shirts for sale! And reusable grocery bags! \$12/shirt and \$4/bag... or... \$15 for both!

Sizes M, L, XL. (If you need a 2XL or bigger, those shirts cost more – we are currently taking a list to see how many of those sizes to order.) The items are available in the church office and will also be available on Sundays as well as at our upcoming events.



# 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 <u>rzalaski@comcast.net</u> 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 *April, 2021*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *March 24, 2021* will be published in the *April 2021* issue. Please email to: <u>Terryvillechurch@hotmail.com</u>

We now have online giving on our church website. It is a secure system through pay pal. Go to <u>www.terryvillecongregationalchurch.org</u> and click on "donate". You can make a one-time donation or a recurring donation/pledge. Thank you.