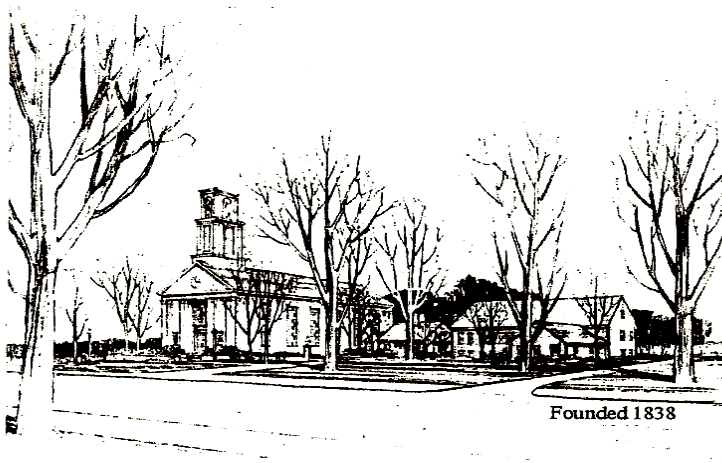


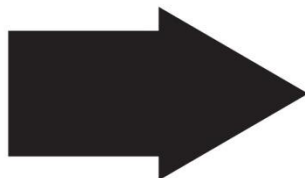
# ***Terryville Congregational Church***

## ***May, 2021 Newsletter***



Terryville Congregational Church  
**MAY, 2021 NEWSLETTER**  
233 Main Street  
Terryville, CT 06786  
USA

ADDRESS CORRECTION  
REQUESTED



### **MAY EVENTS:**

*May 6, 2021*

National Day of Prayer  
12pm Service TCC, Front Lawn  
5:30pm Service  
Plymouth Congregational Church,  
Plymouth Green



*May 9, 2021*

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

*May 30, 2021*

10am Memorial Day Worship Service with  
Plymouth Congregational Church,  
Plymouth Green



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### **8<sup>th</sup> Round of Care Packages**

Now Collecting Donations of Personal Care Items  
(drop off donations to church office or at Sunday Service)



# TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## MAY, 2021

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

We've finally made it to May! This is exciting news because this means that we can worship outdoors! On Sundays when the weather is warm enough (and not raining), we will be worshipping outdoors where we can better practice safe distancing. We will also be handing out the words to the songs so that everyone can sing along! And, last but not least, we will be having outdoor coffee hour each week after the service!

Other exciting things to note:

- Rich Sauzedde will be working once again on a community garden. This year, there are 3 plots! The produce goes to our local food pantry. Please be in touch with Rich if you would like to help.
- Our Confirmation Class will be going on a day-long retreat to Wisdom House on May 16. They will also be visiting our church bell tower sometime this month.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with both our Chicken BBQ dinner as well as our Roast Beef Dinner - both dinners were a huge success!
- Christian Education Committee will be meeting soon to discuss plans for this summer's Vacation Bible School as well as plans for the resuming of Sunday school (in September).
- Outreach Committee will be finishing up their season of dinners for local residents on May 1 with a meal for Gosinski Park residents. The next Season of meals will begin in October.
- We are now on round 8 of care packages for local residents in need. For this round of packages, we are requesting that you donate personal care items. These donations can be dropped off at the church office (activity room) during the week or brought to church on Sunday.
- May 6 is the National Day of Prayer. Plymouth Cong. Church is hosting a prayer service at 5:30pm on the green in Plymouth, and we will also host one on our church front lawn at 12pm. You are welcome to attend one or both.
- As you may have heard, "Buddy the Beefalo" has been captured and moved to an animal sanctuary in Florida. We still have Buddy T-shirts and TCC reusable grocery bags if you would like to have a piece of this interesting Plymouth history (call the office to order, or you can get them at any of our church events).
- Indoor visits at nursing facilities are starting to resume (in most cases, by appointment only and within restricted hours) and starting next month Matt, Curt, and I will be resuming music and/or worship services at area nursing facilities (in most cases, outdoors).
- May 22 Matt and I will be participating in a special afternoon concert on the Plymouth Green (in partnership with Plymouth Cong. Church).
- May 30 at 10am we are joining with Plymouth Cong. Church for a Memorial Day Weekend worship service on the Plymouth Green (something we had done for two previous years, prior to the pandemic).
- We will be having a church fair! Saturday, June 12!
- We just received word that the Terryville Fair is on (Aug 27-29) and the summer concerts at Baldwin Park are on (Wednesdays in July). Our church will have a booth at both events -- please be in touch if you would like to help.

As I close, I would like to ask that you keep the many families in your prayers who will be having spring memorial services and graveside services for their family members who have passed in this past year. Please also note that you are all invited to two of those services: **May 19th- Memorial Service for Barbara Plumb.** **May 22 - Memorial Service for Ray Douyard.** Both services will take place in our church Sanctuary.

May God bless you today and always!  
Rev Zack



## OUR PRAYERS GO TO



**Members:** Rudy Witecy, Iris Soto, 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, Andrea Armbruster, Wayne Kamens.

**Friends and Family:** Carole Kozikowski, (daughter of Curt and Mary-Alice Wilbanks). Rocky Fonch and Raymond Dery (son-in-laws of Millie Perry), Jon Carlson (friend of Millie Perry) Peter Fortin (friend of Jake Armbruster – fractured ribs).

**Nursing Facility/Assisted Living/Retirement/Living Independent/Home:** Ann Krampitz (Sheriden Woods), Rae Link, Doris Bondeson (Brandywine), Juney Cushman (Farmington Station), Lois Douyard (Apple Rehab, Avon), 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 \$191.41. 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, Sandra Kamens

### **\*Spiritual Group Leader - Rich Sauzedde**

**Diaconate** – Roseann Hannon, Ray Zalaski Jr., Holly Zemak

**Music Committee** – Barbara Benson, Sue Dillane, Sandi Ehmer

**Christian Education Committee** – Jolene Cahill, Betsy Dixie, Charlotte Audet

### **\*Business Group Leader – Vacant**

**Finance Committee** – (1) Vacancy, 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** – Tina Gagner, Church Secretary, Committee Event Members/Volunteers (Temporary)

**Clerk** – Sylvia LaFreniere

### **\*Service Group Leader – Cindy Harnish**

**Outreach Committee** – Crista Furtado, Carol Barberi, Sharon Paradis, Candace Telke

**Fellowship Committee** – (1) Vacancy, 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  
3.

Floral Committee: 1.  
2. Sue Kozikowski  
3. Sandy Colasanto

Church Historian:

Historical Committee: 1.  
2. Dick Foote  
3. Donna Wunsch

Audit Committee: 1. Sylvia LaFreniere  
2.

Updated:



## **COFFEE HOUR IS NOT TRIVIAL**

**A very important part of Sunday worship come, interestingly enough, *after* the worship service, in the fellowship time which follows. This is the *ministry* we call *Coffee Hour*.**

**By offering coffee, juice, etc. people hang around and it is during that time that significant things can take place. A visitor can be properly welcomed and we begin to build new friendships. It can also be a time for members to connect with each other and share in joyful celebrations or offer support to each other during times of struggle.**

**We can also connect with “ministry representatives”, that is, members of our various boards and committees. This accomplishes two (2) very important things: 1) it gives each board and committee a chance to “show off” its work by setting up a display and be available to inform people “what you are all about”. A time to brag about your accomplishments, describe your short and long range goals, etc. 2) it gives you an opportunity to “network” and develop interests in your committee and hopefully fill vacant slots that occur or create a list of individuals who may be interested in helping with scheduled projects.**

**Coffee hour should be viewed as a great seed – planting opportunity rather than a drudgery; a blessing rather than a burden.**

***Enjoy those coffee hours!!!!***



## Special Events Celebrated During April 2021

I started last year's April Events with the statement - "What a month it's been due to the Coronavirus. Never one like it before and we hope for none like it again."

Things are looking a little better, but we still have a way to go. Let's keep up the good work and if you haven't received your vaccine, please consider moving ahead with it now.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Eric Armbruster	April 3	Birthday
Susan Kozikowski	April 4	82 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday
Avis Flanders	April 6	82 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday
Denise O'Donnell	April 7	Birthday
Nathan Merchant	April 8	21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday
Holden Waldron	April 8	8 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Sharon Paradise	April 10	Birthday
Bethany Reek	April 11	Birthday
Diane & Gary Pratt	April 13	Anniversary
Nicole Zalaski	April 14	Birthday
Kaitlyn Ferrucci	April 17	35 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Diane Pratt	April 19	Birthday
Joy Armbruster	April 20	Birthday
Charlie Bilodeau	April 20	Birthday
Melissa Mabe	April 20	Birthday
Gary Pratt	April 26	Birthday
Colby Pronovost	April 28	Birthday

<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>March 28</i>
<i>Maunday Thursday</i>	<i>April 1</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>April 2</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>April 4</i>
<i>Flowering of the Cross</i>	<i>April 11</i>

Thanks to Sandy Kamens for filling in for Matt Miskin while he was on vacation. Good job.

For those unable to attend the above services, hope you were able to enjoy them via today's modern Technology.

Thanks to those that participated in this year's Maundy Thursday Service, one of my favorites. It was well done in a very different manner following the Covid guidelines, utilizing distance and caution.

Thanks to Robin Bilodeau and the TCC Confirmation Class for the lovely Easter Cards.

Thanks also to Rich Sauzedde for his efforts in planting and providing the town's garden. He would again appreciate whatever help he can get.

Thanks to those who worked to provide us with another delicious Roast Beef Dinner. I think it was a great idea to provide the list of merchants who helped with the special preparations.

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 4/28/21):

Personal Items: bar soap, shampoo, etc.

Laundry Detergent

Cleaning Supplies

Diced Tomatoes

Canned Ravioli

Baking Supplies

Coffee/Tea

## VOLUNTEERS:

Every Monday 1:30pm-3:15pm

Every Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

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

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

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



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	25	\$41.75
March	46	\$76.82
April	52	\$86.84
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
<b>2021 Total:</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>\$305.61</b>

**\*as reported by the food pantry**



# Outreach Committee News



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

**On Saturday April 3, dinner was served to residents of Eli Terry.** We served Chicken Parmesan, pasta, and brownies to 35 residents "to go" style. Everyone was appreciative and excited to receive their dinner.

Our next dinner will be served to Gosinski Park residents on May 1. Please reach out if you are interested in helping or would like to provide a dessert for this dinner or any of our future dinners. We can always use the support.

**To support our Community, donations will be presented to**

Rich Sauzedde for the Community Garden  
Susan B. Anthony Project for Mother's Day.

## **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	March 13 - Gosinski Park
April 3 - Eli Terry	May 1 - Gosinski Park
October - TBD - Eli Terry	November - 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 - email meeting to decide on donations to Community Garden and Susan B. Anthony Project.  
May 1 - after Gosinski Park dinner if needed  
June 6 - email meeting if needed  
July/August - no Meeting  
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!

Crista Furtado





Supporting 14 open loans - total of 119 supported - \$3,000

**With our Kiva loans we have hit a milestone in lending \$3,000!!!**

## **Loan Updates**

### **Paid In Full**

#### **Jose Rufino - Wiwili, Nicaragua - Coffee Farming**

José is a coffee farmer who lives in an isolated community in Nicaragua. He has a seven hectare (17.3 acres) farm of which 1.4 hectares (3.5 acres) is designated to growing and harvesting Fair Trade Certified coffee. This year he has made a plan to improve the nutrition of his coffee plants. This consists of buying inputs like calcium, zinc and boron and to pay for labor to apply the inputs. With this investment José hopes to obtain better results with his harvest in this new cycle. Best wishes to Jose for a healthy and plentiful harvest.

## **New Loans**

#### **Victor Manuel - [Teustepe, Nicaragua](#) / Farming**

Victor earns his living by cultivating beans, corn, coffee, and now wheat. In order to provide more for his family, he also raises and sells calves. His three children and his wife give him the necessary strength to continue working toward a better future. Victor is requesting a new Kiva loan in order to buy composts, fertilizers, herbicides, fungicides, and foliar nutrients. (Foliar feeding is a technique of feeding plants by applying liquid fertilizer directly to the leaves. Plants are able to absorb essential elements through their leaves.) Within the next few years, he would like to increase his herd and become a major producer of red beans.

This loan is special because:

The repayments are aligned with the harvest season.

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*



## MOTHER'S DAY

God blesses all women: mothers, stepmothers, teachers, guardians, caregivers, mentors, and friends.

Mother's Day can be an emotional time. There's the celebration of mothers and all the motherly figures in our lives. And there's also other emotions that can enter our hearts: if mother has passed away; if we are estranged from our mothers or the relationship is strained or damaged; if we have wanted to be a mother but have had difficulty with pregnancy; if we have lost a child; if we have experienced other difficulties when we think of the word "mother." Perhaps abuse, addiction, health challenges, financial challenges... and more. Mother's Day brings physical, mental and religious feelings into our lives.

God understands our emotions. God celebrates with us in joyful times, and God holds us in difficult times. God hears our prayers. When we pray, God answers. The answer is either, "Yes" or "not yet" or "I have something better in mind for you."

God demonstrates the healthiest, safest and strongest sense of the word "mother."

God protects and shelters us like "eagle wings" (Psalm 91) and like a "hen gathering chicks" (Matthew 23). The depth of God's love surrounds us and warms us throughout all of life.

Embrace the emotions of this weekend, knowing that God embraces you always.



## DICKIES' GIRLS

(Dickie, Roseann, Ruth, Rae B., Sue D., Pam K., Judy)

Purpose:

Under the leadership of Dickie Zalaski, we make baskets and send to those who need a little cheer and caring thoughts.

Baskets are made strictly by our volunteers and the generosity of our group.

In addition to our baskets, get well cards and thinking of you cards are often sent.

We have been doing this for the past few years. This year alone many baskets have been sent.

Currently we are sending bedding and personal items to help stock the new 10 bedroom sober house in Torrington.

*"In trying times, be kind and love one another."*



## **TCC Buddy the Beefalo T-Shirts & Reusable Grocery Bags!**

Support our church and enjoy these new items! \$15 gets you both a T-shirt and a reusable grocery bag! These items will be available in the church office during the week and at all our events. Get yours soon before they sell out!



**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 *June, 2021*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *May 21, 2021* will be published in the *June 2021* issue. Please email to: [Terryvillechurch@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.terryvillecongregationalchurch.org) and click on "donate". You can make a one-time donation or a recurring donation/pledge. Thank you.**



# CUB SCOUTS

The **CUBS SCOUTS** are looking for new members.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are welcome!

They meet on Monday nights from 6:30pm – 7:30pm at the

Terryville Congregational Church

(233 Main St. Terryville, CT 06786).

They are also looking for adult volunteers.

To join or volunteer please contact:

Scott Scholl (203) 509-2128 or

Diane Gore (860) 589-1428

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# BOY SCOUTS

The **BOY SCOUTS** are looking for new members.

5<sup>th</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome!

They meet on Wednesday nights at 7pm at Camp Mattatuck

Meetings will return to Terryville Congregational Church

(233 Main St. Terryville, CT 06786) soon.

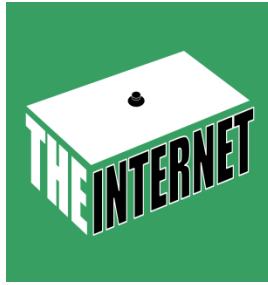
They are also looking for adult volunteers.

To join or volunteer please contact:

Rob Reed (860) 965-8869



# HELP WITH ADVERTISING CHURCH EVENTS



Our communications committee, Tina Gagner and the church secretary will be assisting in advertising different events for the church. If you would like posters to be hung up and/or advertising put on radio, newspapers, etc. please email the church office with your info at [terryvillechurch@hotmail.com](mailto:terryvillechurch@hotmail.com) or call the church office at 860-589-0182. Be sure to always include YOUR contact name information and the event you are working on. If you are interested in volunteering to help with advertising church events please contact the church office.