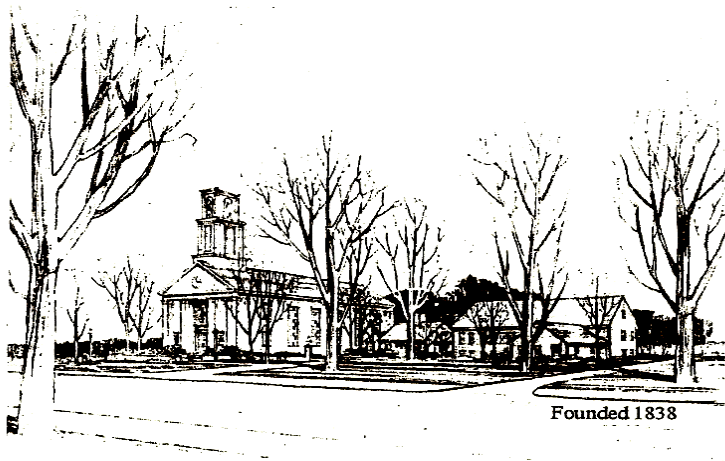


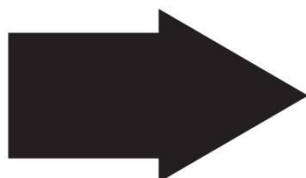
# ***Terryville Congregational Church***

## ***JUNE, 2021 Newsletter***



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

ADDRESS CORRECTION  
REQUESTED



### **JUNE EVENTS:**

*June 5, 2021, 3:30pm*  
*Join the Cub Scouts*  
*Sign up Here!*

*June 6, 2021*  
*Confirmation*

*June 12, 2021, 10am -3pm*  
**JUNE FAIR (Food, Fun, & Music)**

*June 20, 2021*  
**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

*June 21, 2021, 1pm – 6pm*  
*Blood Drive*  
*Social Hall*

*June 23, 2021, 5:30pm -7pm*  
*Terryville Nursey School*  
*Open House*

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### **NOTE:**

*There will no TCC newsletter during the Month of July.*

### **JULY EVENTS:**

*JULY 12 -16, 2021*  
**VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
*(see page 4 for details)*

*JULY 7, 2021, Concert at the Park*  
*(Baldwin Park) We will be selling food!*  
*(Wednesday nights for 4 weeks)*

# **TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

## **JUNE, 2021**

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

I've just returned from our day retreat (May 16th) where the Confirmation Class was able to visit Wisdom House Retreat Center in Litchfield. (Juney Cushman's daughter, Linda, works at Wisdom House and was able to help coordinate our visit - thank you, Linda!). Our Confirmation Class had a beautiful day together exploring the theme of identity. Who are we? Who are we as individuals? Who are we within our family groups, neighborhood, school, community? Who are we in relationship to our church? Who are we in God's eyes? We are, of course, created by God, claimed by God, and we are all children of God. We spent the day together exploring the meaning of being children of God and what it means to be Baptized and then to affirm our Baptism. We prayed together, worshiped together, explored the grounds of Wisdom House, and did many hands-on activities. Again, it was a beautiful day! Thank you to the Confirmation Class teacher - Robin Bilodeau - and thank you to Wayne Harnish who also attended the retreat. Also, thank you to our Deacons who lead the worship service while I was away on May 16.

We now look forward to Confirmation Sunday which is coming up on June 6th. For Confirmation Sunday, we will worship indoors and we will have Holy Communion. Starting June 13th, we will resume outdoor worship services. Reminder - services during July & August are at 9:30am.

What else is happening this summer? We are looking forward to our church fair on June 12. Please note: if you are not comfortable working at the fair due to covid, it is completely understandable, and we only want our volunteers to do what they feel comfortable doing. The same is true for any of our upcoming events. Having said that, if you are comfortable helping, please reach out to the office (Tracy - 860-589-0182) or Jake (860-681-1837).

Later in the summer, we are also looking forward to the Wednesday concerts at Baldwin Park as well as (again, later in the summer) the Terryville Country Fair.

Vacation Bible School: it hasn't been decided as of the writing of this article, but we will let you know as soon as we know.

It is a great feeling to know that we have two weddings scheduled for this summer as well as two Baptisms! Hopefully this is a sign that - while maybe not 100% - things are slowly getting back to a sense of some level of normalcy.

Last but not least, Matt and I will be resuming music & worship services at (at least) two of our area nursing facilities. Thanks be to God!

I pray that everyone enjoys the beauty of God's creation this summer - take a lot of deep breaths and know that God is with you. Continue to take one day at a time, be safe, love your neighbors, and love God.

Blessings 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), 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 \$213.41. 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).



Once again, the  
"V" in VBS stands for VIRTUAL!

While the majority of the state of Connecticut is fully opened to vaccinated individuals, our students remain the unvaccinated population. Indoor regulations continue to require masks, social distancing and no singing.

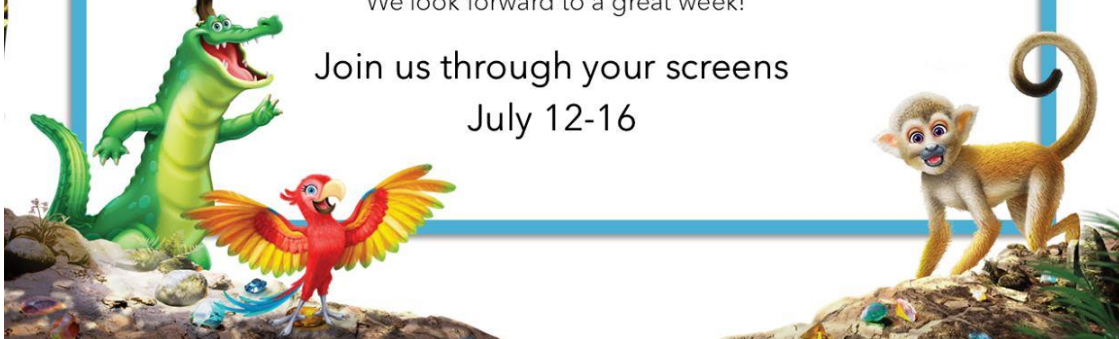
Our program would simply not be the same with these restrictions. Therefore, we're back online!

Our 2021 Treasured program is all about "Discovering you're priceless to God", so we're staying safe and staying online!

It's VBS at home and includes all your favorites: *singing & dancing, Bible Buddies, arts & crafts, Bible Adventures, God Sightings, KidVid Cinema*, and of course, *snack*. And this time, we're LIVE!

We look forward to a great week!

Join us through your screens  
July 12-16



## **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: May 26, 2021



## 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 May, 2021

Regarding Covid-19, things are looking better, but we still have a way to go. Let's remember how far we've come since last year and keep up the good work so that we can enjoy this summer with our families and friends. If for some reason, you haven't received your vaccine, please consider doing so.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Robin & Paul Bilodeau	May 1	Anniversary
Rebecca Harnish	May 9	40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday

### ***Happy Mother's Day      May 9***

Melissa Pronovost	May 13	Birthday
Jolene & Joseph Cahill	May 17	Anniversary
Ruth Guay	May 20	Birthday

Sydney Palma      May 21      21<sup>st</sup> Birthday  
(Granddaughter of Brenda Conners who also noted Sydney graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor in Science Degree in Nursing from Widener University in Pennsylvania and will be working at Duke University Medical Center in Raleigh, NC)

Morgan & Evan Merchant	May 22	19 <sup>th</sup> Birthdays
(Twin grandchildren of Jackie & David Merchant)		

### ***Memorial Day      May 31***

***This is the Day that we Honor and Salute All Our Veterans.  
We will be joining the Plymouth Congregational Church in a Joint Memorial Service  
this year on Sunday, May 30 on the Plymouth Green.***

Dave Nichols also proudly announced that his daughter, Ashley, has a job at Silver Lake, a place so many of us have visited over the years and have always loved it. Good luck to you. Ashley, as some of you may remember has honored us in the past by singing during Sunday service. I guess she takes after her dad.

Susan Kozikowski informed me they were also pleased to announce the accomplishments of their twin granddaughters. Colby Brown graduated with a Bachelors in Exercise Science and will continue on for the next 2 years to get her Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Caylee Brown graduated with a Bachelors in Health Science and will continue on to get her Doctorate in Pharmacy.

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 5/28/21):*

Canned Ravioli

Crushed Tomatoes

Baking Supplies

Adult Diapers, Size Large

Nutritional Drinks (Ensure)

## **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	32	\$53.44
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
<b>2021 Total:</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>\$359.05</b>

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

# Outreach Committee News



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

**On Saturday May 1, dinner was served to residents of Gosinski Park.** We served Chicken Parmesan, pasta, and cake to 50 residents "to go" style. Everyone was appreciative and excited to receive their dinner. We are planning some summer events for residents at Eli Terry and Gosinski Park. More to come on these!

Please reach out if you are interested in helping or would like to provide a dessert for 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 discussed summer plans and June Fair tag sale  
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 120 supported - \$3,025

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

## **Loan Updates**

### **Paid In Full**

#### **Miltor Jose - Teustepe, Nicaragua / Retail**

For the past 13 years, Miltor has worked the land that he inherited from his father. He also works selling shoes in order to earn additional income and improve his quality of life. Miltor took a loan to further improve his situation by purchasing agricultural supplies to grow squash and cucumbers, as well as 36 pairs of shoes for men, 24 pairs of shoes for women, 24 pairs of sandals, and 36 pairs of shoes for children. His dream is to be the owner of a shoe distribution company. Best wishes go out to Miltor as he continues to expand his business and prosper.

## **New Loans**

### **Mabinty's Best Farmers Group, Rogbonkoh Mathaka Village, Sierra Leone**

Mabinty is the featured borrower of Mabinty's Best Farmers. She is a master farmer in Rogbonkoh Mathaka Village and has a family of four. Mabinty is passionate about farming and volunteers to teach young girls in the village about agriculture.

Mabinty is a seasoned farmer whose rice farming business was hard hit during Sierra Leone's 2014-2017 Ebola crisis. She has since recovered her business but very slowly due to predatory lending and a lack of access to financing.

Mabinty has organized a large group of women who, like her, are currently trapped in a cycle of subsistence and take extremely high-interest loans for poor-quality inputs during planting time. A no-interest Kiva loan will enable this group of determined women to throw off the shackles of predatory lending and expand and prosper.

Additionally, the global COVID-19 pandemic is causing food shortages in some areas of Sierra Leone as imported rice becomes more scarce. A Kiva loan will empower these women to increase their local rice production and enhance food access in Sierra Leone at a time when it is badly needed.

### **More about this loan and Mountain Lion Agriculture:**

Mountain Lion Agriculture (MLA) is a social enterprise working to help smallholder rice farmers in Sierra Leone grow and succeed. Mountain Lion Agriculture provides both low-interest as well as 0% loans to farmers in the form of quality seeds and supports them throughout the production process before buying their rice at a fair price.

This is an interest free loan provided to contract farmers. The loan amount is used to purchase quality rice seeds and other inputs at the beginning of planting season. The loan amount is repaid using paddy rice harvested by farmers. In addition, Mountain Lion Agriculture (MLA) provides market to the farmers for their entire rice harvest at competitive prices with transportation to the milling factory offered by the partner at no additional

costs. By supporting this loan, you are enabling smallholder farmers to access quality farm inputs in order to improve their yield and increase the land under cultivation for increased income.

In addition to any KIVA loan disbursed to these farmers, Mountain Lion Agriculture ([mlbr.org](http://mlbr.org)) farmers also have access to technical advice, tractor and equipment rentals. With this powerful mix of capital and support, each farmer's annual net income should grow – organically and sustainably – by at least 250%, while growing a much needed staple food (rice) during a time of great food insecurity in Sierra Leone.

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*



## DAD JOKES

How can you tell it's a dogwood tree?

Which state has the most streets?

How do you row a canoe filled with puppies?

What kind of music do chiropractors like?

What do you call a toothless bear?

Why are spiders so smart?

What would the Terminator be called in his retirement?

When does a joke become a "dad joke?"

How does a penguin build his house?

Take a guess! The answers are on page 16.

Source: <https://parade.com/940979/kelseypelzer/best-dad-jokes/>

## **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 *August, 2021*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *July 23, 2021* will be published in the *August 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

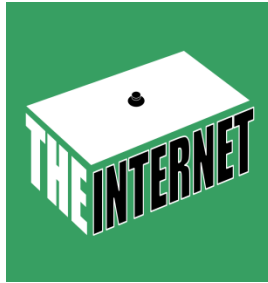
(233 Main St. Terryville, CT 06786) soon.

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.

Answers to Dad Jokes: 1. By the bark, 2. Rhode Island, 3. Bring out the doggy paddle, 4. Hip pop 5. A gummy bear, 6. They can find everything on the web, 7. The Exterminator, 8. When it becomes apparent, 9. Igloos it together