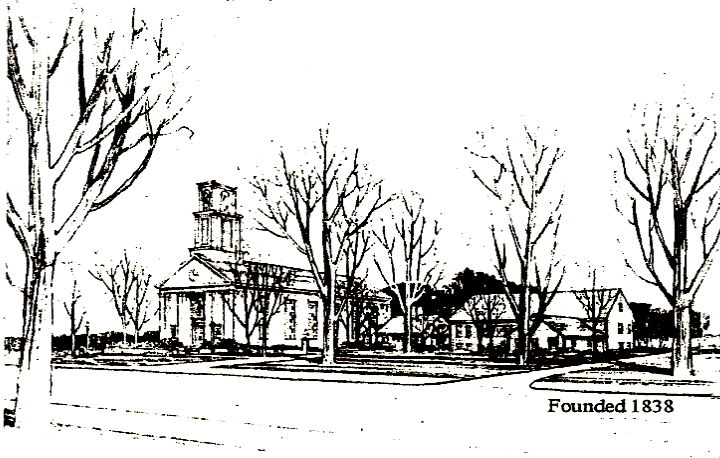


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SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

Friday, September 10, 2021
TRIBUTE SHOW TO DINO & FRANK
&
PASTA DINNER



Sunday, September 12, 2021
RALLY DAY!
SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES!
POTLUCK PICNIC & GAMES AT THE
ZALASKI HOUSE!

Sunday, September 19, 2021
CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTS

Sunday, September 26, 2021
HOT CAT JAZZ BAND
(will join us for worship)

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TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER, 2021

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

What a "thunderstormy" and humid summer it has been! When summer started, we planned to have mostly outdoor worship services. However, the thunderstorms and humidity (along with uneven ground outside) led us to have services in our Social Hall (with air conditioning!). This worked out quite well and I want to thank everyone who helped with ushering and with coffee hour throughout the summer.

Now that we're in September, we are back to worshipping at 10am each Sunday in the Sanctuary. We have a lot to look forward to this month! As always, our events are subject to change as we stay up-to-date with local health department regulations. Please check your email and facebook for any event changes, as well as any possible changes with health and safety protocols.

As of now, we are looking forward to the following events:

Sept. 4 - 11am Memorial Service for Andy Gagner (reception to follow, in New Britain)

Sept. 5 - worship back to 10am in the Sanctuary, followed by coffee hour in the Social Hall each Sunday

Sept. 10 - Pasta & Entertainment Fundraiser Event (hosted by our Music Committee). \$15/person. Call the office for tickets. 860-589-0182

Sept. 12 - Rally Day! Sunday school resumes! Please check your email for Sunday school health and safety protocols. Potluck picnic & games at the Zalaski house.

Sept. 19 - Confirmation Class (9th graders and older) begins! 9am in the Activity Room.

Sept. 26 - The Hot Cat Jazz Band will join us for worship!

Terry Nursery School news: Founded in the 1970s, Terry Nursery School (TNS) has been operating as its own 501c-3 Non-Profit organization since around 2007. Recently, after facing years of declining enrollment, TNS has decided not to continue. What many people do not know is that the town of Plymouth has been offering a free program for pre-school for quite a few years now. Once the free program began, it made it very difficult for TNS to get the high numbers of enrollment that it used to get. During September, TNS will be working to clean out materials from their side of the building. Once that is complete, our church will be looking into rental opportunities or other ideas to best utilize that space. We give thanks to God for the many wonderful years of education and caring that TNS provided our community, and we go to God in prayer to seek God's guidance on the future for that space for our church. If you have any questions, please be in touch with our Trustees who oversee our building and grounds.

On a very happy and personal note: On Sept. 18, after years of dealing with allergies in our house and trying to find a pet that would work for us, my family is getting a puppy. As of the writing of this article, we do not yet have a name. What we do know is that our dog is a male mini goldendoodle. As you can imagine, Josh and Connor (and Mom and Dad) are very excited. On another happy note: you may or may not be able to believe this, but Josh is beginning high school this month and Connor is beginning middle school. Our "little" boys are no longer so little, and we are happy that they are both growing and entering a new phase of life. Be on the lookout for many "teenager stories" that will be shared in church!

May God bless you all today and always,
Rev Zack

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



Alison Reed & Rob Reed, Alison's brother/Rob's uncle: Richard, recently entered eternal life. Memorial Service will be in October.

Millie Perry's daughter Laurie & Family. Laurie's husband, Rocky Fonck, entered eternal life on August 27, 2021.

Dick Foote & Family. Dick's sister, Christine Assard, entered eternal life on August 28, 2021.

Squires Family. Kevin Squires entered eternal life on August 22, 2021.

Sylvia LaFreniere (hip replacement/Apple Rehab, Watertown), Sue Dillane, Rudy Witecy, 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, Iris Soto.

Friends and Family: Marco Goodwin (cancer/step-son of Jean Goodwin), Ken Walls (heart issue/friend of Millie Perry) Caroline Armbruster-Borkoski, Family of Marty Sandshaw, George Fitzpatrick (father-in-law of Tracy Fitzpatrick), Carole Kozikowski (daughter of Curt & Mary-Alice Wilbanks), and Raymond Dery (son-in-laws of Millie Perry).

Nursing Facility/Assisted Living/Retirement/Living Independent/Home: Ann Krampitz, (Sheriden Woods), Lois Douyard (Apple Rehab, Avon), Rae Link (LiveWell, Plantsville), Juney Cushman (Farmington Station), Edna Kirkby (Middlewoods), Elaine Tedesco "E.T." (Ingraham Manor), Darlene Wartonick (Arden Courts), Doris Bondeson (Brandywine). **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 \$303.19. 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).



*THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED AT
THE TERRYVILLE LIONS COUNTRY FAIR AND ALL THE
VOLUNTEERS WHO BAKED GOODS FOR THE FAIR.*

WE SOLD OUT!

*WE GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HARD WORK
AND COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!!!*

*THANKS AGAIN,
JERRY WUNSCH, MODERATOR*

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 August, 2021

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Norm & Joan Luba	August 4	Anniversary
Sadie Vieira	August 6	1 st Birthday
(Sadie is the granddaughter of Donna & Gerry Wunsch)		
Larry Lafreniere	August 6	Birthday
Mary-Alice Wilbanks	August 7	Birthday
Karen & Emery Austin	August 9	Anniversary
Wayne Kamens	August 15	Birthday
Wayne Waldron	August 15	Birthday
Sylvia Lafreniere	August 15	Birthday
Brandy Welesky	August 17	Birthday
Zach Harnish	August 30	Birthday
Naya Bilodeau	August 31	9 th Birthday

***One special Happy Anniversary goes out to Ray & Jeanne Zalaski
whose Anniversary we missed on July 31. Happy Belated.***

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 9/1/21):

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	*407	*\$680
August	293	\$489.31
September		
October		
November		
December		
2021 Total:	915	\$1,528.36

*as reported by the food pantry



Outreach Committee News



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

To support our Community

Outreach Committee supported Plymouth Police Department's Back to School drive. This year's Back to School program was conducted online through Target. The following purchases were donated:

Girls Ankle Athletic Socks	5 packages of 12
Boys Athletic Socks	5 packages of 8
Lunch Bag	1
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Index Cards	5 packages of 100
Filler Paper	10 packages of 100 sheets
Binders	8
Erasers	5 packages of 25

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
June 25 - Sundaes at Eli Terry	August / Sept - TBD Pizza at 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 - decided on sundaes at Eli Terry
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 122 supported - \$3,075

With our Kiva loans we have hit a milestone in lending over \$3,000!!! And we have been lending with Kiva for 9 years changing lives around the world.

Loan Updates

Paid In Full

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 his farming business with the help of his brother. His impulse to continue giving the best of himself are his wife and his children, in order 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. He was previously able to count on a Kiva loan with the aim of continuing to expand the crops on his land. He can now again request another Kiva loan 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.

New Loans

Rafael Antonio, Costa Rica, Tailor

This loan is special because it provides affordable financing in the underserved Costa Rican market.

Rafael Antonio is a hardworking man with desire to improve. Despite his age, his desire to continue working to provide for his family remains. He has a tailoring business, where he makes garments to the taste and size of each client. He has done this work for 11 years. His clients recommend him for his excellent work.

Rafael Antonio has decided to take a loan from Kiva and MiCrédito to buy a sewing machine, fabrics, buttons, thread, spoolers, and lace to offer his clients the best quality product in clothing, with the best finishes and details. He wants to make his business known on social networks and in all the stores, because his dream is to be able to open his own dressmaking shop.

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

How Kiva loans work

By lending as little as \$25 on Kiva, you can support the causes you care about and make a real personal impact.



Step 1 - Choose a borrower - Browse by category and find an entrepreneur to support.



Step 2 - Make a loan - Help fund a loan with as little as \$25.



Step 3 - Get repaid - Kiva borrowers have a 96% repayment rate historically.



Step 4 - Repeat - Relend your money or withdraw your funds.

Terryville Congregational Church Presents:



Come join us Friday, September 10, 2021 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a pasta dinner and a tribute show to Dino and Frank as performed by Jack Lynn and Steve Kazlauskas.

\$15.00/per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available in the church office. NO WALK INS.

Last Chance to Buy Tickets is Tuesday, September 7, 2021
The church office will be open from 10am -2pm for sales.

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

T-SHIRT ONLY

\$12.00 (M, L, XL)

\$16.00 (XXL, XXXL)



BAG ONLY \$4.00



*****T-SHIRT/BAG**

COMBO***

\$15.00 (M, L, XL)

\$20.00 (XXL, XXXL)

Thank you for supporting us!

Dear Members & Friends of Terryville Congregational Church:



Join us for RALLY DAY!

Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.!

Join us at church for worship & the resuming of Sunday school*, followed by an outdoor potluck picnic with children's games & music at the home of Ray & Jeannie Zalaski!

Some call it "back to church Sunday," but we call it "Rally Day!"
Bring family, a neighbor, a friend – **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

POTLUCK PICNIC AFTER WORSHIP

Location: Ray & Jeannie Zalaski's Home
140 E. Plymouth Road
Terryville, CT 06786

(860) 582-7331 / rzalaski@comcast.net

Please contact the church office to sign up for the Potluck
(860) 589-0812 & bring a chair

*A separate email will include information about health & safety protocols for Sunday school

Please see the back of this page for other great events happening this fall at church!

Sunday Worship every Sunday at 10am

Friday, Sept. 10: Pasta Dinner & Entertainment Fundraiser
(hosted by our Music Committee)

Sunday, Sept. 12, 10am: Worship, Sunday school resumes, and an outdoor potluck picnic after worship at the Zalaski house

Sunday, Sept. 19, 9am: Confirmation Class begins
(open to all 9th graders or older)

Sunday, Sept. 26, 10am: Worship with special guests the Hot Cat Jazz Band

October 15-16: Town of Plymouth 225th Anniversary Events
(details to be announced later)

Monday, October 25, 1pm - 6pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Social Hall

Saturday, November 20: Christmas Bazaar

Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 27, 1pm – 6pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Social Hall

Dates to be announced at a later time:

- dinners for residents of Gosinski Park & Eli Terry Retirement Community
 - resuming of BINGO
 - Horseshoe Tournament
 - Christmas caroling

All events will follow State of CT Health & Safety Guidelines and are subject to change depending on those guidelines

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 *October, 2021*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *September 24, 2021* will be published in the *October 2021* issue. Please email to:

Terryvillechurch@hotmail.com

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

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 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.