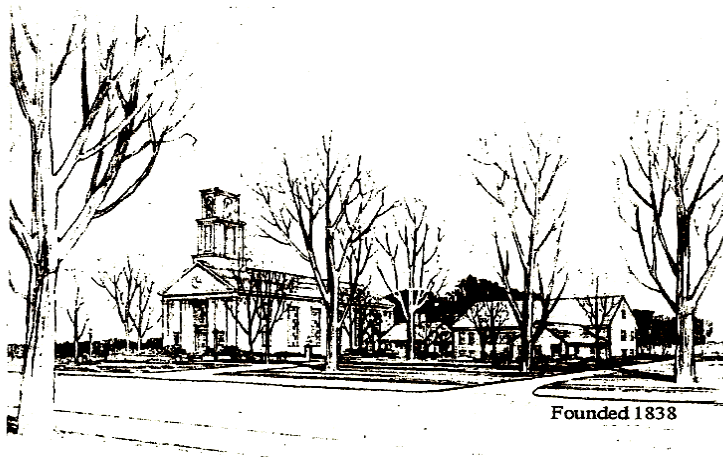


**Terryville Congregational Church**  
**NOVEMBER, 2021 Newsletter**



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USA

ADDRESS CORRECTION  
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**NOVEMBER EVENTS:**

- SATURDAY, November 14, 2021

***YOUTH HIKE***

***ALL AGES, INCLUDING  
ADULTS ARE! WELCOME***

*(RAIN DATE NOV. 21)*

- SATURDAY, November 20, 2021

***TCC HOLIDAY BAZAAR***

***10AM – 3PM***

*(SEE ATTACHED FLIER FOR DETAILS  
/CONTACT DIANE PRATT IF YOU WANT  
TO HELP)*



***THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO  
VOLUNTEERED AND ATTENDED  
THE PLYMOUTH BLOCK PARTY TO  
CELEBRATE THE 225<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF OUR TOWN!!!***

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# **TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

## **NOVEMBER, 2021**

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

October flew by! It is such a blessing to be back to church! We're still not 100% back to normal, but we're doing our best to at least be in-person and to be as safe as we can. October was especially wonderful in that - in addition to weekly worship, Bible Study, Sunday school and Confirmation Class - we were able to participate in two great outdoor events as well as an outdoor youth hike. We are going to continue hosting as many events and activities as possible as we strive to love God and love neighbor as ourselves! And if you didn't yet see the doors in the Sunday school hall that our students decorated, check them out!

Here's a brief look at this month and next:

Sunday, Nov. 7 - Worship, Holy Communion, and All Saints Day observed

Wed., Nov. 10 - Deacons (and helpers welcome) will be learning how to make homemade fudge as well as preparing some to sell for the Christmas Bazaar. (6pm in the church kitchen).

Sat., Nov. 13 - 5pm Meal for the residents of Eli Terry Retirement Community

Sun., Nov. 14 - Worship & special guests "Luke's Cukes". After worship, another hiking trip - all are welcome! (Meet in back parking lot after worship).

Sat., Nov. 20 - Christmas Bazaar! 10am - 3pm

Sun., Nov. 21 - (rain date for hike, after worship)

Sat., Nov. 27 - 5pm Dinner for the residents of Gosinski Park

Sun., Nov. 28 - Advent begins! "Hope"

And a look ahead to December, mark your calendars now!

Sat., Dec 4 - Town Tree Lighting Event (Plymouth Green - exact time to be announced – 4 or 5pm)

Sun, Dec 5 - Advent 2 - "Peace"

Fri, Dec. 10 - Caroling! (Meet in front of the church, 6pm)

Sat., Dec 11 - Meal for the residents of Eli Terry Retirement Community

Sun, Dec 12 - Advent 3 - "Joy & Rejoicing"

Fri, Dec 17 - (caroling rain date)

Sun, Dec 19 - Advent 4 - "Love"

Friday, Dec 24 - Christmas Eve! (Service at 11pm)

On Oct. 24, we blessed and dedicated our 2022 pledges. If you did not yet turn in your pledge for the 2022 year, please do so soon. Why pledge? Pledging is a great way to respond to what your faith and your local church means to you. A pledge is not a "bill," but a pledge is our joyful commitment to respond to all that our faith and church means to us by promising to donate our time, our skills, and our financial support to the church for the coming year. Thank you!

As we enter into the month of November, we pause and we take time to realize our many blessings; we also take time to think, pray, say, and show how thankful we are to God. Thanksgiving is not just about sitting around a table with family and eating a lot of food; thanksgiving is about the gratitude we feel in our hearts and wanting to "put feet" on that gratitude. So I will close by asking us all these questions:

Are you thankful? How will you show your thanksgiving this year?

With Christian Love,  
Rev Zack

## OUR PRAYERS GO TO



### **Prayer Requests:**

Karen Reilly, Sylvia LaFreniere (hip replacement), Sue Dillane, Rudy Witecy, Alex Morrell, Janet Waldron, Paul (the Pines) & Marie Hawes, Bill Hawes, Buddy Hawes, Hadley Waldron, 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, Debbie Wartonick, Marian McLam, Andrea Armbruster, Wayne Kamens, Iris Soto.

**Friends and Family:** Patty Ososki (friend of Joy Armbruster, Pam Kamens, & Terri Faragher) Marco Goodwin (cancer/step-son of Jean Goodwin), Ken Walls (hospice/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-law of Millie Perry). **Nursing Facility/Assisted Living/ Independent Living/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). 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 \$327.19. 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).

## **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

## Special Events Celebrated During October, 2021

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Donna & Jerry Wunsch	Oct. 5	47 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Charlotte & Rich Audet	Oct. 10	Anniversary
Cindi & Wayne Harnish	Oct. 11	24 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Lisa Reek	Oct. 11	Birthday
Dawn Hotchkiss-Manzi	Oct. 13	Birthday
Phil & Joy Armbruster	Oct. 16	39 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Doris Bondeson	Oct. 21	91 <sup>st</sup> Birthday
Brian & Jodi Waldron	Oct. 21	15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Shane Levesque	Oct. 27	8 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Anne Krampitz	Oct. 28	65 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Pam & Hank Kamens	Oct. 28	44 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Jenny Miskin	Oct. 31	Birthday

*October turned into a beautiful month; I'm referring specifically to our **Plymouth 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** which took place as a **Block Party** on October 16, 12:00-4:00pm.*

*Our members provided **Baked Potatoes** and **Fried Dough** – both of which sold out quite early. There were many vendors and activities from face painting, crafters, miniature train rides carrying smiling children as they moved around our church lawn, and the Social Hall which was alive with vendors and other activities. I saw two brave and talented individual, one on stilts and another one on a unicycle.*

***Cinderella, another fairy tale friend** who accompanied her and her **beautiful white coach** visited along with other famous members of a well know group of children's characters from **Frozen**. The Social Hall was alive with activity and there was live music on our front lawn as well as on the grounds of the American Legion Hall where hot dogs and hamburgers were also available. Everyone added to the celebration.*

*The Library had a Hula Hoop Jam, crafts for the littles ones and a Fidelco Guide Dog demonstration. The Lock museum sponsored scavenger hunts, the Eli Terry Middle School had more foods, crafters (inside and out), a Climbing wall, Axe Throwing, antique fire trucks and picnic table were available for comfortable eating.*

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 11/1/21):**

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	*407	*\$680
July		
August	293	\$489.31
September	266	\$444.22
October	*172	\$287.24
November		
December		
<b>2021 Total:</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>\$2,259.82</b>

\*as reported by the food pantry



# Outreach Committee News



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

## **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

June 25 - Sundaes at Eli Terry

November 13 - Pizza at Eli Terry

December 11 - Eli Terry

March 13 - Gosinski Park

May 1 - Gosinski Park

October 29 - Pizza at Gosinski Park

November 27 - Gosinski Park

## **Upcoming Outreach events**

**October** - Donation of food and hygiene goods to Plymouth Food Pantry

**November** - Veteran's Day donation to Veteran's Strong Community Center in Bristol, which provides resources and guidance to veterans in this area.

**December** - support Simply Smiles Christmas on the Reservation and Small Wonders Christmas Program, which supports children and families in town

## **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 - no meeting

October - email decisions on dinners for Oct, Nov, Dec; donations for Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving; support for Christmas to Simply Smiles and Small Wonders (town Christmas donations)

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 13 open loans - total of 123 supported - \$3,100

### **Loan Updates**

#### **Paid In Full**

No loans were fully paid this month. Although we did receive payments on 5 of our 13 loans.

#### **New Loans**

##### **Evelio Enrique - Nicaragua - Wholesale**

This loan is special because it includes access to short-term emergency loans.

Evelio is a hard working and determined man. He is dedicated to his business selling salt and lime, an old business that still prevails. His truck is his main tool for work because he moves his products with it. In addition, he sometimes works to transport construction materials. His goal for the future is to make his business into a salt distributor at a national level. With the trust of his lenders, he has requested a new loan to buy bags of salt and lime.

With this loan to Evelio, we have lent to borrowers from all 15 businesses or activities that Kiva supports - Agriculture, Arts, Clothing, Construction, Education, Entertainment, Food, Health, Housing, Manufacturing, Personal Use, Retail, Services, Transportation and Wholesale.

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*



*It's a loan,  
not a donation.*

Kiva is a loan, not a donation,  
allowing you to cycle your money and  
create a personal impact across the  
world. Plus, you can withdraw your  
funds at any time.



Music Committee News Nov. 1, 2021

Committee: Barbara Benson, Sue Dillane, Sandi Ehmer

Music Director: Matt Miskin

For all of us, the new year started with insecurity, uncertainty, and of course hope that things would return to normal. Our church service continued with Rev. Zack, Matt Miskin, and a few members of our congregation singing special music.

The chicken and roast beef dinners were done on a take-out basis, so the Music Committee was not needed to secure music for these events.

The June Fair was held, with the Monahans and the No Name Band Providing music.

The Music Committee hosted the strawberry shortcake booth, netting a profit of \$119.97 for the event.

A Successful Pasta Dinner was held on Sept. 10th. Jack Lynn and Steve Kaslauskas supplied entertainment singing Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin Favorites. The net profit was \$896.13.

The Christmas Bazaar is planned for Nov. 20th. The Music committee will again host the basket Raffle. Donations of new items are needed. Please bring to the church office no later than Nov. 15th.

Upcoming for December:

Christmas Caroling in front of the church - Planned for Dec. 10th, rain date Dec 17th. Bring your voices, family, and friends to celebrate this Christmas as we sing carols and other favorites for the season. Hot Chocolate and cookies will be served by members of our Music Committee and friends.

As always, MANY thanks to all of our volunteers who have donated their time and effort to make all of our events a success.

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything." -Plato-

## PRAYER SHAWLS



Knitters & Crocheters: just a reminder we are always in need of prayer shawls.

We have some yarn here that you are welcome to use for the shawls.

Please contact the Church Office with any questions.

Hour: Monday – Friday, 10am - 2pm

Thank you to all knitters & crocheters past, present, & future!

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## CHRISTMAS PAST

***IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...WE ARE  
COLLECTING GENTLY USED CHRISTMAS  
ITEMS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PAST WALK AT  
OUR HOLIDAY BAZAAR BEING HELD ON***



**DONATIONS CAN NOW BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH DURING  
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS. *HOURS: MONDAY – FRIDAY / 10AM – 2PM.***

If you have any questions or would like to help out please contact Jeannie Zalaski @ (860) 582-7331.  
Please no large items.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!**

**We are in need of volunteers for the following positions:**

**(2) Sunday Schools Teachers** (if interested see Jennifer Zalaski before or after church on Sunday)

**(1) Teacher to teach a student one on one** (if interested see Jennifer Zalaski before or after church on Sunday)

**(1) Member of Finance Committee** (contact Jerry Wunsch if interested)

A person with a financial background is preferred for this position. This position oversees church financials, investments, budgets, & provides direction and support to the Treasurer, Collectors, Assistant Treasurer, and auditors. Participation in monthly meetings and special meetings is needed (See Church By-Laws for a full description of position/available in church office).

**(1) Business Group Leader** (contact Jerry Wunsch if interested)

This position entails becoming a Council Member and attending a monthly council meeting. The business group leader oversees the following task committees: Communications, Finance, and Trustees and reports the task committee's activities to the church council (See Church By-Laws for a full description of position/available in church office).

**(1) Member of Fellowship Committee** (contact Jerry Wunsch if interested)

This position mentors new church members to familiarize them with education, service, and social functions of the Congregation. They also: plan, promote, and conduct programs and events of fellowship for church members and support and coordinate the activities of the church mice (See Church By-Laws for a full description of position/available in church office).

**(1) Volunteer for the Floral Committee** (contact Sue Kozikowski if interested)

This position helps to procure and arrange the flowers for services and events. This is a rotating monthly volunteer position.

**(1) Volunteer for the Personnel Committee** (contact Jerry Wunsch if you interested)

This position maintains personnel records, job descriptions and personnel policies. They also coordinate the interviewing, hiring, and evaluation of staff. The role requires reviewing, investigating, and taking appropriate action to resolve employee complaints, problems and/or conflicts. The committee meets as needed.

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## **FUDGE! FUDGE! FUDGE! FUDGE! FUDGE! FUDGE!**



**We are excited to announce that we are bringing back a great tradition from many years ago, and you are invited to be a part of it!**

On Wed., November 10 at 6pm, the Deacons (and helpers are welcome!) are going to meet in the church kitchen and make fudge that we can sell at the Nov. 20th church Christmas Bazaar. No prior fudge-making knowledge or experience is necessary - we will provide a tutorial to all who attend.

We will provide the ingredients. (Unless you would like to make a particular flavor, then please bring your own ingredients).

We hope you can join us for a fun and festive night of fudge making!

## PRICE LIST

***SALE - BLOCK PARTY SPECIAL!***

**\$12.00**

**FOR ONE OF EVERYTHING:**

**T-SHIRTS, REUSABLE BAGS, COOKBOOKS,  
AND HISTORY BOOKS, TOO!**  
(while supplies last)



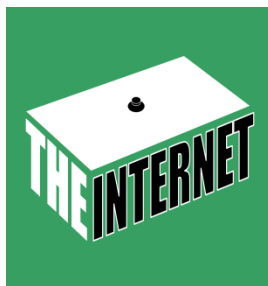
**Thanks for Supporting TCC!**

**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 *December, 2021*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *November 23, 2021* will be published in the *December* 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.

## 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.