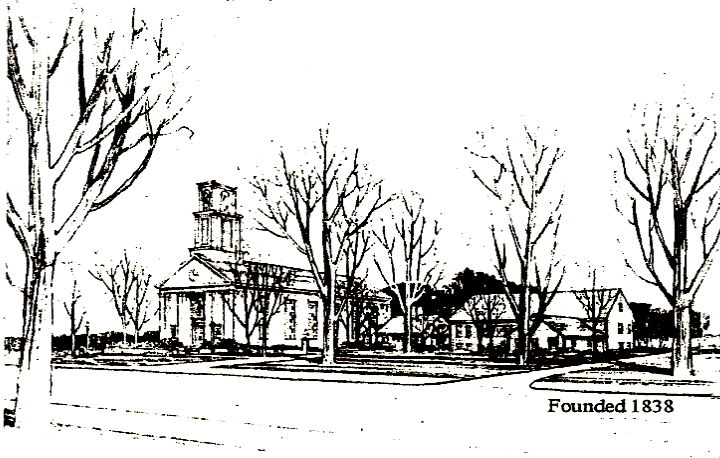


Terryville Congregational Church
December, 2021 Newsletter



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!!



***PHOTO: December 3, 2021 – Town of Plymouth Tree
Lighting at Plymouth Green***

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233 Main Street
Terryville, CT 06786
USA

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TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

DECEMBER, 2021

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

What a wonderful Christmas Bazaar! Thank you so much to everyone who helped, attended, prepped, cleaned up, made food, baked, served, donated, and some who did all of the above! It was one of the biggest crowds that I ever remember seeing in my 16 years at our church. Bravo!

Moving now into Advent, we have a full slate of activities and - most importantly - worship & Christmas singing planned! Check it out:

Nov. 24 - our volunteers will help (3rd annual!) decorate the gazebo at Baldwin Park for Christmas!

Nov. 26- our Trustees and helpers will choose, cut, and install our Sanctuary Christmas Tree!

Nov. 27 - 4pm Confirmation class (and all are welcome!) decorate the Sanctuary Christmas Tree

Nov. 27 - 5pm Outreach Committee will serve a to-go meal to the residents of Gosinski Park

Nov. 28 - Worship & Sunday school - Advent 1 (Hope!)

Dec. 3 - Town of Plymouth Tree Lighting at Plymouth Green! 6-8:30pm! Our church will sell hotdogs, hot chocolate, lead caroling, and help with Santa/Mrs. Claus!

Dec. 4 - (wedding)

Dec. 5 - Worship & Sunday school! Advent 2 (Peace!)

Dec. 8 - Christmas card writing! We will write cards to our church family! 5pm at Ray & Jeannie Zalaski's house! All are welcome! Soup will be served!

Dec. 10 - Christmas Caroling (in front of our church!) 7pm!

Dec. 11 - Our outreach committee will serve a to-go meal to the residents of Eli Terry Retirement Community

Dec. 12 - Worship & Sunday School! Advent 3 (Joy & Rejoicing!)

Dec. 15 - 6pm Finance Committee Meeting

Dec. 17 - (rain date for Christmas caroling in front of the church)

Dec. 19 - Worship & Sunday school! (Advent 4 - Love!). Deacons Meeting after worship.

Dec. 20 - 11am Bible Study Christmas Party Luncheon - all are welcome! (Social Hall)

Dec. 22 - 7pm Church Council Meeting

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve! Services at 3pm & 11pm

Dec. 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Even though we are not completely in a post-covid world, things are starting to move much more than they were in previous months. I want to thank Curt Wilbanks, Sandy Kamens, and Matt Miskin for going with me to nursing facilities and independent living facilities to do music. Some of the places still require masks and a lengthy check-in procedure, but at least we are now able to go. We currently go to the following: Sheriden Woods, Countryside Manor, Farmington Station, & Live Well. Starting in December, we will be adding a new kind of place to our list: The Learning Center! We will be singing Christmas songs with the children at the Learning Center here in Terryville. Again, thank you to our dedicated team who helps with these outings!

Mark your calendars now! At our recent Deacon meeting, the Deacons decided to plan a new event in the new year: a good ol' fashioned potluck supper! Friday, Feb. 11. It will be a grand time and - since it's close to Valentines Day - we already have our theme! Save the date now and make plans to attend! Information about sign-up, etc. will be coming soon.

Other dates to save (that are already scheduled for the new year):

Jan. 19 - Deacons dinner & meeting

Feb 4-6: Confirmation Retreat to Silver Lake

Feb. 11 - All Church Potluck Dinner!

March 5 - Chicken BBQ Dinner

April 9 - Roast Beef Dinner

Last but certainly not least... let's pause and remember what this season is all about. About a decade or more ago, a group of pastors in the midwest decided that the Advent & Christmas season was getting too hurried, commercialized, and off centered from the message of Christ. So they came up with themes to guide us through the Advent Season:

Spend Less

but

Give More

Worship God fully

Love All

How might you give this Season? Not focusing on the money part of it but focusing on the service given from your heart. What will that look like for you?

How might you deepen your worship of God this Season?

How might you stretch yourself to love all?

Be a blessing to others in every moment, and may God guide you always.

With Christian Love,

Rev Zack

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



Prayer Requests:

Alison Reed (knee surgery), Jerry Wunsch (foot surgery), Jim Hannon (total knee replacement), Karen Reilly, Sylvia LaFreniere (hip replacement), Sue Dillane, Rudy Witecy, Alex Morrell, Janet Waldron, Paul & 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, 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), Family of Marty Sandshaw, 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 \$465.10. 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).

LECTED 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 November, 2021

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Maddie Pronovost	Nov. 1	Family Day
Iris Soto	Nov. 1	Birthday
Aaron Witick	Nov. 1	Birthday
Dave & Jackie Merchant	Nov. 5	Anniversary
Sean Jeffrey	Nov. 7	6 th Birthday
Bill Hall	Nov. 10	Birthday
Marie Licki	Nov. 12	Birthday
Paula Anderson	Nov. 17	Birthday
Robert Link	Nov. 17	Birthday
Rae Link (Mother of Robert)	Nov. 18	Birthday
Kenzie Garceau	Nov. 18	Birthday
Lisa-Jane Speir	Nov. 21	Birthday
Debbie Wartonick	Nov. 24	Birthday
Bernie Licki	Nov. 25	Birthday
Jake Armbruster	Nov. 25	Birthday

Curt and I walked into church last Sunday, along with many others, and it was good to see so many there, and what greeted us all was our *Lovely Thanksgiving Table*. It was good to see it again. Thanks to *Sandra Colasanto and her little elf, Sue Kozikowski*.

We are thankful to these two ladies for ensuring we always have flowers or plants decorating our altar during every service. We have always had 3 individuals sharing this task through-out the year until Ellen Cifone moved down south to be with her lovely family.

Sandy and Sue would love a third party to again assist them. It is not an every week task as each takes turns one Sunday or a month at a time and they're nice ladies to work with. If you have any questions I'm sure they'll be happy to answer them.

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 12/6/21):

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	266	\$444.22
October	*172	\$287.24
November	198	\$330.66
December		
2021 Total:	1,551	\$2,590.17

*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

March 13 - Gosinski Park

April 3 - Eli Terry

May 1 - Gosinski Park

June 25 - Sundaes at Eli Terry

October 30 - Pizza at Gosinski Park

November 13 - Pizza at Eli Terry

November 27 - Gosinski Park

December 11 - Christmas Party at Eli Terry

Dinners

On Friday evening, October 29, pizza, salad and brownies were served to residents of Gosinski Park.

On Saturday, November 13, pizza, salad and brownies were served to residents of Eli Terry.

Outreach events

October - On behalf of the Outreach Committee 102 pounds of food, laundry detergent and hygiene items were donated to the 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.

Christmas Bazaar decorating - Thank you to Carol, Crista, Marie and Tracy for their help with decorating. And any others who picked up and rehung any fallen decorations. 😊

December

Donation to support Simply Smiles Children's Village in Oaxaca, Mexico

Our donation will help to fund the Three Kings Day celebration and camping trip to the Oaxacan mountains for the children. See attached for more information.

Small Wonders Christmas Program, which supports children and families in town, will receive gifts for 5 children.

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

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!

Best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas!

Crista Furtado



Supporting 12 open loans - total of 124 supported - \$3,125

Loan Updates

Paid In Full

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. Don Victor requested a Kiva loan to buy composts, fertilizers, herbicides, fungicides, and foliar nutrients.

Within the next few years, he would like to increase his herd of calves and become a major producer of red beans.

New Loan

Sominea - Cambodia - Higher Education Costs

This loan is special because it gives low income youth in Cambodia education and work experience in the technology industry.

Sominea is a student at Pannasastra University of Cambodia (PUC) majoring in business administration. She is 21 years old. Her parents are farmers. She is currently working with Digital Divide Data in Cambodia (DDD) as a project associate. DDD delivers digital content, data and research services to clients worldwide. From a small data entry operation in Cambodia founded in 2001, the company now offers a wide range of digital content and technology services. DDD is the largest technology-related employer in Cambodia and Laos and recently won Kenya's Vision 2030 Award for the Best BPO. DDD's unique Impact Sourcing model has developed a growing network of young professionals and propelled hundreds of families out of poverty.

Due to the lack of finances in the family, Sominea needs a loan to pay for her school fees to gain new knowledge. After she graduates, she can help her family. Finally, she hopes this loan can help her to finish and get what she wants to achieve in her life.

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



Music Committee News December 2021
Committee: Barbara Benson, Sue Dillane, Sandi Ehmer
Music Director: Matt Miskin

Tis the season to be....busy! What a blessing to have so much going on in the month of December. We are going to be continuing our annual tradition of Christmas Caroling on the church steps on Friday, December 10, with a rain date of Friday, December 17, 2021. We will sing carols while enjoying hot chocolate and cookies. All are welcome!

Matt is going to be starting bell choir practice for a special performance to be announced during December. If you can count and know your colors, you can ring a bell. Practices will be held after church services.

Be safe during this holiday season and have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

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!

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.

PRICE LIST

SALE!!!

\$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 *January, 2022*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *December 23, 2021* will be published in the *January, 2022* 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.