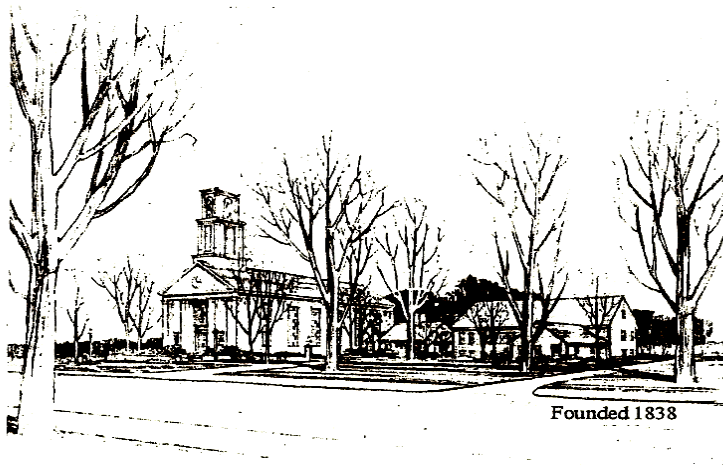


Terryville Congregational Church
January, 2022 Newsletter



WISHING YOU A BLESSED NEW YEAR!
FULL OF HEALTH, HOPE, &
HAPPINESS!



PHOTO: Our Festive Office Sign – Thanks to Curt & Mary-Alice Wilbanks for the greens & Jake Armbruster for hanging and decorating the greens.

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233 Main Street
Terryville, CT 06786
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TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

JANUARY 2022

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

Happy New Year! 2022 already - can you believe it? I think in some ways the pandemic made time slow down, and in other ways it made it speed up. One thing is for sure: we are all very excited for a wonderful New Year at our church and in the community. We have a lot of great things planned, so please mark your calendars! Below are just a few of the events that are upcoming in this 1st quarter of the New Year:

Worship, Sunday school & Confirmation Class every Sunday! Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday each month!

Sunday, Jan. 9 - Star Gifts!

Feb. 4-6 - Confirmation Class Retreat (Deacons will lead worship on Feb. 6)

Friday, Feb. 11 - Potluck Dinner (shared event with Plymouth Cong. Church) – sign up sheet coming soon!

Wed., March 2 - Ash Wednesday (7pm Service)

Sat., March 5 - Chicken BBQ Dinner

Sat., April 9 - Roast Beef Dinner

April 10-17 - HOLY WEEK (Services on April 10, 14, 15, and 17)

And coming soon... our 2022 Grand Raffle! We will have 5 or so wonderful prizes! Please make plans to share with family and friends and support our church!

As you may notice above, one of our events is a potluck dinner (shared with Plymouth Cong. Church). This event is being led by our Deacons. The hope is that this can become an ongoing shared ministry in this New Year. Perhaps once per month - or perhaps every two months - our hope is that both churches can take turns hosting and we can have shared planning meetings so that both churches are equally involved in each meal in terms of planning the entertainment/program, decorations, music, etc. The only thing that is left is for all of you to sign up to bring a dish and to come enjoy fellowship with both churches! Please make plans to attend and be on the lookout for more of these potlucks throughout the year!

As we look toward summer and fall, we are also hoping to bring back our Annual Benefit Concert/Dinner. We have already selected the beneficiary for our next event - The Veterans Strong Community Center. Located in Bristol, Veterans Strong serves all the veterans in our region, including the town of Terryville. We are hoping to be able to have this benefit in the fall - be on the lookout for exact dates as the time draws closer.

And - last but not least - we are looking forward all of the other traditional events that we have throughout the year, including the June Fair, the Terryville Fair, Vacation Bible School, and more! As these events draw closer, you will be able to find all the details in your email, facebook, newsletter, and bulletin.

In closing, as you think about this New Year and you make New Year's Resolutions and goal setting and planning in your personal lives, ask yourselves these questions:

1. How might I draw closer in my relationship with God in 2022?
2. How might I better support my church in 2022?
3. How might I better love my neighbor in 2022?
4. What might God be calling me to do to serve in 2022?
5. How might I use my God-given talents and abilities to proclaim God's good news and hope to others in this New Year and to shine the light of Christ in the world?
6. Have I realized God's love in my life? If so, how might I respond - with joy - to that great gift from God?

May God bless you and keep you,
Rev Zack

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



Prayer Requests:

Prayers for the Wartonick Family & Friends, Darlene Wartonick, entered eternal life on December 26, 2021.

Alison Reed (knee surgery), Jim Hannon (total knee replacement), Karen Reilly, Sylvia LaFreniere (hip replacement), Sue Dillane, Rudy Witocy, 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:** Nancy (Koltko) Henches (dear friend “sister” of Pam Kamens) 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), Doris Bondeson (Brandywine).

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 \$840.10. 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).

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 December, 2021

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Jacob Bilodeau	Dec.1	Birthday
Charlotte Crockett	Dec. 2	Birthday
Chelsea Bourdeau & Michael Hill (Daughter of Mark & Valerie Bourdeau)	Dec. 4	Wedding
Joanne & Kevin Keenan	Dec. 8	Anniversary
Ellen Anderson	Dec. 9	Birthday
Lois Douyard	Dec. 9	Birthday
Bob Worden	Dec. 10	Birthday
Chloe Palma Horvath (Brenda Connors Granddaughter)	Dec. 12	Birthday
Ryan Catenza	Dec. 12	16 th Birthday
Adam Benson	Dec.13	Birthday
Ryan Fitzpatrick	Dec. 13	Birthday
Maddie Pronovost	Dec. 17	Birthday
Connor Mabe	Dec. 17	Birthday
Tracy Fitzpatrick	Dec. 20	Birthday
Carolyn Dube (Avis' niece)	Dec. 24	Birthday
Laurie Christopher	Dec. 24	Birthday
<i>Jesus the Christ Child</i>	<i>Dec. 25</i>	<i>Blessed Birth</i>
Holly Zemak	Dec. 25	Birthday
Skip Skarp	Dec. 26	Birthday
Al Morsch	Dec. 26	Birthday
Wayne Harnish	Dec. 28	Birthday
Melissa Miskin	Dec. 29	Birthday
Magin Peabody	Dec. 29	1 st Birthday

Wishing you All a Very Healthy and Happy New Year!



Photo: Special musical guests Sunday December 19, 2021 some of the members of the group “The Remnants”. Josh Lopez, Joe Foran, Jeremiah Regimbald, Jeanine Pray, and our own Music Director, Matt Miskin (also a member of “The Remnants”).

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 12/30/21):

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	345	\$576.15
2021 Total:	1,896	\$3,166.32

*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 Saturday evening, November 27, chicken, potatoes, green beans and cookies were served to residents of Gosinski Park.

On Saturday, December 11, Outreach Committee provided dinner for the residents of Eli Terry for their holiday party.

Outreach events

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, received gifts for 5 children.

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 Happy New Year!

Crista Furtado



Supporting 13 open loans - total of 125 supported - \$3,150

Loan Updates

Paid In Full

Mabinty's Best Farmers Group, Rogbonkoh Mathaka Village, Sierra Leone / Farming

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. Our loan has empowered these women to increase their local rice production and enhance food access in Sierra Leone at a time when it is badly needed. Best wishes to this team of hardworking women as they continue to develop their skills and provide for others in their community.

New Loan

Yosef - Palestine - Sewing

This loan is special because it benefits refugees who have been marginalized.

Yosef is a hardworking young man who tries his utmost to help his family live a decent life. He is a 23-year-old refugee who lives with his family in Tulkarem in the West Bank. Yosef works in sewing and sews beautiful clothes to sell to the customers upon request. This is his only source of income. Yosef turned to Palestine for Credit and Development FATEN to request a loan to buy a sewing machine, yarn, silk, and fabrics for his work. This will increase his production and enhance his income. He hopes you will help by funding his loan.

More about this loan

This loan is facilitated by Kiva's Field Partner, Palestine for Credit & Development (FATEN). Field Partners are local organizations working in communities to vet borrowers, provide services, and administer loans on the ground.

This loan helps Palestinian people, specifically those living in refugee camps throughout the West Bank and Gaza. Palestinian refugee camps have inadequate infrastructure and don't receive the same basic services compared to other Palestinian territories. By supporting this loan, you're helping marginalized people develop their business and meet other important financial needs.

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

BIBLE STUDY CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 20, 2021







Many thanks to
the bible study
group for
hosting a
wonderful
Christmas Party
on December
20, 2021! The
games,
readings, music,
food and

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.



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Sign-up sheet coming soon!

Wednesday, March 2nd - **ASH WEDNESDAY** (7pm Service)

Saturday, March 5th - **CHICKEN BBQ DINNER** -TAKE-OUT ONLY-\$15/Dinner

Saturday, April 9th - **ROAST BEEF DINNER**

April 10th -17th - **HOLY WEEK** (Services on April 10, 14, 15, and 17)

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 *February, 2022*. Special announcements, articles or events provided by *January 21, 2022* will be published in the *February, 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.