

Terryville Congregational Church
February, 2022 Newsletter



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!



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233 Main Street
Terryville, CT 06786
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TERRYVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

February 2022

Dear Members & Friends of TCC:

February is here! We have a lot of exciting things planned for what will hopefully be a post-pandemic year! As we know, however, we're not yet quite there. For now, we are going to look to March as the kick-off month for many of our "extra" events. If we find that covid numbers are still high, then we will reassess as needed. Mark your calendars now:

Sunday worship & Sunday school Sundays at 10am

Holy Communion on the first Sunday each month

Bible Study Mondays at 11am

Feb 6 – sledding at the Zalaski's house after worship!

Feb 13 – we are supporting St. Paul Lutheran Church's grinder sale (deadline to order is Feb. 4- call our office).

Feb 19: Eli Terry Retirement Community Dinner

February 20: CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING after worship (snow date Feb 27)

March 2: Ash Wednesday Service 7pm

March 5: Chicken BBQ Dinner (to-go). Call the office for tickets.

March 11: Potluck Dinner (with Plymouth Cong. Church) in our Social Hall. 6pm. Please RSVP to this event by calling our office and letting us know how many people will attend from your family and what dish you plan to bring.

March 19: Gosinski Park Dinner

March 25-27: Confirmation Class Retreat (Deacons will lead worship on March 27)

April 9: Roast Beef Dinner (to-go). Call the office for tickets.

April 10: PALM SUNDAY 10am Worship

April 14: MAUNDY THURSDAY 7pm Service

April 15: GOOD FRIDAY 12pm Service

April 17: 6am EASTER SUNRISE Service (Plymouth Green)

April 17: 10am EASTER DAY worship

April 23: Eli Terry Retirement Community Dinner

May 7: Gosinski Park Dinner

And coming soon.... Our Bible Study group is organizing a Sand Art Event that will be focused on the theme prayer. Don't know what Sand Art is? Make plans to attend! This event will be held on a Sunday after church. Date to be announced soon! (This will be a March or April event).

Also coming soon... we have a Bell Choir specialist coming to visit our congregation! Date will be announced soon! (This will also be a March or April event)! She will play bells (solo, which is fascinating to see and hear!) and then lead a short bell choir workshop after worship. This is an event not to be missed!

Other news... We are in the process of trying to improve our worship livestream. We usually get over 150 views on our livestream so it is very important to ensure that the quality is as good as we can get. One of the challenges to note is our internet wifi. We are in the process of trying to switch our internet to a faster speed by changing companies. However, the company has told us there is a delay due to work that is needed at the utility pole. In the meantime, this means that we need to continue using our cell phones for the livestream due to the need for cell signal to broadcast our video. Once our wifi is improved, we will be purchasing equipment to improve the feed. We will keep you posted.

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Denise from Plymouth has also set up a gofundme page if you would like to donate money toward this project: search "Valentines TLC for Bristol Hospital Nursing Staff." Deadline is Feb.11. We will pack up the items on Feb. 13 after worship!

This year, Lent does not begin until March 2 (Ash Wednesday). This means that February will be a continuation of the Season of Epiphany. As we continue in Epiphany, reflect on these questions:

What is the identity of Christ?

What does this identity mean to me?

What is my identity?

What is my identity in light of Christ's identity?

How is my relationship with God? How might I deepen it?

How is my relationship with neighbors/community/even strangers? How might I deepen it?

May God bless you and keep you, today and always,

Rev Zack

Special Events Celebrated During January, 2022

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tina Gagner	Jan. 5	Birthday
Wayne Krampitz	Jan. 6	Birthday
Donna Wunsch	Jan. 7	Birthday
Candace Telke	Jan. 14	Birthday
Elliana Anderson	Jan. 14	9 th Birthday
Brian Waldron	Jan. 16	Birthday
Herman Armbruster	Jan. 18	Birthday
Hadley Waldron	Jan. 22	6 th Birthday



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.

Did you know that our Deacons have been going with Rev. Zack to visit people in our congregation? We visit both nursing facilities as well as people in our church who we haven't heard from in a while. Visits happen in the members' homes or at the church office. If you or someone you know would like a visit, please let us know! God Bless you all.

Special thanks to our Deacons who have been assisting with this important ministry!

OUR PRAYERS GO TO



Prayer Requests:

Family & Friends of Iris Soto. Iris entered eternal life on January 16. Family & Friends of Jeff & Sam Lowd. Jeff's mother passed recently.

Hunter Zalaski, Erin Zalaski, The Kozikowski Family (Steve & Lori have Covid), 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, Wayne Hotchkiss (husband of Ellen Hotchkiss), Jean Mariano, Debbie Wartonick, Marian McLam, Andrea Armbruster. **Friends and Family:** Pat Buckberrough (friend of Sue Korzeniecky) Nancy (Koltko) Henches (friend of Pam Kamens) Patty Ososki (friend of Joy Armbruster, Pam Kamens, & Terri Faragher) Marco Goodwin (cancer/step-son of Jean Goodwin), Sue Piercy, 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). **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 \$855.10. 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

2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship & Sunday School - Sundays at 10am

Holy Communion 1st Sunday of Each Month

- Bible Study - Mondays at 11am
- March 2 - Ash Wednesday (7pm Service)
- March 5 - Chicken BBQ Dinner (take-out only)
- March 11 - All Church Potluck Dinner!

This is a shared event with Plymouth Congregational Church and featuring DJ music offered by Bernie Licki!

- March 25-27 Confirmation Class Retreat
(Silver Lake Retreat Center)
- April 9 - Roast Beef Dinner (take-out only)
- April 10, 10am: Palm Sunday Worship Service
- April 14, 7pm: Maundy Thursday Service
- April 15, 12pm: Good Friday Service
- April 17, 6am: Easter Sunrise Service at the Plymouth Green April 17, 10am:

Everyone is cordially invited and encouraged to attend an ALL – church potluck dinner. This is a partnership event with Plymouth Congregation Church. It is going to be a great night of food & fellowship! Bernie Licki from our church will be providing musical entertainment by serving as our DJ! Please RSVP to our church office with how many people will be attending and what dish you will bring. Please note the new date!

DATE: MARCH 11, 2022 / TIME: 6PM



**TAKE A SNEAK PEEK
AT THE
2022 TCC GRAND RAFFLE PRIZES**

PRIZES

Tractor/Mower

Playscape

Visa Gift Card

65" TV

Home Heating Oil Gift Certificate

Grocery Card

Home Depot Gift Card

Walmart Gift Card

Target Gift Card

Car Detailing Gift Certificate

Tickets and more details to come soon!

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!!!!

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

CALL TO THE YEAR 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 20, 2022 (snow date February 27, 2022)

Warning and notice is hereby given to all members of the Terryville Congregational Church that the Annual Meeting shall be called to order on Sunday February 20, 2022 in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

The agenda will include:

- 1. Discussion and vote on the 2021 Annual Report**
- 2. Election of Church Officers and Committee Members**
- 3. Discussion and vote on a budget for 2022**
- 4. Any other pertinent business of the church**

**Respectfully submitted,
Gerald Wunsch, Moderator**

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Ushers + Lay Readers + Coffee Hour

In what will hopefully be a post-COVID year, we are now getting back into having regular ushers, lay readers, & coffee hour volunteers – you may sign up on the sheets in the Social Hall for lay reader & usher. For coffee hour, we are assigning committees. If we do not get sign-up volunteers, our Deacons will be assigning lay readers & ushers. (Please see the list below to see who is signed-up for February and March).

Usher / Lay Reader Signup (you may sign up in Social Hall or by calling the office)

Ushers:

February 6 –
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February 13 –Paula Anderson
February 13 –
February 20 –
February 20 -
February 27 –
March 6 – Russ Wagoner
March 6 –
March 13 –George Wartonick
March 13 –
March 20 – Paula Anderson
March 20 –
March 27 – Roseann Hannon
March 27 -

Lay Reader:

February 6 – Jerry Wunsch
February 13 -
February 20 – Russ Wagoner
February 27 – Curt Wilbanks
March 6 – Holly Zemak
March 13 – Mary-Alice Wilbanks
March 20 – George Wartonick
March 27 -

Coffee Hour 2020

<u>Month:</u>	<u>Committee:</u>
January	⇒ Deacons
February	⇒ Council
March	⇒
April	⇒ Music
May	⇒ Trustees
June	⇒
July	⇒ Deacons

Trustee of the Month 2020

January – Eric Armbruster
February - Jake Armbruster
March-Dave Morrell
April – Tom Zalaski
May – Jake Armbruster

Plymouth Community Food Pantry

Items in Short Supply (plymouthfoodpantry.org 1/28/22):

Canned Ravioli
Crushed Tomatoes
Baking Supplies (cake mixes, etc.)
Men's Adult Diapers, Size Large & Extra Large
Nutritional Drinks (Ensure)
Condiments
Laundry Soap

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.
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2022 Food Collected for \$1.67/POUND
Food Pantry by TCC

<u>Month</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
January	101	\$168.67
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2022 Total:	101	\$168.67

*as reported by the food pantry



Outreach Committee News



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

We received a note from Georgianna and Reed Haviland from Gosinski Park to thank Terryville Congregational Church for everything we do for those at Gosinski Park.

Simply Smiles

We received a note from Bryan Nurnberger, President and Founder of Simply Smiles, Inc. thanking us for our Christmas donation to Simply Smiles Children's Villages.

From the Simply Smiles news message -

During our recent Three Kings Day celebration, the kids received a surprise: They'll be going on a 3-day camping trip to the Oaxacan mountains! A very special thank you to the Terryville Congregational Church for contributing funds to support this upcoming trip.

Dinner Schedule for 2022

Outreach Committee will be serving "to go style" dinners to residents of Eli Terry and Gosinski Park communities on the following dates:

February 19 - Eli Terry

March 19 - Gosinski Park

April 23 - Eli Terry

May 7 - Gosinski Park

June 18 - Sundaes at Eli Terry

September 17 - Gosinski Park

October 15 - Eli Terry

November 19 - Gosinski Park

December 3 - Eli Terry

Please reach out to anyone on the Committee if you are interested in helping serve dinner. We meet at Eli Terry or Gosinski Park at 4:45 to serve dinner at 5:00. Serving is complete by 6:00.

Schedule of Events for 2022

January - Submission for Annual Report, Budget review

February - Dinner at Eli Terry

March - Dinner at Gosinski Park

Donation to Terryville High School After Grad (this has not happened in 2019 or 2020)

April - Dinner at Eli Terry

May - Dinner at Gosinski Park

Donations to Community Garden and Susan B. Anthony Project (Mother's Day)

June - Ice Cream Social at Eli Terry

June Fair

July - no events

August - Back to School - Town Human Resources

September - Dinner at Gosinski Park

October - Dinner at Eli Terry

November - Dinner at Gosinski Park

Donations for Veteran's Day and Food Pantry (Thanksgiving)

December - Dinner at Eli Terry

Small Wonders Holiday Program (Christmas)

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 127 supported - \$3,200

Loan Updates

Paid In Full

Rafael Antonio, Costa Rica, Tailor

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 decided to take a loan 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. Rafael Antonio's loan was taken in August with expected repayment completed in October 2022. His business must be doing well with his new sewing machine purchase as he was able to complete payment so quickly.

New Loan

Laydah - South Pacific - Solomon Islands - Home Improvements

This loan is special because its goal is to reach financially excluded and underserved people. .

Laydah recently completed payments on a loan she requested to enable her to build a new house for her family. She has requested a new loan to pay for additional bags of cement, steel rods, and bricks to fully complete her family's house and provide better living conditions for her family.

Laydah is a 33-year-old woman who is married with four children. They live in Honiara, the capital of the Solomon Islands. She runs a small business selling cooked foods such as fish, potatoes, and cassava at the market to earn a living. She has been in this business for ten years.

Yearardin Tatiana - Manta, Ecuador - Business Expansion

This loan is special because it helps borrowers withstand negative economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. Yerardin Tatiana is 21 years old. She has a partner and two daughters. Her partner is a bricklayer and they live in Manta, one of the most important cities in terms of business and tourism on the Ecuadorian coast. Yerardin Tatiana is an enterprising woman who works hard daily to raise her daughters. She owns a business selling lotions and creams. She sells on an itinerant basis on credit and gets re-paid weekly. That is why she requests a new loan in order to expand her business. This loan will be invested in the purchase of new lotions and creams. Her dream is that her daughters lack nothing.

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

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