

### Adult Bible Study

We currently have a group that meets every Thursday at 11am in the Pastor's Office. We also, from time to time, have study groups that meet after church on Sunday and/or on weekday evenings. All are welcome to be a part of these groups. We normally study the weekly lectionary readings along with other scripture texts either by topic or by theme. Have an idea for a study group? Please let us know-we're always happy to hear new ideas!

### Confirmation Class

This class runs September-June and is for students 9<sup>th</sup> grade and older. We study the Bible, church history, and theology. We also learn about our own Terryville Congregational Church. We go on retreat together, we visit other churches, and we do service projects. On the first Sunday in June, students are invited to affirm their baptism and they are confirmed as members of our church.

### Women's and Men's Fellowship

Your presence automatically enrolls you in our women's and men's fellowship groups. While our men's group is just getting started, our women's group is extremely active with events and programs throughout the year: "Church Mice" who bake and do other wonderful things around the church; an annual "Spirited Sisters" retreat to Silver Lake in Sharon, Conn.; and a monthly women's discussion group.

### Fellowship Events

We have an active fellowship committee that organizes lectures, bus trips, health and wellness events, and more!

### New Members

If you are interested in joining our church, we receive new members twice per year, November and May. Orientation sessions are held in the month prior, October and April, respectively.

### Sunday School, VBS, Youth Group, & TCC Theatre

Sunday school is for children pre-K through High School, and all are welcome! We follow an interactive curriculum which combines Bible story, craft, music, and drama. We also host an ecumenical Vacation Bible School week every July which is open to the entire community. Sunday school hosts many events throughout the year such as a Chili cookoff, Halloween party, Epiphany Pageant, Chocolate Festival, and penny carnival. We also give Bibles to all of our young people. Our High School Youth Group meets on the last Sunday of the month from September through May, and has additional outings, fellowship & service projects in our community. We also now have TCC Theatre which produces yearly plays and which involves actors from all over the state.

### Worship and Music Ministry

As you can see and hear when you worship with us, worship is central in our lives and music is very important to us! All are welcome to participate in worship by being a lay reader, lifting up prayer requests, donating flowers, or serving as an usher. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is held on the first Sunday of each month, and the Sacrament of Baptism is held upon request. Also, join our Adult Choir, Bell Choir, and Cherub Choir! Choirs rehearse on Thur. evenings, and Cherub Choir rehearses directly after worship on Sundays. Choirs normally sing and play September-June, and the summer is filled with volunteer soloists and instrumentalists. Please share your musical talent and interest with us as we strive to praise God through music! And after worship, come check out our lively coffee hour with meaningful chats and usually something to munch on as well!

### GUESTS, WELCOME!

**Please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate so that we can get to know you better! Want to learn even more about us? Check out our Annual Report!**

# **Welcome to Terryville Congregational Church!**

233 Main Street  
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*A member of the United Church of Christ  
Worship and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.*

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Our Mission

*The avowed purpose of this Church shall be to worship God; to teach and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and our Judeo-Christian faith story; to celebrate the sacraments; to realize Christian fellowship and unity within this Church and the Church Universal; to render loving service toward others; and to strive for righteousness, justice and peace.*

Our Vision

*Terryville Congregational Church strives to be a warm and hospitable place of welcome and of Christ's good news, a place that is open to the creative ideas of God's Spirit, a place that shepherds its people and reaches out to others and all the while a place that encourages community partnership... a place that has fun while nurturing the Christian journey, while communicating and living its mission.*

### **Active Committees and Ministry Teams**

We have a full range of committees and teams in our church that coordinate and oversee our various ministries. There are lots of opportunities to be involved – if you like building and grounds, Trustees; if you like spiritual life, Deacons; if you like fun, social events, Fellowship Committee; if you like Sunday school, Christian Education. And the list goes on! If you would like to serve but not on a committee, simply read this brochure and choose where you might like to get involved! Call our church office or speak with our leaders and we will be happy to direct you.

### **Building and Grounds**

We are very thankful for our beautiful building and grounds located in the heart of Terryville. In addition to our church family, many community groups use our building, such as the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Al Anon. Terry Nursery School rents space. We have a handicap accessible Social Hall and Sanctuary including a Handicap Lift and Handicap bathroom.

### **Becoming a Global Missions Congregation**

In addition to local outreach, our church is striving to reach beyond our local community. We have helped with a book project helping the Philippines, a Safe House in Kenya, a student intern's trip to Uganda, and more. We also go on yearly mission trips.

### **Restructuring Team**

We have recently restructured our committees so that they meet the growing needs of our church while maintaining fun, efficiency, and a Christ-centered spirituality.

### **Newsletter and Announcements**

Our newsletter is e-mailed monthly and copies are also placed in the narthex. If you are not on our email list and would like to be, please contact our office with your email address. Weekly announcements are placed in the Sunday bulletin and announced in worship, along with prayer requests and concerns/celebrations.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

We have a wonderfully dedicated group of knitters who pray together and knit prayer shawls that have gone to hundreds of people – members and non-members – both here in Connecticut and even overseas. If you know anyone in need, whether it be sickness, loss of job, loss of loved one, etc, we are happy to give them a shawl and pray for them. You are welcome to deliver the shawl, and/or our minister is also happy to deliver it.

### **Local Outreach, Support our Troops, and Interns**

Our church hosts quarterly meals at Gosinski Park and Eli Terry Retirement Community. Volunteers are always needed and welcome! Our church also supports our local food pantry, human services, and any other local project that comes our way! We send care packages to our troops. We also host Easter basket and Christmas giveaways to our church families in need. We also regularly host student interns from Yale Divinity School.

### **Regular Yearly Events**

Sunday School resumes – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September  
30 Hour Famine for High School Students – Oct.  
Christmas Bazaar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November  
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service in Plymouth  
Ecumenical Christmas Walk  
Christmas Eve Service  
Ash Wednesday Service  
Ecumenical Lenten Lunch Series  
Maundy Thursday Service  
Good Friday Service  
Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service in Plymouth  
Chicken BBQ Dinner  
Monthly BINGO  
April Roast Beef Dinner  
Scholarships to High School graduates  
June Church Fair  
TCC Theater  
Baked Goods Booth at Terryville Country Fair in August  
Active Historical Committee: Ray Douyard, Dick Foote, Charlotte Crockett, Analee Wenslow, Jake Arumbruster

### **About Us**

Founded in 1838, we are an active congregation of approximately 350 members with worship, service and programs throughout the year. We are a member of the United Church of Christ (UCC), a denomination founded in 1957 with the merger of the Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. We covenant and partner with the UCC most visibly through participating in our local Farmington Valley Association, the North Central Region, and the Connecticut Conference. We celebrate two sacraments, Baptism and Communion.

### **Staff and Leadership**

In a congregational church, all of the people of the congregation are active in serving as ministers in this place and community. Below you will see listed our paid staff and our “go to” lay leaders.

Moderator – Jerry Wunsch

Vice Moderator – Charlotte Audet

Clerk – Charlotte Crockett

Business Task Group Leader – Alison Reed

Council (at-Large) – John Layton, Jim Hannon

Deacons – Diane Pratt, Bill Hall, Jean Goodwin

Music – Sandy Kamens, Sylvia LaFreniere, Sandy Ehmer

Christian Ed. – Ryan DellaVecchia, Crista Furtado, Joanne Keenan

Finance – Bob Grosos, Roseann Hannon

Trustees – Jake Armbruster, John Wallingford, Dave Morrell

Outreach – Danielle DellaVecchia, Cindi Harnish, Carol Barbieri

Fellowship – Jean Mariano, Ellen Cifone, Rose Barlowski

Collector – Sue Dillane

Treasurer – Candace Telke

Assistant Treasurer – Don Cushman

By-Laws Manager: Curt Wilbanks

Safe Conduct Advocate: Brenda Purney

Floral Sub-Committee: Ellen Cifone, Roberta Layton

### **Paid Staff**

Pastor – Rev. Zachary Mabe

Christian Ed. Director – Jennifer Zalaski

Interim Organist – Sandy Kamens

Secretary – Sue Kiszka