

October 7, 2018

Dear Members & Friends of Terryville Congregational Church (TCC):

In our day and age, church is needed more than ever. Take a look at the news and you soon see that Christian nurture is so vital in our world. Did you know that our church provides this in so many ways?

Children & Youth: Weekly Sunday school for students pre-k through High School, Confirmation Class (9th graders), Vacation Bible School, and Middle School & High School Youth Fellowship, and Annual Retreats.

Ministry of Caring & Reaching Out: Called to Care Visitation Team, Meals for residents of Eli Terry Retirement Community & Gosinski Park, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Spirited Sisters Women's Fellowship (Women's Night & Annual Retreat), Men's Breakfasts, supporting the Troops (partnership with Terryville High School), helping our town Human Services & Food Pantry, Rebuilding Together (similar to Habitat for Humanity), support for Susan B. Anthony Project, KIVA account, Operation Christmas Child, Christmas Gifts & Easter Baskets for families in need, and special attention to our own church families in need. New this year: Harvest pack event (with Terryville High).

Worship & Education: Sunday Worship, Holy Days, Weekly Bible Study, Student Interns, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals & Memorial Services, Holy Communion, Choirs, Soloists, and instrumentalists.

Ministry of Fellowship & Fundraisers: Chicken BBQ & Roast Beef dinners, Annual Church Fair & Christmas Bazaar, BINGO, Sale at Terryville Country Fair, TCC Concert Series.

Ministry through our building & grounds: Worship services, meetings, Bible studies, youth programs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Terry Nursery School, Al Anon, and many other community groups. Almost every night of the week our building is in use!

A Dedicated Pastor & Staff: Our team works in all these categories, along with volunteers, to follow Christ's lead.

And giving to other organizations: Last year we held a benefit dinner/concert for the Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut, and this year we are holding one for the Smilow Cancer Center (New Haven & Waterbury branches).

We all love our church, and we especially want it to be here in our time of need, but sometimes we assume all this "will just continue to be here." Our pledging has not kept up with the increased costs of running this place. **We need 100% commitment from everyone to pray for our church and to give generously to support this church.**

We hope everyone will joyfully give and fill out a pledge form. You can generously give in one of three ways:

1. Return your pledge on October 21st during worship for a special blessing and dedication.
2. Mail in your pledge, or drop it at our church office Mon-Fri 10am-2pm.
3. Give online: enter your pledge through our secure paypal system at <http://www.terryvillecongregationalchurch.org/>

(In this case, please also let us know your plans by returning your pledge form and indicate that you give online).

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For your convenience, below you will find a chart of weekly giving that will show you how close to a Biblical tithe (giving 10% of earnings) you are in your generosity. Also, on the bottom of the pledge form, there is a place where you can note the offerings of your time and talents. Please fill out the entire form. And remember: a pledge can be changed at any time. It's not a bill, it's a faithful estimate of one's giving and it greatly helps us as we plan for our budget. We have several people who give in the offering plate each week, but without a pledge our budget planning is difficult to complete. Join us in being Christ's followers through our beloved TCC!

Thank you!

Your 2018-2019 Finance Committee: Bob Grosf, Jackie Merchant, Wayne Harnish, Jake Armbruster

Business Group Leader : Ray Zalaski, Jr.

Enclosures: 2019 Pledge Form & Listing of Fall Activities

Tithe and Percentage Giving

| Annual Income | Weekly Income | Beyond a Tithe Weekly Giving | | Tithe Weekly Giving | Upper Range of Giving Weekly Giving | | | Middle Range of Giving Weekly Giving | | | Lower Range of Giving Weekly Giving | | |
|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| | | 15% | 12% | 10% | 9% | 8% | 7% | 6% | 5% | 4% | 3% | 2% | 1% |
| \$22,000 | \$423 | \$63 | \$51 | \$42 | \$38 | \$34 | \$30 | \$25 | \$21 | \$17 | \$13 | \$8 | \$4 |
| \$25,000 | \$481 | \$72 | \$58 | \$48 | \$43 | \$38 | \$34 | \$29 | \$24 | \$19 | \$14 | \$10 | \$5 |
| \$30,000 | \$577 | \$87 | \$69 | \$58 | \$52 | \$46 | \$40 | \$35 | \$29 | \$23 | \$17 | \$12 | \$6 |
| \$40,000 | \$769 | \$115 | \$92 | \$77 | \$69 | \$62 | \$54 | \$46 | \$38 | \$31 | \$23 | \$15 | \$8 |
| \$50,000 | \$962 | \$144 | \$115 | \$96 | \$87 | \$77 | \$67 | \$58 | \$48 | \$38 | \$29 | \$19 | \$10 |
| \$60,000 | \$1,154 | \$173 | \$138 | \$115 | \$104 | \$92 | \$81 | \$69 | \$58 | \$46 | \$35 | \$23 | \$12 |
| \$70,000 | \$1,346 | \$202 | \$162 | \$135 | \$121 | \$108 | \$94 | \$81 | \$67 | \$54 | \$40 | \$27 | \$13 |
| \$80,000 | \$1,538 | \$231 | \$185 | \$154 | \$138 | \$123 | \$108 | \$92 | \$77 | \$62 | \$46 | \$31 | \$15 |
| \$90,000 | \$1,731 | \$260 | \$208 | \$173 | \$156 | \$139 | \$121 | \$104 | \$87 | \$69 | \$52 | \$35 | \$17 |
| \$100,000 | \$1,923 | \$288 | \$231 | \$192 | \$173 | \$154 | \$135 | \$115 | \$96 | \$77 | \$58 | \$38 | \$19 |
| \$110,000 | \$2,115 | \$317 | \$254 | \$212 | \$190 | \$169 | \$148 | \$127 | \$106 | \$85 | \$63 | \$42 | \$21 |
| \$120,000 | \$2,308 | \$346 | \$277 | \$231 | \$208 | \$185 | \$162 | \$138 | \$115 | \$92 | \$69 | \$46 | \$23 |
| \$140,000 | \$2,692 | \$404 | \$323 | \$269 | \$242 | \$215 | \$188 | \$162 | \$135 | \$108 | \$81 | \$54 | \$27 |