

The Terryville Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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The Rev. Zachary Mabe, Pastor

September 2021 Dear Members & Friends of Terryville Congregational Church (TCC):

The last 18 months have been trying but have also had us praising God for the many blessings in our lives! Even though we have not been able to be in-person as often as we'd like, our church has been creative and kept almost all of our various ministries going. Below are some of the things we've done in these past 18 months:

Worship & weekly Bible Study continued each week; Confirmation Class continued to meet; Sunday school met via Zoom, utilized YouTube for Sunday school videos & Vacation Bible School, sent gifts to all our high school graduates, and is now back in-person every week; 8 rounds of care packages (thus far) went out to people in need; we implemented a new phone-call system so that our entire congregation can receive important news and information; meals for Gosinski Park & Eli Terry (to-go) continued; we held a very successful grand raffle event; to-go Chicken meals and to-go Roast Beef meals were served; walk-through Christmas fair; June Fair; baked goods at the Terryville Fair; Pasta Dinner with entertainment event was held; Rally Day picnic; held many memorial services for families in their time of need; and 9 new members joined our church! Thank you for your support!

Perhaps it's most helpful simply to review numbers. We have 289 families/individuals who will receive this mailing (this does not count high school or college students). Last year, 84 families/individuals made a pledge. If you divide our budget by 289 pledgers, everyone pledging \$1090 would meet our budget (that's \$21 a week, or \$3 a day). *How* many of us spend \$3 a day at Dunkin? Specific dollar amounts aside – no matter how big or small the pledge - imagine the difference it will make if we get 100% participation from all 289 of our families/individuals. Another thing that can be very helpful to our church is if you encourage family and friends to include the church in their charitable giving and bequests.

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 24 during worship for a special blessing and dedication.
- 2. Mail in your pledge, or drop it at our church office Mon-Fri 10am-2pm.
- Give online: enter your pledge through our secure paypal system at <u>http://www.terryvillecongregationalchurch.org/</u> (In this case, please also let us know your plans by returning your pledge form and indicate that you give online).

For your convenience, on the back of this page 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. 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. Let's all unite in our love of Christ and being Christ's church – our goal is to get as close to 289 responses as we can!

Thank you!

Your 2021-2022 Finance Committee: Bob Grosof, Jackie Merchant, Wayne Harnish, Wayne Waldron, Jake Armbruster Enclosures: 2022 Pledge Form

Tithe and	Percentage	Giving
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	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