

September 2022

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

We are now doing better with Covid and thus are able to be back in-person more than we have over the past two years. Praise God! Take a look at highlights of our ongoing ministries:

Weekly worship & Bible Study; Confirmation Class; Sunday school; Vacation Bible School; Two Youth Retreats; care packages to those in need (we did both pandemic care packages as well as hospital worker packages and individual packages for those in need); Gosinski Park & Eli Terry Retirement Dinners; multiple church dinner and social events; grand raffle; church fair; Terryville Country Fair; the hosting of many funerals and receptions both for members and non-members; Christmas Bazaar; Plymouth Block Party; summer concerts on the green; Holiday Worship Services; Many shared worship services and events with Plymouth Congregational Church; providing a home for active Boy, Cub, and Girl Scouts, as well as Al-Anon and Red Cross Blood Drives; a charity benefit event for Veterans (and other causes); and more!

Let's look at the numbers. We have 242 families/individuals who will receive this mailing (this does not count high school or college students). Last year, 78 families/individuals made a pledge. This means 32% of our congregation is making a pledge to support our church. We can do better, we must do better! If you divide our budget by 242 pledgers, everyone pledging \$1,141 would meet our budget (that's \$22 a week, or \$3 a day). *How many of us spend more than \$3 a day just at Dunkin' alone?* **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 242 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. Over the past two years we have received more friend gifts (non-member gifts) than ever before, due to people appreciating our live-streaming worship services and other ministries that we provide. Spread the word about how proud you are of our church and what our church means to you! Invite family and friends to come to church with you! Spread the faith!

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 16, 2022 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/> or through Venmo (In this case, please also let us know your plans by returning your pledge form and indicate that you give online).

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. 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 242 responses as we can! Thank you!**

Your 2022-2023 Finance Committee: Bob Grosf, Jackie Merchant, Wayne Harnish, Wayne Waldron, Jake Armbruster
 Enclosures: 2023 Pledge Form

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