

September 2023

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

What do you love about our church? That we are a place and a people that come together each week to worship? A community of faithful who reach out in the community through things such as our annual charity fundraiser, or helping the Plymouth church with their events, or reaching out to the needy through Human Services and our town Food Pantry, or providing Eli Terry and Gosinski Park dinners? Perhaps you love that we are available in your time of need - at the hospital, at the nursing home, in your own home, when your loved one dies, or when any other hardship hits. Perhaps you love our Sunday school and Vacation Bible School?! Perhaps you love our ability to celebrate with you – Baptisms, Weddings, and more! We study the Bible together; we pray together; we have Christian fellowship; we have Christian outreach. There are “God moments” all around us, blessings and miracles and love and call to service. In addition to all of this, we also have our beloved June Fair, Christmas Bazaar, Chicken BBQ Dinner, Roast Beef dinner, and many other events that make us all smile and fill our hearts with warmth. Don’t forget: our church also provides a home for Al Anon, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Red Cross Blood Drives, and the Senior Citizen Group of the town of Plymouth.

We are asking all members to support our church in the year 2024 with your time, talent, and financial support.

We have 248 families/individuals who will receive this mailing (not counting high school or college students). Last year, 91 families/individuals made a pledge. This means 37% of our congregation is making a pledge to support our church. We must do better! No matter how big or small the pledge – we want 100% participation from all 248 of our families/individuals! Please also encourage family and friends to include the church in their charitable giving and bequests. Over the past three years we have received more friend gifts (non-member donations) than ever before, due to people appreciating our live-streaming worship services and other ministries that we provide in the wider community. Spread the word about how proud you are of your church and what your 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 15, 2023 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).

Please note: if you write a check within the year 2023 but the check is for your 2024 pledge, we will hold the check and not deposit it until after January 1, 2024 so that your pledge will apply to the year 2024.

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.

Your 2023-2024 Finance Committee: Bob Grosf, Jackie Merchant, Wayne Harnish, Wayne Waldron, David Nichols  
 Enclosures: 2024 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