

Interim Pastor is Here!

On June 15th, Session approved the appointment of Dr. Terry Swicegood as our Interim Senior Pastor. He comes to the Village Church with over 40 years of ministry experience. He has served pastorates across the United States in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Oregon, North Carolina, and Arizona. From 1988 to 1996 Terry served as pastor and head of staff at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest. For the past 15 months he has served as Interim Pastor of the 1750 member Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon, Wisconsin.

Terry is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and received his undergraduate degree from Pfeiffer College. He graduated from Drew Theological Seminary and obtained his Doctorate of Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary. He has been an ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) since 1969.

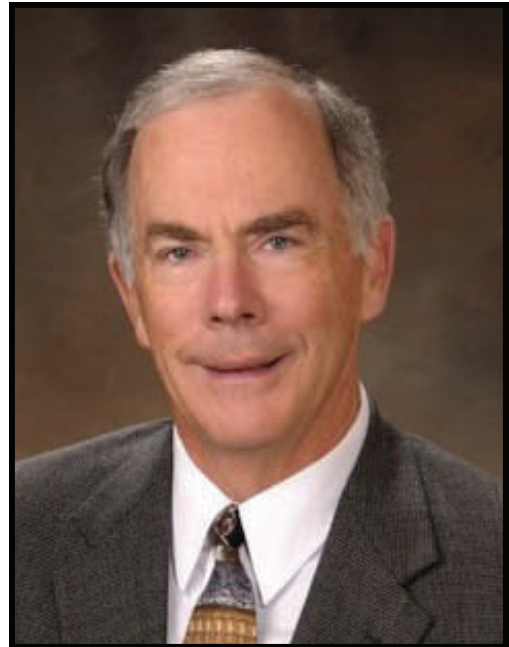
Terry met his wife Barbara, at a Youth for Christ meeting in 1961, and after their first date, he told his father, "That's the girl I am going to marry." They were married in 1966 and have two grown children: a daughter, Amie, of Utrecht, Holland and a son, Jeremy, of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Terry and Barbara have two grandsons in Holland, and a granddaughter in Charlotte, N.C. Terry is a technical mountaineer and rock climber. He also loves cross country skiing, mountain biking, golfing, and hiking in the Sonoran Desert.

When asked what he might want to say to the family at the Village Church in Northbrook, Terry answered, "I am deeply honored, pleased, and excited to be called to The Village Church. An interim time in a church's life is a time of promise growth, and opportunity to build up the church. I can only promise you that I will always strive to serve with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love."

Terry will officially begin his ministry with us on July 1st, and will be preaching at all services from July 5th to July 19th. But due to previous commitments, he will be taking a short unpaid leave of absence from July 20th to August 15th.

We give thanks to God for bringing Dr. Swicegood to us and pray that he and his family would be warmly welcomed into our family of faith and that his ministry among us would bear much fruit.



Rev. Dr. Terry Swicegood