Guide to Giving

ENID
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

At First Church, we believe that returning a portion of our income to God is an act of worship. It is an expression of our love for God and a step of faith.

STEWARDSHIP

Supporting the church financially is one of the expectations of membership at First Church. We don't tell you how much you should give, but we hope that you give regularly and consider working toward the tithe identified in the Bible as 10%.

MINISTRY

Annual giving by our congregation makes mission and ministry possible at First Church. Your gifts provide life-changing worship and congregational care, as well as opportunities for all ages to learn and grow in faith, and mission ministries that are transforming our community and the world.

Annual Commitments can be made online using the QR code or link https://qrco.de/bgEs0h or by returning the physical Commitment Card in worship or by mail.

MONTHLY GIVING AS A PERCENTAGE OF INCOME

Annual Income	11%	10%	8%	5%	3%	2%	1%
$5,000	46	$ 42	33	21	13	8	4
$10,000	92	83	67	42	25	17	8
$30,000	275	250	200	125	75	50	25
$50,000	458	417	333	208	125	83	42
$80,000	733	667	533	333	200	133	67
$100,000	917	833	667	417	250	167	83
$125,000	1,146	1,042	833	521	313	208	104
$150,000	1,375	1,250	1,000	625	375	250	125
$200,000	1,833	1,667	1,333	833	500	333	167
$300,000	2,750	2,500	2,000	1,250	750	500	250
$500,000	4,583	4,167	3,333	2,083	1,250	833	417

STEP 1

If you are not regularly giving to your church, make a commitment to give at least $5 per week ($20 per month) and return a 2027 Commitment Card.

STEP 2

Commit to increasing your giving for 2027 by 1% to 3% of your income, as you move toward the goal of giving the tithe (10%) and return a 2027 Commitment Card.

STEP 3

If you are giving the tithe, 10%, thank you for your generosity. Please return your 2027 Commitment Card and prayerfully consider increasing your commitment by 1% to 3% to help your church take advantage of the opportunities before us.

AN APPROACH TO GIVING

- **BEGIN WITH PRAYER.** Thank God for your blessings and ask for guidance and discernment.

- **ASSESS YOUR INCOME AND GIVING.** Determine your current giving as a percentage of your income (your third-quarter giving statement from the church was provided in September)

- **SET YOUR GIVING GOAL.** Start with a percentage you are comfortable with and consider increasing toward the tithe, 10%. The important thing is to begin the spiritual discipline of regular, consistent giving.

- **DETERMINE GIVING METHOD.** Take a look at the "Ways to Give" and select the option that is best for both you and the church.

- **WORSHIP WITH GRATITUDE.** Please fill out your 2027 Commitment Card and worship with us on Sunday, October 25. As a congregation, we will express our gratitude to God and present our cards in a basket on the altar, representing our commitment to God's ministry through our church.

WAYS TO GIVE

RECURRING GIFT—First Church utilizes an online giving platform, Vanco, which enables you to set up your own self-managed giving account. You determine the amount, frequency, and payment method – either a bank account or a credit card. (Payment by credit cards, add processing fees for the church that may run up to 3% which the church covers.)

CASH OR CHECK—You may use the envelopes available in worship to return your gift during the offering time, or mail to: Vicki Jeffery, Business Administrator, First United Methodist Church, 401 W Randolph, Enid, OK 73703.

PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER—If you have previously set up EFT with the church and make no changes to your giving this year, it will continue as authorized.

APPRECIATED STOCK or Qualified Charitable Distributions are giving options. Contact the Business Administrator, Vicki Jeffery, at 580-237-2041 ext 105.

For Additional information

Annual Giving and Commitment Card Questions
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Prayer and Support
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Other Questions
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