St. Mark's United Methodist Church
GIVING INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Importance of Regular Giving

The many missions and ministries of St. Mark's often require monetary funding to be most successful. Regular giving helps our ministry leaders confidently budget for future events and outreach opportunities.

Members and friends of St. Mark's are encouraged to regularly give an amount that is entirely up to you. *"Each individual should give from the heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a joyful giver."* 2 Corinthians 9:7

Three Convenient Ways to Give

Please review the following options and select one that works best for you. Should you have questions or desire additional information, please contact the church office. *We are happy to help!*

1) Electronic Giving (Online or with a Smartphone)

Creating an account on our electronic payment system is perhaps the most convenient way to make one-time or recurring contributions. The giving platform is very safe, and you are in complete control of your donations. Payment options include bank draft, various credit cards, PayPal, and Google Pay.

To create a giving account using your smartphone:

Step 1: Text GIVE to 615-882-1993 (please add this number to your contacts as "St. Mark's Giving")

Step 2: Tap the link sent back to you and complete the registration form under "Sign in".

Step 3: Enter the requested information about your gift and tap "Submit".

Step 4: Follow the prompts to add your payment information.

To create a giving account using a personal computer or tablet:

Step 1: Go to the church website: *stmarkstn.org* (you may want to bookmark this address)

Step 2: Navigate to the online giving system: Top Menu > GIVE > WAYS TO GIVE > GIVE NOW

Step 3: Click "Sign in" then click "Create an Account" and complete the registration form.

Step 4: Return to the donation form to enter information about your gift including payment information.

If you ever need to edit a gift, change a payment method, or update other information:

Login to your online account or text EDIT to the St. Mark's Giving number (615-882-1993). Follow the menu links and/or prompts to find the information you wish to change.

2) Automatic Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT Giving)

Another easy way to give regularly is to authorize automatic electronic fund transfers from a bank account. Many banks offer this service, or St. Mark's can establish automatic bank transfers for you. Upon receipt of a signed authorization form, we can schedule a weekly or monthly transfer directly from your account into the St. Mark's account. The authorization form and additional information about EFT giving is available on the *stmarkstn.org* website or visit the church office to learn more.

3) Cash or Check

Tithes, offerings, and other payments in the form of cash or check will always be gladly accepted. Checks should be made payable to "St. Mark's UMC" and placed in an offering plate or mailed to the church office. In the absence of a designation on the memo line of your check, your gifts will be deposited into the general fund. Offering envelopes are available in the worship center pew pockets should you wish to designate a cash gift and/or have the gift applied to your record of giving.

Quarterly Contribution Statements

Regardless of how one chooses to submit their financial gifts, all members and friends of St. Mark's receive a quarterly statement of giving. The statement serves several purposes, but perhaps the most important is a joyful reminder of your generosity and support for the many ministries of our church.

Thanks for being a member of the St. Mark's family!