

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness." (1 Chronicles 16:29)*

Our annual giving supports our church's ministry and mission. There are three important reasons why we return annual commitment cards.

**WORSHIP** – We believe returning a portion of our financial resources to God's work through our church is an act of worship. We are thankful for our blessings and acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God. As an expression of worship, we symbolically return the first fruits of our labor as an offering to the Lord.

**STEWARDSHIP** – One of our membership expectations is to give in proportion to our income. We are not told how much to give; that is a personal decision. The Biblical standard introduced by Abraham was the tithe, the giving of the first 10% of one's income to God. For many, the tithe is just the beginning. If you are currently not tithing, our hope is you will commit a percentage of your income and increase that amount as you are able in the future to reach the tithe.

**MINISTRY** – Annual commitments make it possible for our church to budget and plan for the coming year. Worship, programs for children and teens, adult Bible studies and small groups, pastoral care and support, mission trips and community projects are all supported by the annual giving that provides the operating funds for our church.

**Over the years, we have committed our resources to God, and God has blessed and used them to change lives, transform communities and renew the church.**

## COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 13, 2022

You can also complete a commitment card online at [www.plainfieldumc.com/generositypledge](http://www.plainfieldumc.com/generositypledge)

### PLEASE RETURN AN ANNUAL COMMITMENT CARD

Your annual giving commitment helps your church plant ministry in 2023. Please return a card, even if you can only make a limited financial commitment at this time. You can always increase or decrease your commitment if your situation changes by calling our office at 815-436-9651. If you have questions regarding this card or your annual giving, call the church office at 815-436-9651.

### PASTORAL CARE

If you are experiencing financial hardship, don't let your inability to give at this time keep you from participating and serving in church. Remember God honors your faithfulness, and your acceptance is not based upon your capacity to give. Please let our pastoral staff know of your situation so they can pray for and support you. You can contact our pastors at 815-436-9651.



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## GUIDE TO GIVING 2023 Plainfield United Methodist Church

The coming year will be one of the most important in Plainfield's history, with new people and new opportunities! We anticipate many visitors to Plainfield UMC, and our hope is their lives will be transformed as they become followers of Christ and begin serving him as a part of our congregation.

This will ask each of us to step up our commitments to worship, grow, serve, share, and give. As we prepare to have an impact in 2023, we're asking every member to make an annual financial commitment and step up in their giving as a percent of their income.



# SMALL STEPS, BIG DIFFERENCE 2023

*All tenth-part gifts from the land, whether of seed from the ground or fruit from the trees, belong to the Lord; they are holy to the Lord. (Leviticus 27:30)*

## BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Thank God for blessing you and ask for guidance and discernment.

## ASSESS YOUR INCOME AND GIVING

Take a look at your annual income and your current giving as a percentage of your income. Examples are in the monthly percentage giving chart to the right.

## STEP UP YOUR COMMITMENT

Use the chart to the right to help you determine how you will step up in 2023 when you complete your Annual Giving Commitment Card.

## DECIDE HOW YOU WILL GIVE

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






## COMPLETE YOUR ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT CARD

## WORSHIP WITH GRATITUDE

On Commitment Sunday, November 13, we present our commitments to God during worship. This is an opportunity as a congregation to express our gratitude to God and renew our commitment to being God's stewards in the world.

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	so	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

## WAYS TO GIVE

-  **WORSHIP** – Use the offering envelopes provided in the pews and place your gifts in the collection plates.
-  **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)** – EFT is a convenient way to give. Simply specify your amount and frequency and provide account information, then your gifts are received regularly, even when you are out of town. This method is the most cost-effective way of giving for the church, as there are no credit card processing fees.
-  **ONLINE** – Plainfield UMC offers a simple and secure way for you to give to the church electronically with Pushpay. Create a personal account with one password you can use to give online from your computer or your mobile device at [www.plainfieldumc.com](http://www.plainfieldumc.com).
-  **TEXT** – Your tithes and offerings can be given through an account you set up with the MyChurch App.
-  **MAIL** - Your gifts may be mail to:  
Plainfield UMC, 15114 S. Illinois St., Plainfield, IL 60544

*\*Appreciated Stock or Qualified Charitable Distributions are also giving options. Contact the church office about these tax-saving ways to give.*

### STEP 1

If you are not regularly giving to your church, make a commitment to giving at least \$5 per week (\$20 per month) and return a 2023 Annual Commitment Card.

### STEP 2

Commit to increasing your giving for 2023 by 1% to 3% of your income, as you move toward the goal of giving the tithe, 10% of your income, and return a 2023 Annual Commitment Card.

### STEP 3

If you are giving the tithe, 10% of your income, thank you for your faithfulness. Please return your 2023 Annual Commitment Card and prayerfully consider increasing your commitment by 1% to 3% to help your church take advantage of the opportunities before us.