

## ESTATE PLANNING

I (we) are interested in donating to the church through our estate plan. Please contact me (us) at \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) are interested in donating our pledge through our IRA or through stock donations. Please contact me (us) at \_\_\_\_\_

## EFTWEB DIRECT DEBIT AGREEMENT

Depository Name \_\_\_\_\_

Routing# \_\_\_\_\_

Account# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Checking \_\_\_\_\_ Savings Account  
(select one)

I (we) hereby authorize the First United Methodist Church of Downers Grove (DGFUMC) to initiate debit entries to the above depository account. The amount to be debited must be *MONTHLY*. This authorization remains in full force and effect until DGFUMC has received written notification of its termination in such time to afford DGFUMC and Depository a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Mission

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs.



## WHY SHOULD I GIVE TO DGFUMC?

- **Because** we promised to faithfully participate in the church's ministries through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.
- **Because** "For it is in giving that we receive." –Prayer of Saint Francis
- **Because** by giving we "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." –Galatians 6:2
- **Because** Jesus says, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." –Matthew 19:19b

**Please return this  
Commitment Card by mail or email.**

**If you have any questions about your  
pledge, please contact Carolyn Donnelly  
at [carolyn@dgfumc.org](mailto:carolyn@dgfumc.org) or  
630.968.7120, ext. 208**

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Downers Grove  
First United Methodist Church

*Living Our Faith*

# Growing Our Gifts for New Life Together!



## 2022 Annual Commitment Campaign

# Growing Our Gifts As We Are Living Our Faith!

**“God is with you – wherever you may go and no matter what life brings.” Joshua 1:9**

Though we may feel apart from our church home as we work to recover from the pandemic, we are never alone. DGFUMC strives to be there with you and for you. We can continue to support our church on Commitment Sunday, October 24, when we will make our 2022 service and giving commitments to God and our church.



## HOW DO WE DETERMINE WHAT TO GIVE?

In the coming weeks, please take a few moments to prayerfully consider how your family will financially support the church this coming year. Reflect on the many gifts God has given us and how the congregation can use these gifts to accomplish God's work in the year ahead.

For some, giving the biblical tithe of 10% is a goal you are growing toward each year. For others, it is a starting point over which you will give in excess. If you are not yet tithing, please consider it this year. Determine your giving in proportion to your income. Then, set a percentage that you can increase each year until you reach the tithing goal.

When completing your Annual Recurring Giving Commitment Card, prayerfully consider:

- What percentage of your income you are able to give in 2022?
- Are you able to increase your pledge?
- Are you able to meet or exceed the average gift to our church of \$1,900 per year?

**Please verify that we have your correct address, phone, and email on the Annual Recurring Giving Commitment Card. If not, please contact Carolyn Donnelly, our financial secretary, at [carolyn@dgfumc.org](mailto:carolyn@dgfumc.org).**



**WHY DO WE GIVE?** Our giving sustains and supports our programs, staff, worship, and educational and mission opportunities. Our giving also maintains our historic building and strengthens our sense of community and in the world.

**Our gifts make an impact!!** Our building hosts a lot of visitors and activities throughout the year. Your gifts will strengthen and sustain the work of our members and staff in our ongoing efforts to be the church in all we do!

**We can grow our gifts by giving to others**  
Our church is an active missional church. Our giving allows us to safely effect change in our congregation's lives as well as our community.

## 2022 Annual Recurring Giving Commitment Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please send me weekly Happenings email
- Please send quarterly Giving Statements by email

Please set my/our total 2022 commitment to:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week month year  
(Circle one)

Please apply my/our 2022 commitment to:

- Both operating and mortgage funds as needed.
- Operating Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mortgage Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Giving Method

- ACH Direct Debit (see reverse side)
- Vanco Electronic Giving  
(website: [dgfumc.org/giving](http://dgfumc.org/giving))
- Monthly Envelopes
- Weekly Envelopes
- Stock/IRA (see reverse side)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

*In gratitude for God's blessings, I (we) pledge to support Christ's ministry through DGFUMC.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_