

STEP UP TO GIVING

A Guide to Giving as a Percentage of Income

STEP 1

If you are not regularly giving, make a commitment to giving at least \$5 per week (\$20 per month) and return a 2021 estimated giving card.

STEP 2

Commit to increasing your giving for 2021 by 1%–3% of your income, as you move toward the goal of giving the tithe, 10% of your income, and return a 2021 estimated giving card.

STEP 3

If you are currently tithing 10% of your income, thank you for your faithfulness! Please return your 2021 estimated giving card and prayerfully consider increasing your commitment by 1%–3% to help take advantage of the opportunities before us.

WEEKLY GIVING

| INCOME | 2% | 4% | 6% | 8% | 10% | 12% |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| \$20,000 | 8 | 15 | 23 | 31 | 38 | 46 |
| \$40,000 | 15 | 31 | 46 | 62 | 77 | 92 |
| \$60,000 | 23 | 46 | 69 | 92 | 115 | 138 |
| \$80,000 | 31 | 62 | 92 | 123 | 154 | 185 |
| \$100,000 | 38 | 77 | 115 | 154 | 192 | 231 |
| \$125,000 | 48 | 96 | 144 | 192 | 240 | 288 |
| \$150,000 | 58 | 115 | 173 | 231 | 288 | 346 |
| \$175,000 | 67 | 135 | 202 | 269 | 337 | 404 |
| \$200,000 | 77 | 154 | 231 | 308 | 385 | 462 |
| \$250,000 | 96 | 192 | 288 | 385 | 481 | 577 |
| \$300,000 | 115 | 231 | 346 | 462 | 577 | 692 |

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.

SET YOUR GIVING GOAL

If you are not currently tithing (giving ten percent of your income), start with a lower percentage and then plan to increase the percentage each year, growing toward the tithe. The important thing is to begin the spiritual discipline of regular, consistent giving.

DETERMINE GIVING METHOD

Take a look at the ways you can give and select the option that is best for both you and the church.

WORSHIP WITH GRATITUDE

Fill out your 2021 estimated giving card and return it to the church. As a congregation, we will express our gratitude to God and present our cards, representing our commitment to God's ministry through our church.

Pledges can be made online at arlingtonmethodist.org/give or by mailing your 2021 estimated giving card to the church.



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Gratitude BRIDGE

*Building a bridge of gratitude
to God's hopeful future*



2021 Estimated Giving Card

I/We estimate a gift of \$ _____ to be given
 Weekly Monthly Annually

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Check**
Attached
- Credit Card**
Visit arlingtonmethodist.org/give
- Automatic Withdrawal**
Please attach a voided check
- Automatic Withdrawal**
Is already set up
- Text2Give**
Text "REGISTER" to 817-203-2774
- Please Provide Giving Envelopes**

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Signature(s) _____

Give online at arlingtonmethodist.org/give
For more information, contact Mary Lobban at mlobban@arlingtonmethodist.org or 817-274-2571

A Letter From Our Senior Pastor:



We live in the reality that things are not exactly the way we, or God, would want them to be. Often, we find ourselves focusing on that truth and can get quite frustrated wishing that things were different. Scripture invites us to spend less time frustrated by the way things are, and more time trying to be a bridge that moves us in the way forward that God desires for us all.

As we gather together for worship, we gather to remind ourselves that gratitude is the foundational building component that can get us from where we are to God's intended and hopeful future. Using our gifts, our experiences, and our worship we strive to offer everything we have and everything we are to God so that we can help the world better experience God's love.

I am so thankful that even in this year of abnormality and new realities, you as a congregation have been so faithful in helping us bridge that gap by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We have had an amazing 2020, reaching new people with the love of Christ, even though so much of that has had to happen online only.

As we move into a hope-filled 2021, we know things will still be a bit different, but we are also encouraged by the ability to return to some things that feel more familiar. One thing that never changes is God's call in our life to bridge the gap with gratitude and thanksgiving between where we find ourselves now, and where God desires for us to be. We need your continued generosity and support to make that happen as we do our best to plan for ministry in 2021.

Over the next couple of weeks, please pray with us about how you can use your financial resources and other gifts to help us build a bridge of gratitude to God's hopeful future. We are so excited about what God is doing in and through First UMC Arlington, and we are so grateful for the important part that you play in making us the church that God wants us to be in our community and world. We know there are many things we cannot count on or plan for, but we can count on God's love being there for each of us, and using our gifts to share God's love with our world!

May God Bless and Keep,
Rev. Dr. Chris J. Hayes
Senior Pastor, First UMC Arlington

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