

First United Methodist  
Church of Blue Springs  
2019 Commitment Card

**Gifted  
to  
Give**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ What I normally give  
in a year (total of One Fund,  
Missions, and any other special  
offerings)

(+)\$\_\_\_\_\_ My prayerful in-  
crease

(+)\$\_\_\_\_\_ Any additional one-  
time or stored resources gifts  
(stocks, securities, real estate  
tax refunds, etc.)

(=)\$\_\_\_\_\_ My Total Giving  
Estimate for 2019

Please let us know if you would like to  
 begin giving electronically.

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

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(including city, state, zip code)

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



**2019**

### **Why is returning an Estimate of Giving Card important?**

By completing and returning an Estimate of Giving Card, you are expressing your intent and affirming your desire to honor God with your resources. Returning your Estimate of Giving Card makes it possible for our church to plan and implement ministries without hesitation. Knowing your plans allows wise management of resources throughout the year. All ministries our church implements are dependent on the generosity of God's people.

### **What happens to my Estimate of Giving Card once I return it?**

Your Estimate of Giving Card will remain confidential and is not a legally binding contract. It is your personal commitment to the Lord. If your situation changes and you would like to increase or decrease your estimate, simply let us know.

### **What is the scriptural definition of the Tithe?**

The Bible speaks of the tithe as a standard for giving. The tithe is defined as the first ten percent of our earnings, returned to God and the work of the church. This is difficult for some, and others have grown in their generosity well beyond this biblical standard.

Growing in the grace of giving is a worthy, God-honoring goal to consider each year. Your intentional decision to give in proportion to your resources will enable you to accomplish your personal goal of generosity.

### **How much should I give?**

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV)

Giving comes from the heart, and prayer is essential for determining what to give. Your decision to be faithful in giving originates out of your love for God.

Look at your current giving. Does it reflect your blessings? Is it generous? Is it time for you to increase your giving to God and the work of the church? In these questions, you will find your answer.

### **What is EFT?**

Electronic Funds Transfer is a tool that many of our members use as a great way to give faithfully. In fact, you may already use this technique to pay utilities and bills. **Return the EFT form to our church treasurer to sign up.** You may discontinue EFT withdrawals at any time.

**Online giving** is available through the church website.

Visit [www.bluespringsumc.org](http://www.bluespringsumc.org)

Click the Connect tab  
then Donate

**Giving via Text** can be done by texting number 806-256-4244, then input the amount of your gift.