



**Why is returning an Estimate of Giving Statement Important?**

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

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

Your Estimate of Giving Statement 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, call the church office to speak with our financial secretary.

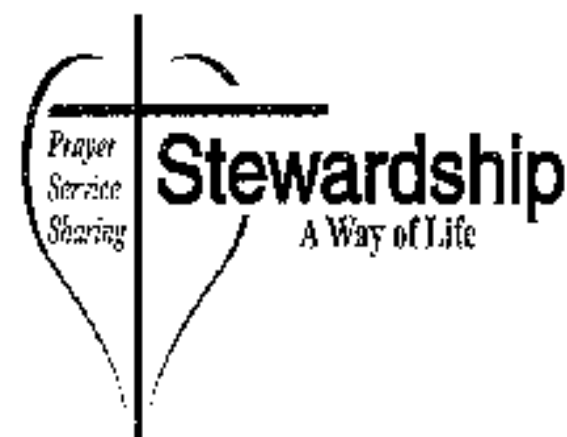


**Scriptural Definition of the Tithe**

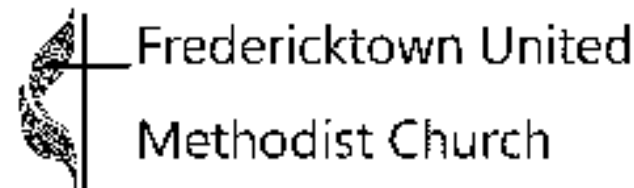
The Bible speaks of the tithe as a standard for giving. The tithe is defined as the first ten percent of our earnings, returned to God and the work of the church. This is difficult for some, and others have grown in their generosity well beyond this biblical standard.

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, good steward goal.

	Monthly Income				
Percent	\$500	\$1000	\$2500	\$5000	\$7500
12%	60	120	300	600	900
10%	50	100	250	500	750
<b>The Tithe</b>					
8%	40	80	200	400	600
6%	30	60	150	300	450
4%	20	40	100	200	300
2%	10	20	50	100	150
1%	5	10	25	50	75



**Estimate of Giving**



## A Personal Challenge

Finding ways to grow deeper in our faith requires opening our hearts to prayer and personally evaluating our habits. One way to do this is to return a portion of our financial blessings to God through our tithes and offerings. Our giving recognizes God as the source of our blessings.

Our gifts help to create and implement ministries that change lives, transform communities, and spread the good news of Christ.

*"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)*

### How much should I give?

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. This is best seen in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life" (CEB).

Evaluate 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. See the chart on the back of this card for an illustration of the tithe.



## Estimate of Giving

### Estimate for General Fund & the Building Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
12 month TOTAL for the  
**General Fund (Gen)**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
12 month TOTAL for the  
**Building Fund (Bldg)**

### Anticipated schedule and amounts

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly for 52 weeks - Gen.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly for 52 weeks - Bldg

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly for 12 mo - Gen

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly for 12 mo - Bldg

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly - General Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly - Building Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually - General Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually - Building Fund

Name(s)

Preferred Address

City/State/Zip

Preferred Telephone Number

Primary E-mail Address

Preferred Method of Sending of Gifts  
(Please choose one)

Check  Cash  Online

I would like envelopes  Monthly

Weekly

Signature(s)

Trusting God for the future, I/we desire to be faithful in giving so others can experience God's love through the ministries of our church.