



Sierra Pines United Methodist Church

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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, 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	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
12%	300	600	900	1,200	1,500
10% The Tithe	250	500	750	1,000	1,250
8%	200	400	600	800	1,000
6%	150	300	450	600	750
4%	100	200	300	400	500
2%	50	100	150	200	250

A Personal Challenge

Finding ways to grow deeper in our faith requires opening our hearts to prayer and a willingness to personally evaluate and challenge existing 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)*

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.”*

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 above for an illustration of the tithe.

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2019 Financial Estimate of Giving Card

How will you support the ministries of our community of faith financially in the coming year? Some among us may be considering making their very first financial gift. Others may be considering increasing their giving commitment by a percentage or two of their income. Some may be ready to leap into tithing 10% of their income.

Name(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.

I/we will support Sierra Pines UMC in 2019 by giving \$_____ every:

- Week
- Month
- Quarter (In what months? _____)
- Year (In what month(s)? _____)

I understand that this is an estimate of giving to aid the church in its planning process and can be changed at any time by notifying the Financial Secretary.

I/we would like information on how to provide for Sierra Pines UMC in my/our will and estate plans.

- Yes
- No
- Contact me/us about this

Several giving options are currently available for your convenience:

- Cash
You will receive a 2019 dated set of offering envelopes (weekly or monthly). Drop the envelopes as scheduled in the offertory plate. Please bear in mind that we are unable to track your offerings, or issue tax receipts, for unidentified cash.
- Check payable to Sierra Pines United Methodist Church.
Drop your check as scheduled in the offertory plate, or mail it to Sierra Pines UMC, 22559 W. Hacienda Drive, Grass Valley, CA 95949
- Automatic Bill Pay through your bank.
Designate Sierra Pines UMC as a payee, with our church mailing address Sierra Pines UMC, 22559 W. Hacienda Drive, Grass Valley, CA 95949, and send automatic payments to us via your bank directly.

Drop this card in the offertory plate on October 7 or mail to *Financial Secretary, Sierra Pines UMC, 22559 W. Hacienda Drive, Grass Valley, CA 95949.*

Please note that these commitments will be read by the financial secretary Clint Dickson and kept confidential; only the aggregate figures are passed onto the Finance Committee.

