

How to Give

Since 2019, we have found giving stations to be an effective way for everyone to give. It has also been helpful to lower the spread of sickness, since it isn't being passed to every attendee each week, like an offering plate.

Donation Box - Why a box? Not only is it simple, but there are examples in the Bible of this being a useful way of giving. Just a couple examples would include *2 Chronicles 24:8-12* and *Mark 12:41-43*. These boxes can be found in the foyer and in the worship center. "Tithes and Offerings" can be placed there at anytime. Anyone can give in cash or with a check in these boxes.

Giving Envelopes - When giving cash or checks you may also use a "Giving envelope". These envelopes can be found next to, or on, the giving boxes. Simply insert your donation and write on the front what it is for and the amount. You can designate where you would like you money to go on these envelopes, like "youth", "missions", or "Brotherly Love Fund". Envelopes are available in "take home" boxes that provide a years worth of envelopes as an easy reminder for weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly giving.

Card Reader - A card reader is available for giving in-between and during services, and it is located in the far corner of the foyer for privacy.



Webpage and Social Media - You can also give by going to www.friendshipwesleyan.org and selecting the "Donate" button. A link can also be found on our social media sites, including: Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Text-to-Give - To learn how to "text-to-give" text keyword: **friendshipwes** to **77977**.

FWC App - One of the easiest ways to give is through our app. Our app can be found through a link on friendshipwesleyan.org or in your *Google* and *Apple App* stores. The name of the app is *Friendship Wesleyan Church*. Once in the app go to give, and follow the on-screen instructions.



Serving

Giving is more than just about money. Friendship Wesleyan has quite a few ministries for people to get involved and to serve others. Visits are made to those in the hospital, senior centers and to attendees in our congregation. Meals are often provided for the sick or shut-in's, and we are constantly involved in "Community Projects" to help and support our local communities. Please contact the church office for any questions about the currently-available, serving opportunities.

Financial Health

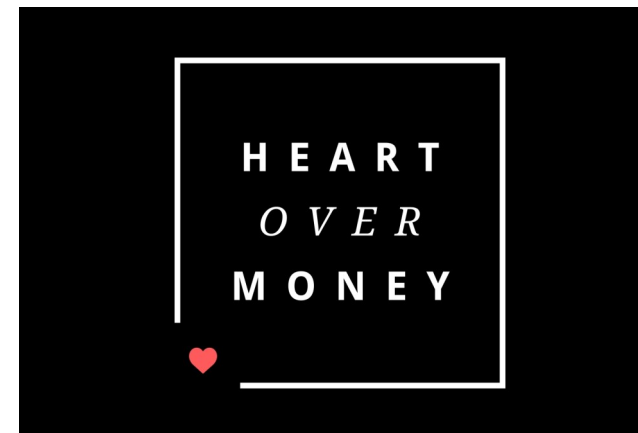
Friendship Wesleyan believes in "Healthy/Godly Finances". But we also know that most of us have never learned or practiced "Biblical Finances". We believe that as we learn and apply those principles we will be improving our own, and our country's, financial future. It also increases potential to help others and invest in God's work. With that goal in mind, FWC is committed to working alongside organizations that teach God-centered financial health like Christian Neighbors (282 12th St. Plainwell) and Financial Peace University (www.ramseysolutions.com).



You can get more information by reaching out to the church office.

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Giving Guide



"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Cor. 9:7-8)



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Options for Giving



"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Malachi 3:10

What is Tithing?

- Setting a part of your income aside, first, for the ministry of the local church you attend.
- Usually thought of as 10%, but begin somewhere and make 10%+ your goal.
- The tithe should be given before any other forms of giving.

Why Tithe?

- Tithing is an act of love.
- It recognizes God's ownership of our lives.
- Tithing is good business.
- It keeps us from the lust of money. (*"The root of all evil is the love of money."* - 1 Timothy 6:10)
- It helps the church carry out the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:16-20.
- It draws you closer to God.
- How you spend your time and money represents what is important to you.
- The antidote to materialism is giving.
- God commands us to tithe.

BROTHERLY LOVE FUND



The Brotherly Love Fund is a special fund that exists to help those who attend Friendship Wesleyan and who are facing financial difficulty. This fund has helped with things like: food, rent, utilities, house payments, medications, and counseling. It is especially difficult to build this fund during tough economic times, and it needs regular giving so that we can respond quickly to needs as they come.

BUILDING FUND

Our building fund exists, at present time, to pay off our mortgage and work on our next phase of updates/building! Friendship Wesleyan has dedicated itself to the paying off of our mortgage and being "debt" free. We have made this the number one priority for the health of our future ministry. The church's mortgage balance is regularly updated, and a report is posted on the bulletin board next to the bathrooms for everyone to see.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

We believe our future is found in our teens and kids. To support the teaching, events, outreach, and encouragement of students we have created a fund where anyone can give to help out.



MISSIONS

Friendship gives to more than 10 missions groups (local and across the world). You can be a part of this by giving at anytime or by committing to what is known as "Faith Promise". Faith Promise is done by asking the Lord, in prayer, for an amount God would help you and/or your family to donate during a year's time. Faith Promise commitment cards can be found in the foyer next to the donation box. Fill out the card and place in the box as a commitment between you and God. You can also find the form on our website under the Mission's page. Individual gifts can be given at anytime to individual missionaries or organizations too.



When you go to give to missions, or Faith Promise, designate it for "Missions" with a giving envelope or by selecting the "Missions" fund on any digital options.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Special Projects are unique needs, from time to time, that are brought before our church attenders until the money is raised to "fill that need". In the past, we have had funds for Roof Repair, HVAC Systems, and Playground construction. Right now, FWC has special projects for Student Ministries, Audio/Visual needs, and the Brotherly Love Fund.