

Membership Commitments

Prayers – Pray daily for our congregation, our pastors, our staff, and ministry leaders.

Presence – Show up for worship each weekend. Be attentive to new people and show them the love and grace that you have received. Be present with your faith family in good times and difficult times.

Gifts – Set your course for generosity at First UMC. Establish your pattern of giving that is **intentional, regular,** and **sacrificial.**

Intentional means you don't leave your giving to chance. You take time to pray and decide what you intend to give annually, monthly, or weekly, based on a percentage of your income. Use the Biblical standard of the tithe (10%) as your guide. Calculate where you are now and where you want to be. You may find a lesser percentage is where you need to start, or you may find that God has resourced you in such a way that you should exceed 10%. Let the Holy Spirit be your guide.

Regular means you make a plan of how you will give in consistent intervals to accomplish your giving goal. It includes deciding if you want to give weekly, monthly, or annually; and if you will use tithe.ly, set up an auto-draw through our office or your bank, mail it in, or give in the offering box at Church. Giving options are outlined below and are available at www.festusumc.org/give.

Sacrificial demonstrates a commitment to practice the spiritual discipline of generosity and to reflect God's sacrificial love in every aspect of your life.

Service – Find ways to use the gifts, skills, and talents that God has given you to serve your Church and community. A great first serve is being an usher or greeter, or serving communion. You may see another area you wish to join, or God may call you to start something new.

Witness – Tell others about how Jesus has changed your life. Invite them to come to First UMC with you to experience God's grace for themselves. Live a life that reflects the reality of God's Spirit within you so others may want to know God through Jesus Christ, too.



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