

Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church e-Giving Frequently Asked Questions

Q: e-Giving...What's that?

A: e-Giving is a direct payment program that allows your offering to Sulphur Grove to be debited (withdrawn) automatically from your checking or savings account.

Q: But why?

A: e-Giving provides the means by which gifts to Sulphur Grove can be given to Sulphur Grove by a preauthorized, scheduled electronic transfer of funds monthly from your personal bank account to the church's bank account.

e-Giving provides both you and Sulphur Grove greater security and efficiency because:

For you:

- Don't have to worry about remembering to bring checks or cash to church
- Cannot lose or misplace your offering envelope
- Have peace-of-mind knowing that Sulphur Grove is receiving your offering even if you are unable to attend worship services

For Sulphur Grove:

- Simplifies cash flow forecasting
- Reduces staff/volunteer time spent processing checks (helps our environment)

Q: How does e-Giving work?

A: Once you complete and sign an

authorization form and return it to the church office, the contribution amount you specify will be automatically be transferred from your bank account electronically to the church's bank account. You select one of the three dates (either every Monday, the 1st of each month or the 15th of each month).

Q: But will it cost me anything?

A: No, e-Giving will cost you nothing, and it will save the church financial treasurer the time now required to handle paper checks.

Q: How do I keep track of withdrawals?

A: Since your offering is made at a pre-established time, you will know when transfers will be deducted allowing you to record your gift at the appropriate time.

Q: How do I keep track for tax purposes?

A: Your e-Giving contributions will appear on your quarterly statement, plus be recorded as a withdrawal on your bank statement?

Q: What if I need to change my contribution or my bank?

A: Changes can be made at any time by contacting the church financial secretary (937-236-5970) or office@sulphurgrove.org). All matters are handled confidentially.

The diagram shows a sample check number: **1230** (circled), followed by **456654834** (Account Number), and **045600789** (Routing Number). A "Memo" line is shown above the routing number. Brackets below the numbers identify them as "Routing Number", "Account Number", and "Check Number".

Sample (use the actual numbers from your personal check for this authorization.)