

## 17 SMALL WAYS TO SAVE BIG IN 2017 TO HELP BUILD CUMC

### NOT EQUAL SHARES BUT EQUAL SACRIFICE

The concept of equal giving has never existed at our church. Instead, we believe that the sacrifice should be equal. This ensures that there is a role in this capital funding campaign for every member of the church. Everyone's sacrifice is important if we are to be successful. Your financial involvement is a decision between you and the Lord. Giving is a part of worship, but giving must come from your heart to please God. You will never be pressured or told what you should give. However, we ask that you pray to discern God's will for your participation in this campaign.

### LORD, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO THROUGH ME?

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

~ II Corinthians 9:7

Saving Examples	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	3-Year
Eliminate 1 dinner out	\$12.75	\$51.00	\$612.00	\$1,836.00
Forego 1 Starbucks drink	\$4.25	\$17.00	\$204.00	\$612.00
Skip 1 fast food lunch	\$7.00	\$28.00	\$336.00	\$1,008.00
Stop smoking 1 pack/day	\$49.00	\$196.00	\$2,352.00	\$7,056.00
Pack instead of buying lunch	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$720.00	\$2,160.00
Home movie; not theater	\$8.00	\$32.00	\$384.00	\$1,152.00

### ADDITIONAL WAYS TO SAVE

- Use maximum PSI in tires to improve gas mileage
- Carpool
- Choose store-brand instead of brand-name items
- Use generic instead of brand-name prescriptions
- Reduce your cable plan
- Use a shopping list at the grocery store
- Use coupons
- Hang-dry clothes instead of using dryer
- Turn off lights in rooms not being used
- Weatherproof your home
- Pay monthly credit card payments on time



## CREATIVE STRATEGIES IN GIVING



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## GIFTS OTHER THAN CASH

### What are gifts other than cash?

- Transferring ownership of an asset, rather than selling the asset and giving the cash, is one form of a non-cash gift.

### What kind of assets should I give?

- Appreciated investment property held more than one year, such as publicly traded stocks, mutual fund shares, bonds, and other such readily marketable property have tremendous tax advantages.
- Additional gifts of personal property such as automobiles, jewelry, collectibles, real estate and other items can also be given in consultation with the Capital Campaign Leadership.

### Why give gifts other than cash?

- The tax code is very generous toward this form of giving. Giving the asset to the church, then letting the church sell, eliminates potential capital gains taxes and can increase the after-tax proceeds.

### How does the tax benefit work?

- Itemized Deduction: The individual or business is allowed to include 100% of the market value of most such assets as charitable contributions for tax purposes if held more than one year.
- Capital Gains: The transfer of property does not generate a capital gains tax.
- The church, as a tax exempt entity, will realize the full market value, less transaction costs, at the time of sale without paying capital gains taxes.

### What if I sell first then give the cash?

- You may be subject to capital gains taxes thereby reducing the after-tax proceeds from the sale.

	Sell First	O-T-C
Market Value	\$20,000	\$20,000
Cost Basis	-10,000	-10,000
Gain	10,000	10,000
Tax (assuming 20%)	2,000	0
Church receives	\$18,000	\$20,000

## How do I give other than cash gifts?

- For stocks, mutual fund shares, and bonds:

**Transfer Instructions**  
(If held in "Street Name")

1. Contact the church office. We will provide you with the transfer instructions.
2. Contact your broker and request the transfer using the CUMC information provided.
3. Notify the church office when the transfer is complete.

**Please let us know if you have any questions.**

- For specific or confidential questions, you may also contact our Horizons Stewardship Ministry Strategist. Call the office at 888.298.2020.

## OTHER STRATEGIES

### Cash Flow Gifts:

A person can give significantly by giving smaller amounts at higher frequencies. Weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly giving allows large gifts to be reached in smaller steps. You may want to take advantage of the simplicity of electronic funds transfers for this giving option.

### Diverted Funds Gifts:

Freeing up funds which are currently going to other areas of spending allows a person to increase giving to God's work. Diverting funds from entertainment, dining out, dues, subscriptions, gifts, allowances, utilities, or transportation, offers lifestyle adjustments which impact one's giving.

### Delayed Expenditures:

The delaying of purchases allows a person to significantly increase giving. The acquisition of major items such as automobiles, clothing, or trips, when postponed, allows substantial giving opportunities.

### Income Producing Assets:

Interest income, payments from rental properties or monies from other income-producing assets provide a source for increased giving.

### Sale of Assets:

Sale of major assets, such as a house, car, land, or business provides available income for giving.

## Raises/Bonuses:

Dedicating one's forthcoming raises and bonuses is a creative method people have used to increase giving.

## Freedom from Debt:

As a person looks ahead into the next three years, he or she may discover that debt obligations will be fulfilled. This frees up revenue for additional giving.

## Unique Skills Income:

Some people have marketable hobbies or skills which enable them to give from those new profits.

## Charitable Giving Resources:

Reviewing all of one's charitable donations in light of their impact on the Kingdom of God affords a resource for significant giving.

## Savings and Annuities:

Savings for special projects, retirement or a "rainy day" may offer a resource for increased giving. Often we realize that a portion of our savings may safely be given to the work of God's Kingdom through our church.

## Corporate Gifts:

Those who have used their business as a source for giving have made significant donations.

## Additional Work Income:

Taking a second job or part-time job or coming out of retirement are successful strategies people have used to increase giving.

## Special Tax-Free IRA Gifts:

For those aged 70 1/2 or older, it is now possible to make tax-favored charitable gifts from traditional and Roth IRA accounts. A total of up to \$100,000 per year can be transferred directly from traditional or Roth IRAs to one or more qualified charities such as CUMC free from federal income tax. There may also be state income tax savings. Amounts given in this way count toward required IRA minimum withdrawal amounts for the year of the gift. To make such gifts, it is important to not withdraw funds prior to a gift, but have the gift amount distributed directly from an IRA to the church. For those with check writing privileges on their accounts, this may be the most efficient way to make gifts directly from an IRA. Check with your tax advisor for more information.