



# Dearborn First United Methodist Church

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## ***Dear Friends of Dearborn First UMC!***

This year we invite you to celebrate the joy of generosity as you offer your Estimate of Giving Commitment Card for 2024 (enclosed). We encourage you to find greater contentment and simplicity in your lives as you put God first in your giving and living, and to experience the joy that comes from knowing our gifts honor God and change lives.

Our challenge as members is to find ways to grow deeper in our faith. One way to do this is to offer our financial blessings to God through our tithes and offerings. Through these gifts, we invest in God's vision and purpose and create an opportunity for God to work through us. Our gifts to God each week are an act of worship, and our offerings are vitally necessary to change lives and transform our community.

The Bible teaches us to give a tithe, or the first 10 percent of what we earn, to God and the church's work. For some, giving 10 percent is a very difficult goal. For others, it is the starting point, and their giving far exceeds 10 percent.

The important thing is that you start *somewhere*, that your giving is in proportion to your income, that your giving reflects an appropriate offering to God given your means, and that your offerings express both your desire to serve God and your investment in God's work.

***We invite you to please bring your pledge card (found at the end of this letter) to worship with you On Sunday, October 22nd.*** Together as a congregation, we will pledge to use our blessings to honor God and to bless others through mission and ministry in 2024.

***“We are to use our resources to help care for our families and others - to serve Christ and the world through the church, missions, and everyday opportunities.***

***We are BLESSED to BE A BLESSING.”***

***~Adam Hamilton***



If you are part of our livestream congregation, or if you are unable to attend worship that day, please return the enclosed pledge card to the church office by October 22nd: Dearborn First UMC, 22124 Garrison, Dearborn, MI 48124. **OR** you can fill out the pledge card online, by clicking the button on our giving web page here: <https://dearbornfirstumc.org/give>.

As pastor of Dearborn First United Methodist Church, along with Rick Anderson, our Finance Committee Chairperson, we get to hear story after story of how our church is changing lives, transforming our community, and renewing other churches. Your support makes these ministries possible.

Thanks and peace,

Pastor David  
Rick Anderson



I want to **discover JOY through simplicity & generosity** so Dearborn First UMC can build a community of faith and justice.



*I estimate my giving in 2024 to be:*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ PER WEEK \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PER MONTH \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PER YEAR

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out and return this card by **Sunday, October 22** to the church office, drop it in the offering plate, or complete online at [dearbornfirstumc.org/give](https://dearbornfirstumc.org/give)