



# STEWARDSHIP FAQs



## WHAT IS A PLEDGE?

A pledge is a promise. To make a pledge to the church, you are making a promise (or covenant) to support the work of the church. Each year in the fall, pledge cards are distributed to all church members to gather your "covenants" for the coming year.

## WHAT IS A STEWARD?

A steward is someone who manages or cares for another's property, finances, or affairs. God asks us to be stewards of the talents and resources he provides for us. How we manage these gifts is an important part of our relationship with God.

## WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH I PLEDGE?



Only God and the church finance associate know how much you give to the church. Not even the church staff or pastors know!



## WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH I CAN GIVE NEXT YEAR?

Make a pledge of the gift that you feel you can give. If your circumstances change, you can reach out to the finance associate to increase or decrease your pledge to fulfill your covenant.

## WHY DO WE PLEDGE?

Giving is the church's source of income. Pledging helps the leaders of the church plan for next year's budget. Like any organization, a budget is needed and your pledge helps the church determine how much income it can expect for the coming year in order to meet its financial obligations.



## DO SPECIAL OFFERINGS COUNT TOWARD MY PLEDGE?

Special offerings are separate from the amount you pledge. However, the church finance associate does record these gifts along with your pledged gifts for tax purposes.

## ARE CHILDREN INCLUDED?

Yes. Parents are in the best position to teach their children about the spiritual discipline of being a good steward. There are coin banks in the Gathering Space for children to fill with their financial gifts and return on Commitment Sunday.



## HOW DO I MAKE MY PLEDGE TO FPC?

Check the back for a step-by-step look at our Stewardship season!

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## 2025 STEWARDSHIP >>>

### A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO STEWARDSHIP SEASON

# 1

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Save Commitment Sunday on your calendar:  
Sunday, October 20.

# 2

#### FILL OUT YOUR PLEDGE CARD

Fill out the enclosed pledge card and bring it with you to church on Commitment Sunday. If you pledge online, you can simply mark that box on your pledge card before turning it in!

# 3

#### SET UP AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

Once you have filled out your pledge card, be sure to set up payments through your bank or through PushPay.

#### Additional FAQs

- 1. What if I can't attend Commitment Sunday?** You can submit your pledge online at any time or drop off your card in the pledge box in the Gathering Space.
- 2. How do I pledge online?** Go to [fpcmarietta.org/commit](https://fpcmarietta.org/commit) and fill out an online pledge card. This is sent directly to our finance department.
- 3. Is there an autopay option?** Yes! You can set up automatic payments through PushPay at [pushpay.com/g/fpcmarietta](https://pushpay.com/g/fpcmarietta). If you are changing your pledged amount from the previous year, remember to go into your account in December and update the amount to reflect your new pledge.
- 4. What if I need to change my pledge during the year?** You will need to reach out to Director of Administration, Melissa Ricketts, at [MelissaRicketts@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:MelissaRicketts@fpcmarietta.org) and then follow Step 3 if giving through PushPay.

#### Still have questions?

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