

Electronic Giving – It's Ready to Go!

In response to requests from members we are getting ready to offer electronic giving as an option for offerings. Through the work of the Finance/Stewardship Ministry Team and the approval of Council forms for electronic giving will be available for pick up in the Gathering Place starting Sunday, February 5th. You can get the form, fill it out and see that Financial Secretary Patty Wildenmann receives it. (Note: On Feb. 5 from 9:00 to 10:15am Patty and Becky Custer will be in the Gathering Place to answer any questions and provide help with the forms if necessary.)

As with all electronic giving the funds you designate for offering will be electronically taken from your account and deposited into the church's account at ~~the~~ Somerset Trust Company. On the set up form you will select from the following options:

- **Giving options**
Just like on the present paper envelopes there will be four fund options for giving. They are: Current, Benevolence, Building Maintenance, Community Ministry Center. You may divide your offering the way you desire.
Note: Special offerings (ie. hunger, food pantry, etc.) will still use paper envelopes.
- **Transfer options**
You may opt to have your offering electronically transferred either weekly or once per month.

If you are interested in electronic giving please submit your form by February 19th to be included in the first electronic offering scheduled for March 6th. A test run will be sent prior to going live. This will show as a \$0.00 transaction on your bank statement to verify the account information is correct.

It is hoped that electronic giving will be of benefit both to you – the giver and to the congregation – the receiver. May it be a tool to provide for more regular giving for the strengthening of our ministry here at FLC.



NOTE: The following report is the year-end financial report for 2016 from our treasurer – Beth Schrock. Because of our change to one regularly scheduled congregational meeting per year it is necessary that a year-end financial report be given to the congregation in this manner. If there are any questions, please speak with a member of the Council, Beth, or Pastor Ed.