#### 5 Easy ways to give

- 1. Give on Sunday @ Saint Mark United Methodist Church. You can give on Sunday using the envelope found in the pews. Simply complete the information on the envelope and drop it in the offering basket at the time of offering.
- 2. Give online at www.saintmarkumc.com
- **3. Give by mailing your gift during the** week. You can mail your Sunday giving envelope to Saint Mark United Methodist Church. You can also utilize your bank's bill pay service to have checks automatically cut and mailed to Saint Mark United Methodist Church.
- **4. Give by dropping off your gift during the week.** You can drop your gift off in the Tithes & Offering box located in the Administrative Office.
- **5. Give through the Automatic Bank Debit option.** This option allows you to set up monthly or bimonthly gifts to Saint Mark United Methodist Church.

For more information about these giving options email Garney Hill, g\_hill@saintmarkumcumc.com

## FREE resources for managing my money & giving

- Watch the bulletin @ Saint Mark United Methodist Church for Debt Free Living seminars.
- Financial Life Groups are offered throughout the year.
- Personal one-on-one Financial sessions (call the church office).

# **Recommended Reading**



"Tithing" by R.T. Kendall



"The Total Money Makeover" by Dave Ramsey

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# **Giving** @ Saint Mark United **Methodist Church**

A PLACE OF POSSIBILITIES & TRANSFORMATION

#### Look around you at Saint Mark. What do you experience?

People talking and fellowshipping; listening to the sounds of the Saint Mark Worship Band during preworship. People experiencing energetic praise and worship and music by one of our AWESOME choirs; first and second time worshippers are received with a warm Saint Mark welcome and encouraged to complete a welcome card to receive a gift designed especially for them. People diligently listening to the message and taking notes; children learning about the Bible during Flight Quest.

Each of these ministries is possible because Saint Mark is fully supported by the giving of tithes and offerings. Without the tithes and offerings of our members and attendees it would be impossible to offer ministries that help people to become fully developing followers of Jesus.

Imagine...what would happen IF 100% of Saint Mark regular attendees took the step to become regular givers at Saint Mark?

These are just a few things that would be possible:

- Expansion of current ministries
- · Creation of NEW ministries
- More lives radically changed
- Deeper personal relationship with God
- Greater IMPACT in our city

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The Bible says more about giving than Heaven, prayer, or even, faith! Here's just a sample of what God says about giving:

#### 1. Faithful giving draws me closer to God.

"Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will be also." - Matthew 6:21

#### Faithful giving is the key to a full life.

"Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give generously ... By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may take hold of real life. - 1 Timothy 6:18-19

#### 3. Faithful giving blesses me in return.

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord Almighty, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you!" - Malachi 3:10

#### Faithful giving makes me happy.

"There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." - Acts 20:35

#### 5. Faithful giving reminds me that everything belongs to God.

"But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth." - Deuteronomy 8:18

# Why should I give?

- Giving helps me to grow in my faith.
- Giving supports the ministries of Saint Mark
- Giving allows me to be part of God's impact here in Wichita

One of the greatest measures of spiritual maturity is how we handle the resources that God has given us. Stewardship, honoring God with our finances, is a form of discipleship that will help you to become a fully developing follower of Jesus.

### How much should I give?

The Bible says that every believer should give a minimum of 10% of their income, or a tithe, to the local church. Anything over 10% is called an offering and is a way to honor God through giving sacrificially.

## Is my gift tax-deductible?

All contributions are 100% tax-deductible. A giving envelope must be completed in order for your gift to be tax-deductible. Giving statements are mailed at the end of each quarter, as well as the end of the year, to help you keep track of your giving.