

# 2018 Annual Giving Commitment Broadway United Methodist Church

Please print information.

INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PRIMARY EMAIL

MAIN PHONE

**YES! I/we pledge to give:**

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly for 52 weeks, or  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Semi-monthly for 24 periods, or  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly for 12 months, or  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ As follows: \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVING OPTIONS (select only one)**

- New or Changes to Existing Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)  
Please indicate the frequency of electronic funds transfer.  
New EFT withdrawals begin January 2017.

- \_\_\_ Weekly - Mondays.  
\_\_\_ Semi-Monthly - first and third Monday of each month.  
\_\_\_ Monthly - first Monday of each month.  
\_\_\_ Monthly - third Monday of each month.

For new EFTs or changes in bank account, provide a voided check.

- Previously Authorized EFTs – continue in 2018 without change.  
 Cash or Check  
 Appreciated Stock

SIGNED

DATE

PRINT NAME

- I/We have remembered Broadway in our Will or Legacy Gift.  
 I/We would like information on how to provide for Broadway in my/our Will.

Place in the offering plate or return to the Church Office.

## Please Return an Annual Commitment Card

Your annual giving commitment helps Broadway plan for ministry in 2018. Please return a card, even if you can only make a limited financial commitment at this time. You can always increase or decrease your commitment if your situation changes by calling the church office. If you have questions regarding this card or your annual giving, call the church office and speak to Pastors Lanette and/or Chris at 712-322-7741 or email us at [broadwayumccb@gmail.com](mailto:broadwayumccb@gmail.com).

## STEWARDSHIP AND GENEROSITY

Learn more about Generosity and Stewardship at Broadway and Financial Management Resources to which we can direct you contacting Denise LeBaugh via the church office.

## BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOUNDATION

The Broadway Foundation provides a way to further your lifetime commitment and stewardship by supporting your church through planned giving, remembering Broadway in your will, trust, retirement accounts and life insurance designations. To learn more about the Foundation, contact Denise LeBaugh, Finance Chair at 712-322-7741 or check the box on your commitment card and a Foundation member or pastor will contact you.

## PASTORAL CARE

If you are experiencing financial hardship, don't let your inability to give at this time keep you from participating and serving your church. Remember God honors your faithfulness and your acceptance is not based upon your capacity to give. Please let our pastoral staff know of your situation so they can pray for and support you. You can contact our pastors at 712-322-7741.

## 2018 Stewardship Campaign

# COME TO THE WATERS

When we come to the water, we may come to experience the refreshing stream, the breaking surf, the calming lap of waves rapping against the dock. When we set out on the waters, whether in be whitecaps or waveless, we get a sense of God's power and presence in the ripple as well as the rainstorm. As people of faith, water holds for us a sense of the transformative power affirmed in us at our baptism. We step into new waters when we give generously back to God. We are refreshed in the spiritual discipline of giving and immersed in the purpose God intends for the gifts God gives. May we all be blessed as we share our gifts joyfully and faithfully in community.

## A PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP

*Dear God,  
I humbly acknowledge everything I have comes from you. I come to you filled with gratitude. Lord, I desire to serve you and to invest in your work through my church. I ask for your wisdom and courage as I seek to determine your will for my life as it relates to the sharing of my financial blessings. Please accept my gift and multiply it to fulfill your plans for Broadway UMC as we fulfill your mission in the world.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.*

And God says:

“Do you know what I want?

I want justice—oceans of it.

I want fairness—rivers of it.

That’s what I want. That’s all I want.”

Amos 5:24



At Broadway, our annual giving supports our church’s ministry and mission. Each year, we return an annual commitment card pledging our tithes and offerings for the coming year. There are three important reasons why we do this:

- We believe returning a portion of our financial resources to God’s work through our church is an act of worship. We acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God, and as an expression of love we thank God for our blessings and symbolically return the first fruits of our labor as an offering to the Lord.
- One of our membership expectations at Broadway is to give in proportion to our income. We are not told how much to give--that is a personal decision--but the Bible teaches us to give a tithe or ten percent to God. For many, the tithe is just the beginning. If you are currently not tithing, our hope is you will commit a percentage of your income and increase that amount as you are able in the future to reach the tithe.
- The annual commitments make it possible for us as individuals and families and our church to budget and plan for the coming year. Worship, programs for children and teens, adult Bible studies and small groups, pastoral care and support, mission trips and community projects are all supported by annual giving that provides the operating funds for our church.

Over the years, we have committed our resources to God, and God has truly blessed and used them to change lives, transform communities and renew the church.

## MAKING AN ANNUAL COMMITMENT

### Begin with Prayer

Thank God for blessing you and ask for guidance and discernment. Recognize that your offerings express both your desire to serve the Lord and your investment in God’s work.



### Assess Your Finances

Take a look at your budget. What does your spending say about your priorities? If you’d like to learn more about biblically based financial management, resources are available at [cor.org/stewardship](http://cor.org/stewardship). Broadway offers support ministries and groups, financial classes and coaching to assist you.



### Make a Commitment

Determine the percentage of your income you will give in the coming year and complete your Annual Giving Commitment Card. If you are not yet tithing, consider increasing the percentage you are giving each year until you reach ten percent. Remember your annual commitment of your tithes and offerings supports Broadway’s operations and ongoing ministry. Giving to a capital campaign is a special sacrificial gift we give in addition to our regular tithes and offerings.



### Consider How You Give

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), cash, check and appreciated stock are all giving options. EFT is a way to give your tithes and offerings to God first, and ensure that the church receives your gifts regularly, even if you are out of town. It is also the most cost effective method of giving for the church.



### Worship with Gratitude

On Consecration Sunday (**November 19th**), we present our commitments to God during worship. This is an opportunity as a congregation to express our gratitude to God and renew our commitment to being God’s stewards in the world.

Annual Giving Commitments Begin January 1, 2018 and continue through December 31, 2018

## GIVING OPTIONS

### Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

With Electronic Funds Transfer, you can reinforce your commitment to give your tithes and offerings to God first, before anything else. One easy step each year guarantees that the church will receive your gifts on a regular basis, even if you are out of town or forget one week. To establish an electronic funds transfer, you will need to complete a commitment card authorizing the EFT and attach a voided check for the account you will use. If you have used EFT in 2017, your current commitment will continue unless you submit a commitment card with a new amount or contact the church at 712-322-7741.

### Cash or Check

Please make sure you include your name and address on the cash envelope or your check so Broadway can provide you a record for tax purposes. Your gifts can be placed in the weekly worship offering plate (envelopes are provided in the seat backs or attendance notebooks) or they may be mailed to Broadway United Methodist Church, 11 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503.

### Appreciated Stock

Stocks and other securities are a welcome gift. Many members have found the tax savings make this an ideal way to fulfill their commitment. For more information, contact the church office at 712-322-7741.

### Crop Gifting

Gifting agricultural products are also one of the ways our members can use a non-cash asset to support the mission and vision of Broadway. This unique gift affords our agri-professionals a way of giving the first fruits of their labor. For more information, contact the church office at 712-322-7741.

