



# Growing Generosity

EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO CHANGE LIVES

## March 2018

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**“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” – Colossians 3:17**

### **TIP #1: Grace, gratitude, and generosity**

Through God's grace, each of us has been blessed with a finite set of resources, but we have infinite choices for how to manage those resources. When thinking about God's grace in your life, consider all you have to be grateful for. Give thought to how you might express that gratitude through generosity in return. The church needs you - your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness - to fulfill its ministries. How can you take your stewardship of God's graces to the next level? For creative ideas on how you can give back, contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or [info@gumf.org](mailto:info@gumf.org) or visit [www.gumf.org](http://www.gumf.org).

**“The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior, who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love.” – Zephaniah 3:17**

### **TIP #2: The season of Lent**

Lent is a time of self-examination and preparation for Christ's miraculous rebirth at Easter. It also is a good opportunity to think about stewardship and the financial needs of the church and other United Methodist causes close to your heart. What can you do to help support these missions? The Georgia United Methodist Foundation can help identify creative ways to meet your charitable goals. For more information, contact GUMF at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or [info@gumf.org](mailto:info@gumf.org) or visit [www.gumf.org](http://www.gumf.org).

**“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” – Matthew 18:20**

### **TIP #3: Support the church AND get income for life**

If you are interested in making a significant gift to the church but have worries about funding your retirement, consider a deferred gift that offers income for life. Charitable trusts can provide the church or your favorite charity with a significant gift after your life and/or the life of your spouse. It is a great way to give an income producing asset, yet continue to receive a stream of income while fulfilling your desire to make a contribution to the church. For more information on how life income gifts could work for you, contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or [info@gumf.org](mailto:info@gumf.org) or visit [www.gumf.org](http://www.gumf.org).