



Growing Generosity

SOWING SEEDS OF FAITH FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

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Welcome to the February 2018 edition of Growing Generosity, a monthly newsletter from the Georgia United Methodist Foundation. Our goal is to help United Methodist churches develop a culture of generosity. Please feel free to use any of these “tips” in your church newsletter or bulletin, on your website, or in other communications. Sign up at www.gumf.org/stay-connected to have Growing Generosity delivered directly to your inbox!

“A generous person will be enriched...” - Psalm 11:25

TIP #1: Support your church with life insurance

Purchasing a new life insurance policy or revising an existing one to make the church the beneficiary is a great way to make a generous gift. As an added benefit, when you name the church as the owner and beneficiary, all premiums will qualify as tax-deductible contributions. After you pass away, the death benefit that is paid to the church can be used to fund a ministry or mission that is important to you. For more information on life insurance gifts, contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or info@gumf.org or visit www.gumf.org.

“But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” - Romans 5:8

TIP#2: Honor a loved one for Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a time to remember our loved ones and show our appreciation for their place in our lives. This Valentine's Day, remember God's love for you and His place as your Valentine. Consider giving a gift to the church or your favorite charity to express your love and appreciation for all He has done for you. To discuss creative ways you can give back, contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or info@gumf.org or visit www.gumf.org.

“Wisdom is good with an inheritance, an advantage to those who see the sun.” - Ecclesiastes 7:11

TIP#3: Keep your estate plan up-to-date

Many of the food products we purchase today are stamped with an expiration or “best by” date. An estate and personal financial plan can go out-of-date as well. Review your estate plan and other important financial documents with professionals every three to five years or after a major life event. Changes to federal or state laws can require revisions. Perhaps you have new life goals or are passionate about a new ministry program at the church. It's wise to keep your plan fresh and up-to-date to ensure your wishes are honored. The Georgia United Methodist Foundation offers several online resources such as a Wills Planner, Healthcare Directive, and Estate Planning Organizer. For more information, contact GUMF at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or info@gumf.org or visit www.gumf.org.