



# Growing Generosity

SOWING SEEDS OF FAITH FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

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Welcome to the November 2017 edition of Growing Generosity, a monthly newsletter from the Georgia United Methodist Foundation. Our goal is to help United Methodist churches in Georgia 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](http://www.gumf.org/stay-connected) to have Growing Generosity delivered right to your inbox!

**“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord God will be with you wherever you go.” – Joshua 1:9**

### **TIP #1: Honor our Veterans**

Veteran’s Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, became a federal holiday in the U.S. in 1919 as a way to honor all men and women who have served in the U.S. military. This month, take a veteran in the church to lunch or consider establishing an endowment in honor of veterans to support their needs. For more information, contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or [info@gumf.org](mailto:info@gumf.org).

**“Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto God with psalms.” – Psalm 95:2**

### **TIP #2: Give thanks**

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to express our thankfulness and appreciation to God, family, and friends for our many blessings. It is also the season when the church looks to faithful supporters for end-of-year gifts to continue their work. Contributing to the church is a concrete way to give thanks for your church, home, and the many ways we work together to help people. Need help in finding the most effective ways to give? The Georgia United Methodist Foundation can help. Contact GUMF at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or [info@gumf.org](mailto:info@gumf.org). Thanks for giving!

**“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...” – Romans 12:2**

### **TIP #3: Place stock in the church’s ministry**

As year-end approaches, many people look back, “take stock,” or conduct a personal inventory of one’s life and family. It is also a time of the year when we would ask you to “take stock” in a different way. Consider contributing stocks or mutual fund holdings in stocks to the church. Doing so can bring tax savings. (Appreciated securities are generally tax deductible at their full market values if owned for more than one year and you itemize). If your investments are worth less than they cost, consider selling them and making a charitable gift of the cash proceeds. You may be able to deduct the loss from other taxable income. Giving stocks or securities also frees up cash for other purposes. The church and other charities you support depend on generous gifts at year-end to help complete their ministry. For more information, contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or [info@gumf.org](mailto:info@gumf.org).