

FAQs

1. Is it biblical? Yes. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he clearly supports consistent, proportional giving when he instructs God's people to set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, on the first day of every week (1 Corinthians 16:2).

2. With EFT, can CSUMC obtain confidential information about me? No. Only the information on the written Registration and Authorization Form you signed to begin the EFT process is available to CSUMC. We do not have access to your account balance or any other information about you that is maintained by your financial institution.

3. Why must I send a voided check when I sign up for EFT? We need a voided check to obtain accurate information regarding the financial institution and customer account number to collect the payment electronically.

4. Can I stop payment or cancel enrollment? Yes. Simply inform CSUMC that you want to stop participating by using this same form or by sending a letter stating as such. You can suspend payments, if needed, by simply calling the church office.

5. Is electronic contribution risky? Electronic contribution is less risky than check contribution; it cannot be lost, stolen, or destroyed in the mail. It has an extremely high rate of accuracy.

6. What if I change bank accounts? You will need to complete a new Registration and Authorization Form with the new financial institution information and return it to CSUMC.

7. How do I change the amount of my contribution? You will need to complete a new Registration and Authorization Form and return it to CSUMC.

8. How much does EFT cost? It costs you nothing and saves you time.

9. Is there a risk of identity theft? No. The information you give us will be securely stored and will not be shared.

10. Can I still put something in the collection basket? To give witness to financial stewardship, you are invited to drop an empty offering envelope from the pew into the collection plate.

11. Who do I call if I have questions? You can contact the church office at (815) 962-6061.

12. What are the benefits of EFT? EFT has benefits for both the giver and CSUMC. EFT offers the convenience of not having to write checks as well as eliminating the cost of checks, envelopes, and sometimes postage. Best of all, EFT provides the opportunity to put God first consistently in your budget for the coming year.

CELEBRATE GOD'S GIFTS TO YOU
BY GIVING BACK TO GOD THE
FIRST FRUITS OF YOUR LABORS.



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Electronic Funds Transfer

Court Street
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Dear Church Family:

In this age of technology, Electronic Funds Transfer has become more and more common and convenient. EFT is safe, secure, efficient, and less expensive than paper check payments. This convenient method of making contributions through automatic electronic deductions from your savings or checking account will establish a consistent and orderly pattern of giving back to God for ensuring His ministries are carried out at Court Street United Methodist Church.

To use EFT, a written Registration and Authorization Form is required. To enroll in the program, simply fill out the attached form and bring it or mail it to the church office.

How it Works:

According to your instructions, we will instruct your financial institution to deduct the amount you choose from your account. Your financial institution then withdraws that amount and forwards it electronically to the church's account. The payment will be shown on your monthly account statement from your financial institution and on your year-end statement from CSUMC.

Thank you for your commitment to God and His ministries through our church.

Your Financial Team
Court Street United Methodist Church

Court Street United Methodist Church EFT Registration & Authorization Form

I would like to enroll in the Court Street United Methodist Church Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Program. I understand that my electronic contributions will remain in effect until I decide to make a change or discontinue this service by writing to Court Street United Methodist Church.

New Authorization

Change Existing Donation

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

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| ◇ Monthly (once a month) | ◇ \$100 | ◇ \$250 | ◇ \$500 | ◇ Other | \$ _____ |
| ◇ Bi-weekly (once every 2 weeks) | ◇ \$100 | ◇ \$250 | ◇ \$500 | ◇ Other | \$ _____ |
| ◇ Weekly (once a week) | ◇ \$100 | ◇ \$250 | ◇ \$500 | ◇ Other | \$ _____ |

Begin Date: _____

For Checking & Savings Accounts:

Please attach a voided check and complete below.

Select type of account:

Checking Account

Savings Account

Yes, I would like to take advantage of the security and convenience of electronic funds transfer scheduled payments. As a duly authorized signature on the financial institution account identified below, I authorize you to perform scheduled electronic funds transfer debits and/or credits from my account identified below for payments due or when applicable. For accounting purposes, all electronic debits will be reflected in the monthly bank statement that corresponds with the financial institution account identified below. I understand and authorize all the above as evidenced by my signature below.

X _____
Authorizing Signature

Date

Financial Institution

Branch

City

State

Zip

Routing Number

Account Number

Attach a voided check here.