

Giving is an active expression of our faith. It recognizes God as our True Provider. It affirms our confidence in His ability to supply all we need and is an act of gratitude and dependence. When we trust God in our giving it allows us to partner with God and His work through our church and in the world.

In 2 Corinthians 8:9, the Bible teaches that we are to give willingly, generously and cheerfully. In Malachi 3:10, we learn God's standard of the tithe or first tenth being set apart in all of our earnings as a gift of God. Through our tithes and offerings, we prove faithful; in the stewardship of all God has provided for us.

As a church that seeks to serve and because we want to provide you the convenience of being able to give the way you want, whenever you want, we are introducing two options for online management of your giving. Online giving is a new and simple way to prioritize and expedite your personal plan for giving. Giving is a vital part of spiritual formation and maturity.

However you choose to give, we appreciate your willingness and commitment to the ministry of East Fairview. We take your contribution very seriously and strive to be good stewards of all that God has given us. If you have any questions, contact the church office at (717)665-4873.

### **What is online giving?**

Online giving is a method of giving using an automatic transfer program that allows you to make contributions without the hassle of writing checks.

### **What payment methods can I use when giving online?**

**PayPal:** PayPal allows you to use a debit or credit card to make a donation and can be done without a PayPal account. It offers a secure way to donate electronically. To start, just go to [eastfairview.com](http://eastfairview.com) and click on the "Give" tab. Then click on the "Donate" button to make a one-time gift or check the recurring monthly button for a scheduled donation. Enter your information in the fields requested and you're done!

**Online Bill Pay:** If you use Online Banking with your current bank, you may already have the opportunity to make contributions from your bank account to our church. Most banks offer this service with a variety of options from single payment to recurring giving.

Online bill pay offered by your bank is a service that sends money out of your bank account to whoever you wish. In many cases these online bill pay services will actually print a check and mail it to the recipient. If you really like to automate things so that you don't have to think about them, you can automate online bill pay. Almost all online bill pay services will allow you to set up recurring payments.

To use this service,

1. Set up East Fairview Church of the Brethren at 1187 Fairview Road, Manheim, PA 17545 as a new payee at your bank's website.
2. Each time you want to give, you'll just enter the amount and you're done OR schedule a recurring payment.
3. The bank will then print and mail a check that will pull money from your account.

Check your personal online banking page for more details specific to your banks Online Bill Pay process.

### **When is the contribution charged to my checking account or charge card?**

Transactions usually take 2-3 days business days, so contributions scheduled Friday through Sunday may not show up on your account until early the following week.

### **Can anyone at the church see my account numbers from online?**

No one at the church has access to your personal financial information. The church receives notification when your online gift is made and what fund it is for, so it can be received and recorded properly.

### **Can I donate to various funds in the church?**

Yes, you can donate to missions, benevolence or other funds in addition to your tithe. Check your Online Banking webpage for details for how to add a "memo" to your donation. For PayPal, there is a "Purpose" box on the first screen and an additional field called "Add special instructions to recipient" on the second screen to indicate what fund your donation should be applied to.

### **How often will the amount be deducted from my account?**

That is up to you. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations.

### **Are there fees associated with online giving?**

While PayPal is offered for convenience for making donations, the church incurs a processing fee of 2.2% of the amount donated plus a 30 cent transaction fee for each donation. Online bill pay through your bank will not incur any cost for the church.

### **Why do people use credit cards for tithing?**

Many individuals use credit cards for all expenditures, to help with record keeping, or to gain bonus rewards. Credit card debt can be a great temptation. We encourage you to be good stewards of your financial resources. By providing the convenience of online giving, we are not encouraging credit card debt.