



November 2, 2025

To: Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ

2 Corinthians 9:7-8: “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

Every year our Congregation sets aside a few weeks to emphasize stewardship for St. John’s Global Methodist Church. This year our stewardship campaign will begin on Sunday, November 2nd and shall run until Monday, November 24th. Our stewardship theme this year is **“Continuing to Use God’s Gifts to Build His Church.”** We have many things to consider.

First: Everything comes to us from God. **“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand. (1 Chronicles 29:14)”** Scripture reminds us that everything we have comes from God. Our proper response is to give Him thanks, humbly recognizing that we are *not owners*, but rather *stewards or caretakers* of His gifts that are freely given to us. These gifts include our time, our talents, and our material resources.

Secondly: We give to meet the needs of others. **“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also the interests of others. (Philippians 2:1-4)”**

Our Congregation has been faithful in supporting God’s work. Our tithes and offerings sustain the vital ministries of our Congregation. Our programs range from Children and Youth Ministry to Senior Adult Ministry. We are humbled as we experience God together through group studies, new classes, mission initiatives, shared service, and shared lives. Our contributions build the body of Christ through Missions that feed the hungry, clothe the poor, build shelter for the homeless, and provide for missions in foreign lands.

So, how are we taught to give? A Biblical understanding of stewardship is fundamental to our personal walk in faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Biblical model for stewardship found in the Scriptures is *proportional giving*. This simply means choosing to give a certain percentage of your total income to the work of the church each year. Tithing – giving a tenth of one’s total income, *our first fruits* was the basic pattern of giving prescribed in the Old Testament. The New Testament does not stress the principle of tithe, but neither does it set it aside. All believers are encouraged to give boldly, deliberately, cheerfully, and proportionally to support the work of the Church. Proportional giving is **not** a tax and **not** a money-raising scheme. Rather it is the right and serious way for us to give. It is the obedient act of a disciple of Christ.



What is the next step? We believe that if we plan and do the work that God has called us to do as a Congregation, He will be faithful to provide the resources necessary to make those plans possible. It is a team of our congregants that will plan our finances for this next year. Committee heads, trustees, and ministry leaders will prepare a budget for review to provide for the needs of God's House, our church. Now more than ever, we need the resources to meet the needs of higher costs and the maintenance of our facilities, God's House. We challenge you to give proportionally or to increase your giving in this coming year.

We ask you to prayerfully consider your commitment to support the ministries of St. John's Global Methodist Church in the coming year. Please document your pledge on the Estimate of Giving Card and your talents on the Time and Talent Sheet. Please respond by November 24th, 2025, by sealing it in an envelope if needed, place it in the offering plate at any church service, drop it by the church office, or mail it to St. John's. As always, your pledge is held in the strictest confidence and can be changed at any time by contacting our bookkeeper in the church office or going to your profile on the app to make changes.

For over 140 years, the Lord has blessed us richly at St. John's Global Methodist Church. May we be a blessing to others through our faithful stewardship of the resources He has entrusted to us. May we be faithful both as individuals and as a Congregation, so that we may continue to know and follow God's will for us in the coming year.

In the Service of Jesus Christ.

Roger Clayton, Senior Pastor

Bob Shelton, Stewardship

Enclosures:

2026 Estimate of Giving Card
2026 Time and Talent Stewardship form



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2026 Pledge Commitment

Please complete this estimate of giving and return it to the church office or in the offering plate. This is not a contract, but it does help to make sure that all the ministries of St. John's will be funded for 2026.

If you have questions regarding this form, e-mail Jo Morrison at bookkeeper@stjohnsgtowntx.com

St. John's App Giving Information & QR Code

One of the best and easiest ways to give to the church is to do it on a schedule. To help facilitate that, please use the QR code to open our app. Through the giving tab, you can schedule the amount that you choose to come out of your bank account or pay by credit card. This is a safe, easy, and simple way to support the ministries here at St. John's. Use the drop down menu to label your scheduled tithe as a pledge, so that we can correctly track how the Stewardship Campaign is going. Thank you for supporting the ministries of St. John's!

Scan QR Code to give



Name (Please Print)

Address

City/State/Zip

Email

Phone

Choose Option 1 OR 2



1) For Giving initiated by you, through St. John’s App, cash, or check; choose one of the following:

\$ _____	Weekly for 52 weeks	Through:
\$ _____	Semi-monthly for 24 periods	___ App
\$ _____	Monthly for 12 months	___ Cash
\$ _____	Quarterly for 4 periods	___ Check
\$ _____	Annual for 1 period	
\$ _____	Other	



2) For Giving initiated by St. John’s bank, through Electronic Funds Transfer, choose one of the following, indicate the amount per withdrawal, and please sign at the bottom of this page:

\$ _____	Semi-Monthly—Withdrawn first & third Monday of each month
\$ _____	Monthly—Withdrawn the 1st Monday of each month
\$ _____	Monthly—Withdrawn on the 3rd Monday of each month

If you did NOT participate in EFT withdrawals or changed banks in 2025, please attach a voided check for the account from which withdrawals will be made.

Note: All withdrawals will be on the indicated day unless it is a non-banking business day, in which case the withdrawal will take place on the next banking business day. Withdrawals will begin in January unless otherwise specified

Signature

Date



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2026 Time/Service/Witness Commitment

When we become members of St. John's Methodist Church, we voice our response and commitment as Christ's disciples in the vows we take. "Will you be loyal to St. John's Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?"

Please take a moment and prayerfully consider where you can serve at St. John's from the variety of areas on the back of this form.

Please return it to the church office or in the offering plate. If you have questions regarding this card, e-mail Michelle Cousineau at admin@stjohnsgtowntx.com.

To serve in one of the many ministry opportunities we have, scan the QR code to download our app and click on Serve on the homepage or fill out the back of this form and return to the Church office.



PLEASE SELECT YOUR 2026 COMMITMENTS

Name (Please Print)

Email

Phone

Preferred Communication: _____ Email _____ Phone

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TIME Every Week

____ Attend Worship

____ Sunday School Class

____ Small Group

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SERVICE _____ Every Week _____ Twice a Month _____ Seasonal

____ Worship Ministry

____ Children Ministry

____ Youth Ministry

____ Music Ministry

____ Missions Ministry

____ Evangelism Ministry

____ Hospitality Ministry

____ Prayer Ministry

____ Administration

____ Congregation Care Ministry

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WITNESS Every Week

____ Invite People to Worship

____ Invite People to Church Events

Signature

Date

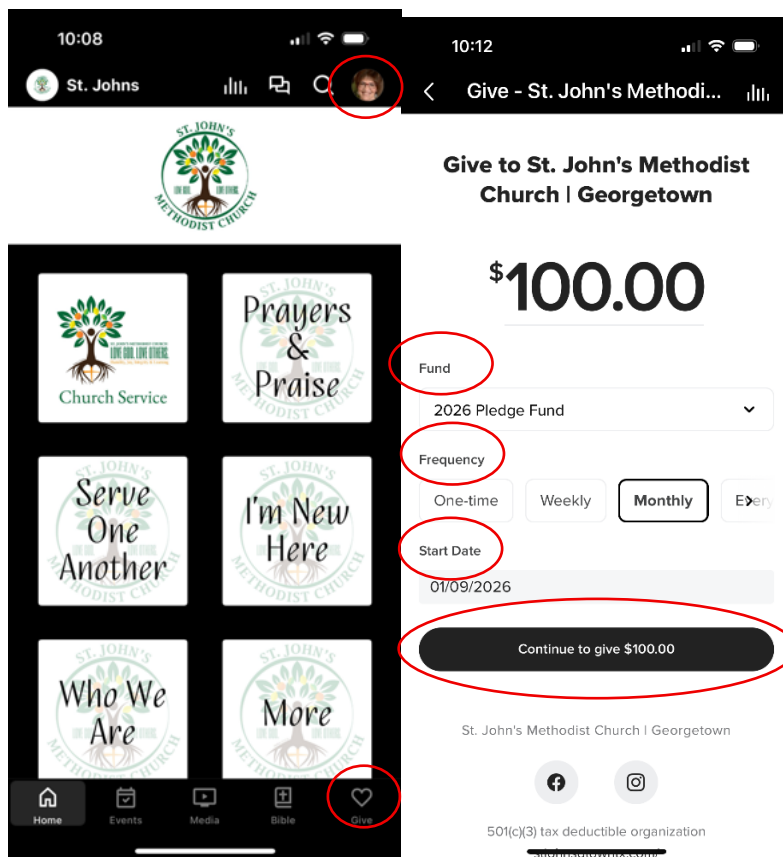
To fill this form out online, scan the QR code
to download our app and click on Serve on
the homepage or fill out this form and return
to the Church office.



Here's how you can create your pledge through our app:

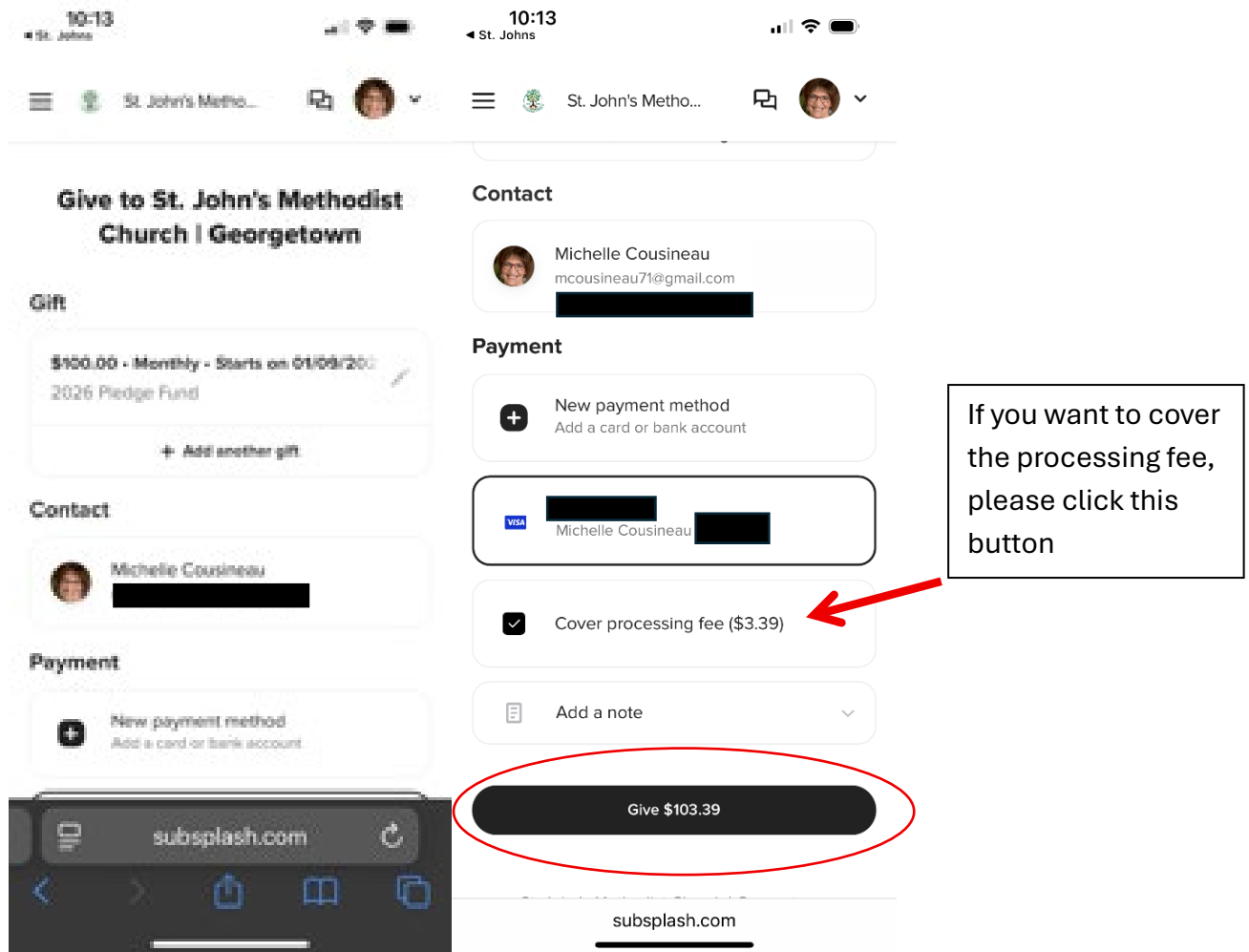
Getting Started:

1. Tap the profile icon in the upper right corner and select **"Log in or sign up"** to access your account
2. Once logged in, go to the church's app home page and look for the **Giving tab**



Creating Your Pledge:

1. Enter the amount you'd like to give, select the **"2026 Pledge Fund"**, and select frequency
2. Click **"Continue to give"** button
3. Add your payment method
4. If you're logged in, any payment methods saved will be available for quick giving



Guest Giving:

You can also give as a guest without creating an account by providing your name and email for receipt purposes. However, recurring gifts require a donor profile for security reasons.

The process is designed to be fast and secure - you can complete your gift in less than 6 seconds once set up!

Issues or Concerns:

If you have any questions, problems getting this set up, or concerns, please contact Michelle Cousineau in the office at admin@stjohnsgtowntx.com or call (512) 863-5886 Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.