

## New Electronic Offering Option

St. Paul is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic giving option for your weekly offering, special envelope and memorial gifts. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account, or from your debit or credit card.

Our new electronic giving program offers secure, and convenient options to help you support the ongoing mission of our faith community.

Please review the information contained in this brochure and consider the option and how it might be of service to you.

This new option is not intended to replace our current weekly envelopes only to offer an additional option.

### NEED FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING

- Streamlines weekly task of manually processing collections.
- Reduces amount of cash and sensitive information that is handled and stored in Church Office.
- Reduces paper, printing, and bookkeeping costs.
- Increases and stabilizes Church revenues
- Supports a generation of dedicated Church goers who rarely, if ever, write checks.
- Prepares for a new generation that will never write a check.

Today, the average person is writing 50% less checks than they were just 10 years ago.

It is for these reasons that St. Paul United Church of Christ has contracted with Vanco Services, Inc., to provide 3rd party Services for our electronic giving program. They are an experienced and highly secure provider of these services.

### MOBILE GIVING OPTION

A mobile version of our online giving page is also available for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader:



## An Introduction to Electronic Giving



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# Benefits to Electronic Giving

## 1. You are taking a step of faith.

When you sign up for Electronic Giving, you are deciding in advance to faithfully give. God always blesses that kind of faith.

## 2. You will simplify your life.

You won't have to remember whether you gave this month or need to send an offering by mail when you're on a trip.

## 3. You will be helping the church.

Every person who gives through Electronic Giving makes our recordkeeping much easier, and more secure.

## 4. You can focus on worship.

Instead of having to get out a pen and write out a check, you can focus on God during the service.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:7,8

Give online at  
[www.stpaulucctaylor.org/giving](http://www.stpaulucctaylor.org/giving)

# GETTING STARTED

## The Electronic Giving Process...

There are 3 steps to signing up to give through Electronic Giving. It's simple and secure: all you'll need are a few minutes to go through the process...

1. Go to our Church website:  
[www.stpaulucctaylor.org](http://www.stpaulucctaylor.org)—click on the “Giving” tab to access Vanco Services highly secure site.

2. Create your on-line profile.

3. Complete the on-line form and save

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Contact Gary Peters, Church Treasurer, at the church office and he will guide you through the sign-up process.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### **Q: How can funds be withdrawn directly from my accounts?**

Only with your authorization. No one can deduct money from your account automatically without your authorization.

### **Q: Are electronic contributions risky?**

No. An electronic contribution is safer than writing a check, and it can't be lost, stolen, or destroyed in the mail. All electronic fund transfer (EFT) transactions are governed by strict national rules and guide lines. Over four billion EFT transactions are processed annually in the United States.

### **Q: When would electronic contributions be taken from my account?**

Funds will be taken from your account only on the date specified on your Electronic Giving Authorization Form. If any of these dates fall on a weekend, it will take effect the following Monday. The same is true of months without 30 days.

### **Q: If I don't write checks, how do I keep my check-book balance straight?**

Your contribution is made on a pre-established date, so you can deduct it from your check record then.

### **Q.: What if I change banks or accounts or want to change the amount of my contribution?**

You can change your giving choices at any time by going on-line to [stpaulucctaylor.org/giving](http://stpaulucctaylor.org/giving) and login.

### **Q: Is there any charge to me from my bank?**

No. Electronic fund transfers carry no bank fees.

### **Q: How can I keep a record of the amount I have contributed?**

Your bank statement will include an itemized list of automatic gifts given from your account. The church will continue to provide you with a personal giving statement for your tax records, or access your online giving record at [stpaulucctaylor.org/giving](http://stpaulucctaylor.org/giving) and login.

### **Q: Who do I talk to if I have more questions?**

Church Treasurer, Gary Peters at 734-348-7257 or [gpeters@stpaulucctaylor.org](mailto:gpeters@stpaulucctaylor.org)

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Daniel Case at 734-941-1228 or [DanRCase@Charter.net](mailto:DanRCase@Charter.net)

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”

Malachi 3:10