



# Growing Generosity

SOWING SEEDS OF FAITH FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

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Greetings!

Welcome to the September 2017 issue 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.

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### **TIP #1: Support the labors of our church!**

Each September we celebrate Labor Day as a time to recognize and honor the economic and social contributions of workers. This month, take a minute to consider the economic and social contributions our church has made to the community. Show your support: **volunteer** for the next church project, **contribute to a fund** that supports community outreach efforts or **set up an endowment** to support a new project or area of need that fits your passion. For more information about supporting our church, contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or [info@gumf.org](mailto:info@gumf.org).

### **TIP #2: Remember your church!**

A bequest, which is a gift of personal property given through your will or estate plan, is one of the easiest ways to support our church. As you prayerfully determine how to divide your estate after you're gone, you may wish to **leave a bequest to the church** to support a ministry close to your heart. You may also want to prayerfully **consider tithing a percentage of your estate** as part of your stewardship of God's gifts and graces. For more information on bequests or other ways to support our church, contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or [info@gumf.org](mailto:info@gumf.org).

### **TIP #3: Take stock of your pledges!**

In today's market, many Christians are looking for alternative ways to meet their annual pledges, tithing goals or simply to help support special projects at the church. Did you know you can **contribute stock or mutual fund holdings in stocks** to our church or your favorite United Methodist charity to meet your annual giving goals? Doing so can bring tax savings. Appreciated securities are generally tax deductible at their full market value (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. The Georgia United Methodist Foundation can help you understand your options for turning stock into a charitable gift. They also can accept stock on our church's behalf and structure the gift to serve your wishes. For more information, contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or [info@gumf.org](mailto:info@gumf.org).