



Wayside Presbyterian Church

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Dear Friends,

In an effort to make it easier for members to contribute financially to Wayside, the Budget Committee, comprised of Elders, Trustees, Deacons, and staff, tasked a small group to investigate various options of electronic giving.

Electronic giving, especially automated electronic giving, provides several benefits for Wayside. It helps with tracking our budget throughout the year by providing a more predictable and consistent cash flow, reduces office expenses by eliminating the need to produce and mail pledge envelopes, and reduces the workload on our office staff - freeing up their time to be spent on other important tasks for the church. Electronic giving provides these same benefits to us personally as well – improved home budgeting, reduced expenses, and less time managing personal checks – freeing up time for us to spend on other activities.

The small group tasked with investigating electronic giving has been weighing the pros and cons of the many options available to Wayside and presents the following options for your own personal consideration.

ACH Direct Deposit:

This has been identified as the preferred method of electronic giving at Wayside. Enroll by simply filling out the Bank Debit Authorization form available in the church office or on the church website. The form authorizes Wayside to “pull” a predefined amount of money from your designated bank account at a set interval. You define the interval: weekly, bi-monthly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. If for some reason your contribution needs to be changed or cancelled, the authorization form can be changed by contacting the church office.

Electronic Bill Pay through your personal bank:

In this method, you “push” a defined amount of money from your bank account to Wayside via a physical check that your bank mails to Wayside. This can be a one-time occurrence or setup to reoccur automatically at a set interval. To setup, log into your bank account on your personal bank’s website, and select “Pay Bills” (or similar). Although each financial institution’s sites are unique, they will all require a name, address, and phone number to setup a “bill”. This information is listed below. If your bank also requires an account number to setup a “bill”, please simply enter your first and last name in lieu of an account number.

Wayside Presbyterian Church
1208 Asbury Rd
Erie, PA 16505
(814) 833-7653

PayPal (coming soon):

Although it is not available quite yet, contributions will be able to be made to Wayside through PayPal. Once available, there will be a button on the church website and information on various print media explaining how to contribute. PayPal will also open up the possibility for Waysiders to pay electronically for various events and fund raisers. More information regarding PayPal at Wayside will follow as the technology becomes available. So stay tuned.

Please consider using one of the electronic giving options listed above to make your pledge contribution throughout 2017 and beyond. If you have any questions about the options, or electronic giving in general, feel free to contact any member of our task force.

With the help of our generous contributions we will be able to serve as God’s hands, feet and voice in mission.

Yours in Christ,

Mark Catrabone, Matthew McCullough, Matthew McGill, Karen Rae Pastewka, and Mark Smith