

# Commitment Sunday is October 23

Our annual giving supports Grace's ministry and outreach initiatives. There are three important reasons why we return annual giving commitment cards.

## WORSHIP

We believe returning a portion of our financial resources to God's work through our church is an act of worship. We are thankful for our blessings and acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God. As an expression of worship, we symbolically return the first fruits of our labor as an offering to the Lord.

## STEWARDSHIP

One of our membership expectations is to give in proportion to our income. We are not told how much to give; that is a personal decision. The Biblical standard introduced by Abraham was the tithe, the giving of the first 10% of one's income to God.

## MINISTRY

Annual commitments make it possible for our church to budget and plan for the coming year. Worship services, family ministries, musical ministries, Christian education activities, mission trips as well as community outreach activities such as our Food Pantry, manna bags and service towards underprivileged students are all supported by this annual giving that provides the operating funds for our church.



COMMIT  
TO GRACE  
IN 2023

*More than  
Enough*

## 2023 Guide to Giving

Your annual giving commitment to Grace directly supports our ministry services and community outreach initiatives. As we look forward to Commitment Sunday on October 23, we would like to remind the congregation to please be thoughtful around giving and then return the enclosed Annual Giving Commitment Card to help Grace better plan our ministry efforts in 2023.

*Grace*  
in the Heights  
United Methodist Church

Please print information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRIMARY EMAIL

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAIN PHONE

**YES! I/we pledge to give:**

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Weekly** for 52 weeks,
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Semi-monthly** for 24 periods, or
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Monthly** for 12 months, or
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ As follows: \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVING OPTIONS** (please select only one)

- Online via Shelby Giving**
- Text**
- Cash or Check**

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNED DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

- I/We have remembered Grace in our will or planned gift.
- I/We would like information on how to provide for Grace in my/our will.

*Place in the offering chest or return to the Church Office.*

**BEGIN WITH PRAYER**

Thank God for blessing you and ask for guidance and discernment. Recognize that your offerings express both your desire to serve the Lord and your investment in the Church's work.

**ASSESS YOUR INCOME & GIVING**

Take a look at your annual income and your current giving as a percentage of your income. Examples are in the chart to the right.

**MAKE A COMMITMENT**

Determine the percentage of your income that you will give to Grace in 2023. If you are not regularly giving, commit to giving at least \$5 per week (\$20 per month). If you are regularly giving, commit to increasing your giving by 1-3% as you move toward the goal of tithing at 10%.

**DECIDE HOW YOU WILL GIVE**

Select the option best for both you and the church from the "Many Ways to Give".

**COMPLETE YOUR COMMITMENT CARD**

Place the completed card in the offering chest in the narthex or mail to the church office. Please return a card, even if you are only able to make a limited financial commitment at this time.

**WORSHIP WITH GRATITUDE**

On Commitment Sunday, October 23, we present our commitments to God during worship. This is an opportunity as a congregation to express our gratitude to God and renew our commitment to being God's stewards in the world.



**TEXT**

Text "GIVE" to 832-400-3324



**ONLINE**

Shelby Giving provides a safe and secure way for you to give to Grace electronically and allows you to set up regular, recurring gifts as well. A link to Grace's Shelby Giving website can be found by clicking "Give to Grace" at: [www.GraceInTheHeights.org](http://www.GraceInTheHeights.org)



**IN PERSON**

Use the offering envelopes and place your cash or check in the offering chest located in the narthex

**MONTHLY GIVING AS A PERCENTAGE OF INCOME**

Annual Income	10%	5%	3%	2%	1%
10,000	83	42	25	17	8
25,000	208	104	63	42	21
50,000	417	208	125	83	42
75,000	625	313	188	125	63
100,000	833	417	250	167	83
125,000	1,042	521	313	208	104
150,000	1,250	625	375	250	125
200,000	1,667	833	500	333	167
300,000	2,500	1,250	750	500	250
500,000	4,167	2,083	1,250	833	417