

CYBER STEWARDSHIP

Online Banking



The world is changing. Joseph and Mary gave a dove as their offering to God. Others presented the first fruits of the harvest: food, animals. We then moved on – offerings of gold, silver, and paper currency. And now we have many different ways to give our offerings to the church - cash, checks, electronic banking, beneficiary, endowments, etc. And with today's computer technology, giving regularly can be easily accomplished with a few simple keystrokes on your computer. What to know how? Read on...

ONLINE BANKING PROCEDURES

If you have access to a computer, you are only a few steps away from joining our very own Trinity team of “Heroes”. Here are some simple steps to set up your offering electronically.

1. Check with your bank and inquire if they charge for online banking. Some banks offer free online services to all of their customers. Some banks charge a small fee – your bank will advise you on their policy.
2. Call your bank and ask them for their website address – it will look similar to this: ***http:\\pncbank.com***
3. Launch your computer's Browser (Internet Explorer, Netscape, etc.)
4. Type in the bank website address in the internet search box
5. Your bank's main website page will display
6. Search for a link to their bill paying or online banking service and click on the link



7. You will need to setup your account which normally requires a “login” and password - most bank websites have a step-by-step procedure listed on how to setup your account and some may have demos that you can watch to see how to do the setup.
8. To send your offering to Trinity using the online banking service you will need to have the following information:
 - Name of church (identified as biller):
Trinity United Methodist Church
 - Church address:
703 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701-4029
 - Your envelope number – this can be found on your (beige/yellow) envelope that you use today for your tithe on the right side of the envelope to the right of your name and address
 - Amount of your offering
 - Your account number will be your last name followed by your envelope number (if you don’t know your number or don’t have one, please call the church office)
 - Date you want the payment to be made –
(NOTE:– your bank will actually send Trinity a “check”)
9. The biblical definition of tithing is 10% of your income.

You can setup the offering to be automatic (same amount each week or month) or a one-time payment. If you need assistance, please ask a member of the Stewardship Ministry Team who will be glad to work with you to setup your account.



It just takes a few minutes to setup your account and provides a convenient way to send your offering when you can't be in church. If you setup the account to be automatic it eliminates the need to look for that envelope each Sunday.

