



## **Leave Your Checkbook at Home!** Giving By Auto Bank Drafts

But just as you excel in everything- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us- see that you also excel in this grace of giving.  
2 Corinthians 8:7

While the Sunday offering is the most common opportunity to give, many of our members have asked for the option of making a payment automatically through their bank. Automatic Bank Draft is a popular, convenient, and consistent way for people who are so inclined to give.

### **Benefits of Giving Through Automatic Bank Draft**

- **First Fruits** – In Proverbs 3:9 we are taught to honor the Lord with the first fruits of our labor. By setting up an automatic, recurring contribution that is scheduled to come out of your account on the day you specify you can ensure that your *first fruits* are given back to God.
- **Simplicity** – You won't need to remember if you gave this week, or this month, or to send in an offering check when you're out of town.
- **Security** – Banks use advanced encryption technology to insure that your information stays safe and secure.
- **No Distractions** – Instead of needing to worry about writing your contribution check during the service, you can be fully engaged with the worship service, knowing that you have already given your offering.
- **Consistency** – Automatic, recurring contributions help WSUMC's cash flow, especially during the vacation months of Spring and Summer when attendance tends to decrease yet church activities, especially for children and youth, are at their peak.

### **How to Set Up Automatic Bank Draft**

It is very simple to set up an automatic bank draft. Simply complete the form in this flyer, attach or enclose a **VOIDED** check, and return it to the Church Office at:

WSUMC  
1401 Washington Street  
Columbia SC 29201

Please call the church office if you have any questions or need more information. Also, read our Frequently Asked Questions on the back of this flyer.



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## ACH Authorization Form

Schedule your contribution payments to be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account. Just complete and sign this form to get started!

### Recurring Contribution Payments Will Make Your Life Easier:

- It's convenient (saving you time and postage)
- Your contribution payment will be received by the Church even if you are out of town

### Here's How Recurring Contribution Payments Work:

You authorize regularly scheduled drafts/withdrawals from your checking or savings account. The amount withdrawn will appear on your bank statement as an "ACH Debit."

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print or Type)

This authorization is valid for withdrawal of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (amount) that will occur (check one)  
\_\_\_\_\_ weekly (every Tuesday) \_\_\_\_\_ semi monthly (1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ monthly (1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>)

I understand that, if necessary, an adjusting debit or credit entry may be made to correct an error. I also authorize the institution named below to credit and/or debit my account for the correcting entries. I duly certify that I am an authorized signer of said account and have the right to enter into this agreement.

Account Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Checking	<input type="checkbox"/> Savings
Name on Acct	_____	
Bank Name	_____	
Account Number	_____	
Bank Routing #	_____	
Bank City/State	_____	

FOR \_\_\_\_\_

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↑ Routing No.      ↑ Account No.      ↑

Routing number is located between these symbols.

Account number ends with this symbol.

This authority will remain in full force and effect until such time as Washington Street United Methodist has received written notification from me that the draft authorization has been revoked. It is further provided that written notification of termination, by either party, shall be provided in such time and manner as to afford either party reasonable opportunity to act on it.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of account owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please attach a voided check.**

## **WSUMC Bank Draft Giving FAQs**

### **Q: What is bank draft giving?**

An automatic electronic transfer program that allows you to make pre-scheduled monthly tithes without writing checks, creating a convenient avenue of giving for those who call Washington Street UMC home.

### **Q: Why choose bank draft giving?**

We try to create giving opportunities that come without pressure and that are easily accessible for those desiring to give. Bank draft giving allows you to prioritize your giving within your budget while saving you time. It also saves time on our end and helps to stabilize our budget.

### **Q: How does bank draft giving work?**

You decide how much you want to give and choose when your donation is withdrawn from your account. You can choose between weekly (every Tuesday), semi-monthly (1st and 15th) or monthly (1st or 15th).

### **Q: Is bank draft giving secure?**

Bank draft giving is less risky than check contributions since your contribution cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed in the mail. Also, our accounting team will be the only ones to have access to your information and once it has been entered into our secure program it will be locked up in a file. We value the privacy of your information and will never share it with an outside party.

### **Q: Without canceled checks, how can I prove my contribution?**

We will include your bank drafts on your contribution statement, and your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic transfers.

### **Q: What if I have a variable income?**

If you live on a variable income, bank draft giving may not be the best option for you. We recommend utilizing your bank's personal online bill pay system or writing personal checks.

For any questions, please call Robbie Douglas in the Church Office (256-2417).