

How to donate online

If you prefer the convenience of making donations online, the church will soon offer a new service that will allow you to donate thru the church's website. Starting in May, go to the church's website at <http://www.firstumcgonzales.org/> and locate the link to our donation page. Here you will find a simple online process for initiating an automatic series of regular contributions or for making special one-time donations. You can also print out a detailed confirmation form for recordkeeping purposes. Making regular contributions online eliminates the need for you to frequently write out checks or prepare envelopes.

Donate online at <http://www.firstumcgonzales.org/>

The Finance Committee is pleased to offer congregation members the convenient option of making donations right on the church website at <http://www.firstumcgonzales.org/>. Since families are making an increasing number of payments and donations online, the committee decided to offer this service to our members starting in May. If this donation method appeals to you, we encourage you to visit the church website, locate the link to our donation page and follow the simple process for setting up both regular offerings and one-time gifts. Again, this service will start in May.

Go Green!

"Eliminating your paper trail by banking and paying bills online does more than save trees. It also helps reduce fuel consumption by the trucks and planes that transport paper checks. If every U.S. home viewed and paid its bills online, the switch would cut solid waste by 1.6 billion tons a year and curb greenhouse-gas emissions by 2.1 million tons a year..."

Time Magazine: Global Warming Issue - April, 2007

Did you know?

74% of U.S. online households pay at least one bill online.

- 2007 Consumer Bill Payment Trends Survey

Online Donations Frequently Asked Questions

Is it expensive?

There is no additional charge to you to use this service.

Is it secure?

Yes, the web payment pages are very secure. The company we use meets the highest security standards in the industry.

Do I get a receipt?

A confirmation page appears after a payment is submitted. You can print the confirmation page for proof of your payment or donation. Also, you have the option to provide an email address and receive an emailed payment confirmation.

Can we use a credit or debit cards via the website?

No. That service may be offered in the future if we get a good response from the congregation. There are additional charges that the church has to pay to allow the use of credit or debit cards. At this time, the payment must be made from a checking or savings account.

Can I set up recurring payments as well as one-time payments?

Yes. The web payment pages will be set up to allow recurring or one-time payments. To change a recurring payment, just contact Rick Omdal and tell him what you want changed.

Can non-church members use this service?

Anyone with a computer and internet access can use this service.

How it Works

1. Locate Website Payment / Donation Link

Visit the church's website at <http://www.firstumcgonzales.org/> and click on the payment/donation link. This sends you to a secure web payment page hosted by Vanco Services, the company the church uses for Electronic Fund Transfers. The payment pages are created to look like our website.

2. Enter the Payment

On the secure web payment pages, simply enter the payment information and then submit the payment.

3. Confirm

After you have submitted a payment, a printer-friendly confirmation page appears. Also, if you enter a valid email address, a confirmation is emailed.

4. Process

Once a payment has been submitted, the funds are directed to the church's bank account per normal direct debit processing timelines. The funds go directly from your account to the church's account.

5. Church Receives Email Report

The church Financial Records Secretary gets a deposit report confirming the total amount to be deposited into the church's bank account from your account. That information is then entered in the church's financial giving records and you will receive quarterly reports and an end-of-year receipt documenting your gifts.