

To Stay Connected!

Plan

Through faithful stewardship of our time, talents, and treasure we stay connected as a community of faith.

First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
9325 Presbyterian Circle
Columbia MD 21045

Recipient Address

Grace and peace to you,

The Annual Response Program is at the heart of our work in our church. Your generous giving provides the resources for our church to grow and expand. This year we are asking you to **Take One Step Up** when filling out your **Estimate of Giving** card. Step Up toward tithing, to tithing, or beyond tithing as you are led by the Spirit.

Our theme this year is **Plan To Stay Connected**. When we recognize God's blessings, understand God's expectation for us, and give of ourselves according to God's will, we strengthen our connection to our Lord and our faith community. As a symbol of these connections, everyone will receive a Guatemalan woven bracelet at church during the Annual Response Program.

To improve our stewardship, this year we are reducing our paper footprint and our postage by combining everything into one brochure. Electronic giving is another way to reduce your paper footprint.

This year, **Kick Off Sunday is October 16**.

Please complete the **Estimate of Giving** card and return it on Sunday, November 13, 2011.

On **Thank & Tell Sunday, November 20**, we will share hors d' oeuvres, celebrate 2011 and look forward to 2012 with the results of the Annual Response Program.

God is generous! Let us return a portion of what God has given us, enthusiastically, earnestly and joyfully. Together, with the grace of God, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

May the grace of our Lord be with you.



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RETURN BY 11/13/2011

AFFIX 1ST CLASS POSTAGE

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SECURE EDGES WITH TAPE PRIOR TO MAILING

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Ephesians 2:19 NRSV

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ever underestimate God's ability and desire to meet your needs. God will honor your steadfastness when you honor your commitment.

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Ephesians 2:19 NRSV

In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith in and commitment to Christ and his church,
I plan to **Take One Step Up** in my giving.

Step Up Beyond Tithing. My desire is to do more than God's minimum.

Step Up To Tithing. I will give 1/10th of my income to God's work.

Step up Toward Tithing. I am not a tither, but I will move toward that goal.

My/Our commitment is \$ _____ per wk mo qtr yr [check one].

This represents an increase over last year.

name _____ date _____

address _____

city, state, zip _____

Please check this box if you would like to give electronically. The church office will contact you with details.

Follow these *step-by-step instructions* to complete and return your response.

Complete the **Estimate of Giving Card** [below left] and Giving Record [below].

Separate **Giving Record** by clipping along the dotted line as indicated and retain as a record of your commitment.

Fold the remaining portion in half so that the church address is displayed for mailing.

Secure edges with tape.

Return by November 13

- Place **Estimate of Giving Card** in the Joash Box at church **OR**
- Drop off the **Estimate of Giving Card** at the church office **OR**
- Affix a first class stamp and return by mail.



GIVING RECORD

retain this portion as a record of your estimate of giving for the year

2012 Personal Estimate Planner

HOUSEHOLD INCOME			WEEKLY ESTIMATE OF GIVING PROPORTIONATE TO INCOME			
YEARLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	15%	12%	10%	5%
\$ 15,000	\$ 1,250	\$ 290	\$ 43	\$ 35	\$ 29	\$ 14
20,000	1,665	385	58	46	38	19
25,000	2,085	480	72	58	48	24
30,000	2,500	575	87	69	58	29
35,000	2,915	675	101	81	67	34
40,000	3,335	770	115	92	77	38
50,000	4,165	960	144	115	96	48
60,000	5,000	1,155	173	138	115	58
70,000	5,835	1,345	202	162	134	68
80,000	6,665	1,540	231	185	154	76
90,000	7,500	1,730	260	208	176	86
100,000	8,335	1,925	288	231	192	96
150,000	12,500	2,885	433	346	288	144

I/We estimate \$ _____ for 2012.

This estimate will be paid in the amount of \$ _____
per wk mo qtr yr [check one].

Proportionate giving decision [a]: _____%

Annual household income [b]: \$ _____

Amount of annual estimate:

$$\frac{[a]}{100} \% \times \$ [b] = \$ [c]$$

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT

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