



How can you give? Here are some of the ways to make a financial contribution to the Fellowship:

- Sign up for the Fellowship's automatic monthly electronic funds transfer (EFT) option. This is the most cost-effective and easiest way for you to give to the Fellowship. **Electronic fund transfers are generally safer since they do not require as many human touchpoints along the way and are not subject to the various types of check fraud and scams.**

- ~ You select either the 5th of the month, the 20th of the month, or both depending on what works best for your financial situation.

- ~ Once the EFT authorization form is completed and submitted the rest is done - no checks to write, no stamps to buy! Your contribution will continue automatically until you notify us to cancel it.

- ~ The Fellowship also benefits from reduced processing cost and a steady and more predictable cash flow.

- ~ Join the almost 200 members and friends taking advantage of this time-saving, money-saving, and more secure option.

- ~ Contact Phyllis@fvuuf.org, to request an electronic form or call 920-731-0849 to be sent a paper EFT authorization form to complete.

- Send a check payable to Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (FVUUF) to 2600 E Philip Lane, Appleton WI, 54915.

- ~ This can be a check written by you or sent from your bank's online bill payer system.

- ~ You will incur the cost of checks and mailing if written by you or a fee from your bank if applicable.

- ~ **Though it may seem convenient to put your check in the Fellowship's U.S. mailbox, please remember by law, a U.S. mailbox is intended only for receipt of postage-paid U.S. mail. If you are at the Fellowship during office hours, typically Monday - Friday between 8:30 am – 4:00 pm (please call to verify), during Sunday services, or at other meetings or gatherings when the building is open you may use the inside "drop box". The "drop box" is located on the wall right next to the staff office wing door and is a safe and secure depository, which is only accessible to limited staff.**

- Use one of our electronic options to [GIVE](#) via credit or debit card.

- ~ Click on the link above or go to www.fvuuf.org and select the Giving button to learn more about the options - online, mobile, or text to give.

- ~ A fee of 2.75% of the amount donated + .45 per transaction is incurred by the Fellowship. However, the donor has the option to offset these fees as part of their donation.

- Make a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA, **if you qualify.**

- ~ This can fulfill the IRS annual minimum distribution requirement for your retirement funds.

~ There can be a tax advantage for you. The funds would need to be disbursed directly to the Fellowship. Consult your investment broker or tax advisor for guidance on this option.

- Donate shares of stock to the Fellowship.

- ~ Stocks donated to the Fellowship will be liquidated as soon as administratively possible.
- ~ There can be a tax advantage to donating shares directly to the Fellowship versus selling them yourself. You will need to consult your tax advisor for guidance on the best option for your personal financial situation.
- ~ There may be more cost to the Fellowship since the value of stocks can fluctuate and there are brokerage fees that the Fellowship will incur.
- ~ Contact Phyllis, Phyllis@fvuuf.org, or call 920-731-0849 for more information.

We invite you to choose the method of giving that is the best fit for your financial situation.

What else should you know? Other important things to consider and final dates for your 2024 contribution:

- The Fellowship's bylaws require a financial contribution to the operating fund in the previous two years for continued membership. This requirement can be waived by a minister, and all are welcome at the Fellowship regardless of financial contribution. Membership ensures your right to vote on all Fellowship business at our annual meeting.
- Contributions via check received in the mail postmarked December 31, 2024, will be credited to tax year 2024. Any contributions received after that time will be credited to tax year 2025.
- Contributions initiated and processed through our online giving platform on or before December 30, 2024 (please note this differs from mailed contributions due to processing time) will be credited to tax year 2024. Any contributions received after that time will be credited to tax year 2025.
- All contributions without a designation, and not made from a will or bequest will be assumed to be for the operating fund. However, a gift clearly marked "operating" will take the guesswork out of it on our end.
- All references to the tax deductibility of your donations made above are based on general tax knowledge. Since everyone's circumstances are different you should consult your tax advisor regarding deductibility for your specific financial circumstances.
- Tax year statements will be sent out at the end of January. Please be sure to wait for the tax year statement before filing your tax return.

If you have questions about your current 2024-2025 giving or your calendar year giving, please contact me via email, at Phyllis@fvuuf.org, or leave a message at the Fellowship office, 920.731.0849, and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Thank you for your generous support! - Phyllis Schmitt