

## *Christmas Joy Offering*

Annually, we make a special offering benefiting church leaders and workers. Their salaries and pensions are mostly low. Major expenses arise that can't be met without outside help. Perhaps this has a special significance for someone you know? Similarly, the Christmas Joy Offering provides scholarships for students of color in Presbyterian-related colleges such as Stillman College in Alabama. This offering can be made by noting Christmas Joy Offering in the memo line of a check to Grace Church. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

*Thank you on behalf of  
Grace Presbyterian Church.*

*Liz Bradner and Freddie Delamain,  
Witness & Ministry Team*



**The offering deadline is Sunday, December 19. An envelope is included below for your contribution. You may drop it in the plate, bring it to the office or mail it. You may also donate on the *Way's to Give* page of the website, [www.gracewc.org](http://www.gracewc.org).**

If you need help with anything on the "Ways to Give" page, contact Linda Neyer, Treasurer, at [gracepresbytreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:gracepresbytreasurer@gmail.com) or 925-433-5456; or Faye Hutchings, Financial Secretary, at 925-588-3527 or [afhutchings@sbcglobal.net](mailto:afhutchings@sbcglobal.net).



# The Giving Tree 2021

Every Christmas Season, Grace Presbyterian Church members and friends have donated to the Giving Tree in the Narthex. Your Witness & Ministry Team has chosen the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties to benefit from this offering. Since the Food Bank has enhanced purchasing power, the team has decided to do a cash collection this year. Look for the tree and “ornaments” to appear right after Thanksgiving.

Pick an envelope off the tree and place cash or check into the Giving Envelope. **You may place this in the collection plate or drop it off to Judy in the office by Dec. 12.** Thank you for your contribution.

*Liz Bradner, Freddie Delamain, Marlene Hall, Bob Flegel, Witness & Ministry Team*

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We are very thankful for our faithful and generous Grace community. As we are in our giving season, we want to remind you of various options for giving. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Neyer, Treasurer, or Faye Hutchings, Financial Secretary. Thank you! All this detail and more can be found on the *Ways to Give* page of the website: [www.gracewc.org](http://www.gracewc.org).

## GIVING OPTIONS

### CASH AND CHECKS

Drop off your cash or check contributions in the Sunday Offering plate, or mail to the church.

### ONLINE GIVING

Grace Church offers several ways for you to make secure online donations or other payments using these different methods:

### AUTOMATIC BANK PAY

Set this up with your financial institution. Check with them for details on their online banking features.

### ZELLE

[zellpay.com](http://zellpay.com) – Allows you to easily transfer funds directly from your bank to Grace’s bank without any fee. Once you are enrolled in Zelle you can select our special email [GPCZelle@gmail.com](mailto:GPCZelle@gmail.com) to send money directly Grace’s bank account. Please include a memo entry describing the purpose of your donation.

### ONLINE PORTAL

Online Giving to Grace – Quick, easy and secure with our widely used online portal. Contributions can be made using a credit card or transfer from your bank checking/savings account. You will not pay any fees with online giving, however, Grace does incur minimal transaction fees when receiving online donations.

### GIVING STOCK

To contribute stock to Grace, there are three easy steps: Contact your broker to arrange the transfer. *Be sure to indicate that you want to transfer shares, and not to sell and give cash.* Shares should be transferred to the church’s Charles Schwab account. Call or email the church office or Treasurer for account details and to notify the stock has been transferred and who the stock is coming from. *Consult with your tax professional regarding your particular situation and potential limitations.*

### BEQUESTS

Together with your personal advisors you create documents that make Grace Presbyterian Church a beneficiary. We can also put you in touch with a representative of the Presbyterian Foundation who is available for consultation. The Presbyterian Foundation offers Charitable Trusts. These advisors can acquaint you with the tax benefits which may be achieved through careful advance planning.

### VOLUNTEER TIME AND TALENTS

Grace members are very generous with their time and talents, and we welcome anyone to join us!