



## Methods For Giving

There are several ways in which you can contribute to this Capital Campaign.

1. **Check:** You may write a check made out to the Sturgeon Bay United Methodist Church. In the memo portion of the check indicate "Capital Campaign". Also make sure we have your address so that we can thank you and send you a confirmation for tax purposes. We would also ask that you fill out a "**Commitment Card**". One can be downloaded from this web-site
2. **Text giving** is also available. Please follow these steps.
  1. Text to 73256
  2. type in **Sturgeonbayumcccapitalcampaign**
  3. You will receive a message from Realm
  4. Click on the selected text and then follow the instructions
  5. Upon completion you will get an immediate response thanking you for your donation.
  6. We would also ask you to fill out a commitment card if you wish to make more than one donation.
3. **Electronic Giving:** If you are a church member and would like to donate electronically other than by TEXT, someone would be happy to show you how to use Realm ( our church financial software). Using Realm allows you to get up to date information of your financial giving and allows you to update any scheduled giving.
4. **Website Donation** - is also possible. On the home page of the website [SturgeonBayUM-C.org](http://SturgeonBayUM-C.org) you will find a "Donation Button". If you click on that button you will have an opportunity to donate to a number of different funds. The default fund at this time is the Capital Campaign. You will be directed to the Realm site. There you can give using a credit card or checking account.
5. **Stocks and IRA's:** Giving through the use of stocks or IRA's
  1. Gifts of appreciated assets especially common stocks will allow you to avoid capital gains tax although you will not be able to use it as a tax deduction.
  2. If you are older than 70 1/2 years and have an IRA, you must take a MRD (Minimum Required Distribution). This is taxable income. You can give a portion of MRD as a gift to a charity and not have it count as taxable income.
  3. The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation can offer advice and minimal (or in many cases) no cost for selling donated assets.
  4. If you have questions and would like assistance you may contact the church office at 920-743-3241 and someone can get back to you to help.