

NEW SCRIP GIFT CARD PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH



Our Church Council decided to implement a new, ongoing fundraiser for our church called Scrip. Through Scrip, the church can raise money when our members and friends use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases, like gas and groceries, instead of credit or debit cards, cash, or checks.

Let's use groceries as an example. 3% is the average return on grocery gift cards. Essentially, you purchase a \$100 gift card for Piggly Wiggly (for example) through the church's Scrip program and the church receives \$3. You still get the full \$100 value of the card, but the church has received \$3 for something you would have been buying anyway. We know, it still doesn't sound like a lot. However, the average person spends over \$2,500 a year in groceries. If you were to use a gift card purchased through the church's Scrip program for all those groceries, it equals \$75. And if a church our size were to have 100 people use the gift cards purchased through Scrip we'd have a fundraiser of \$7,500 which begins to rival our most successful fundraisers. Again, for grocery items you would have been buying anyway. Click to visit ShopwithScrip.com.

Plus, there is much more; there are 100's of gift cards you can purchase for retail stores and online merchants, restaurants, gas stations, entertainment, even flights and travel purchases; and each can be turned into a small percentage of money coming directly to help the church. Your purchase of graduation gifts, Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, wedding gifts can all become ways through which the church receives a small percentage of the total. It really does begin to add up, especially when you consider this is not "new" spending, just doing the usual things, but being mindful of an opportunity to help us out.

We thank Jennifer Dimmer and Rhonda Thompson who will be our church Scrip Coordinators. They will be available for a Scrip Info Session during Fellowship Hour on May 15 and May 22 in the Dennett Room to help people sign up online as well as to answer any questions.



MINISTRY OPTIONS 2022 SURVEY - THANKS!

Thank you to the 45+ people who filled out one of our "Ministry Options 2022" surveys. It was exciting to see people step forward to help with the ongoing work and service of the church. It takes many hands to carry out the great variety of ministries our church takes on over the course of a year. The team leaders on Council will receive the names and contact information of people who volunteered to help in their areas. So you should hear from one or two of those leaders over the next several weeks as we begin to make connections and discern how we can make sure everyone gets a chance to serve. This is not a "one and done" survey, we hope to put it to work again next year with revisions on what new opportunities are on the horizon in 2023 and beyond.