



HOW CAN I GIVE?

PLEDGE CARDS: Let the church know what you can give weekly, monthly or annually. You can pay with a check or cash using church envelopes. Drop your pledge in the offering plate or mail to the Church office.

Mailing address: First Congregational Church
 1009 Main Street
 Branford, CT 06405

SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING: Sign up for electric giving with your bank or use the Church's program. For the church program – see the link to Electronic Giving.

SECURITY TRANSFERS: Possibly the most tax advantageous way to give to First Congregational Church; this method is used by many. To receive details of how to transfer your securities to the Church, please contact : Maria Hopkins, Bookkeeper at 488-7201 (mhopkins@firstcongregationalbranford.org) or leave a message at the Church for the Treasurer to contact you. Most importantly you need to have a conversation with Maria Hopkins or the Church Treasurer to ensure that they know your giving plan and for which pledge year you are transferring stock.

ANNUAL LUMP SUM: Giving lump sum amounts at the end of this year designated for 2010 could help your 2009 tax deduction. You should discuss this with your accountant.

EMPLOYER MATCH: Many companies offer matching gift programs to their employees, and some offer the option to retirees. These companies will send a donation that matches, doubles or maybe even triples the amount an employee gives. First Congregational Church is recognized as a tax exempt 501(C)(3) non-profit charitable organization.