

GIVING THROUGH TITHE.LY

You have three options for giving to OUC through Tithe.ly:

- OUC Private Facebook
- OUC webpage
- Tithe.ly app

These options all seem to be fairly easy and use-friendly. Whichever you use, it is important to point out that no online giving platform is free, but Tithe.ly is one of the most economical. They only charge a relatively small per transaction fee, unlike some platforms that charge a set-up fee and/or monthly fee. Here are the fees for Tithe.ly:

- **Direct transfers from your bank:** 1% of the donation, plus \$0.30 per transaction
- **Debit card, VISA, MasterCard, or Discover:** 2.9%, plus \$0.30 per transaction
- **American Express:** 3.5%, , plus \$0.30 per transaction

These fees aren't charged to you, but they come out of your offering amount. Anytime you give through Tithe.ly, you can click on an option to cover those fees yourself, which will then add the fees to your total. That way, the church receives all of your original, intended donation.

Using the OUC Private Facebook Link or OUC Webpage

The following link is available under the "About" link in our *OUC Together (Private) Facebook page*: tithe.ly/give?c=1308013. You also can select the "Give" link from top of the *Oglesby Union Church webpage* at oglesbyunionchurch.com or go directly to oglesbyunionchurch.com/giving.php, and then click on the green "Give" button. Either the Facebook or webpage option directs you to a Tithe.ly giving page for OUC that allows you to make a one-time donation or create a Tithe.ly account by clicking "Sign Up." I encourage you to create an account so you can designate your offering to multiple OUC funds and access your giving records through Tithe.ly. To create an account, you will enter your name, e-mail address, a password, and a PIN.

You'll also notice a menu in the upper left corner of the giving page when you log into your account. This menu gives you a home tab with a "Give Now" link, as well as links to your recent giving, payment methods, and logging out.

Using the Tithe.ly App

Download the free Tithe.ly app from wherever you get your apps. It should be available for both Apple and Android. The first time you use the app, you'll be asked to create an account by entering your name, e-mail address, a password, and a PIN. The app also provides a menu for recent giving, payment methods, etc. Once you create your account, click on "Give Now."

Important Note for All Options

Make sure you are giving to the right church. The first time you give, you may have to search for our church. The default might be a church that is closer to you than OUC that also uses Tithe.ly, especially if you allow the app to use your location. After the first time, OUC should be the default for you, but it won't hurt to double-check.

To Make Your Donation

Whichever option you are using, once you have your account set up and are logged in, follow these steps:

1. Enter the amount.
2. Choose the fund (the first choice should be Envelope—Regular General Fund Giving, but you can choose from several funds, including ones for individual missionaries). **NOTE:** This giving option allows you to split up your giving by clicking on “+” and adding another amount for a different fund(s). Another option is just to select Envelope and specify the breakdown in the Memo line.
3. Choose whether or not you want the donation to be recurring (happening automatically on a regular basis). **NOTE:** This option is only available if you have designated just one fund.
4. Choose your method (Card or Bank) and enter your information for that method.
5. Click on “Cover Fees” (optional, but helpful and appreciated).
6. Enter your envelope number if you have one (optional, but helpful for our record-keeping).
7. Add a note in the memo line if needed to explain what funds you want your giving to go.
8. Click on “Give.”
9. Look for a confirmation e-mail.

Questions?

If you have any questions or experience any problems with Tithely, feel free to contact me at locky8206@gmail.com or 815-545-5836. I'd also be interested in any feedback you have on the experience, positive or negative.

Thanks,

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