



Automated Giving Options

Three convenient ways to give to Lanier United Methodist Church

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At Lanier United Methodist Church, your generosity is the heartbeat of our ministry. It allows us to support our neighbors and grow our faith together. Setting up automatic giving is a simple, reliable way to support the church — it takes just a few minutes and ensures your contributions arrive consistently, freeing you from having to remember each week.

Option 1: Automated Bank Bill Pay (see form below)

Scheduling recurring payments through your bank's online Bill Pay is typically just a few taps or clicks. Your bank sends the check directly to the church on a schedule you set — no third-party service fees involved.

How to set it up:

Step 1: Log into your online banking site.

Step 2: Find your accounts overview page and look for a Pay (Bill Pay) or Transfer tab. Select Bill Pay or Pay Bills.

Step 3: If Lanier United Methodist Church is a new payee you may need to add them. Your banking site will have instructions. Once set up, you can add reminders and/or recurring payments.

Step 4: Add your payment amount and desired delivery date. Look for an "AutoPay" option to set up recurring payments.

Step 5: Your bank should give you a confirmation once your payment has been scheduled or set up.

Payee information for your bank:

Legal name: Lanier United Methodist Church **Phone:** 770-887-0615

Mailing address: 1979 Buford Highway, Cumming, Georgia 30041

Option 2: Online Electronic Giving

You can give electronically through our secure giving portal, powered by Vanco. This allows you to make a one-time gift or set up recurring automated giving using a credit card, debit card, or bank account (ACH). It takes just a few minutes and your gift goes directly to the church.

Why it's a great option:

- **Convenient:** Give any time, from anywhere, on any device.
- **Flexible:** Choose a one-time or recurring gift; designate to specific funds.
- **Secure:** Vanco is a trusted church payment platform with bank-level security.

*Note: Use of Vanco online payments does incur fees. The payment system will allow you to cover **most** of the fees if you would like. Also note that an ACH transfer has a lower fee than a credit card transfer.*

How to give online:

Step 1: Visit our giving page at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZYR6/home> or scan the QR code below, or visit our church website at www.lanierumc.org and find the Giving link.

Step 2: Select the fund you wish to support (General Budget, Building, Missions, etc.).

Step 3: Enter your gift amount and choose one-time or recurring frequency (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly).

Step 4: Enter your payment information (credit/debit card or bank account) and confirm. You will receive an email confirmation.



Scan to Give Online:

Scan with your smartphone camera to go directly to our giving page at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZYR6/home>

Option 3: Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from Your IRA

Are you 70½ or older and do you hold a qualified IRA? If so, you may be eligible for this tax-smart giving method. A QCD allows you to transfer money directly from your IRA to the church. Some financial institutions allow this transfer to be automated. Because the funds go directly to our ministry, they are not counted as taxable income for you. Please see our separate QCD information sheet for full details and forms.

Key benefits at a glance:

- **Tax Savings:** Lowers your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), which can help keep you in a lower tax bracket.
- **Satisfies RMDs:** A QCD counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) requirement.
- **No itemizing required:** You benefit even if you take the standard deduction. QCD transfers can be scheduled to automate your giving.
- **No fees:** Most banks and brokerages do not require fees for QCD transfers.

Information for your IRA custodian:

Legal name: Lanier United Methodist Church

Federal EIN: 58-2402769

Mailing address: 1979 Buford Highway, Cumming, Georgia 30041

Church office phone: 770-887-0615

To give using a QCD, please use the QCD giving form on the church website.

Questions? Please contact the church office at 770-887-0615 or visit our website at www.lanierumc.org. We are grateful for your generous support of our ministry and mission.

Option 1 Giving Form: Automated Bank Bill Pay

Thank you for supporting the church with your tax-deductible giving! Automated Bank Bill Pay is handled by the giver as described in "Automated Giving Option Details" slide. Please fill-out the form below and send to the church to notify of intent to automate payments from your bank.

Please fill in and return as indicated

Some fields are for the giver, some for the church office.

Giver Recordkeeping & advisor notes (giver completes with tax preparer)

Tax year: _____

I plan to give to the church using my bank's automated bill pay system per the following:

Donor name	
Mailing address	
Email / phone	
Bank Name	
Approx. amount	
Scheduled arrival date (first payment)	
Scheduled to be paid: (circle one)	Weekly / Monthly / Annually / Other (describe)
Designation (General / other)	
Acknowledgment	I understand the church will acknowledge this gift; I rely on my tax advisor for tax information.
Church Information	Legal name: Lanier United Methodist Church Federal EIN: 58-2402769 Mailing address: 1979 Buford Highway, Cumming, Georgia 30041 Church office phone: 770-887-0615

Church use only — acknowledgment tracking

Written acknowledgment required and sent: ☐ Yes ☐ N/A Sent date: _____ Initials: _____