

2026 Pledging Instructions

To pledge for 2026, you may either pledge online (encouraged!) via the church's Realm software, or complete and return the enclosed pledge card.

To pledge online:

1. Log in to your Realm account.

One way to do this is to go to the church website (wblumc.org) and click on **MEMBERS REALM** on the top right corner of the church's web page. If you don't know your password or haven't set one up, click **Forgot your password?** A password will be emailed to you. Alternatively, you can use the RealmConnect app on your phone. For help with your Realm account, email jim.lindner@wblumc.org, or leave a message at the church office, (651) 429-9026, and someone will get back to you.

2. If the heading of the left column is **Connect**, go to step 3. If the heading of the left column is **Realm**, click the down arrow next to **Realm** and click **Connect**.

3. Click **Giving** in the left column to go to your **Giving** screen. Click the **+Pledge** box.

If you did not pledge for 2025, you'll see both a purple box to pledge for 2026 and a green box for 2025. Select the purple box. Do not pledge now for 2025!

Enter the **amount** and **frequency** you wish to give during 2026. Hint: "As can" frequency means your gift amounts and/or giving frequency may be irregular.

Look at the **total pledge** amount to be sure it is what you intend. Click **Save Pledge**.

4. Next screen

Click **Finish**. You will immediately receive an email confirmation with details of your pledge. THANK YOU!

If you plan to pay by check (or a check sent by your financial institution), you're done.

NOTE: Online giving does not automatically continue into 2026. If you plan to give online in 2026, it will need to be set up even if you currently give online and are not changing your pledge!

To set up your 2026 online giving, check the appropriate box on your pledge card, email jim.lindner@wblumc.org to have Director of Operations Jim Lindner set it up for you, or follow instructions on the reverse side of this page.

To Set Up 2026 Automatic Recurring Gifts in Realm

NOTE: Setting up your automatic recurring gifts is NOT the same thing as pledging. WBLUMC will not know of your pledge unless you either complete and turn in a pledge card or pledge online (instructions on the other side of this page).

1. From your Realm **Giving** screen (see other side, steps 1-3), click **+Give**.

2. Next screen: **How much would you like to give?**

You are about to set up regular recurring gifts of the same amount and at the same frequency throughout 2026. The amount and frequency of gifts should match the pledge you made.

Enter the **amount** of each gift. Click on **GIVE MULTIPLE TIMES**. Click on the **frequency** at which you plan to give.

The **Start date** (date of your first gift) defaults to **TODAY**. For your **2026 recurring gift**, you will need to change the date. To do this, click anywhere on this **Start date** field. Click on your preferred date for your first gift in 2026. For example, for a monthly gift on the tenth of each month, click on January 10, 2026. Please don't choose a date later than the 25th of the month.

Click on **+END**. In the **End date** field, enter 12/31/2026. (If you fail to do this, staff will do it for you later.)

Click **CONTINUE**.

3. Next screen: **How would you like to give?**

Under **payment method** choose any bank account you have previously set up, or you will have the option to set up a new one. Giving from a bank account is strongly encouraged due to the high fees the church is charged on credit card transactions. If you do opt to give by credit card, you will be asked to contribute an extra 3% to help cover processing costs.

Click the **Give** box, which will also show the amount of your first gift. You will immediately receive an on-screen thank you and an email confirmation of your 2026 online giving details.