

Tips on year-end giving

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Have you considered the tax benefits of giving appreciated stock to fulfill or increase your 2016 pledge and Capital Campaign pledge? The process is really simple! Contact Joy Hansen at 612/977-1265 or joyh@plymouth.org, or go to our website: www.plymouth.org. Click on the **Giving** button at the top of the page and then click on “Gifting Stocks.” Plymouth’s account number with Charles Schwab is #3429-0850, DTC #0164.

IMPORTANT TAX TIPS

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2016 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible; please check your statement to confirm before you file your taxes. To qualify for a 2016 tax-deductible stock gift, be sure your stockbroker/advisor has initiated the transfer of shares to Plymouth’s account by Dec. 31, 2016.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

The Accounting Department will gladly accept your year-end contributions through Dec. 31. Please plan ahead. The building will be open the usual hours Dec. 28-30, but the church office is closed Dec. 31. IRS regulations state that gifts must be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to receive 2016 tax credit. Please clearly mark your envelope “2016” for these year-end gifts. We are unable to give 2016 tax credit for checks that are not received by staff at the church or postmarked by Dec. 31. If you have any questions, contact Joy Hansen at 612/977-1265 or joyh@plymouth.org.

CHECK YOUR ACCOUNT ONLINE

To log into your account:

Please go to the Plymouth website (www.plymouth.org).

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the “**Member Login**” link under “**Quick Links.**”

On the page that opens, enter your email or user name and your password.

You’ll be taken to your overview page.

View your pledge or giving:

From your overview page, find the “My Giving Summary” section.

Click the “My Giving History” or “My Pledge History” link.

YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE, TOO!

There is another way to give to Plymouth. Go to www.plymouth.org and click on the **Act** button at the top of the page. Then click on “Give.” This will take you to a secure server where you can put in your donation amount and bank and/or credit card information. After you submit, you will get a confirmation email and the amount will show up on your bank statement/credit card statement, payable to Plymouth Church. You can give a one-time gift, or set up a profile and designate a recurring gift. It’s that simple. If you have any questions, please contact Joy Hansen.

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to Plymouth Congregational Church!