

Scrip Program Annual Report 2018-2019

Scrip = “something that is not currency but that can be used in the same way as money” (Cambridge English Dictionary), such as a gift or debit card. **By using scrip, congregants earn free money for the church while buying what they need to buy anyway.** Over 700 retailers participate in the program, offering rebates from 2 to 16%. Our mission was to earn \$7000 last year, and we earned somewhat more than that. If more congregants participated, we could easily raise this number to \$25,000. All it takes is “intention.” Some notes:

- Arbor Farms is sending us about \$190 each month, just for saying “I support First UU” as you check out (no scrip needed).
- More families are placing online orders with Great Lakes Scrip. This earns them rebates that can be itemized on their income taxes.
- Meijer and Whole Foods scrip (3% rebate) continue to be very popular, as well as People’s Food Co-op (5%) and Speedway (4%).
- Busch’s and Kroger’s programs link customer loyalty cards to the church when registered online.
- Amazon Smile purchases are adding up. Remember to order through Smile - and use Amazon scrip from the Scrip Program to pay for the order.

I am so grateful for the reliable regulars – Barb Dinan, Jo Dodge, Sara Gibb, Cindy Krueger, Sara Mathews, and Becky Swank. I am especially grateful for the loyal efforts of

- • Jo Dodge, who helps out multiple times each month, and
- • Becky Swank, who fills in for me when I am out of town and publicizes Scrip Table news

You can help, too. Figure out where you regularly spend your money (groceries, gas, pharmacy, restaurants, household goods, etc.), then come talk to us – especially if you have a major purchase in mind!

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