

Scrip Program Annual Report 2019-2020

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%. Even though coronavirus has made it difficult to deal with physical gift cards, the organization Shop with Scrip is still filling online orders for ScripNow! and reloads.

Some notes:

- Arbor Farms is sending us about \$160 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 scrip (3% rebate) continues 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.
- Whole Foods and Plum Market have dropped out of the scrip program. If you still have scrip from them, you might consider using them up.

I am so grateful for the reliable regulars –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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