

Our Grocery Card Fundraiser

Our Grocery (Gift) Card fundraiser continues to be an easy way for all of us to augment our church givings without any additional cost to us, the participants. Through the co-operation of Sobeys and NoFrills, each of us is able to place an order for Gift Cards approximately every 6 weeks. Grand Bend United Church takes these orders and places a bulk order and as such is able to purchase them at a discount of up to 5%. The discount depends on the size of the order.

How do our Church and each of us benefit? The church gets the benefit of the discount and each participant gets an income tax receipt at the end of the year representing his/her portion of that discount.

The following is an example. Consider that our Church's total order qualifies for a 5% discount. A participant in this plan orders, through GBUC, a \$100 gift card from one of the stores. The Church pays \$95 for the card and keeps \$5 as the fundraiser. The participant receives the card to buy \$100 worth of goods and qualifies for a \$5 tax receipt. If this same order was repeated several times a year, it would result in a significant fundraising venture for the church and a considerable tax receipt for the participant.

We all buy groceries and these cards provide you with the easiest and quickest method of paying for all of your own groceries at the checkout. Swipe the card and you're done. No PIN, no signature, no fumbling with cash. Any balance remaining on the card can be used for your next purchase. Ideally, participants would order enough cards to pay for their groceries for the 6 week interval but that's up to you.

Cards are available in denominations of \$50, \$100 and \$250. Sobeys cards can be used at Foodland, Price Chopper and IGA as well as Sobeys while President's Choice cards can be used at NoFrills, Independent, Valu-mart, Loblaws and Zehrs stores.

To place an order, simply fill in an order form which can be found on the church website, at back of the church or by emailing diprocter@hotmail.com. A cheque payable to GBUC must accompany your order and can be post-dated to the date of the order deadline. Orders are then mailed or given to Doug or Debbie Procter or left at the church office.

For quickest turn around time, we take the orders to the stores on Sunday afternoon and are usually in our hands by Thursday of the same week. They may be picked up at our house any time after that or at church on the following Sunday. Please notify us if you need to make alternate pickup arrangements.

The chart below shows the order dates for 2011. Please don't hesitate to call us at 519 238-2973 if you have any questions.

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Order Deadline	Pickup Date (at Sunday service)
Sunday, January 23, 2011	Sunday, January 30, 2011
Sunday, March 6, 2011	Sunday, March 13, 2011
Sunday, April 17, 2011	Sunday, April 24, 2011
Sunday, May 29, 2011	Sunday, June 5, 2011
Sunday, July 10, 2011	Sunday, July 17, 2011
Sunday, August 14, 2011	Sunday, August 21, 2011
Sunday, September 25, 2011	Sunday, October 2, 2011
Sunday, November 6, 2011	Sunday, November 13, 2011
Sunday, December 11, 2011	Sunday, December 18, 2011