

“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:20-21

First United Methodist Church Endowment Fund

First United Methodist Church has established an Endowment Fund to support the needs and expand the ministries of our congregation well into the future.

The Endowment Fund is a responsible way to manage our church’s finances. The fund is permanent, with the intention of generating valuable annual income to help support the church. Only the interest generated by the fund will be used. The principal will remain untouched. This will help ensure the long-term financial stability and continued growth of First Church for future generations.

Why Support the Endowment Fund?

An Endowment Fund is a good way for First Church to say:

- We believe in the future of First Church.
- We want to be guided in our stewardship by the belief that any wealth we possess is a trust from God.
- We want to build a sense of permanence in what we do.
- We want to be good stewards as a church family, even as we expect each member to be a good steward.
- We want to go the extra mile in providing programs and services that formerly, due to budget constraints, were only dreams.
- We want to create a heritage that future generations can celebrate as joyfully as we celebrate our rich heritage today.

Giving Options and Recognition

- Cash contribution
- Bequest to First Church in your will
- Charitable gift annuity (provides income to you for life)
- Memorial gifts
- Life insurance policy, naming First Church as the beneficiary
- Gift of real estate

- Transfer of assets, such as appreciated stocks, to First Church

Those who contribute to the Endowment Fund will be included in The Centennial Society in recognition of their support.

Gifts of at least \$10,000 can be designated to a specific program or purpose, subject to the Endowment Fund Committee's approval.

All gifts are tax deductible.

For More Information

To learn more about supporting the Endowment Fund, call the church at (717) 766-4611. Bob Bittenbender, chair of the Endowment Committee, or our pastors will be glad to assist you.