

# LEGACY FUND THE PERMANENT ENDOWMENT OF FIRST CHURCH

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The LEGACY FUND is the permanent endowment of First United Methodist Church. Gifts given to the fund are invested, and each year, only a portion of the *earnings* is spent. All other earnings are reinvested to ensure that the endowment grows over time. In this way, the LEGACY FUND becomes a perpetual source of funding for ministry at First United Methodist Church.

Your gifts to the LEGACY FUND are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes, and bequests, legacies, and all gifts of value are generally exempt from federal estate and gift taxes. The Endowment Fund needs gifts of all sizes, and there are many ways to give.

## WHY GIVE?

- You believe in the future of our church.
- You believe that what we have is a trust from God.
- You believe in being good stewards as a church family.
- You believe in building a sense of permanence in what we do.

## THE IMPACT

The LEGACY FUND fund's annual distribution is used to support ministries beyond the normal church budget. Since its inception, the LEGACY FUND has distributed thousands of dollars to missions, children and youth, music and worship programs, scholarships, and made many thousands of dollars in improvements to our facility.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A gift of any size makes a difference. Gifts are pooled in the fund and have a cumulative effect in making even the smallest gift significant. Every gift contributes to the overall growth of the principal, which compounds the return on investment. As a result, a gift to the LEGACY FUND endures forever.

## WAYS TO GIVE

Your gift to the LEGACY FUND supports the long-term life of our church and lays the foundation for a legacy for future generations. There are many ways to give. Here are a few:

- Cash
- Stocks
- Bonds
- Real Estate: Give the property in whole or keep the annual income until death
- Bequeath a portion of your estate to the LEGACY FUND in your will
- Designate the LEGACY FUND as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy

Gifts greater than \$10,000 may be designated for a specific purpose.

**If you are interested in exploring creative ways to give, contact:**

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