

What Can I Give?

Gifts of all sizes and types are needed by the Foundation. In addition to gifts of cash, you can donate marketable stocks, bonds and other securities. Real estate, life insurance and even personal property can be donated under appropriate circumstances. Whatever your gift, the proceeds from its sale will become a part of the Foundation's endowment assets.

Gifts to the Foundation are deductible as charitable contributions like other gifts to our Church. Please consult your personal tax advisory concerning deductibility of your gift for Federal income tax purposes.

How Can I Give?

Gifts may be made on a current or deferred basis. Current gifts are made now for immediate investment by the Foundation, with earnings used to fund the Church's ministry. Deferred gifts (sometimes called planned gifts) are also welcome, and are often structured to serve the needs of the giver now and benefit the Church at a later date. Some examples are:

- ◆ **Gifts through Wills**, also known as bequests, which can be for a stipulated amount, a percentage of one's estate or a residual amount. Often such gifts can be accomplished with minimal changes to your will.
- ◆ **Charitable Gift Annuities**, which provide the donor payments for life, as well as tax benefits, and will ultimately benefit our endowment.
- ◆ **Charitable Remainder Trusts**, that benefit the donor or others and upon maturity distribute any remaining assets to the Foundation.
- ◆ **Remainder Interests in Real Estate**, such as a current gift of one's home, with a retained life estate for the life of the donor.

Through our gifts to the Foundation we bear witness to our belief:

- ◆ in the future of *our Church*.
- ◆ that what we have is a *trust from God*.
- ◆ in building a *sense of permanence* in what we do.
- ◆ in being *good stewards* as a Church family.
- ◆ in *providing ministries* that were once only dreams.
- ◆ in *continuing the heritage* we enjoy for future generations.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN FOUNDATION

*A Call to
Witness...*



Call to Witness

Christ has called us to witness to others the love we have for our neighbor. As we give of ourselves and our resources, we unite our faith with action and help bring the hope of Christ to the world. Through our gifts to the First United Methodist Church of Georgetown Foundation, we can both build an endowment to support future ministries and reaffirm our belief in the future of our Church and its role in the lives of generations to come.

What Is the FUMC Georgetown Foundation?

The First United Methodist Church of Georgetown Foundation (the *Foundation*) is a nonprofit corporation initially formed in 1988, and the role and ministry of which was substantially expanded in 2006. The purpose of the Foundation is to encourage charitable gifts for endowments, establish and manage such endowments and to assist the Church in its mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. The Foundation does this through the investment of endowment funds and the distribution of income to further the Church's ministries now and in the future.

The Foundation is managed by a Board of Directors selected through our local Church nominations process. The Board is composed of the Administrative Council chair, the Board of Trustees chair, the Finance Committee chair, three at-large members and a Chairperson of the Foundation, all selected from our congregation.



Foundation Endowment Funds

The Foundation has three types of endowment funds. They are:

- ◆ **Permanent Facilities Fund:** This fund has been established as an endowment to provide funds for maintenance, repair and upkeep of Church property.
- ◆ **General Endowment Fund:** The general endowment fund provides support for virtually any ministry of the Church. Use of income earned in the general fund requires the approval of the Foundation Board, on receipt of a request from the Finance Committee and with concurrence of the Administrative Council. This fund allows the Church the most flexibility in addressing needs both now and in the future.
- ◆ **Designated Funds:** Particularly suited for large gifts and operating much like the General Endowment Fund, each designated fund produces income in support of a designated ministry, program or project. Donors may, with the approval of the Foundation Board, designate that income from their endowment be used for such things as:
 - ⇒ Youth Ministry
 - ⇒ Music
 - ⇒ Outreach Ministries
 - ⇒ Scholarships
 - ⇒ Pastors' Discretionary Fund
 - ⇒ New Ministry Initiatives

Can I Make a Difference?

Yes, you can. Each person's gift to the Foundation is an important witness to the future ministry of the Church. Because both large and small gifts are pooled, they can have a cumulative and dramatic effect on the Church and its ministry.

When individuals make a **memorial gift** to the Foundation in remembrance of a family member or friend or a **tribute gift** recognizing special occasions or achievements, they help build resources that will support ministry for years to come. Gifts to the Foundation are a lasting way to witness to our love of others and extend that love to future generations.

Making a Gift

If you would like to discuss a current or deferred gift to the Foundation, please contact any member of the Foundation's leadership team. The Chairperson of the Foundation, Bill Rogers, or FUMC Senior Pastor, Jim Porter, would be pleased to meet with you on a confidential basis at any time to discuss the Foundation and how your gift can have a lasting impact on our Church. If you have an interest, please contact:

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