



Loving Gifts that Keep on Giving



When our time on earth ends, most Americans give their remaining assets to the people they love and to organizations that have been important in their lives. For most of us, St. Paul’s Methodist Church has been that important organization in our lives.

Now, three different funds have been established that assure St. Paul’s will go on serving the faith community long after we are gone. Please consider a gift of bequest that most closely meets your interests from one or more of these funds.

<i>Fund Option</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Great for</i>	<i>Invested as</i>	<i>Examples</i>
St. Paul’s Memorial Fund	To provide a vehicle that will hold temporary gifts intended for a specific purpose	Gifts now or later honoring people, anniversaries, birthdays, special occasions, etc.	Short term, low risk vehicle intended for rapid turnaround	Purchase needs of the church from the wish list honoring someone or acknowledging an anniversary....Hymnals, baptismal, choir robes, etc.
St. Paul’s Legacy Fund	To provide ongoing support with an “unrestricted” gift where interest earnings are used to support annual needs, and the principle might be used for major future projects	Support of annual needs, but principle might be used for big projects in the future	Balanced funds with longer term horizon and good projected returns	Provide regular support from annual interest earnings with the possibility that principle may be used for large future projects like an addition, a new church, a new roof or some other major project
St. Paul’s Angel Fund	To provide ongoing support with a “restricted” gift where only interest earnings can be used so the gift will never be exhausted	Support of what is deemed the greatest needs of the future and the knowledge that the gift will go on giving	More aggressive vehicles with greatest long term returns	A gift with the knowledge that the gift will go on giving forever

If this is something you wish to do, talk with you financial advisor, your attorney, your life insurance agent, or simply call the church office for advice. See the reverse side for ideas and examples of how you might consider making a Memorial, Legacy or Angel gift that will protect the future of St. Paul’s.

Types of Gifts to Consider

Outright Gifts

Honorary Gifts – Contributions to any of the St. Paul's future funds can honor an individual, and organization, a family, etc.

- Celebrate and honor a living person
- Acknowledge a birthday or an anniversary
- Say thank you for a job well done
- Just because

Memorial Gifts – Contributions to any of the St. Paul's future funds can serve as a memorial.

- Memorialize a family member, a friend, a member when they pass on.
- Ask that a church future fund be named as a memorial for you when your days on earth have ended.

Gifts of Cash – The simplest way to make a contribution to one of the church's future funds for any reason at all and at any time.

Gifts of Stocks and Bonds – Consider equities, and especially appreciated stocks where you can turn gains into an investment in the church while qualifying for a tax deduction on the full market value.

Gifts of Real Estate or other Valuable Property – A gift of real estate or other property is an ideal way to attain a level of giving one might never think possible, while receiving maximum tax deductions. This would make the work of one's executor much easier, also.

Gifts of Life Insurance – Life insurance can be used in many ways when no longer needed

- Sign over a life insurance policy to the church and all future premiums can be made as tax exempt gifts.

Remainder Gifts

Life Insurance – Make the Memorial, Legacy or Angel fund a beneficiary (or partial beneficiary) of a life insurance policy.

Bequests by Will – Including a charitable gift to one of the future funds at St. Paul's is a simple way to make a lasting contribution. One (or a combination) of the funds can be named as a beneficiary of a specific amount, or you might consider identifying a particular percentage of your estate that you wish to donate.

Retirement Plan Beneficiaries – Retirement plans provide an opportunity for you to help plan the church's future. They are one of the best assets to transfer to a charity because retirement plans produce taxable income if the donation is given to a non tax exempt entity.

Remainder Trusts – A charitable remainder trust enables one to simultaneously make a charitable gift, enjoy a tax deduction and generate income for you or your family for your lifetime. Upon your death, the remaining assets go to the charity of your designation.