

What Is a Legacy Gift?

A Legacy Gift is a donation you make to the church in your will or estate plan that takes effect upon your death. Gifts can be made to the Endowment Fund or to a designated fund within the Endowment Fund.

With a minimum gift of \$100,000 you and/or your family can start a new designated fund in honor or in memory of someone and designate the purpose of the fund.

The Endowment Fund is intended to continue in perpetuity. Only 5% of the 3-year rolling average of the funds may be spent or set aside each year. By giving to the Endowment Fund, you help insure our church will have the necessary financial support to sustain the life and ministry of DFUMC for future generations.



What Is the Endowment Fund?

The DFUMC Endowment Fund was created in 1974 by resolution of the Charge Conference. It is administered by the Endowment Fund Committee under the supervision of the Church Council. It is an "umbrella" fund within which are several funds designated for particular purposes.

These purposes include:

- Missions
- Maintenance of Physical Facilities
- Scholarships
- Worship and Music
- Children's Ministries
- Support of the Preschool
- Decatur Area Emergency Mission (DEAM)

For a detailed list of funds and their purposes, visit: decaturfirfirst.org/endowment

How Do I Make a Legacy Gift?

BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

Naming DFUMC Endowment Fund as the beneficiary or one of several beneficiaries of a life insurance policy or retirement plan is easy. As a charity, our church will not have to pay the income tax on the retirement funds as would an individual named as beneficiary.

BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL

You can leave a fixed amount or a percentage gift to our church in your will. You can also leave a specific item of property, including real estate or the residual amount left after all other bequests have been paid.

LIFE INCOME PLANS

Life income plans such as charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts may be set up through the Georgia United Methodist Foundation. These allow you to receive an income tax deduction at the time the transfer is made, receive an income for life and give the remainder to our church at your death.

For more information on how to give visit www.gumf.org

A gift to the Endowment Fund should be designated "Decatur First United Methodist Church Endowment Fund."

Would you consider establishing a gift to Decatur First United Methodist Church in your estate plan to insure the health of our church for future generations? If we as United Methodists would leave a tenth of our estates to God, imagine the impact we could have for God's kingdom.

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." {Matthew 6:19-21, NIV}

What will your legacy be? When you enter into God's eternal kingdom, will you leave a witness that you had a heart for God?



Lord, as we remember those who have gone before - those who sacrificed so we could hear the Gospel, those who gave their resources so we could have this place of worship, those who gave of themselves so we could receive Christ - we present our gifts in thanksgiving and praise.

How May We Help You?

- I am interested in receiving more information about planned gifts and estate planning strategies. Please contact me.
- I am interested in including my church in my estate plan. Please contact me to discuss my legacy.
- I have included my church in my estate plan. Please contact me to review my legacy.
- I am unable to consider the church in my estate plans at this time. But you may contact me in the future.

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PHONE _____

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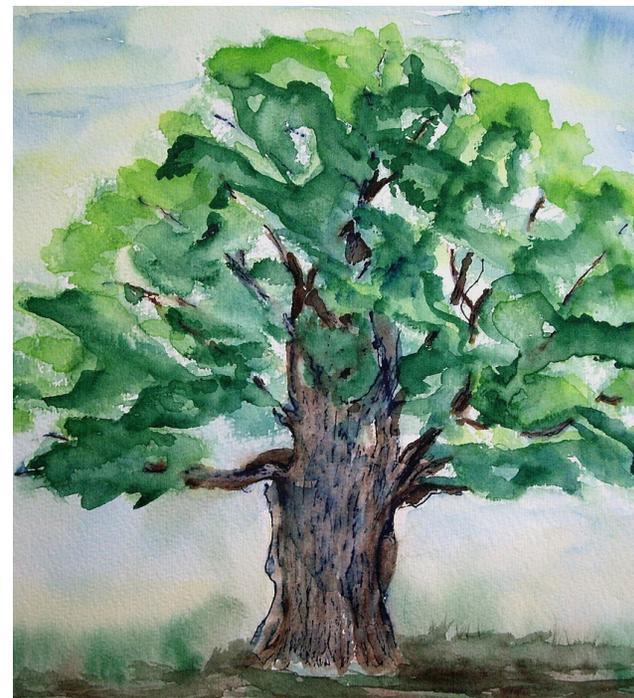
PLEASE NOTE

The purpose of this publication is to provide general information.

You should always consult your professional advisors in connection with any changes to your estate plan.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- **DECATUR FIRST UMC BUSINESS OFFICE**
404-378-4541 | decaturfirfirst.org/endowment
- **GEORGIA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION**
770-449-6726 | www.gumf.org



GROWING OUR GIVING AS WE GROW OUR FAITH

*Have you considered a Legacy Gift to
Decatur First UMC?*

*We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give.
- Winston Churchill*



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