


# Be part of the legacy.

ENDOW  
GRACE



When you think about the **legacy** you will leave behind, do you ever think about the impact it will have? What do your choices say about your beliefs, your priorities, your faith? Do you think about the kind of difference you can make in the world **for generations to come?**

In a truly **enduring** way, you can be a part of the legacy of Grace United Methodist Church. In all likelihood, Grace has been your church for some time—Grace feels like home, the church community like family. Grace has become part of the fabric of your life. You already play an important role in Grace's ability to carry out God's work. By making an **Endowment Gift** to Grace, you can ensure the difference you are already making will continue to have **long-lasting** effect.

Grace's Endowment Committee has established a **perpetual fund** to provide for the church's ongoing financial needs. By using a small portion of the fund value annually, we can ensure that Grace United Methodist Church will be able to minister to the needs of the church today and in the future, thus fulfilling our vision of being transformed by God and transforming the world into a compassionate, Christ-centered community.

Grace's Endowment Funds already make several programs and dreams possible, not just inside the walls of the church but touching lives beyond as well. We thank God for those visionary leaders who remembered these ministries in their **estate planning**, and invite you to consider how you can leave a legacy which will **continue your values and give life to those who come after us.**



# Invest in Grace's future.

*J*ust as you would plan for the future of your family, you can **plan for your church's future** as well. Gifts to the Grace Endowment Funds are **gifts that keep on giving.**

You may **direct your Endowment Gift** to the undesignated General Endowment Fund, or to funds designated for a specific purpose. Or you may request a fund be established born of your own interest (request to be approved by the Endowment Committee). Currently, these **Endowment Funds** are available:

## **Undesignated Funds**

- General Endowment Fund (supporting special needs and ministries)

## **Designated Funds**

- Capital Improvements and Unbudgeted Property Maintenance
- Mission Projects
- K-12 Christian Education, Youth Ministries and Camping
- Worship Ministries
- Music Ministries

Endowment Gifts creating Endowment Funds from the following persons/families are gratefully acknowledged, are part of Grace's endowment program and are accounted for separately: Beckman (Camping); H. Frandson (Youth); and Alma Hendrickson (undesignated).

There are a **variety of ways** you can give to the Grace Endowment Funds—outright gifts, trusts, annuities, life insurance policies or a bequest in your will. In virtually all charitable Contributions there are **tax advantages** to be considered. Your attorney, bank trust officer or financial advisor can assist you in selecting the most advantageous way to make gifts to Endow Grace. **Gifts can be any size**—all gifts no matter the amount or form are honored and appreciated.



# Support Grace in perpetuity.

## How does an Endowment Fund work?

*A*n Endowment Fund is a **long-term investment** in Grace United Methodist Church. The gift amount is invested and the interest earned on the investment is available to use for the benefit of the church. A portion of the interest earnings are also re-invested into the principal to ensure the fund will grow to meet the needs of the future. Because an Endowment Gift does not spend the actual gift principal, you can **guarantee the support of our church in perpetuity.**


## How can I make a gift to Endow Grace?

The most common donations are outright gifts, such as cash or a check, which Grace receives right away. But you may want to hold on to your money and other assets for now, just to be sure you can meet your family's future financial needs. You may be delighted to learn that there are excellent alternatives, which allow you to still make a gift. Some of those options are:

- Living trust
- Bequest in a will
- Life insurance gift
- Retirement plan gift
- Real estate gift
- Charitable remainder annuity trust
- Charitable remainder unitrust
- Charitable gift annuity
- Charitable lead trust

Wisely planned gifts can produce **tax savings and estate protection.**





# The best use of life is to invest in something which will outlast life.

## Why was Endow Grace created?

The Grace Endowment Funds were established for the purpose of providing members and friends opportunities to make charitable gifts to the church that will become a **permanent endowment of financial support and a living memorial**. Grace Endowment Funds are intended for purposes that are not part of Grace's established programs funded through the annual operating budget of the church and the regular giving of its members. Differing from memorial gifts and other types of giving, Endowment Funds do not spend the actual gift principal, thus enabling Endowment Gifts to **provide funds in perpetuity**.

## Why should I make an Endowment Gift?

There are many reasons why. Consider that your Endowment Gift will:

- Preserve the future of our Church, the ministries and facilities that have value to you today.
- Maintain for the future those things that have made a difference in your life.
- Create an enduring legacy that will outlive you and influence succeeding generations.
- Help you discover the deep satisfaction of philanthropy far beyond what you think you can do.
- Give you a share of **tomorrow's Church**.

The Endowment Committee will be glad to discuss with you Endowment Gifts to Grace United Methodist Church. These matters are treated confidentially.

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