

Dearborn First United Methodist Church Endowment Fund

What is the Dearborn First United Methodist Church Endowment Fund?

The endowment fund was created by a motion of the Church Council and subsequent approval by the Church Conference. Its purpose is to provide members and friends the opportunity to make charitable gifts to Dearborn First UMC that will become a permanent source of financial support to support the many ministries of the church. The income from the endowment funds is not intended to support annual operating budgets, but rather, it is intended to provide funds for special projects, programs and emerging ministries.

Why should I consider giving to the Dearborn First UMC Endowment Fund?

Giving to the endowment fund is another way to faithfully steward the gifts and resources God has given to you. It is a way to demonstrate your commitment to Christ and this Church and show your love and support for Dearborn First UMC both now and into the future. Your gift to the endowment fund is a gift that will keep on giving and thereby help assure Dearborn First's future for generations to come. In addition, with good planning and wise counsel, many people discover significant tax savings when making gifts of this nature.

How may I contribute to the church through its Endowment Fund?

You may contribute through a variety of ways depending on your needs and circumstances:

- Gifts at any time: Cash, stocks or property.
- Life Income Gifts: Trusts, Gift Annuities.
- Bequests: (the most common) Naming the church in your Will or Trust.
- Life Insurance: Naming the Church as a Beneficiary.

What happens to my gift to the Dearborn UMC Endowment Fund?

The endowment committee administers the prudent investment of your gift into the permanent Endowment Fund. Your gift, along with the generous gifts of other members and friends of Dearborn First, continues to generate income for the church year after year. **It truly is a gift that keeps on giving!**

What type of impact could I make with a gift to the Dearborn First Endowment Fund?

The choice is yours. You may request your gift go to a specific area (designated) or you may allow church leadership to determine where the resources will have the greatest impact (un-designated).

General Use

You may request the funds be used where they're needed most.

Building

You may request the fund be used for special projects to enhance church property/facilities, as well as ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the building as well as certain equipment in the church.

Education

You may request the funds be used for scholarships, Christian Education programs, and youth ministries /special programs.

Music/Arts

You may request the funds be used to purchase instruments, equipment, materials, training and music programming.

Ministry to the World

You may request the funds be used for community ministries, hunger programs and local, national and international missions.

How do I get further information concerning Dearborn First UMC Endowment Funds?

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