

# The Endowment Fund: *“Faithful Stewardship”* YOU’RE INVITED.

We believe that Bethesda United Church of Christ is important to you, to our Community, to the work of Jesus Christ, and to countless people from all walks of life. You are invited to provide a financial gift at this time, and to have it continue beyond your lifetime through faithful stewardship in **The BUCC Endowment Fund**.

## THE BETHESDA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ENDOWMENT FUND

- Has been established by the Congregation to provide effective and responsible stewardship for special gifts and to ensure the ongoing financial health of the church
- Ensures the continuation and expansion of Christ’s work in Bethesda and our world through Bethesda United Church of Christ.
- Provides a means for you to establish a perpetual memorial for yourself or your designated loved ones.
- Creates a means to support projects that go beyond the Church’s regular budget.
- According to Church Bylaws, expenditures may be for:
  - Christian Education
  - Community Service and Outreach
  - Wider Mission of the UCC
  - Capital Improvements
  - Other Extraordinary Need

*Jesus once said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Luke 12:34)*

*Bethesda United Church of Christ has celebrated 60 years of Ministry, Mission and Service!*

*Thank you for your support of The Endowment Fund. We are truly grateful.*

## WAYS TO GIVE

**OUTRIGHT GIFT.** The simplest way to participate is to make a gift during your lifetime. There are tax advantages for such gifts. Some examples of these gifts are cash, securities, annuities and real property.

**BEQUEST BY WILL.** This is a simple way to fill the void when you depart by including the Bethesda United Church of Christ Endowment Fund in your will. Such a bequest may have important tax benefits for you.

**LIFE INSURANCE.** The Bethesda United Church of Christ Endowment Fund can be named the beneficiary of your policy. The premium you pay may be tax deductible.

**CREATION OF A TRUST.** Trusts, either living or under a will, can be written to cover many situations. They can provide for your financial needs, those of designated others, and eventually pay the principal or income to The Bethesda United Church of Christ Endowment Fund.

**LIFE INCOME GIFTS.** These provide income for you or designated others during your lifetime. Upon completion of the lifetime, ownership of the gift goes to The Bethesda United Church of Christ Endowment Fund.

## **HOW TO BEGIN**

Your attorney, your financial advisor, the Pastor, or a member of the Endowment Fund Committee can provide further information to help you arrange your gift. The most useful gifts are unrestricted.

## **THE FINE PRINT**

**The Bethesda United Church of Christ Endowment Fund** is managed by The Endowment Fund Committee in accordance with Church Bylaws. Expenditures from the BUCC Endowment Fund will be made upon recommendation of the Endowment Fund Committee in consultation with the Trustees and approved by the Church Council. Expenditures are made from interest, dividends, and other income..

**The Endowment Fund Committee:** Jim Burks, Art Waidmann, Becky Lyon, and Mike Miller (along with the Pastor, Treasurer & Past Moderator, ex officio).