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Jenny was raised at Unity Presbyterian Church and we were united in Marriage in the Historic Sanctuary in 2008, two of our children were baptized at Unity, and two of our other children are in their final earthly resting place in the Columbarium. Unity holds a special place in our lives and in our hearts.

When we learned about the Unity Endowment Program and how it provides for current and future generations beyond the operating budget and capital fund, we felt called to give. Our life together has been shaped by Unity because of the gifts of time, talent and money that were given by the generations who came before us. We want to be able to invest in the current and future generations of Unity, as they dream about how to expand Unity's impact on our community.



We firmly believe this is not our money- it is on loan to us from God. We are called to be generous and willing to share what has been loaned to us here on Earth. Our family felt called to give back through cash gifts to the Endowment Fund.

After we made our first gift, part of the Endowment Fund was earmarked for a Children's Sensory room. This is something our son would have benefitted from when he was younger. We are grateful to see how the Endowment Fund is already benefitting current and future generations, while we are still here on Earth, and how it will continue to benefit the generations to come after we join our creator in Heaven.

Jenny and Gary Fike

When my wife and I moved to Fort Mill in 1995, we thought we should update our wills, but just never got around to it. So when Unity introduced an endowment fund, it was enough to get us moving and we did the update, including a final bequest to Unity. I also named Unity as beneficiary to a small life insurance policy I've been carrying for many years.

While preparing for the will update, I realized that a large portion of our assets are in my retirement IRA which would pass directly to my beneficiary upon my death. An easy way to give a final gift to Unity would be to include it as a beneficiary, or secondary beneficiary, for the IRA. This can be done as a dollar amount or percentage without any need for a will.



Marcia and Steve Hardy



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Liz and I moved to Fort Mill in August 1967... almost 50 years ago. Unity became a very important part of our lives soon after our arrival and has continued to be the cornerstone of our faith journey since. We raised our two daughters here through Sunday School, Youth Groups and two wonderful weddings!

We have been blessed to be able to support the Unity ministry through our service, regular giving and several Capital Campaigns. The completion of the new sanctuary was particularly meaningful for us as we remembered those who came before us and all they gave to make Unity available for us. With great faith and commitment to a future they did not know, they laid a strong foundation for those who followed them.

We too have an obligation to help assure that Unity has a strong future for those who follow us. Our regular contributions are important for today and now we have a new Unity Endowment Program that provides several formal ways to help provide for future Unity congregations. Many of those can be accomplished without the use of an attorney.

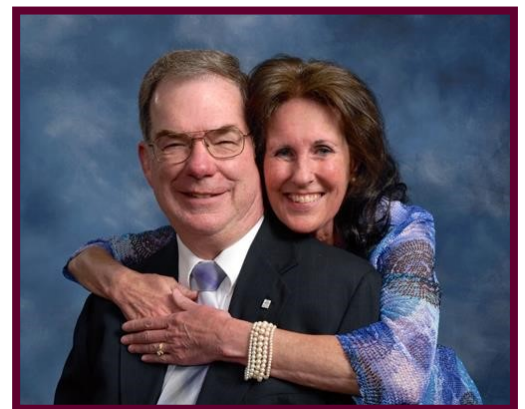
We encourage you to extend your support for our wonderful church by participating in the Unity Endowment Program. Create Your Legacy Today for a Faithful Tomorrow!

Bill and Liz Hood

We want to be a part of Unity both now and in the future, trusting that God will direct us, our mission, and our finances as we glorify God through worship, nurture, and service to all people.

When a gift is given to the Church Endowment Fund, the monetary gift is not spent by the Endowment Committee and it does not enter into the general church budget. All or part of it may be invested. The interest and dividends earned become available to be spent on projects and programs at the church or missions elsewhere. As the principal grows over the months and years, the interest and dividends become greater and more money is available to the Committee to be used at their discretion. So, monetary gifts to the Church Endowment Fund truly are gifts that "keep on giving" year after year! Our financial pledge each year is important and helps fund the church today.. Our endowment gifts help fund the church and its activities and programs today *and* in the future.

Jim & Norma Lester





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My husband, John, and I had been lifelong Methodists when we joined Unity in 1997 because of the strength of the youth program and the many friends that we had in the congregation. We immediately became involved in the life of the church and supported its ministries through our time, our talents, and our treasures.

I have been doing a lot of walking lately and listening to my iPod. One of my current favorites is the Broadway musical, Hamilton, where one of the lines goes something like this - "Legacy is planting seeds in a garden that you never get to see". John and I are now at the stage of life where we are beginning to consider our legacies. Giving to the Endowment Fund is an opportunity for us to create a legacy (plant the seeds) for the benefit of future generations in our church (the garden we will never see). The donations, gifts, and pledges to the Endowment Fund create a perpetual resource to be used to support Unity Presbyterian Church and enhance the church's ministries.

Our first contribution to the Endowment Fund was given in honor of some special friends. We plan to continue this practice of honoring special people in this way and to also designate the Endowment Fund as one of the recipients of memorial gifts for us when that time comes. We are grateful for this church and we want to bless Unity in return with our Endowment Fund gifts. It is an honor and blessing to be able to support our church in this special way.

Jessie Little



Cathy and I joined Unity in 1977. We raised our children in Unity and have grown spiritually as Unity has grown physically in the community. We are dedicated to the future of Unity and make contributions to the endowment with that goal. Current tax laws and mandatory distributions from my retirement account allow charitable contributions via those distributions. We use those opportunities to make our yearly stewardship pledge and to support the endowment and encourage others to do likewise.

Ken & Cathy Nunnery





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We are so pleased to be able to support the legacy of service through Christ by donating to the Unity Presbyterian Church Endowment Program. Over the years Unity has become our Church home and family, and we hope to share just a fraction of all of the blessings Unity has provided to our family. We know the Endowment fund will continue to support Unity for future generations to come.

Dan Raischel



We contributed to Unity's Endowment Program with a cash grant from our donor advised charitable giving fund. This contribution was in addition to our regular Stewardship giving that funds the General Operating Budget. We believe that it is important that Stewardship giving is not reduced in order to fund the Endowment program.

One of the things that we love about Unity is the creativity and innovation of the staff and volunteers, always looking for new ways to share God's love within our congregation and the greater community. When great ideas germinate in the middle of a budget cycle, extra funds are needed to supplement the basic operating budget to bring them to fruition. We believe that the Endowment Fund is critical to the mission of the church.

Cash and other current gifts to the Endowment Fund begin to work immediately through investment and by allowing a designated percentage to be granted to various ministries. A gift to the Endowment Fund augments the work of the church currently and provides a legacy for future generations.

Brian and Lynne Rayl





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Since moving to Indian Land, SC and the Fort Mill area in 2014, we have been blessed as new members of Unity Presbyterian Church. We feel strongly that by contributing a portion of our personal finances to the Annual Unity Stewardship and the Unity Endowment Program, Unity ministries will grow now and in the future. We hope our gifts will serve Unity members and missions in a manner that is pleasing to God-the true head of the church.

Therefore, we have fulfilled pledges for annual stewardship needs and made significant commitments to the Endowment Program to help perpetuate funding for generations to come. Based on our beliefs and John's 40 year experience as a Financial Planner, we have made gifts using four(4) tax advantaged methods: 1) Direct cash contributions for imminent cash distributions ; 2) Tax Free transfer of Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) after age 70 & 1/2 ; 3) Amended an IRA Beneficiary form to include a specified dollar amount(\$) to the Unity Endowment ;and 4) Directed a tax free donation to Unity from a Rogers Family Donor Advised Fund. All these arrangements were accomplished without the need or services of an attorney or tax advisor.

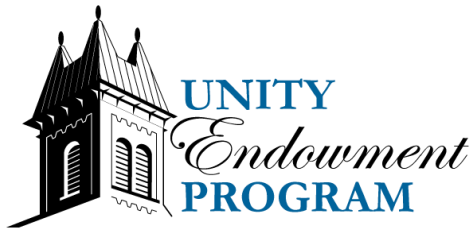
We earnestly encourage Unity members to evaluate current and future estate planning opportunities to benefit personal and congregational ministries .

John and Carolyn Rogers

We recently made a donation to the Endowment Program for Unity Presbyterian Church. Every Sunday morning, there is a stunning display of flowers at the church altar. You can see them, enjoy the fragrance, and appreciate their beauty. They enhance the significance of our services. We enter the church and are greeted by real people, we have a talented choir, kids' time, and a meaningful service that we can all appreciate. Please consider giving now to the church Endowment Program, which will eventually help support many of the church programs. If you can afford to donate anything at all, now is the time so that you can appreciate the fruits of your donation while dancing on this earth. We encourage you to not wait for your Trust to take over, and encourage you to try and give something while you are still active. This way you can see and treasure the services that this money will provide to the congregation.

Stan & Carol Wilson





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I moved to Fort Mill in 2010, because of a job change that brought me to the Charlotte area. After being here a year, I was laid off and had to do some serious research to establish my true financial status. My financial advisor worked closely with me, and introduced me to a simple way to ensure my family could cover the costs to close my estate when I die, and still receive an inheritance. The solution was a Universal Life insurance policy with a very substantial death benefit – the best part is that the premium is paid once annually from my IRA, so I pay nothing out of pocket, and the funds from the death benefit are tax-free.



Since becoming a member of Unity, I've had many opportunities to serve our church and congregation. To show my gratitude for the blessings I've received, I recently updated my policy to include Unity Presbyterian Church as a primary beneficiary. Making the change was as simple as submitting a change of beneficiaries' form to the insurance company. Now, Unity will also receive a share of my estate.

John Young

“Creating a legacy today for a faithful tomorrow.”