

Making a legacy gift...

A legacy gift can take many forms. The most common is through a will or trust. Through this method, First Moravian, the amount of the gift and the use for the gift are identified and distributed upon the death of the benefactor. First Moravian can also be named a full, partial, and/or contingent beneficiary of life insurance policies and most retirement plans (IRAs, 401ks, 403bs...). Additionally, there are also a host of irrevocable gifts that include Gift Annuities, Charitable Trusts, and the like. Many of these gifts provide current tax benefits, lifetime income, and other benefits for you and your family.

To assist you with your legacy gift decision, First Moravian is delighted to work with the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America. This Foundation is an interprovincial ministry of the Moravian Church. It supplies informational materials describing the opportunities members can make in legacy gifts. Its staff is prepared to aid you in your planning. The services of the Foundation are free, confidential, and without any obligation to give.

You may contact the Moravian Ministries Foundation in several ways: 1) complete and return the enclosed card or 2) call toll-free at 888-722-7923. You can also visit the Foundation's website www.mmfa.info.

Recognition of legacy gifts...

The Trustees are bound by the principle that your wish with regard to naming and recognition will prevail. Therefore, if you wish

to remain publicly anonymous about your gift, the Trustees will honor your request.

If you wish or agree to public recognition of your gift, the Trustees will determine an appropriate and respectful method that is also satisfactory to the Church.

In the event you are silent on whether you desire any recognition, the Trustees will keep your name anonymous.

In every instance your name and other known information about you will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting where the Trustees accept your gift. In addition, unless otherwise instructed, your name and gift amount(s) will be published in the Annual Report.

Legacy gifts last forever. They perpetuate your earthly contribution to God's work. First Moravian wants to see that your legacy gift is put to good use and that your wishes are fulfilled.

Also, while we hope you will consider these five ministries for a legacy gift, they are not intended to limit or restrict your support of other areas, needs, and interests. If you wish to support a need not listed, please contact the Chair of the Trustees or the Pastor.

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An introduction...

Over the years, First Moravian Church of Dover has been blessed with bequests from loving members that have been, and will continue to be, used to support and expand the mission and ministries of our beloved church. In 2006, the Trustees undertook a thoughtful review and developed policies and procedures that insure all bequests will be well cared and properly accounted for in perpetuity. These policies and procedures also assure that these gifts will be used as the donor intends. In addition, to encourage more legacy gifts, a GiftLegacy program has been created to provide an additional giving option as part of First Moravian's stewardship program.

Your invitation...

As a member of First Moravian, you are invited to consider First Moravian in your estate plan. Indeed, if you, your friends, and/or family members dedicate a portion of your estates in a legacy gift to First Moravian, think about how much more ministry our congregation could do!

First Moravian welcomes a legacy gift of any size. But why not consider tithing your gift/bequest? A legacy gift of 10% of your estate will do so much to help First Moravian. That means you still have 90% left for your family and heirs.

It's truly a win-win approach to your estate planning.

Remember: A legacy gift to First Moravian lasts and supports the vital ministries of our faith community forever!

Our needs and ministries...

As an actively caring and concerned church community, First Moravian has needs and ministries that are not part of the church's annual budget. These require legacy gifts to support. In fact, as a stewardship principle, it is essential that every member of First Moravian continue to support the on-going needs funded through Sunday collections as generously as possible. Nevertheless, these "second-mile" ministries, supported by our GiftLegacy program, help make First Moravian a very special and more vibrant faith community.

Members and friends of First Moravian may either leave unrestricted legacy gifts to the church, or designate any of five areas of ministry as a focus for their gifts. Unrestricted gifts will be allocated by the Trustees to any of the ministries of the Church.

The five specific ministries to which you can designate your legacy gift are: The Music Fund, The Evangelism & Outreach Fund, The Capital Fund, The Pastoral Care

Fund, and The Archives Fund. Each ministry is described below.

The Music Fund supports:

- ↪ The acquisition of music, materials, and capital items that support the choir and the Church's music programs;
- ↪ Concerts sponsored by the Church for the community; and
- ↪ Attendance by members of the Church involved in the music program to conferences and programs sponsored by the Moravian Music Foundation, the bi-annual Moravian Music Festival, and other programs and training deemed appropriate by the Board of Elders and the Director of Music that further the Church's music programs.

The Evangelism & Outreach Fund

supports efforts and programs that bring the Good News in new and exciting ways to members of the Church, the un-churched, and to the needy. Some of the efforts the Fund supports include, but are not limited to:

- ↪ The small group ministry, "The First Way," and other strategies that seek to bring to life the Good News and the mission and ministries of the Church to members and non-members alike;
- ↪ Youth programs that include summer camps, spring and fall retreats, and the vacation bible school that serves children in our area;
- ↪ International and domestic mission projects;

- ↪ Outreach programs in Tuscarawas County;
- ↪ Direct aid to organizations like food banks, shelter programs for the homeless and battered spouses, and other community services that are consistent with the mission and ministries of the Church; and,
- ↪ Other efforts that bring the Gospel and the work of the Church to people in need.

The Capital Fund supports capital projects, major repairs of the church and parsonage, and land acquisition. For a project to qualify for this Fund, the total cost must exceed \$2,500 and result in extending the useful life of the structure. This Fund shall not be used to pay for routine maintenance and upkeep for the church and/or parsonage.

The Pastoral Care Fund is available to the Pastor, or designated person(s), to respond to needy people and emergency situations involving members of the Church and/or the community. While the identity of those aided shall remain confidential, the Pastor, or designated person(s), shall provide a summary of the amount spent and the general purpose of the expenditure to the Boards of Elders and Trustees.

The Archives Fund supports the preservation and acquisition of documents and items relating to the history of the Church and the Moravian community in Tuscarawas County.