

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ENDOWMENT & A MEMORIAL GIFT?

A gift to the endowment fund equates to a deposit into a savings account to generate investment income for immediate as well as future needs. Since the principal amount of the endowment remains untouched, income is generated year after year and your gift continues to benefit generations to come.

A memorial gift is generally a gift given in memory of a loved one and is used to purchase an immediate gift or fund a ministry project. This is a one-time gift, and once spent, the funds are no longer available.

WHY SHOULD I GIVE TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND?

Many of us wonder: What is the best way I can provide for family? How can my legacy embody the values Jesus lived by? In what way can I pass down my faith to help the most people possible? Giving to the endowment fund shows your desire to care for God's children beyond your lifetime. It is a way to share with others how important your relationship with God is in your life and to pass that on to future generations. A gift to the Endowment Fund will benefit others year after year, decade upon decade so that your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and their children will be blessed by it.

want to know **MORE?**

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ENDOWMENT

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CREATING A FUTURE of faith

HOW DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BEYOND THE NEXT FEW MONTHS – AND EVEN BEYOND YOUR LIFETIME? YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO SHARE YOUR LOVE OF GOD THAT WILL IMPACT FUTURE GENERATIONS THROUGH A GIFT TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

gift in FAITH

As **good stewards of all God's gifts**, we respond to God's grace through our actions, using our gifts to reach out and touch the lives of others.

God also calls us to respond with actions that look to the future. **We look forward in faith in many ways**, even when we don't realize it. We instill values in our children and **pass our spiritual convictions along to generations** we will never know.

gift of giving @ FIRST

The growth and vitality of **our church are sustained by faithful members** who support annual operational expenses and various building campaigns. But **God calls us to also use our gifts to reach out and touch the lives of others** with actions that look to the future. Endowment gifts can do just that.

what is an ENDOWMENT GIFT?

Endowment gifts are planned gifts from the heart that advance the mission and ministries of our church. They have an enduring impact because the funds are permanent and only earnings will be disbursed. Endowments can be given by individuals who include Ankeny First in their estate planning or be directed by children or executors of estates working with parents or clients to leave an everlasting gift to our church.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Matthew 19:14
You reflect Jesus' love when you equip children with life-changing resources and the gift of faith.



We invite our church members to sustain our future by remembering Ankeny First in a will or estate gift. Gifts can be cash, Certificates of Deposit, insurance policies, retirement funds, real estate, stocks, bonds, or other holdings that can be converted to the money we deposit into the Endowment Fund.

You may also choose to make a gift of any size to the Endowment Fund to honor loved ones throughout the year for life's special occasions. When we use these endowment funds to enhance our programs and improve our worship spaces, we prepare and equip our children to take their faith into the future. Using our Endowment funds, we can reflect Jesus' love.

how does it WORK?

The Ankeny First Endowment Committee administers the Fund and the Iowa United Methodist Foundation selects the investment managers. The group meets quarterly to review the investments and expert financial advisors manage the funds for optimal return. Requests for endowment funds are typically made by committee chairs or staff members who have identified a need for funds beyond the general budget that extend our reach and bolster our ministries. The Endowment Committee reviews these requests and distributes a portion of the earnings.