

When a loved one passes away, we often look for a meaningful way to honor the life they lived. Many people find that a memorial gift to the church can be a lasting tribute that touches many lives.



First United Methodist Church welcomes memorial gifts as one way to say that your loved one will be missed and their faith legacy will live on in the life of the church.

What Happens When I Make a Memorial Gift?

All monetary memorial gifts are deposited in the FUMC Memorial Fund, and a record of each individual gift is maintained.

- Each donor receives a personal gift acknowledgement in the mail, provided we have the donor's contact information.
- If the Church has contact with the family of the deceased, the Church will send the family the names and addresses of the donors (no monetary amounts are stated), usually within a few months after the loved one's passing.
- When donations to the Memorial Fund are spent on the purchase of a specific item or cause, the gift and the deceased name(s) is/are included in a Sunday church bulletin.
- Those who have passed away during the year are remembered during services on All Saints Day weekend; the Sunday Bulletin that week lists individuals for whom a memorial gift was received.

Designating Use of Funds

First United Methodist Church encourages the family of the deceased to consider designating how donations should be used. If the family already has a specific purpose in mind, the church will work diligently to honor that request.

However, it is often the case where the family of the deceased may have a difficult time deciding how the funds should be used. For that reason, First United Methodist Church has established a Suggested Memorial Gifts Designations list. This list will be reviewed as needed; new items may be added at any time.

Suggested Memorial Gift Designations

- Sanctuary projection system
- Sanctuary sound booth laptop - used for recording services and burning CDs
- Hymnals and Bibles
- The Church's general Operating Budget (where the money will be used to meet the Church's most pressing needs)

Past examples of designated giving also include the Building Fund, the Music Department, the Education Department, and improvements to the church property.

Going forward, monetary gifts that remain undesignated for more than two years may be directed to one of the purposes in the Suggested Memorial Gift Designations list.

Thank you for considering a gift to the Memorial Fund of the First United Methodist Church.