

**Dear Pilgrim Congregational  
United Church  
Planned Giving Ministry**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in knowing more about the Planned Giving Ministry. Please send me more information.

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact me personally

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a donation to the Planned Giving Ministry at the following level:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25-\$49

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50-\$99

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100-\$249

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City \_\_\_\_\_

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*LOVING GROWTH*

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## ***Leaving More Than An Empty Pew through a Planned Gift.***

### **STEWARDS OF ACCUMULATED ASSETS**

As members and friends of the UCC we are called to be good stewards of the assets with which we have been blessed. This calls for faithful financial and estate planning for ourselves and families to assure that future needs will be met. It also means considering how we will be providing for the church that we have loved and served during our lifetime, in order that it remain vital in the future. You can help accomplish this through our Planned Giving Ministry.

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### **WHAT IS A "PLANNED GIFT"?**

A Planned Gift is a gift that is planned for and frequently funded during the donor's lifetime but not actually received by the church until after the donor's death.

### **WAYS TO GIVE**

**Current or Outright Gifts** by means of cash, securities, or real estate.

**UCC Pooled Income Fund** provides a variable rate of return based on donor's share of the Fund's earnings; a one-time charitable deduction; all income taxed at the ordinary rate. Minimum gift is \$2000

**Bequest by Will**, preferably by designating the church as primary or contingent beneficiary.

### **Your Will is Your Voice**

Your will is your voice for giving instructions regarding how your estate—all that you have accumulated through a lifetime of hard work—should be distributed.

If you die without making a will, it is likely that your property will no end up in the hands of those you would choose. The state does have a plan for the disposition of your property, and although it is meant to be fair resolution for all situations, the legislators could not possibly anticipate the circumstances of the millions of individuals who die without a will.

Why have a will? Because you can decide how your property will be distributed, you can choose the guardians for your minor children, you can enable the possibility of reducing estate taxes, and you have the opportunity to assure the continued strength of this congregation and its mission through a bequest.

God expects us to be faithful with all that we have, whether it be a little or a lot. Making a will is a way to celebrate all God has given us. For more information about wills, ask any member of the Planned Giving Committee.

Contact the Church office for contact information. 320-843-3471

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***"When we come into this life, we don't really own anything. And we own nothing when we leave. It is only a lease we have during our lifetime, and it is up to us to make the most of it."***      - Jerold Panas



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