

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 not 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, a 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.

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

*“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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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.



~ A Simple gift. If you wish to give money to the Planned Giving Fund, the simplest way is to write a check, put it in an envelope and in the collection plate on Sunday. You could give the envelope to a committee person or mail it to the church with attention Planned Giving.

~Wills. A Will is an excellent way to provide not only for your loved ones, but also to support the church with a bequest of a specific dollar amount, specific property or a percentage or all of “what’s left”

~Life Insurance. One of the simplest ways to make a significant gift in the future is naming of the church as beneficiary to receive all or a portion of the proceeds of an existing or a new policy.

~Retirement Plan. This offers a variety of tax-advantaged ways to use IRA/401 or other tax-qualified retirement plan assets in charitable gift planning.

~Trusts. Trust facilitate the giving of property, consolidate assets for estate administration tax-planning alternatives and deal with issues of physical and mental incapacity.

~Land/Real Estate. If you own a home or other property you no longer want. Make a charitable gift of it to the church and you could avoid capital gains and provide tax exempt income for yourself.

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.

Planned Gifts are generally made from accumulated assets in a carefully considered manner and in an amount that expresses one’s commitment but does not impair the family’s financial well being. This means giving at the appropriate time, considering personal and family requirements, the church’s needs, and tax considerations. Further, it involves deciding on the best asset to give whether it be in the form of securities, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, or cash.

Mission

The Mission of the Pilgrim Planned Giving Ministry is to establish the means for the encouragement of responsible planned giving, to manage the endowments resulting from planned gifts and to perpetuate the mission of Pilgrim United Church of Christ.