

## ENDURING GIFTS.

An Endowment Fund is like an artesian well. It never runs dry. The income the fund generates is used to meet the purposes of the endowment. For example, let's say you contribute an undesignated gift to the Fund that can be used for mission projects or educational scholarships. Once established, the endowment will generate earnings to make annual grants. Years from now, participants in mission projects or scholarship recipients will continue to benefit from your prudent planning and generosity.

## ENDLESS RETURNS.

Because the principal of the endowment is left protected, the returns earned by the fund are endless. This allows church leaders to plan ahead with confidence and often enables ministries to accomplish things they would not ordinarily be able to do through normal budget channels. These endeavors impact lives for Christ in endless ways! Your gift to the Endowment Fund makes it possible for God's work to be done today, tomorrow and long after we are gone...



*Enduring Gifts. Endless Returns.*

## HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BSUMC ENDOWMENT FUND?

Please contact Endowment Administrator Julia Sibley-Jones by phone at 803-414-3275 or 864-232-7341, by email at [julia.sibley-jones@bsumc.com](mailto:julia.sibley-jones@bsumc.com) or visit our church website: [www.bsumc.info/endowment](http://www.bsumc.info/endowment)

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you might help in this unique and lasting way.



“DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,  
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,  
AS LONG AS YOU CAN.”

- John Wesley



## WHAT IS THE ENDOWMENT FUND?

The Buncombe Street United Methodist Church Endowment Fund is a permanent fund established so that the Christian values and legacy shared by our members can live on and further God's work for generations to come. Gifts to the Endowment Fund become a part of a perpetual fund with earnings used to advance BSUMC's ministries and missions activities. The fund is built entirely upon the vision and generosity of members of BSUMC and is totally separate from the church's annual operating budget. When funds are available and distributed they support projects above and beyond normal budgeted items.

## WHO MANAGES THE FUND?

The fund is managed by a Board of Directors elected by the Charge Conference. The Board administers the Endowment to ensure the preservation and growth of funds and manages gifts made through wills, insurance or outright donations. The principal from these gifts is invested and distributions are used to strengthen and expand the ministries of the church.

## HOW LARGE DOES MY GIFT HAVE TO BE?

Gifts of all sizes are important to the growth of the Endowment Fund. Every gift increases the earning power of the Fund while remaining specific to its designated purpose. Thus, each gift is significant to the cumulative impact of the Fund.

## ARE MY GIFTS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Yes, gifts to the BSUMC Endowment Fund are deductible for income tax purposes. Bequests, legacies and all gifts of value are generally exempt from estate and gift taxes. You may wish to consult with your tax professional before making a commitment.

## HOW CAN I GIVE TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND?

All gifts are welcome and each is important! Examples of gifts that can ensure the perpetuity and expansion of BSUMC and its ministries are:

- Cash
- Wills (Bequests)
- Stocks/Bonds
- Trusts
- Memorial Gifts
- Life Insurance
- Real Estate/Property

## HOW ARE THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS USED?

The Endowment Fund was created to ensure sound financial support for the future of our church. The Fund can be used for any of the following:

- Unrestricted
- Buildings and Grounds
- Family Activities
- Children's Ministries
- Youth programs
- Scholarships
- Church Enrichment Programs
- Missions

"YOU WILL BE MADE RICH IN EVERY WAY SO THAT YOU CAN BE GENEROUS ON EVERY OCCASION, AND THROUGH US YOUR GENEROSITY WILL RESULT IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD."

*2 Corinthians 9:12*



"YOUR FAITHFULNESS CONTINUES THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS..." *Psalm 119:90*