

St. Matthew UMC Endowment Fund Program

Most frequently asked questions:

- ▣ What is the St. Matthew Endowment Fund?
 - A) A special Church Conference in 1992 approved the creation of the St. Matthew UMC Endowment Fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide the means where-by gifts to the church could be held with income and/or principle to be used to fulfill the purpose of the Church in Christian Ministry and Mission.
- ▣ How was the St. Matthew Endowment Fund Program created?
 - A) In January of 2007, a special Church Conference approved a Standard Operating Procedure, which defines (among other things), the services that are to be provided by the St. Matthew Endowment Fund Program.
- ▣ What does the Endowment Fund Program support?
 - A) The intent of the Endowment is to fund programs, ministries, outreach and other St. Matthew UMC expenses that are outside the parameters of the Operating Budget. These should include missions, church property improvements/new construction, youth programs and scholarships.

FAQ's Continued:

- ▣ Who administers the Program?
 - A) A Committee of St. Matthew UMC members elected by the annual charge conference, with the following Adhoc members: Senior Pastor, Church Treasurer, Finance Chairperson and a representative from the Board of Trustees.
- ▣ Why Should I support the Endowment Program?
 - A) Your support through current gifts, deferred gifts, Last Wills, Trusts or Gift Annuities is an expression of your commitment to Christian Stewardship.
- ▣ How can I get more information?
 - A) Please call the church office at 480-838-7309 to schedule an appointment with a Endowment Fund representative.



Katrina Work Team laying tiles in sister church

Types of Endowments Available

Direct Gift: Funds, stock or real estate that are given to the church at any time.

“I Can Give” Gift: A bequest of a future gift of cash, stock or real estate to the church by including a bequest provision in your wills or revocable trusts.

“Charitable Annuity” Gift: Members transfer cash or securities to the church’s trust fund. Members receive fixed income (interest off the principle) for the rest of their life. Upon the end of the contract, the principle is given to the church.

“Deferred Charitable Annuity” Gift: Same as charitable annuity, except the member can defer receiving back payments of the fixed income.

“Retained Life Estates” Gift: Member transfers title of their residence, farm or vacation home to the church. They continue living in the property for the life of the contract retaining responsibility for paying mortgage, taxes and upkeep.





2007 Youth Work Team cleaning National Forest

**Turning Our Love of Christ
Into Action to Support the
Kingdom of God**

**Church Property Endowment
Mission Endowment
Youth Endowment
Scholarship Endowment
General Endowment**



Our Vision

**Our endowed gifts today
assure we can provide for
unique ministries in the future.**

**The St. Matthew UMC
Endowment Committee
is the steward of
your dreams for tomorrow.**



**Endowing Gifts Today
for
Tomorrow's Ministries**



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