

## Endowment Funds

By attracting financial assets to our endowment funds, we invest this money on a long-term basis and use it judiciously to enrich the vitality of the church. Members and friends may make financial gifts, either while living or through planned estate vehicles, and thereby, have a positive impact on the mission, programs, and long-term viability of First Church.

Members and friends may make a financial gift through a **Tribute**, which honors, thanks or acknowledges a fellow congregant through a gift to the church, a **Memorial**, which honors a deceased member, and a **Bequest**, which is made during one's lifetime and takes effect after one's death.

In addition to a **General Endowment** fund, and a **Memorial Fund**, First Church has a number of restricted and reserve funds:

The **Dodson Fund** supports the continued growth of our church's professional staff through conference and educational opportunities other than routine meeting attendance.

The **Lewis Fund** supports our Lewis Ministerial Internship. Being a teaching church and participating in the growth of new ministers has become a cherished part of our church identity.

Through the **Clark Fund**, First Church brings in speakers from outside the church for special events open to the public.

The **Community Endowment Action Fund** provides grants to service agencies in our local community.