

Providing For The Future

Our Endowment Fund can grow and provide funds for future generations only through *your participation*.

Remember, *no gift is too small*. Many small gifts accumulate to significant dollars!

Please think and pray about the following questions:

- Have I provided adequately for my family heirs in my estate plan?
- How important is Good Shepherd and my church family in my life? Does my will reflect that?
- Have I listed other charities in my will or trust?
- Am I leaving a gift to the Church Endowment Fund through my estate plan?

Please remember The Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund as you plan for the future. Discuss ways of giving with your family, accountant, attorney, or financial advisor. Or, please feel comfortable talking with any board member or the Rector.

*“We make a living through what we get,
We make a life through what we give.”*

Winston Churchill

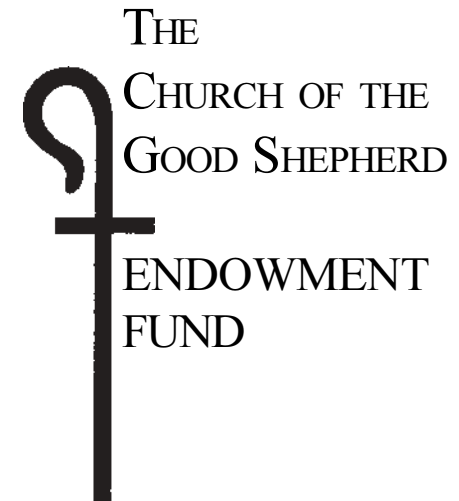
As Christians, our lives reflect our whole-hearted response of love and gratitude to the God who richly blesses us. Therefore, we share our blessings.

This desire to share of God’s blessings has inspired another opportunity for stewardship at The Church of The Good Shepherd. The Endowment Fund offers a means by which sharing may take place now, sharing may be planned for a future date, or sharing may be assured from one’s estate after death. It allows those with small financial assets as well as those with significant financial assets an opportunity to express their appreciation for blessings from God.



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*“Growing, Loving, and
Celebrating with Christ”*

Our Endowment Fund

What is it?

Incorporated in 1963, the Endowment Fund has been created to receive gifts to be managed for the benefit of The Church of The Good Shepherd. A Board of Trustees elected by the parish, and our Rector are fiduciaries for the Endowment Fund.

Why was it created?

It was created to provide an entity that can grow to carry on the work of our parish, supporting both current and future needs of the congregation and community. The Endowment Fund is our investment vehicle for the financial security of our church. It enables our church to more completely fulfill its mission by supporting ministries beyond our annual operating funds.

Why is it important to me?

The Endowment Fund has grown exclusively through the generosity of parishioners and friends of the church. This fund is increasingly important for the support of The Church of The Good Shepherd. Distributions from the Fund have permitted improvements in church property, supported ongoing operations, allowed us to purchase several adjacent pieces of property, and enhanced outreach ministries. Through careful estate planning and prudent shepherding of our God-given resources, we each have the opportunity to continue our Christian stewardship into the future by naming The Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund in our will or trust.

How can I make a gift to The Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund?

Gifts of cash... All gifts to the Endowment Fund are eligible as charitable donations under the current federal income, gift, and estate tax laws.

Gifts of appreciated securities... Making gifts of appreciated stock or other securities offers substantial tax advantages - the giver pays no capital gains tax on the gift of appreciated securities and may when computing taxes claim as a charitable deduction the full market value of the securities at the date of the gift.

Gifts of real estate... Gifts of real estate can be a great blessing to the church and of great benefit to the giver. However, because of the legal formalities involved in such transfers, any proposed gift of real estate must be carefully evaluated to be sure it is a gift the church can legally and responsibly accept. Some ways real estate can be given include:

Life Estate – You may give your residence or vacation home to the church, but retain the right to use for life.

Outright Gift – When a piece of unmortgaged property is given outright, the giver receives a tax deduction for the full market value of the property.

Life insurance policy... Changing the beneficiary to the Endowment Fund on an existing insurance policy that has outlived its original purpose, or purchasing a new policy with the Endowment Fund as the irrevocable beneficiary are ways to share with the church.

Bequests by will... No one should feel that because he or she cannot make a large bequest that a gift should not be made. The church sincerely appreciates each and every gift presented to our Endowment Fund, regardless of its size.

Executing a will is remarkably easy... or consider creating a Living Trust to reduce assets subject to probate. Consult your attorney on what is best for you in planning for your estate to provide for your family as well as your church.

Charitable remainder trust... A lifetime income plan is created by irrevocably transferring assets for tax benefits to a trust that pays you a fixed dollar amount annually. Other persons or survivors can be included for their lifetimes. Then, the principal transfers to the church.

Episcopal church pooled income fund... A giver irrevocably transfers money or securities for tax benefits to a pooled income fund managed by the national church and receives income for life. Then, the gift becomes the property of our parish.

Deferred payment gift annuity... If you have sufficient current income from employment and other sources and would like to make a sizeable charitable gift now, but are concerned about having enough retirement income, consider a deferred payment annuity gift. Make your tax beneficial gift now, and through a program managed by the national church we will pay you a guaranteed life income starting when you retire (or any other date you specify).