

First Presbyterian Endowment

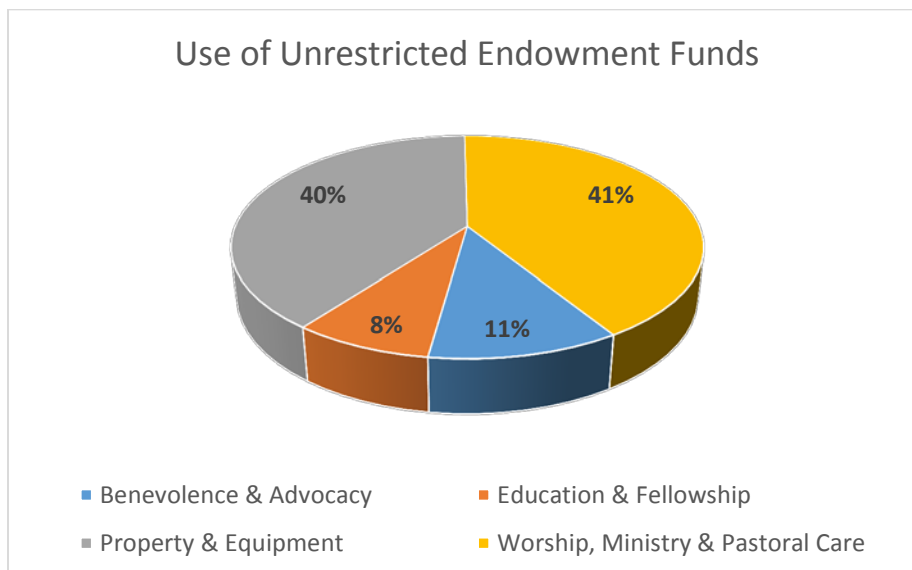
The Endowment was established in 1981 to provide an opportunity for donors to make gifts beyond their regular stewardship giving, providing long-term, if not perpetual, support to the Church.

Certain events and transitions cause us to reflect on our lives' meanings and values, and how we have made a difference to others close to us, our community, and the world. Often, these times of reflection coincide with a change in financial position and consideration is made to use accumulated assets in a way that may help provide additional meaning or a legacy to our lives. Because the Church has an important, personal role to us, it often emerges as a natural part of these carefully considered plans. Some might see the Church as a trustee to further a lifelong passion or interest; some may give to establish their own life's legacy through the Church's work; still others may seek to thank the Church for the role it has played in their life, or the life of someone close to them.

Endowment Funded Activities

In keeping with the Spiritual needs of the Church and Community, Endowment proceeds are used to fund and provide for expenses in the following areas:

- **Worship, Ministry & Pastoral Care** - Helping people grow spiritually.
- **Benevolence & Advocacy** – Assisting those in need. The Endowment provides support to members of our congregation, people in our community, nation and world.
- **Education & Fellowship** – Bringing people together to learn and celebrate God.
- **Property & Equipment** – Ensuring the Church is a comfortable place to visit.
- **Scholarship** – Assisting Church members pursuing higher education at colleges and universities, in addition to those answering God's call and attending Seminary.



Giving to the Endowment

Direct contributions of funds or securities that would immediately enhance the Endowment and its programs are welcomed. Further, some people will choose to remember the Church in their wills through bequests to the Endowment, providing a benefit at a future date. Some potential donors may have a desire to make a contribution, but also have concerns for their current financial wellbeing or providing for their heirs. Because of the strong record of generosity in this country, especially to Churches and faith-based organizations, provisions exist in our tax code to encourage charitable giving. Through careful planning and with the help of a trusted advisor, additional options are available to donors for giving, benefiting the Church now, or in the future, that can be consistent with their long-term personal financial goals.

Direct Gifts

Please contact the **Church Finance Administrator** for wire or delivery instructions if you would like to contribute cash or securities to the Endowment.

Specific Bequests: Language called a codicil can be added to your existing will, directing part of your estate to be left to the Church endowment.

Direct contributions from IRA's: Taxpayers aged 70 1/2 or older may be able to take required distributions tax-free directly from their IRAs to qualified charities.

Planned Gifts

What is charitable gift planning? With the assistance of a trusted tax-advisor (attorney, CPA, financial planner) donors are able to gift assets while securing certain tax benefits and income payments. The planning may involve the use of a charitable remainder trust, charitable lead trust or other gift planning instrument.

Where and when can I find out more?

The Finance Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm, or contact Financial Administrator Stewart Dodge at studodge@fpcp.net or 734-453-6464, ext 116.