

How can I get involved?

(complete information below and return to the church office.)

I would like to learn more about the Endowment Fund of Middletown Christian Church.

_____ I would like more information about ways to give through:

- a will
- a gift annuity
- other planned giving instruments

_____ I have already made provisions for a gift to the Endowment Fund through my will.

_____ Enclosed is a check for the Endowment Fund.

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The Endowment Fund of Middletown Christian Church ...

Providing for an ongoing
community of faith where
God's grace and Jesus'
love transforms lives.

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Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven ... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:20-21

What is the Endowment Fund?

The congregation of Middletown Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Louisville, Kentucky has established the Endowment Fund as another way for people to express their love and support for the vision and mission of the church.

Through gifts to the Endowment Fund, our good stewardship can extend beyond our lifetime and provide for the ongoing witness and mission of Jesus Christ, meeting real human needs in our community and around the world.

The legacy that we leave behind will provide for future ministry and will serve as an example for others.

The Endowment Fund is not intended to compete with the regular giving of members, nor is it to diminish the opportunities for responsible stewardship by current or future members.

Gifts to the Endowment Fund are invested for the perpetuity of the fund. The goal is to provide resources for ministry and to grow the fund to keep pace with inflation. Only the income from the Endowment Fund will be spent for ministry.



Middletown Christian Church, 1842 - 1968

Who administers the Endowment Fund?

The Endowment Fund is managed by five advisors elected by the congregation. The advisors are empowered to administer the fund within the guidelines outlined in the Endowment Fund Policy. A copy of this document is available in the church office.



What can I give?

Gifts to the Endowment Fund can come in a variety of forms, including stocks, bonds, real estate, tangible property and cash.

One of the simplest ways to give is to leave a portion of your estate through your will to the Endowment Fund of Middletown Christian Church. This can be done in the following ways:

- Specifically stating a dollar amount
- Specifically stating a percentage gift
- Naming the church as a beneficiary of your estate.
- Additional opportunities to make gifts through charitable gift annuities or other life-income plans are also available. We recommend that you contact the Christian Church Foundation at (800) 668-8016 for a free, confidential consultation to discuss these opportunities. The Christian Church Foundation is one of the general units of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

How will the earnings from the fund be used?

Distribution of the income from the unrestricted funds will be as follows:

- Not less than 10% will be designated for external mission and will be used to support mission trip opportunities, as well as local missions and regional church support. These funds will not be considered as part of the regular budget expenditure for outreach causes.
- Not less than 20% will be used for church development activities such as new church starts and congregational restarts, campus ministries and promotions, and congregational transformation.
- Not less than 20% will be designated for scholarships. These funds will support undergraduate and graduate studies as well as other opportunities for new minister development.
- Not less than 30% will be used for church growth and capital needs. This includes activities like capital improvements, debt reduction, special ministry projects (not covered by the general budget), and reserves for future capital needs.
- The remaining 20% will be distributed and/or reinvested at the discretion of the Endowment Fund Advisors.

Spending from designated gifts will be according to the donor's instructions.



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