

## A Commitment to the Future

For more than 200 years, Providence United Methodist Church has been bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to people in Chesterfield County and beyond. Called to make disciples of Jesus Christ, we seek to be a community of persons where all can belong, be transformed by God's love and make a difference in the world. Now you can ensure that ministries will continue long into the future through the Providence United Methodist Endowment Fund. Gifts to the Endowment fund have the potential to bear fruit for many generations because only the earnings are spent. These funds will not be used for routine operating expenses, but are intended to establish new programs or enrich those in existence. Areas of ministry could include worship and music, outreach, spiritual nurture and property maintenance.

### How Can I Give?

Any size gift is welcome. Here are several options as you consider a charitable gift:

- **Outright Gifts:** This can be cash or other valuables such as stocks or bonds in any amount.
- **Will or Other Bequest:** Giving through a will or bequest is perhaps the most popular way to leave gifts

to a church. You might consider leaving a percentage of your estate or a designated amount through a will or bequest.

- **Other Forms of Giving**

**Life Insurance:** You can name the church as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy at death. You may consider naming the church as an alternate beneficiary if the primary beneficiary precedes the insured donor in death.

**Retirement Funds:** You may leave the church the remainder of an individual retirement account or 401K account pending your, or a secondary beneficiary's, death.

**Deferred Gifts:** These include charitable remainder trusts where you or your family member can have use of your money during your lifetime. The remainder of the trust would go to ministry through Providence UMC.

Tax benefits may accompany your gift. You are encouraged to consult a financial planner or an attorney when making important financial decisions.

### Who will manage the endowment?

Providence United Methodist Church has an Endowment Committee which is accountable to the Church Council. It is composed of the Pastor, Church Treasurer, representatives of the Finance Committee and Board of Trustees, and three at-large members. The

Virginia United Methodist Foundation, which manages investment funds valued in 2011 at over \$33 million for almost 200 churches, is our investment manager.

### Can I designate my gift?

Many people will channel their gifts to the undesignated fund and the interest will be directed toward a variety of identified ministries in the church. However you may also choose to set up a designated fund with a minimum of \$10,000. These named funds can be directed toward a specific ministry.

### What is the "Society of 1807?"

The **Society of 1807** is named for the year that Providence was founded. It is a way to recognize those who have included PUMC in their estate plans. To indicate your decision in making such a commitment to God's work, contact the pastor.

### Should I still make an annual commitment to Providence?

Yes. Your regular faithful giving helps to provide for the day-to-day operations of our church. The Endowment Fund income will not be used to supplement the general operating expenses of our church.

*“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”*

*Matthew 25:21*



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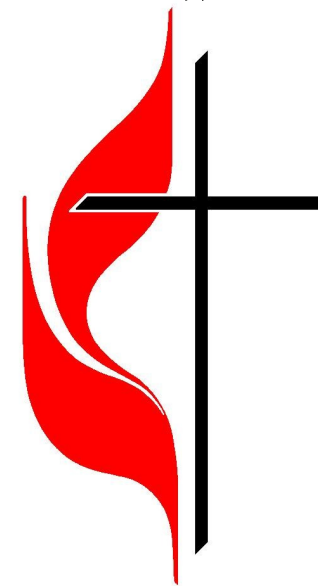
For additional information, please complete and return this form to the church office. You may also contact the church office at 804-276-4289, or [providenceumc@providenceumc.net](mailto:providenceumc@providenceumc.net). The pastor or a member of the Endowment Committee will be glad to discuss your interest in making an investment in God’s future at PUMC.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Growing and alive for Christ since 1807, Providence United Methodist Church is looking to the future with confidence through the support of legacy gifts.*

*Belong.  
Be transformed.  
Make a difference.*