

## *Building a Legacy “Upon this Rock...”*

Religious giving is the most prevalent and generous type of giving in the United States. It accounts for over 38 percent of all charitable gifts. Religious donors give twice the dollar amount of non-religious donors, and three times the percentage of their income. People of faith often enjoy close relationships with their worship community. Legacy Funds help ensure the maintenance and care of churches and allow individuals to extend their “tithing” to support favorite programs for years to come.

Some donors choose Legacy Funds to control what will happen to their gift if their church closes or is consolidated. Many would rather not have their gifts absorbed by regional church coffers, or have them reassigned to another local church, another denomination, or a nonprofit. Donors’ fund agreements can clarify charitable priorities to be as specific or as flexible as a donor wishes.

Donors can focus their funds on a specific purpose. For example, building maintenance, heat and utilities, the music program, stained glass windows preservation, programs for youth or ministries, or flowers for services. Foundation endowments are securely invested to provide a dependable annual grant through economic ups and downs. Your gift can become a timeless growing endowment that expresses your family’s values and devotion. Please see the following Legacy Funds that will perpetually sustain the houses of worship where their donors have knelt to pray.

- Bookin Family Fund for SS Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church established by Ronald Bookin of Nicholson to support his Church in Olyphant, PA.
- Evelyn G. Brush Memorial Fund for St. John the Evangelist Church of Susquehanna for expenses and heating bills for St. John the Evangelist Church in Susquehanna Depot.
- Erma & Beulah Hefferan Endowment provides perpetual support for the Congregation of the Montrose United Methodist Church.
- Feed a Friend Fund supports the Susquehanna County Food Pantry at St. Brigid Parrish in Friendsville, PA.
- Helen & DeWitt Andre Memorial Fund for Montrose United Methodist Church and other charities recommended by the Andre family.
- Kintner Family Fund supports Mehoopany United Methodist Churches.
- Mary M. Umlauf Memorial Fund provides quarterly grants to Lanesboro Community Church to pay for expenses.
- Montrose United Methodist Church Music Endowment assists with expenses related to choir and music activities.
- Ralph & Dorothy Taylor Endowment provides perpetual assistance for general expenses of Montrose United Methodist Church.
- Rita & Haskell Oakes Memorial Fund benefits Montrose United Methodist Church or charities recommended by the Andre family.
- Ruth Taylor Yeager Memorial Fund provides assistance for special needs individuals to attend Shepherds Camp at Arrowhead Bible Camp.

