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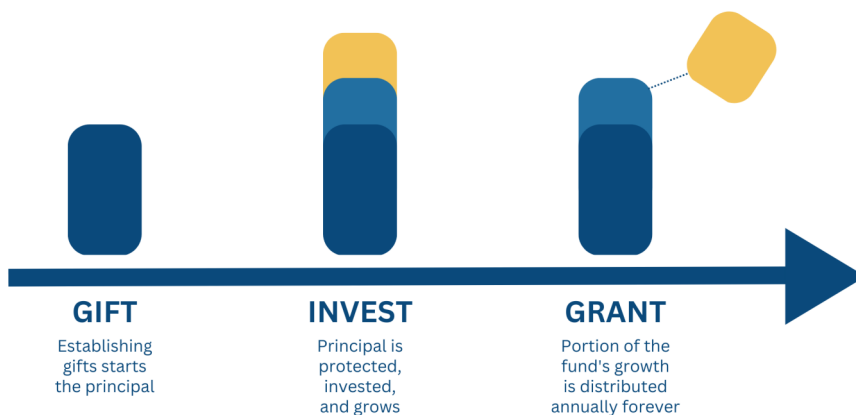
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What is an Endowment and How Does it Work?

Recently, several people asked, ‘Exactly, how do these endowments work?’ Endowments are investments made today that will produce benefits well into the future by maintaining the principal investment, adding to the principal through earnings, and allocating a portion of the earnings to grants awarded into the future.

The PHUMC Foundation is comprised of many separate endowments. In partnership with the Methodist Foundation for Arkansas (MFA), we invest the principal of the endowment accounts as advised by Wespath, Inc. Annually, the earnings of these endowments are calculated. Generally, four percent (4%) of the value of the endowment and related earnings are transferred for use by the Foundation and PHUMC Program Staff.

How an Endowment Fund Works



Restricted endowments that specify a program or ministry area have companion spending accounts that are accessible by your PHUMC staff and expended as approved by the PHUMC Foundation Board. Unrestricted endowments are those created for the greater good of PHUMC and its purposes. Earnings from the unrestricted endowments are gathered and are used to fund the annual Foundation pledge to the PHUMC Operating budget, Foundation operations, and ad hoc discretionary grants.

Look at the PHUMC Foundation website (PHUMCFoundation.org) for a detailed list of the Restricted and Unrestricted Endowments. Contact Virginia Porta (vporta@phumc.org or 501.978.0510) for more information.

From Your Foundation Board of Directors



At the February meeting of the Board they voted to provide support for the next three years (2026, 2027, and 2028) to the Mobile Market sponsored by the City of Little Rock. For the next three years, the PHUMC Foundation will provide an annual \$25,000 contribution in addition to the gifts from the church to provide this important ministry to our community. This is a new and exciting way to serve as the hands and feet of Christ in our world.

Also, we bid farewell to three board members who have completed their term of service: Joyce Babin, Roger Page, and Mike Shannon. And, at the same time we welcome to our Board of Directors Jamie Dempsey, Gary Isom, and Kathy Roberts. Thank You!!

Birthday Greetings



We are celebrating February, March, and April birthdays in this issue. Please be sure to tell your friends Happy Birthday when you see them.

February

- 2- Ted Penick
- 4- Audrey Jones
- 5- Bill Browning Jr.
- 6- Patti Coleman
- 9- Mark Saviers
- 12- Ken Gill
Laura White
- 14- Mark Spradley
Jim Maase
Gordon Wilbourn
Betsy Day
- 15- Carol B. Hodges
- 16- Jay White
- 19- Don Adams
Sunny Hawk
- 21- Ed Strohm
- 23- Jeff Hampton

March

- 3- Mark Lee
- 5- Cynthia East
- 7- Will Faulkner
- 9- Kyle Foster
- 10- Beth Greene
- 12- Claudia Hamilton
- 15- Aubrey Nixon
- 16- Laura Sanders
- 17- Mary Cantwell
- 18- Mary Ruth Brown
- 19- Mary Boyce
- 20- Bryan Day
- 24- Emily Erkel
- 27- Matthew Anderson
- 30- Judy Goss

April

- 2- Jim Irwin
- 4- Sarah Argue
- 7- Tom Hatcher Jr
- 9- Erle Hammans III
Mary Powers
- 10- Patrick Schueck
- 11- Billie Hatcher
Vicki Saviers
- 17- Phil Price
- 18- Frazier Kennedy
Laura Doramus
- 19- Bill Cobb
- 20- Daryl Coker
- 21- Karon Mann
- 24- Keith Billingsley
- 26- Andre Rollefson

Let's Keep the Party Going.....

Speaking of birthdays, did you know that the PHUMC Foundation Birthday Club is one of the easiest ways to support the Foundation? You simply make a gift to the Foundation to celebrate the birthday of your family members or even yourself. There is no minimum donation but we suggest you donate the number of years you are celebrating with the same number of dollars. For instance, your son's 5th birthday would call for a \$5 donation. Your spouse's birthday would likely be a bit larger amount. It's a great way to commemorate a special day and there is no wrapping paper involved!



Please forward this to a friend.

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