

***Live Forward. Give Forward.***  
**Legacy Giving/Wills Emphasis Sunday**  
**June 4, 2023**

*“Don’t hold back - give freely, and you’ll have plenty poured back into your lap - a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, brimming over. You’ll receive in the same measure you give.”*  
- Luke 6:38

On Legacy Giving/Wills Emphasis Sunday we remember those who have shared the blessings God gave them here on earth, remembering the church in their personal estate planning. Today, we ask you to consider doing the same.

In creating this legacy, the dream is to keep First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown caring and working here after our lifetime. We offer many options to make a legacy gift, including wills, estates, donor advised funds, trusts, bequests, memorial donations, in-kind donations, annuities and charitable giving.

Watch an informative video presentation at [fpcmoorestown.org/legacy-giving/](http://fpcmoorestown.org/legacy-giving/).

A legacy speaks to the things that move us in life, the things that matter to us. It’s an expression of gratitude and thanks to God for all that has been given and enjoyed in life. What will your legacy say about you?

Through the years, many have created legacy gifts here at First Presbyterian Church both large and small. These donations, benefiting our programs and ministries, beautiful grounds and property, and our impact in the world, make an enduring statement of faith. Becoming a part of this special group is an incredibly powerful way to continue God’s work here on earth.

***Our Cooperative Garden ministry ‘grew’ out of a family’s legacy gift***



*The Ritter Family has generously donated funds for the initial construction of the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden. The mission of the garden is to serve our church family and community by providing fresh produce for free, particularly to those who cannot afford to buy it. This community ministry is constructed on our church property, near the labyrinth and fire pit.*

Including a gift to the church in your will or estate can make a lasting difference in our church family and faith community. Included is a partial list. Contact your financial planner and [www.fpcmoorestown.org/legacy-giving](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/legacy-giving) to get started.

## *A loving history of gifts to grow our church*

Over the years, special gifts and bequests, large and small, have allowed our church to "live forward" and provide for our future as we do the work of the Lord, wherever that may be.

Just some of the other growth opportunities that were realized in recent years because church members made a plan to "give forward" have been:

- Furnishing a popular outdoor meeting space on the Van Camp Porch
- Critical roof replacements
- Intricate electrical upgrades (conversion of outdated knob and tube wiring)
- Renovation of the Main Kitchen
- Replacement of Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary roofs
- Yearly scholarships to high school seniors
- Special support to mission partners around the world
- Construction of Prayer Room and development of prayer team ministry
- Installation of high efficiency boilers
- Fire code upgrades for boiler rooms
- Energy upgrade of HVAC/lighting for cost efficiency
- Provided significant financial stability during the Coronavirus pandemic
- Restoration of carillon bell tower
- Donation of a new seating bench with pillows for the Cooperative Garden
- Purchase of pick-up truck for our property staff to use, haul
- Build out of Miller Commons stage
- Way of the Week Showcase, artwork and video messages
- Critical upgrade of church office computer system network and security
- Repair and resurfacing of all parking lots
- Installation of improved drainage
- Beautification of cemetery, cross, hardscaping, landscaping, entry
- Creation of Spencer Powell Fund for pastoral housing
- Underwriting of musical concerts and performances



## *Did you know?*

The word "bequeath" comes from an Old English word that means "to say, speak to, exhort." Making a bequest to the church in your will is a simple, effective way to speak into the future of your faith community and encourage growth for the long term.

You don't have to be wealthy to bless the church with a legacy gift. Your generosity, your gifts, large and small, make a difference in your lifetime and beyond.

Visit our church website for more information:  
[fpcmoorestown.org/legacy-giving](https://fpcmoorestown.org/legacy-giving).