

Investing in the Future of St. Simons United Methodist Church

The St. Simons United Methodist Church (SSUMC) Permanent Endowment Fund has been established to offer members and friends the opportunity to make charitable gifts to provide long-term financial stability for our Church and its ministries.

Charitable endowment gifts create a meaningful legacy that provide for vital ministries that may not be funded through the regular giving of our congregation.

Your gift, when combined with the gifts of others, is an investment that will continue to grow and provide support for the future of SSUMC. The principal of the gift will be invested, but remain in perpetuity with only the earnings being used by the Church.



What is a Permanent Endowment Fund?

An Endowment Fund is an accumulation of gifts made to SSUMC for the permanent support of the Church. Only the income from the fund can be distributed for actual use. This ensures that each gift will make a lasting contribution through the life of the Church.

How Can You Contribute to the SSUMC Permanent Endowment Fund?

Legacy gifts are invested to endow the Church with the resources to grow its mission and ministry beyond our lifetimes. In contrast to an annual pledge, a legacy gift typically comes from accumulated assets rather than regular income. It can include cash, stocks and bonds, insurance policies, retirement plans, art or antique collections, real estate or other assets. The gifts may be made outright during your lifetime or through such vehicles as trusts, charitable gift annuities, a donor advised fund or a bequest in a will. Certain types of legacy gifts may also provide tax benefits for the giver.

How is the SSUMC Permanent Endowment Fund Managed?

The Permanent Endowment Fund Committee is a sub-committee of the Board of Trustees. The committee is responsible for receiving and administering all bequests and gifts made to the Fund, for investing the funds according to the Permanent Endowment Fund Resolution and The Discipline, and for distributing the income with approval of the Church leadership. The Fund is managed by the Georgia United Methodist Foundation. The objectives of the Fund are conservation of the principal, regular income at a reasonable rate, and investment of the assets in funds which follow the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church.

