General Endowment Fund

In 2006, the members of Little River United Church of Christ established an Endowment Fund to accumulate funds that will underwrite the mission of our church in perpetuity. Elected volunteers implement a formal policy that governs the administration and uses of the restricted Fund. Thanks to generous and foresighted donors, the Fund is invested now and is growing toward the minimum goal of $250,000, at which time a portion of the Fund’s appreciation and earnings can be used to support the mission of the Church, both here at home and in the wider community. The principal of the Fund will continue to increase undisturbed. Your help is essential to the fulfillment of LRUCC’s vision.

What is the value of an Endowment Fund?
The Church will be able to undertake exciting new programs and ministries, sponsor new outreach projects in our community and beyond, or implement necessary capital projects with greater flexibility and ease.

How can I help Little River build its Endowment Fund?
You can help by giving thoughtfully and generously to the Endowment Fund. By doing so, you will help ensure that Little River will be able to nurture and care for the spiritual and programmatic needs of its members and the community for years to come.

“Significant initiatives in ministry today are possible because of the faithful giving of past generations who wanted their passion for the gospel of Jesus Christ to create opportunities for mission and service long after they were gone.”

Verne Arens, Pastor Emeritus
**When can gifts be made to the Endowment Fund?**

Gifts may be made at any time. Frequently, gifts are made through bequests or from living trusts. Donors also may arrange so-called planned gifts, such as charitable gift annuities, which provide lifetime payments to the donor and benefit the Endowment Fund upon the donor’s death. A gift from your estate is an excellent way to provide support that will continue your annual giving to the Church in perpetuity.

Gifts in memory of friends or family members are especially appropriate because they remain part of this permanent Fund. Or you may give to the Endowment Fund to honor a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, or graduation. You may also wish to give periodically to the Endowment Fund, just as you do for the Church’s operating fund.

Your estate planning professional will be able to advise you and provide for your wishes. Further information is available also from members of the Endowment Fund Committee. Be sure that your lawyer or advisor has the full name and address of this beneficiary: General Endowment Fund of Little River United Church of Christ, 8410 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, Virginia 22003.

**What can be given to the Endowment Fund?**

Cash, stock, and some property can be given to the Endowment Fund. Appreciated stock and other property held for more than one year make ideal gifts as they provide a fair market value tax deduction to you, and you do not have to pay tax on the appreciation as you would if you had sold the property. Consult your tax advisor to determine what is best for you. Giving to the Endowment Fund of our Church is a meaningful way to mark your commitment to Little River. The funds you give will provide a living memorial of your Christian discipleship through your participation in the life of Little River United Church of Christ.
As a community of faith,

We build on our church’s history while looking forward.

Little River United Church of Christ was founded in 1955 in part as a Christian witness in the struggle for racial integration. Today we are a community of faith drawing strength from our biblical heritage while spreading the good news of the gospel, ministering to our neighbors, and opposing intolerance. The United Church of Christ traces its roots in America to the Pilgrims and the Congregational Church. Over the past four centuries, churches of the western frontier and German heritage have joined the denomination. Today the UCC continues to build on its strong traditions of education, social welfare, and commitment to liberty of conscience inherent in the gospel.

Pastoral Staff

The Rev. Dr. David Lindsey, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Hank Fairman, Transitional Pastor for Faith Formation

Endowment Fund Committee

For further information about the purpose and management of the General Endowment Fund or to discuss a gift or arrange a bequest, please contact a pastor or a member of the Endowment Fund Committee. Consult your church directory or call the church office for assistance in reaching a current committee member.

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