



ST. PHILIP'S
IN HONOR OR
MEMORY
OPPORTUNITIES

*Gifts
&
Memorials*

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

Memorial gifts to St. Philip's United Methodist Church perpetuate the memory of a loved one or honor a living person. Memorial or endowments can also be established through wills and bequests as a result of estate planning.

When presenting a gift by check, please designate St. Philip's United Methodist Church as recipient. Indicate the name and address of the donor as well as the name of the individual being honored or memorialized and the address of that person or the family. The information will help the church provide the proper acknowledgments and express appreciation to each donor who remembers a loved one in this way.

TYPES OF MEMORIALS

Memorials may be either designated or undesignated. Below are a brief description of each type and how the funds may be used by the church. Should you have questions, please contact the church office for additional assistance.

UNDESIGNATED MEMORIALS

Undesignated gifts to the church are recognized as memorials and are kept in a special memorial fund. These funds are generally used to lend support to a special program of the church. Such gifts may be used to purchase furnishings for the church, for special projects or for unforeseen non-budgeted items.

DESIGNATED MEMORIALS

Gifts to the church can be made with a designation as to its use. Basically, there are three types of designated gifts at St. Philips. Each is described below with examples.

Endowment Fund contributions are gifts to the church's future. Interest accrued and no more than 10% of the principle in the Endowment Fund can only be used for capital projects, such as new buildings, structural remodeling, large equipment expenditures and the likes. Funds donated in this manner are placed in the Texas Methodist Foundation.

Ongoing Special Project contributions are generally given in recognition of individuals with specific talents or interests. Quite frequently, they are given to assist in the ongoing projects and activities of the church, such as Church Renovation Fund, Philip's Joy, Chancel Choir, Braes Interfaith Ministries, Multi-Media Enhancements, Outreach Programs, St. Philip's College and Day School Scholarship Funds, The Day School, Building and Grounds Maintenance and Sound System Upkeep.

Special Memorial Contributions by a loved one may be given with more restrictions than previously outlined. Such contributions should be discussed with the minister and approved by the Trustees of the church to assure that such a gift is in keeping with the long range of the church and does not require ongoing maintenance or care that would have to be budgeted each year. Examples of gifts with restrictions associated with the gift might be pew cushions, banners or paraments, new computer equipment, a new church prayer garden, etc. Some of these examples require significant contributions beyond the memorials and might take years to fund.

PROVIDE A MEMORIAL GIFT

On the reverse side of this brochure is a list of memorial suggestions and a form to use when making a memorial or in honor of contribution. Below is a brief description of a few of those funds and the needs that currently exist. These descriptions are provided to help in your selection.

- The Endowment Fund was established a number of years to perpetuate gifts over time. The proceeds and up to 10% of the principle can be spent as needs arise. Today, this fund has over \$50,000 in the account.
- The Independence Day/ Fireworks Fund has been established to raise about \$5,000 for a community-wide celebration recognizing the Declaration of Independence.
- The 50th anniversary of the establishment of St. Philip's will be held in September and funds are needed for a number of projects to occur over the 2-day event.
- Miracle Sunday was held in November 2006 to raise as much money as possible for a large number of major expense projects. Our biggest expense will occur very shortly, when the sanctuary cooling and heating system will be replaced in conjunction with a new roof. This expense will cost about \$180,000.
- The Sanctuary Renovation project was completed in 2004. Approximately half of the funds have been raised. Currently, the loan balance is about \$140,000.

So, you can see there are plenty of opportunities to honor or memorialize your loved ones and help St. Philip's meet its financial obligations.

Thank you for your consideration and gifts.

Simply complete the Memorials form also found to the right of this brochure, naming the person(s) to be honored or memorialized and return it to the church office. Also include your check, made out to St. Philip's United Methodist Church, with the word "Building Project Memorial" in the Memo field of your check.

MEMORIAL FORM

Donor's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____ Phone _____

Person Honored or Memorialized (Circle one)

Address of Family _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Contribution Amount \$ _____

SUGGESTED MEMORIAL GIFTS

The following is a list of some major memorial funds already established by St. Philip's. We hope you will consider designating one of these memorials in memory of your loved ones. Circle the one you wish to donate and complete the form to the left.

- St. Philip's Endowment Fund
- Miracle Sunday Capital Campaign Fund
- Sanctuary Renovation Fund
- Sanctuary Stained Glass Window Restoration Fund
- Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico
- Youth Fund - General
- St. Philip's Scholarship Fund
- Sound System Maintenance
- Music Equipment Fund
- Prayer Garden
- Kids Hope Program
- Outdoor Digital Sign
- ESL Fund
- Music Program
- Other Outreach Opportunities

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