

# History

## Past

First United Methodist Church was established in 1964 by retired Methodists of Sun City as a place of worship, fellowship, and community support. From this beginning, its membership grew to over 1100 persons. Over time, and with the establishment of other United Methodist congregations nearby, our membership is currently about 225 members.

## Present

The congregation of First Church works diligently to support a ministry in a facility that requires significant maintenance, reflecting its fifty plus years of age. The people knew that they needed to find a financially secure base for our church and all of its future ministries. In 2008, with seed money from the estate of Marian Thompson, a fund was established with the plan of raising One Million Dollars to care for our church property and support its ministries in the years to come.

## Future

The Marian Thompson Memorial Fund will be used to cover expenses not covered by our regular tithes and offerings such as additional pastoral staff, building and grounds maintenance, emergency contingencies, capital improvements, etcetera.

Most people have a desire to be a positive influence on others. Our church has this same desire. This brochure suggests ways you can help First United Methodist Church to preserve the presence of our church, its ministries, and our vital role in our community for future generations.

# Current Gifts

## Cash

There is no easier way to support the work of the body of Christ and to qualify for a charitable deduction at the same time than by simply writing a check. Most gifts are in the form of cash via a check.

## Securities

Giving long-term appreciated stocks or bonds may offer you a two-fold tax saving. First, you may avoid paying capital gains taxes on the increased value of your securities. In addition, you may qualify for a tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the security on the date of its receipt.

## Real Estate

If you have owned a vacation home, acreage, or a farm for many years, a charitable gift of real estate may be especially tax advantageous. The property may have appreciated in value over the years so much that its sale would result in a sizeable capital gains tax. If given outright, you may avoid the tax and, at the same time, realize a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the property.

## Life Insurance

If you own a life insurance policy that is no longer needed, then it is a perfect vehicle for a charitable gift. To receive a charitable deduction for gifts of this type, you must name the church as both the owner and the beneficiary of the policy. You may be able to take a charitable deduction equal to the policy's cash surrender value at the time of the gift.

# Deferred Gifts

## Bequest

The church can be named as a beneficiary of your estate through a Specific Bequest that identifies a specific dollar amount, or specific property as a gift. A Percentage Bequest keeps all estate distributions in proportion to one another. Consider tithing your estate through your Last Will and Testament or Revocable Living Trust by naming the church as a 10% beneficiary of your estate. A Residual Bequest identifies the church as a beneficiary after final debts, taxes and other specific bequests have been addressed. The Contingent Bequest provides for distributions to a secondary beneficiary if the primary beneficiary fails to survive the donor.

## Charitable Trust

There are several types of these Trusts. The most common is the Charitable Remainder Unitrust. It is used to enable the donor to donate highly appreciated assets, avoid capital gains taxes and provide life-time income for the donor and other beneficiaries. Upon death of the last surviving beneficiary, the trust distributes the remainder of its assets to the church.

## Endowment

Continue making an annual gift after death by designating a gift from your estate as an Annual Pledge Endowment Fund. Earnings from your endowment fund will be used annually; the principal shall never be invaded. If the gift from your estate is large enough, then earnings from your endowment fund could equal or exceed your current level of giving. Such a gift would continue your support of our church long after your passing.

## What is the Marian Thompson Memorial Fund?

The Marian Thompson Memorial Fund is administered by a committee of church members who are working today to secure a sound financial future for our church tomorrow. The committee is responsible to the Board of Trustees for receiving, administering and accounting for all gifts that are not part of the annual operating budget.

## What is Planned Giving?

Current and deferred gifts, which are above and beyond your annual operating pledge, are considered planned gifts. They will insure the physical and spiritual presence of First United Methodist Church for years to come. Planned gifts to the Marian Thompson Memorial Fund can be designated for a specific purpose or ministry of your choice. Such gifts can also be undesignated. Use of undesignated gifts is left to the committee's discretion.

## What Can You Do to Help?

Please consider making current and/or planned gifts to the Marian Thompson Memorial Fund. With favorable tax deductions, such gifts will enable you to meet some of your own financial goals while at the same time help secure a sound financial future for our church.

*This Memorial Fund is not engaged in rendering legal or tax advice. Consult your investment advisor/tax advisor/attorney about the methods of giving that are most advantageous to you. The purpose of this brochure is to provide information of a general character only.*

To learn more about these important gifts and how they can help you achieve some of your financial goals, complete the form below and mail to:

Marian Thompson Memorial Fund  
9849 N. 105th Ave., Sun City, AZ 85351

Instead of mailing, you could drop the form into the collection plate during worship services. Feel free to call us at 623-974-3631.

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**Be shepherds of the church of God.**  
From Acts 20:28b (GNT)



Currently, funds are invested with the First United Methodist Foundation of Sun City.



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