

MEMORIAL FUND

At First Covenant Church the Church Council, with concurrence from the congregation, has established a Memorial Fund to encourage charitable giving in the form of monetary gifts either individually or in groups. These gifts can be given as a means to:

- Commemorate the faith, devotion and life of a loved one;
- Celebrate a significant event in an individual or family's life, or as a
- Commitment to a specific ministry area of the church's mission.

The purpose of the **MEMORIAL FUND** is to further the mission and vision of First Covenant Church, by providing stewardship opportunities that are over and above regular giving to the General Mission of the church. Gifts and contributions to the Memorial Fund are generally focused on projects or purposes that have a generational impact in the ministry of First Covenant Church.

A monetary gift may be given *designated* toward the **General** Memorial Fund to be used for any purpose deemed most advisable by the Church Council. Or, it may be *designated* toward one of four other specific funds approved by the Church Council.

If a gift to the Memorial Fund is received without designation, it will be assigned temporarily to the General Memorial Fund and will remain as such for up to six months, or until a family decision is made. All such funds will automatically become permanently designated to the **General** Memorial Fund after six months from the date of contribution.

Specific Memorial Funds:

General: To be directed toward priorities of the church, at the direction of the Church Council. *This is the desired option as it best supports the timely needs of the church and allows maximum flexibility.*

For those who prefer more specificity, the Church Council has created four additional Memorial Funds:

Facilities & Grounds: To be used toward either regular maintenance or special projects both inside and outside of the church building.

Worship: To support and enhance the worship experience at First Covenant Church.

Spiritual Growth: To enrich the spiritual life of the children, youth and adults of the church.

Outreach: To further the mission efforts of the church outside our walls.

Contributions to the First Covenant Church Memorial Fund become property of the church upon receipt, and the expenditure of these funds is the responsibility of the Finance Commission.

