

What is the Tree of Life?

Our "Tree of Life" is a wall mounted, brass sculpture located in the church entry. It serves to give special and permanent recognition to life events that are important to its contributors. The charitable gifts given through the "Tree of Life" become part of the Endowment Fund.

There are many parts to our "Tree of Life". —the stones at the foundation — the trunk — the branches — acorn — the leaves — each unique, but dependent upon the other for life. It reminds us of our own unique gifts and our need for one another.

What is on the Tree of Life?

Leaves, Acorns and Stones, are inscribed to celebrate joyous occasions or honor the memory of a special loved one.

- * In honor of a special person
- * In honor of an anniversary
- * In honor of a birthday
- * In honor of a birth
- * In honor of a special event
- * In appreciation for a blessing
- * In memory of a loved one

What is the Endowment Fund?

The Endowment fund holds monetary gifts that have been given to help secure and improve the future of Foothills United Methodist Church, and expand the work of God's Kingdom.

1. Permanent—an endowment gift lasts "forever". Only the interest, and a small percentage of the principle is used for special projects, allowing the funds to

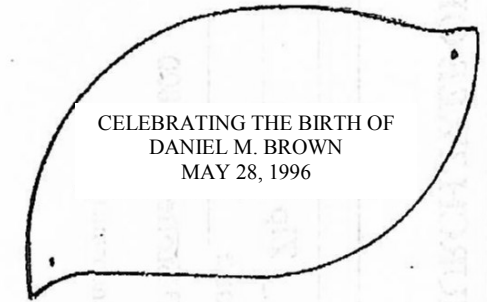
replenish and grow year after year.
2. Special—the funds may be used for special projects that are not funded through our regular operations budget. Some possibilities are ministry equipment, building improvements, additions or improvements to outdoor leisure equipment (such as the playground), or some other vision that may help the church share Christ's love.
3. Non-designated—Your gift keeps on giving! The growth of Endowment Fund gifts will aid the church in ways we may not have yet imagined! Since most of the principle of the Endowment Fund is held in perpetuity, specific designation of individual Endowment Fund gifts is not beneficial. If you are interested in making a designated gift, there are other means of giving available. Just ask!
4. Honorary—Gifts can be given in honor of a special life event, in memory of someone, or as a legacy donation via will or trust.

One does not have to have their gift reflected on the Tree of Life in order to contribute to the Endowment Fund.

How Does it differ from the Memorial Fund?

While many gifts given to the Endowment Fund are in memory of special persons, Foothills also maintains a regular Memorial Fund. Gifts to the regular Memorial Fund are not invested for perpetuity, but are used in their entirety for specific purposes agreed upon by the family of the deceased and church leadership. Gifts to the regular Memorial Fund are not reflected on the Tree of Life.

Order Form



ACTUAL LEAF SIZE

The engraved inscription should read:

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Inscription details:

Leaf: The maximum number of engraved characters per leaf is 75 character, including spaces.

Acorn: The acorn can have 100 characters, including spaces.

For additional information, please contact the church office at 530.677.4910 or via email at office@foothillsumc.net.

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Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

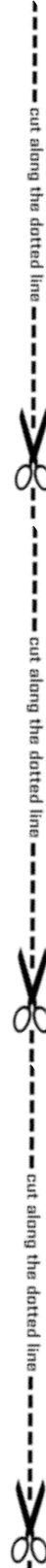
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Tree-of-Life recognition: (check one if requested)

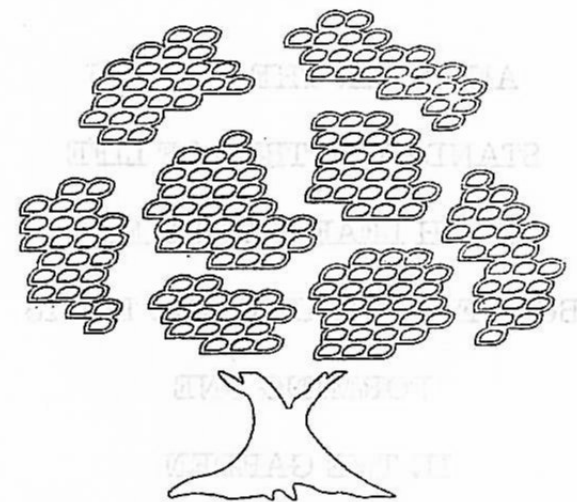
_____ \$800 or more for Engraved Stone

_____ \$300 for an Engraved Leaf

Address: Foothills United Methodist Church
Attn: Endowment Fund
3301 Green Valley Road
Rescue, CA 95672



And so in the Garden
Stands the Tree of Life
Each limb, each leaf
Bonded to trunk and roots
Forming on
In the Garden
Giving life and purpose
To all who pause
To rest in its shade,
Admire its beauty
Live in one-ness,
One tree in the Garden.



“... and in the middle of the Garden
He set the Tree of Life”
- Genesis 2:9

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