

**CHATHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GENERAL AND DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUNDS, AND
FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE
SUMMARY APRIL 2014 (by Pastor Sara Isbell)**

1. GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

- also known as "LIVING MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND"

Established in 1995 for the future ministry of Chatham United Methodist Church, this fund is an endowed sum which may be added to at any time, to increase the principal of the fund.

The principal amount is not to be spent, but the interest earned from the investment of the principal is available each year for projects prioritized and approved by the Endowment Committee.

As of the March 12, 2014 meeting, the Endowment Committee proposes to automatically disburse available funds (according to the above formula) to the General Church Budget each Jan. 1, for use as the Church Council determines.

2. SHIELDS SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 1999 by Eileen and Junior Laverne Workman, in honor and memory of James and Marie Shields. This fund provides college scholarships to active members of Chatham UMC, and to former activemembers who have transferred their membership to another United Methodist Church while attending college..

This fund is an endowed fund which may be added to at any time, to increase the principal of the fund. **The interest earned from the investment of the principal is available each year to provide one or more scholarships to students who are selected by the Scholarship Committee or the Endowment Committee.**

Applications for the Shields Scholarship will be received and evaluated in the spring of each year and awarded in May. An application form and guidelines will be distributed to graduating high school seniors in March/April.

3. MOUNTAIN TOP FUND

Established in 2000 by Ellen Bliss (Ahrens) in honor and memory of her husband Carl Bliss, who loved the Mountain TOP ministry. This fund provides support for CUMC participation in Mountain TOP, whether through materials, scholarships, mission trip expenses, etc.

This fund is understood to be an endowed fund, which may be added to at any time, but the principal of which is not available for spending. **The interest earned from the investment of this fund is available by application for any projects associated with Mountain TOP.** Applications will be received by the Endowment Committee.

4. BRAD BARTON MISSION FUND

Established in 2008 by Jan Miller in honor and memory of Brad Barton. This fund has been treated as an endowed fund which may be added to at any time, but the principal of which is not available for spending. However, the Endowment Committee feels that if funds were needed for mission projects, they would perhaps be better spent on ministry and mission than protected without a particular purpose.

These funds may be available by application to the Endowment Committee for projects related to Missions.

5. REINCKE TRUSTEES FUND

Established in 2000 by Joan Reincke, in honor and memory of Wayne Reincke. This fund is intended to support and supplement the ministry of the Chatham UMC Trustees (property) through its annual budget. The intent is to protect the principal untouched, and for the interest to be available to the church Trustees for their use.

The Endowment Committee proposes that these funds will be disbursed automatically to the Trustees at the beginning of each year.

6. FUTURE BUILDING FUND/(BLAHOFSKI)FUTURES FUND

At the March 12, 2014 meeting of the Endowment Committee, it was voted to **combine three previously separate accounts into one** by adding the (Jim Fleming) 50-Cent Annuity Fund and the (former Capital Campaign) Building Fund to the (Blahofski) Futures Fund, invested with the UM Foundation. The dual purpose of this proposal was to

- 1) increase the total monies available for Future Building needs (e.g., consultant fees, feasibility study, generosity audit, or kickoff of a new Capital Campaign), and
- 2) to increase the interest earned on the accounts by investing them with the UM Foundation rather than leaving them in a bank account.

The Finance Committee affirmed this decision of the Endowment Committee on the same date, at their March 12 meeting.

History of the three funds:

1. **Building Fund** (formerly Capital Campaign). When the Capital Campaign of 2003-2007 was completed and all projects that could be afforded had been accomplished, the Capital Campaign was “closed” and its successes celebrated. Gifts continued to come in, however, due to the ongoing generosity of church members with good giving habits. Some monies from this fund were spent in 2011 on facilities projects like the renovation of the fellowship hall restrooms.
2. **Fifty-Cent Annuity**. By the generosity and foresight of Jim and Carolyn Fleming, an Annuity fund was set up in Jan. 2001, to provide for the future ministry needs of the church. A “matching” donations program was established by Jim Fleming, by which any gift (50 cents, for example), would be doubled and then deposited into the annuity fund to increase the total amount of the gift. At the death of Jim Fleming, the annuity was cashed in and deposited at the bank until its use could be determined. The Fifty-Cent Annuity Fund was to be overseen and promoted by the Endowment Committee, even though it was not necessarily an “endowment” per se.
3. **Futures Fund** (Blahofski Futures Fund/”BFF”). Established 2007, by Frank and Judy Blahofski, at the conclusion of the capital campaign, to provide seed money for future projects. Parameters surrounding the use of this fund were as follows:
 1. The BFF is to be spent on projects consistent with Chatham UMC’s mission, vision and purpose.
 2. The BFF is to be spent on the growth, expansion or development of the church
 3. The BFF may be applied toward a capital campaign or other building program

4. The BFF is not to be absorbed into the regular church budget or the Trustees budget; it is not for maintenance or everyday expenses
5. The BFF may be invested or spent in full. Both the principal and the interest may be available.

It may be assumed that the full amount of the FUTURES FUND now invested with the UM Foundation is now governed by the same guidelines as the original (Blahofski) Futures Fund, with the approval of the Endowment Committee, and by direction of the Church Council.

***A NOTE ABOUT MEMORIAL GIFTS:**

- When Memorial gifts are given to the church, they are acknowledged in writing by the church office and pastor, and the monies placed in a Memorials Account at the bank.
- The Endowment Committee has agreed to take responsibility for developing and updating a brochure outlining preferred options for the use of Memorial funds, and will try to meet with families within a few months of the funeral, to discuss and decide how memorial funds will be spent.
- Dedications of memorial gifts will be reflected in the All Saints Endowment booklet each year and read aloud at the All Saints Day service.
- If no decision is made within the first year after the gifts are given, families will be contacted again to offer an additional year for decision-making. After the second year, undesignated Memorials funds will be automatically deposited in the General Endowment/Living Endowment Fund.