



# Gift in Wills

Thank you for considering a gift in your will to support Plymouth United Church of Christ. Your gift will sustain the important work of Plymouth UCC as it lives its mission statement:

*We are an inclusive and welcoming community that practices Jesus' radical love and affirmation. In worshipful response to God's transformative work in our lives, we pursue the liberation of all people from injustice and oppression.*

**Here are important points to consider as you plan your gift:**

- 1. The majority of estate gifts come as bequests because these gifts can be easily created as part of a will. When writing your will, you must first decide whether to make the bequest a percentage of your estate, a specific dollar amount, or contingent on the primary beneficiaries.**
  - The standard legal wording for a percentage bequest is: "I give and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_%) of my estate to Plymouth United Church of Christ (EIN: 38-6070949), located at 4010 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508, for its uses and purposes."
  - The standard legal wording for a specific dollar amount is: "I give and bequeath to Plymouth United Church of Christ (EIN: 38-6070949), located at 4010 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for its uses and purposes."
  - The standard legal wording for a contingent bequest is: "If any or all of the above-named beneficiaries do not survive me, then I hereby give the share that otherwise would be theirs to Plymouth United Church of Christ (EIN: 38-6070949), located at 4010 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508, for its uses and purposes."
  - You can also make a charitable bequest by designating Plymouth United Church of Christ as the "payment on death" (POD) of a bank or stock account.
- 2. Once you decide how to make your bequest, consult with your legal and/or financial advisor to make your bequest intention clear.**
- 3. Please consider sharing your story with Plymouth UCC. Your story can inspire others. The amount of your planned gift and the beneficiaries can, of course, remain anonymous, but other people will be encouraged to make a planned gift by hearing about you and the hopes and gratitude that led you to make your gift.**