



# PLANNED GIVING

SECURING THE FUTURE  
*of*

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
OF VERO BEACH



“Who am I and who are my people that we should be permitted to give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we only give you what is yours already.”

1 Chronicles 29:14



**“Founded in 1924 in the belief that there is more that binds us together than separates us in the worship of God.”**



Some years ago an elderly couple befriended us and invited us regularly to their home for homemade peanut brittle. The candy was meant to be the draw for each visit, but we were really motivated by the intriguing conversations we were guaranteed to share. Our friends' favorite topic was their legacy. These two faithful, kind, and loving people were excited to think about how their lives' meaning and commitment could be sustained beyond their lifetimes. Although each had already lived a long and rich life, they

were still as engaged and involved as possible in all that mattered to them. They were hopeful that their ongoing investments of time, energy, and finances would benefit others. They wanted to secure a future for the people, places, and beliefs that mattered to them.

On one of our visits to our friends' home, we noticed a framed version of a poem that they claimed had been an inspiration for them across the years. It speaks about the privilege of investing oneself in leaving a lasting legacy. The poem was this:

#### **THE BRIDGE BUILDING**

An old man, going on a lone highway,  
Came at the evening cold and gray,  
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim-  
That sullen stream had no fears for him;  
But he turned, when he reached the other side,  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,  
“You are wasting strength in building here.  
Your journey will end with the ending day;  
You never again must pass this way.  
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head.  
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” he said,  
“There followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building a bridge for him.”

*- Will Allen Dromgoole*

At The Community Church of Vero Beach we too, are committed to bridge building. Together we have the capacity to care deeply and effectively for our neighborhoods, our city, and our world through the ongoing mission of our church. We hope you will join with us in securing the future of Community Church and in leaving a lasting legacy linked to the eternal purposes of God.

Your fellow followers on Christ's path,

Drs. Casey and Bob Baggott



“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously”

2 Corinthians 9:6



## *What is a Planned Gift?*

A Planned Gift is one you designate during your lifetime, but which benefits a charitable organization after your death.

## *What are the advantages of Planned Giving?*

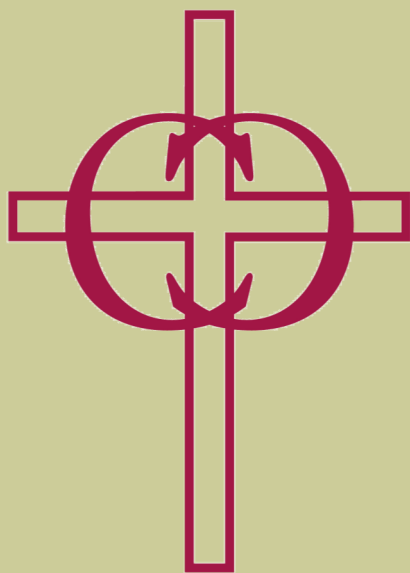
- ◆ An active income for life with no management responsibilities.
- ◆ Income for a surviving loved one.
- ◆ A charitable tax deduction, if you itemize.
- ◆ Tax savings on long term capital gains.
- ◆ Financial support for future ministry of The Community Church





“When we cast our bread upon the waters, we can presume that someone downstream whose face we will never know will benefit from our action, as we who are downstream from another will profit from the grantor’s gift.”

- Maya Angelou



## Ways to Give

There are many ways to give. Here are a few for you to consider:

### Bequest by Will

Gifts may be set by percentage or set amount of one’s estate. Making a will is a way to celebrate all God has given us.

### IRA

An IRA can be a wise asset to use for a charitable bequest, as individual heirs may be heavily taxed on distributions received by inheritance. The total tax event could result in the loss of up to 65% of the value of the assets. By choosing The Community Church as your beneficiary, you could pass along 100% of your IRA. During your lifetime, you may also use mandatory distributions to fund a life-income gift, which entitles you to a charitable tax deduction if you itemize.

### Life Income Gift

Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts and Pooled Income Funds all offer significant benefits related to capital gains taxes, as well as providing lifelong income for you, and a future gift for this congregation.

### Life Insurance

The Community Church of Vero Beach may be named as beneficiary on a present or new policy; or, The Community Church of Vero Beach may be the owner of a policy.

Please contact Shawna Stout, Director of Development (772-469-2330) or Casey Baggott, Executive Minister (772-562-3633) for more information.



“When we come into this life, we don’t really own anything. And we own nothing when we leave. It is only a lease we have during our lifetime, and it is up to us to make the most of it”

-Jerold Panas (based on 1 Timothy 6:7)

## *The Endowment Funds*

### **GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

**PURPOSE:** To provide long-term financial health for Community Church of Vero Beach. This endowment is intended for the sole purpose of securing, strengthening, and extending the long-term survival and mission of the Church.

### **BUILDING MAINTENANCE ENDOWMENT FUND**

**PURPOSE:** To provide funding for planned, preventive maintenance or emergencies of the buildings and grounds and to ensure the preservation of all facilities.

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### **ADULT MINISTRY ENDOWMENT FUND:**

**PURPOSE:** To provide funding to assist with the adult ministry and adult education programs for members of Community Church of Vero Beach.

### **CHILDREN’S MINISTRY ENDOWMENT FUND:**

**PURPOSE:** To provide funding to assist with the ministry of children through grade 5 and their families.

### **MISSIONS MINISTRY ENDOWMENT FUND:**

**PURPOSE:** To provide funding to assist with local and global mission projects.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY ENDOWMENT FUND:**

**PURPOSE:** To provide funding to assist with the music ministry of Community Church of Vero Beach.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY ENDOWMENT FUND:**

**PURPOSE:** To provide funding to assist with the ministry of young people in grade 6-12 and their families.

For additional opportunities, please contact Shawna Stout, in the Church Office at (772) 469-2330.





“I have this theory that happiness is something that you don’t go seeking, you get it by giving it. It grows by being divided, so the more you give it to others, the more you hold yourself.

- Hedwig Peterson  
Faithful Planned Giver to  
the UCC



## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### **Who administers the assets of these funds?**

The Board of Trustees administers the assets of these funds, specifically, the Finance Committee. This committee is comprised of trustees who have been appointed by the board. This committee meets regularly to review investment performance and reports to the board on a monthly basis.

### **Who should I contact regarding more information?**

Shawna Stout, Director of Development  
(772-469-2330)

Casey Baggott, Executive Minister  
(772-562-3633).

## *Now is Our Time*

If you are interested in making a gift or bequest to  
The Community Church of Vero Beach,  
we are ready to help in any way possible.

Your first steps are to pray about it and talk over  
this decision with your family.

Then, please talk with your attorney about estate  
planning and the possibility of making a bequest or  
other type of planned gift to The Community Church  
of Vero Beach’s endowment funds. You will need to  
be guided by your tax advisor.



“Having been a member of The Community Church of Vero Beach for over 55 years made my decision easy to get a Charitable Gift Annuity with the Church as the recipient. It’s one of the best investments I have made.”

- Eleanor Sexton  
Member of The Community Church



I would like more information  
about Planned Giving.

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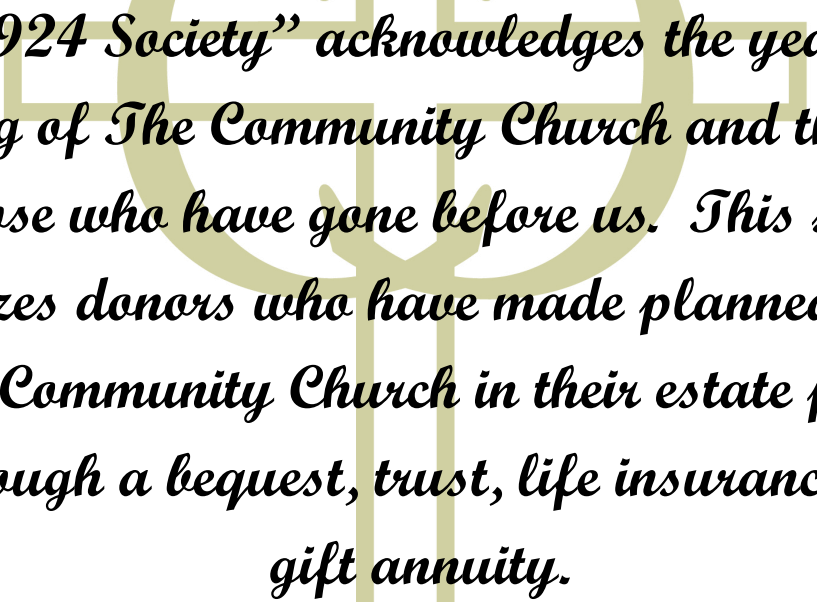
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(Please cut out and return to the following address:)

The Community Church of Vero Beach  
1901 23rd Street  
Vero Beach, FL 32960  
ATTN: SHAWNA STOUT



*“The 1924 Society” acknowledges the year of the founding of The Community Church and the legacy of those who have gone before us. This society recognizes donors who have made planned gifts to The Community Church in their estate plans through a bequest, trust, life insurance, or gift annuity.*

  
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