

PLEASE CONTACT US

If you have particular thoughts on designating a Memorial Gift or Estate Bequest. We recommend that you speak with the Pastor or Church Moderator, so that your gift may be most beneficial to the ministry and mission of Sanbornton Congregational Church, UCC.

We thank you, in advance, for your thoughtful consideration.



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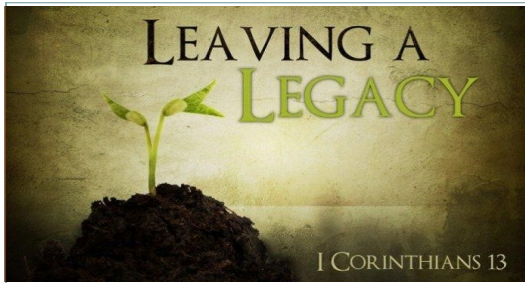
Our Planned Giving Program



Sanbornton Congregational Church, UCC

A gift that costs you nothing during your lifetime





Remembering Sanbornton Congregational Church

During the life of our church we have mourned the passing of many dear members and friends. In the midst of ministering to the families of lost loved ones, our church has been the grateful recipient of Memorial Gifts and Estate Bequests.

Perhaps, times like these can serve as inspiration for us all, when it comes to Estate and Funeral planning. While not always an easy topic to think or talk about with your family, making your wishes known ahead of time is a great help and comfort to you and your family.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts are donations that come to an organization like Sanbornton Congregational Church, as a suggested option (“in lieu of flowers”) in the obituary. Gifts with no specific designation go into the General Memorial Fund and are used when an appropriate need arises, in consultation with the remaining family members. Although Memorial Funds are never applied to the church’s Annual Operating Budget, they can be designated by the donor for specific areas of church life, such as our historic church building or one of our many ministries (for example: Mission, Christian Education, Youth, Worship, Music). These contributions

ESTATE BEQUESTS

Estate Bequests are gifts written into wills or other legal documents, and can include cash, securities, and real property. Unlike Memorial Gifts, if the Church Council discerns it is best to add the bequest to the Endowment Fund, the interest earned can be used toward the Annual Budget. Bequests are most helpful to the Church if given without restriction. Ministry needs and direction may change over time, thus unrestricted bequests allow the present and future leadership the freedom to match financial resources with those needs. These Bequests are gifts of thanksgiving for our faith community - past, present, and future.

BEQUESTS

The church transcends generations, carrying forward the values we hold most dear. Providing for the Church and its programs through you will is a profound demonstration of your commitment to all that the Church stands for. The gift you establish through your will is fully tax deductible and will help the church to sustain its mission and programs for future generations. There are several ways to include the Church in your will. You may leave a specific dollar amount or a particular property as a bequest. You may also specify a predetermined percentage of your estate or designate the remainder of your estate after providing for your heirs. All these options will reduce your estate taxes. If you choose to include the Church in your will, please let us know. In addition, your gift entitles your estate to an unlimited federal estate tax charitable deduction.

Sample Bequest Language:

A general bequest, unrestricted as to purpose: “I give (__dollars) or (__percent of my estate) to Sanbornton Congregational Church, UCC, an IRS 501(c)(3) qualified Charitable Institution.

An endowment bequest for a specific purpose: “I give (__dollars) or (__percent of my estate) to Sanbornton Congregational Church, UCC the income to be used for (state the purpose). If, in the future, in the opinion of the Church, all or part of the income of this fund cannot be usefully applied to the above purpose (or in the above manner), it may be used for any purpose within the Church’s mission that will most nearly accomplish my wishes and purposes.”

SECURITIES AND STOCK

The Church offers tax-deductible giving options for those who want to support its spiritual, social justice, educational, and arts programs and help sustain its magnificent building. For many of our generous donors, a gift of stock or securities may be more advantageous than a one-time, monetary contribution. We encourage you to talk to your financial advisor about transferring gifts of stock electronically. For securities held longer than one year, you can deduct their full fair market value, regardless of what you originally paid for them. You also avoid paying capital gains tax. If you decide to honor the Church with a gift of stock or securities, please let us know by contacting either the Pastor or the Treasurer.

LIFE INSURANCE

Do you have a life insurance policy that has outlived its original purpose? By reassigning the Church as a beneficiary, proceeds from the policy will support the Church in the future while providing immediate tax benefits to you.

RETIREMENT PLANS

When no longer needed, an IRA or other assets can be transferred to various types of charitable remainder trusts. A trust will provide income to a beneficiary of your choice and, later, a gift to the Church. This type of gift can offer an immediate tax deduction as well as deferred income at retirement.

