

Gifts

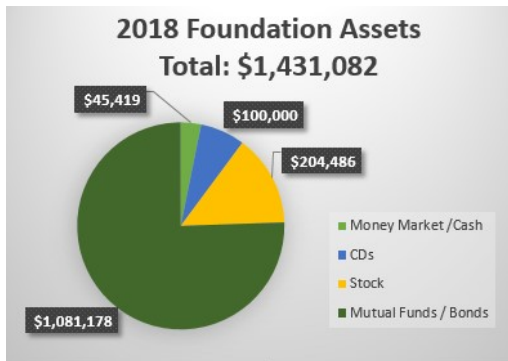
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But the gifts that build its endowment make possible more than our current gifts can do alone. They allow the church to take on new initiatives like the Faith Community Nursing program, to respond to unanticipated situations, and to entertain bigger ideas about how we do the church's work.

During 2018, gifts to the foundation rose to \$10,732 and strong earnings most of the year netted interest and dividend income of \$52,026. While markets saw a downturn in December, some have recovered somewhat since the start of 2019.

As of Dec. 31, 2018, the foundation's total assets stood at \$1,431,082.

Two of the largest 2018 grants were \$50,000 to support the HVAC project and \$23,914 to support our church's worship and music program.



Gifts directed to church work

Church committees and staff may apply for funding by submitting a one-page grant application form available on the church website.

Funding areas noted with an asterisk (*) have been noted by the board as targets for growth.

Unrestricted*--Providing the opportunity to allocate funds for unexpected projects or expenses falling outside committee budgets.

Missions*--Offering support for church mission trips, local mission projects

Building and Facilities*--Enabling the church to care for current or create new facilities, either as endowed funds or designated to become expendable when construction is imminent

Witness*--Reaching out to the local community to create an inviting and welcoming place for those who may be seeking God's grace or a new church home

Education*--Enabling the purchase of educational materials, curricula, and special educational programs, including Vacation Bible School.

Worship and Music--Supporting and enhancing worship services and other church programs through instrument purchase, music supplies and maintenance, special event production or guest musicians and performers.

Scholarships and Camperships*--These funds provide for scholarships or camperships to be awarded in the congregation

Technology*— Supplemental funds to update office, sanctuary and other technological equipment, update website software or uses, or new technological endeavors.



Gifts, income ease priorities, initiatives

If you are rowing a boat, you can expect to exert energy. But resting the oar on a lever, or fulcrum, on the boat's edge facilitates the movement needed. The work becomes easier.

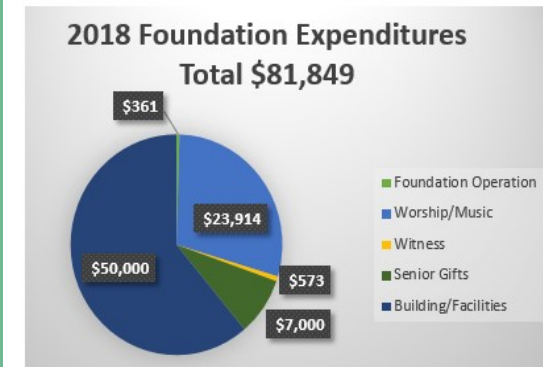


The rower still has to row to propel the boat forward. Someone still has to steer. But both tasks will be easier if there is a support on which the oar moves.

The Seward United Methodist Church Foundation's role is similar to that fulcrum. It cannot replace the effort and commitment of church members and committees. It does not direct which projects receive priority.

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2018 Report to the Congregation
Seward United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.



Frequently asked questions

What is the Legacy Society?

The Legacy Society recognizes church members and friends who have remembered the church in their estate plans. Planned gifts are vital instruments which ensure that the message and mission of our church will continue for generations to come.

Do I have to document my gift to join the Legacy Society?

No. Becoming a member allows SUMC to record your gift intentions and address any questions you have. There is no pressure to make a decision about your estate now. No gift is too small.

How is the foundation administered?



Foundation board members serve six-year terms. The foundation follows a balanced investment model to steward gifts with respect for the donors' intentions while providing income for

grants through congregational committees, organizations and staff. The foundation was created in 2007.

Can I make a gift using appreciated stock, my IRA or other investments?

Yes. The church can accept gifts in varied formats. We encourage you to work with your attorney, accountant or financial advisor to determine the gift vehicles that best suit your needs.

How can I get more information?

Please contact one of the board members to learn more about the foundation or how to direct your gift.

Remember our church as you make your plans

Life events like graduations and retirements often mean it is time to reassess your family's financial and estate plans. The Seward United Methodist Church Foundation encourages church members and friends to remember the church as they make their estate plans.

Endowed gifts to the foundation generate funding that supplements the congregation's current gifts to enable the congregation to do more. Donors may designate specific areas of the church's activities, such as mission, building and facilities, witness and education or allow gifts to be endowed for unrestricted use.

Have you remembered the Seward United Methodist Church Foundation in your estate, insurance or other gift plans?

Sample language: I give to the Seward United Methodist Church Foundation, Seward, Nebraska, (percentage) of the remainder of my estate, real and personal, or (specific amount) to be utilized for (general support/unrestricted use or a specific use).

Financials as of Dec. 31, 2018

Receipts	
Gifts	\$10,732.00
Interest/Dividends	\$52,025.99
Assets	
Money Market/Cash	\$45,418.57
CDs	\$100,000.00
Stocks	\$204,485.95
Mutual Funds/Bonds	\$1,081,177.80
Total Assets	\$1,431,082.32
Expenditures	
Foundation Operation	\$361.00
Worship/Music	\$23,914.46
Missions	\$0.00
Witness	\$573.12
Senior Gifts	\$7,000.00
Building/Facilities	\$50,000.00
Technology	\$0.00
Total Expenditures	\$81,848.58

No requests received for Missions, Technology

Our Mission

The mission of the Seward United Methodist Foundation is to work collaboratively with donors to sustain and grow this congregation's service to Christ by receiving and endowing gifts and distributing gift-generated income for worship and mission activities.

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