



Foundation grants add \$111,862 to church's work

In 2017 the Seward United Methodist Church Foundation granted three times more funds to the church's work than in 2016.

Those grants included:

- \$80,000 grant for the church kitchen remodeling,

- \$4,000 for senior gifts,
- \$3,000 for the Faith Community Nursing program, and
- smaller grants for handbell and piano maintenance, a video monitor in the Welcome Center and pins for members

of the Legacy Society.

In addition, funding was allocated for the church's associate pastor and an endowed gift supports the church's pastoral funding.



The foundation's total assets rose from \$1,540,012 at the end of 2016 to \$1,562,982.

New gifts to the foundation's totaled \$7,340 in 2017, with interest and dividends adding \$50,535 to the funding available for grants.

2017 Financials			
As of December 31, 2017			
Receipts		Expenditures	
Gifts	\$7,340.00	Foundation	\$1,517.56
Interest/Dividends	\$50,534.83	Operation	
Assets		Worship/Music	\$12,415.94
Money		Missions	\$0.00
Market/Cash	\$32,873.98	Witness	\$13,500.25
CDs	\$100,000.00	Scholarships	\$4,000.00
Stocks	\$243,210.32	Building/Facilities	\$80,000.00
Mutual		Technology	\$427.99
Funds/Bonds	<u>\$1,186,897.99</u>	Total	
Total Assets	\$1,562,982.29	Expenditures	\$111,861.74

What is the Legacy Society?

The Legacy Society was created by the SUMC Foundation to encourage members to remember our church in their estate planning.

Planned gifts are vital instruments which ensure that the message and mission of Jesus Christ will continue for generations to come.



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.

Gifts designated for church functions

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 falling outside committee budgets.

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

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

Witness*--Reaching out to the local 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.

Estate gifts impact church work

In recent years, the Seward United Methodist Church congregation has supported fundraising efforts to repair the sanctuary, replace old and inefficient heating and air conditioning, and make the church safe and welcoming for those who enter for worship or other activities.

In addition to current gifts, some of the fundraising was supplemented by endowed gifts made years ago through church members' estate plans.

These gifts are invested according to an investment plan that works to balance acceptable growth and risk, with respect for the original

donors' intentions for its use.

The foundation's Legacy Society recognizes the generosity of church members who have made gift provisions in their estate plans for the church.

While estate gifts do not replace our current tithing, we hope church members will consider an estate gift.

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

Talk with your attorney or advisor about 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).

Frequently asked questions

Do I need to share details about my estate gift with the church?

No. Becoming a member allows SUMC to have on file your intention to include the church in your estate planning. There is no pressure to make a decision about your estate now. No gift is too small. You may remain anonymous if you prefer.

How is the SUMC Legacy Society administered?

The society is a component of the SUMC Foundation. The foundation follows a balanced investment to steward gifts with respect for the donors' intentions.

Need more information?

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

We encourage you to work with your attorney, accountant or financial advisor to determine the gift vehicles that best suit your needs and intentions.

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