



Growing Generosity

SOWING SEEDS OF FAITH FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

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Greetings!

Welcome to *Growing Generosity*, a monthly eNewsletter from the Georgia United Methodist Foundation. Our goal is to help United Methodist churches in Georgia grow a culture of generosity. Please feel free to use any of these "tips" in your church newsletter or bulletin, on your website, or in other communications.

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TIP #1: What's your legacy?

As a Christian, do you have big dreams? What about your Sunday school class? Perhaps God is calling you to help the homeless or offer aid to families devastated by hurricanes, fire, or floods. Maybe you'd like the mission of your church to focus on programs for children or more global missionary efforts. The big ideas you have about changing the world and making disciples for Jesus Christ can become a reality. The Georgia United Methodist Foundation can help you create a legacy to turn those big ideas into reality for your church. For more information, contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or info@gumf.org.

TIP #2: Beat the Heat

With hot and humid temperatures being the norm during summer months, most Georgians truly appreciate the luxury of air conditioning. Consider contributing a little extra to the church's operating budget during the summer to help cover higher electricity costs. Or you can be more proactive and make a tax-deductible gift to establish an A/C Repair or Emergency Needs Fund to help to ensure the sanctuary remains cool and inviting all summer long. For more information, contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or info@gumf.org.

TIP #3: Giving appreciated securities

Under current laws, appreciated real estate, stocks and bonds that are donated to your church or qualified charity may be deductible for income tax purposes at their current fair market value. This means that in most cases, you pay no capital gains tax on the appreciation (the increased value since purchase) and qualify for a tax deduction as well. Consider using these securities to fulfill a pledge or to make a special gift. For more information about giving appreciated securities, contact the Georgia United Methodist Foundation at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or info@gumf.org.