



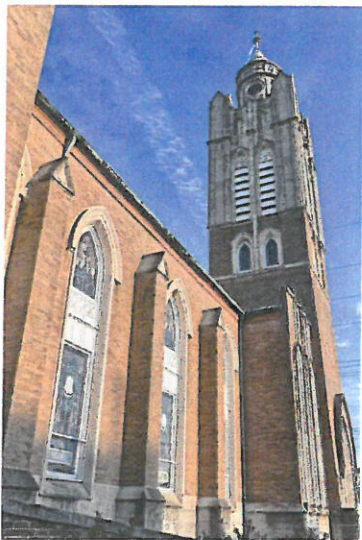
Legacy giving guide

Support Generations to Come.
Your Gifts Can Have Eternal Impact.

"For wherever your treasure is,
there will be your heart, too."

--Matthew 6:19-21

What will your lasting legacy be?



Settle's Rich Tradition

For over 125 years, Settle Memorial United Methodist Church has established a rich tradition of serving Christ in Owensboro, Kentucky, as well as around the nation and the world. Where a physical or spiritual need has been revealed, Settle has come together to meet that need.

Sharing The Love Of Christ

We stand on the shoulders of those from prior generations who provided strong, unselfish leadership in sharing the love of Christ with one another and who reached out to share this love in very practical and tangible ways in our community.

Unique Church Family

We hope you would agree that Settle Memorial UMC has been a wonderful spiritual home for you

and your family and friends. Settle is a unique church family where the love of God and commitment to the teachings of Jesus have been demonstrated in the hearts, minds and actions of countless generations.

Help Build Our Legacy Gift Fund

Even though you have supported our church with your annual giving commitment, you are now asked to consider helping build our Legacy Gift fund which impacts the health and stability of Settle Memorial for the years ahead. You can be a part of this effort in several different ways:

- By making a gift designated to support one of our many missions and ministries, or to care for our property and facilities.
- By making an undesignated gift which can be used to meet the most pressing needs of the church.
- By making a gift or bequest in your estate plan to build any of our endowment funds.

This Legacy Giving Guide will provide you with a summary of the various needs of our church and the ways you may want to contribute.

It includes a listing of our church ministry and mission needs, as well as how you might help maintain the integrity of our beautiful and vital physical structure.

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity"
-- 2 Corinthians 9:11

Any decision to make a lasting gift is a personal decision. This Guide is intended to help you identify how you want to make your support meaningful to you and what methods are available to make this happen for you and your family.

Thank you for reviewing this Guide. I hope you will find that making a lasting, permanent gift to Settle Memorial UMC is the best way to create an important part of your lasting legacy.

Your support will be the cornerstone for Settle's health and vitality for future generations.

God bless each of you!
Legacy Giving Committee

Risk-taking mission



Building a well in Uganda.

Settle Memorial UMC members currently serve and support missions and outreach in our local community, across our state, nation and internationally. Our Faith Promise Funds are used to support most of these missions. The following are examples of missions you may want to support. And we are always open to supporting new missions as the need arises.



Habitat for Humanity

- Global Impact Celebration
- Habitat for Humanity
- Jail Ministry
- Rehab Ministry
- Homeless Council Resource Fair
- Back Pack Program for local schools
- Refugee Ministry
- Tool Box Ministry
- Back to School Picnic and Supply Giveaway
- St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter
- International Mission Trips to Thailand and the Czech Republic.

"Giving is not about paying the bills, but about investing in the transformation of lives."

--Doug Carter



International ministries in Thailand.



Global Impact Celebration.

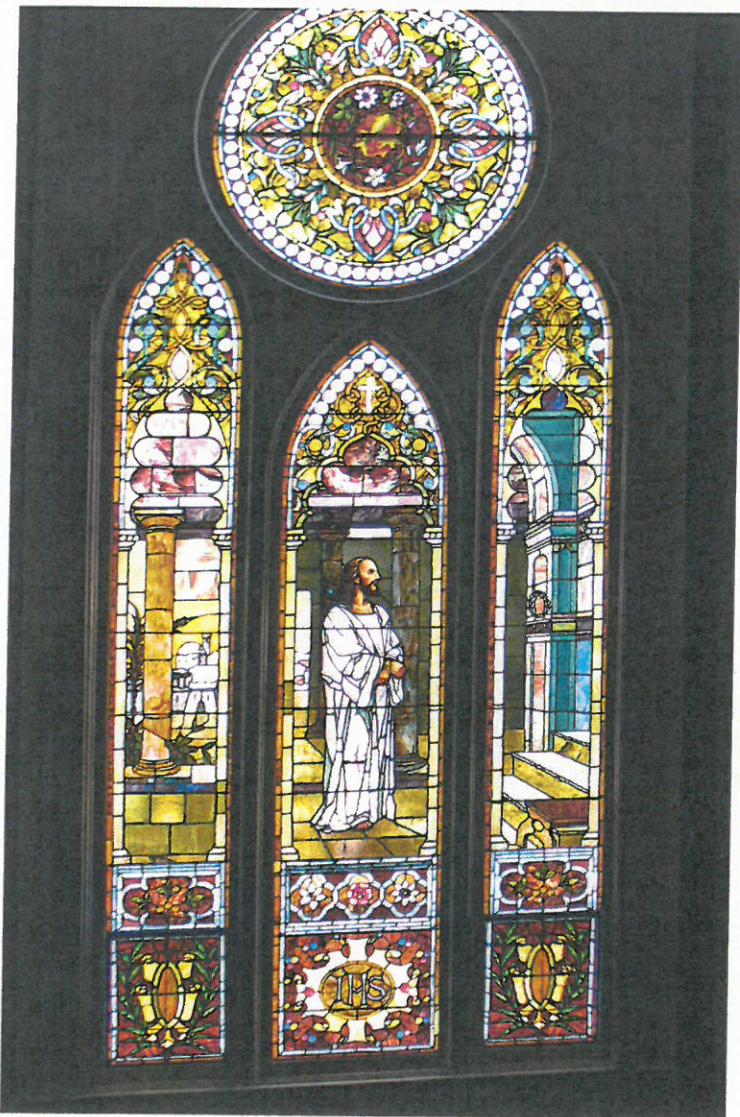


Backpack program for local schools.

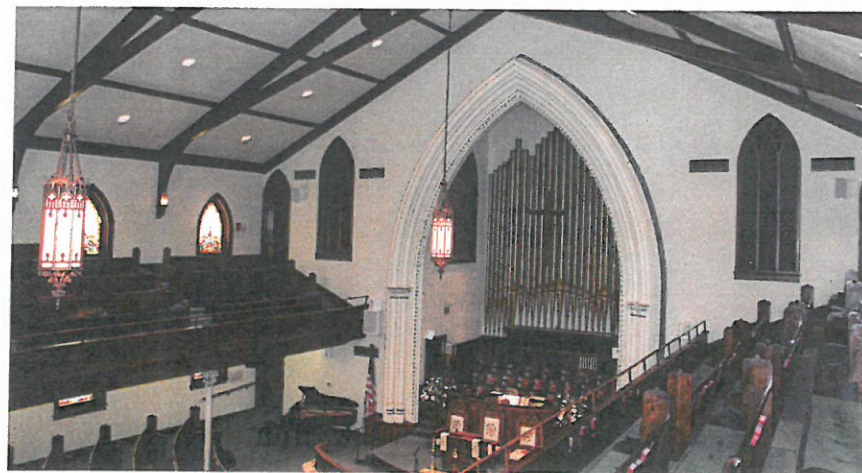


Jablone Church in the Czech Republic.

Sanctuary & property care & maintenance



Preserve the beauty and soundness of stained glass windows.



The church sanctuary.

The Settle Memorial sanctuary, chapel and original church structure are over 125 years old. The Education Building is over 75 years old, while the other buildings are aging as well.

While we all know that a healthy church is comprised of its members, we also value the spiritual gathering place that our sanctuary has provided for many generations. We want to ensure that this spiritual place of worship is maintained for those coming after us. You may want to support some of the following needs expressed to help us maintain our buildings and grounds.

"Even seemingly small acts of generosity can grow into something far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine."

-- Ephesians 3:30

- *Maintain the sanctuary carpet, paint and physical structure*
- *Maintain and preserve the Chapel*
- *Preserve the beauty and soundness of stained glass windows.*
- *Support the music ministry of our choirs and praise bands*
- *Maintain the organs, pianos, and upgrade other musical instruments*
- *Maintain the grounds and outdoor appearance of our church*
- *Supplies for communion, weddings and other special occasions*
- *Support for kitchen equipment and supplies*
- *Maintain and upkeep on heating and air conditioning systems*
- *Upgrades on the sound and lighting system.*

Intentional faith development



Camp Loucon.

Settle Memorial has always placed a high value on providing opportunities for members of all ages to develop their understanding of the Christian faith. Faith development begins at an early age and a variety of programs are offered to make sure everyone fulfills the promise of being "Dedicated to Christ and Committed to Serve". You may want to support any of the following programs offered at Settle.

- *Vacation Bible School*
- *Wednesday Night Together dinners and programs*
- *Sunday School and Small Groups*
- *Junior High and Senior High Youth ministry*
- *Church- wide studies with a common focus*
- *Youth retreats at Camp Loucon*
- *Sponsor a child's tuition for a week at Camp Loucon*
- *Nursery*
- *New member assimilation*
- *Studies on the United Methodist beliefs and doctrine.*



Junior and Senior High Youth Ministry.



Wednesday Night Together dinners and programs.



Vacation Bible School.

"Our children are messengers we send to a time we will not see."

--Unknown

Support the Ministries

Ways to Give to the Ministries of Settle Memorial Church

In addition to making an annual pledge of financial support, members can choose to provide lasting support for the ministries of Settle Memorial through a planned gift to the church. Churches across our conference and nation regularly receive contributions of appreciated stock, bequests, charitable gift annuities, trust distributions and other gifts that are given to both fulfill the member's personal goals and to help support their church's mission. Listed here are just a few of the ways you might consider making a planned gift to support the life-giving ministry of Settle Memorial.

Gifts of Cash- Cash gifts may be deducted for one year or over six years, up to 50% of adjusted gross income. The church would welcome cash gifts and pledges.

Appreciated Stock- Appreciated stock makes an excellent gift. You may avoid capital gains taxes and receive a charitable tax deduction for the full market value of the stock.

Bequest Through Your Will- Your Last Will and Testament is your final opportunity to make a lasting gift to Settle Memorial and remind loved ones of your faith.

Gifts of Life Insurance or Real Estate- You can designate your church as the beneficiary of your life

insurance policy. As well, a gift of real estate is a popular way to make a gift to your church.

You may receive a tax deduction for the full market value and avoid future estate taxes.

Charitable Gift Annuity- In exchange for a gift of cash or securities, the UMC Foundation will pay you (or your spouse) a fixed, annual income for life. Settle Memorial Church also benefits long-term.

IRA Charitable Distribution from Retirement Account- Gifting retirement plan assets to the church may be more tax effective than using other assets. Other assets may be used to furnish heirs with an inheritance.

Because everyone's situation is unique, different options are available beyond the ones listed above. If you have a desire to discuss how you might help Settle Memorial continue to build the tradition of serving Christ in our community, country and around the world, you may want to have a discussion with an estate planner or attorney. To get started and to get more information, please feel free to contact anyone listed here.

Contact Pastor, Reverend Keith Switzer at 270-684-4226 or any member of the Settle Memorial UMC Legacy Gifts Committee:

Larry Miller, Chair
Alan Englehart
Janet Land
Mark Millsap
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Thank you for considering making a Legacy Gift to support the church we all love and cherish.

**Settle Memorial
United Methodist Church**

*"For from Him and through
Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be the glory forever!
Amen."*

--Romans 11:36

Settle Memorial Has Been Blessed by Those Who Have Gone Before us

Some former members have made *undesignated* gifts and have asked the church leadership to use their generous gift to meet the most pressing needs of the church. But what is most important is that you feel comfortable with the gift you make and feel your gift is being used wisely.

The Legacy Gifts Committee, as well as the Trustees, will review all

gifts to assure that the guidelines outlined in the Settle Memorial Legacy Gifts Charter are closely followed.

Please be assured that your gift, regardless of the type or amount, will be gratefully appreciated and used wisely to further the building of the Kingdom right here at Settle Memorial United Methodist Church.



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