

to provide additional financial support for needed major capital projects.

Memorial Funds These gifts are bestowed to the Church as “legacy memorials” by donors, often in the name of beloved family members, and, unless specifically designated to one or more of the designated Funds identified above, will be available for discretionary use by decision of the RMC Board in the areas of greatest need. The existing Raleigh Moravian Reserve Fund (which combined the Manning and Kenline Memorial Funds) is an example.

MAKING A LEGACY GIFT

A legacy gift can take many forms; the most common is through a will or trust. Through this method, Raleigh Moravian, the amount of the gift, and the use for the gift are identified and distributed upon the death of the benefactor. Raleigh Moravian can also be named a full, partial, and/or contingent beneficiary of life insurance policies and most qualified retirement plans (IRA, 401k, 403b, etc.). Additionally, there also is a host of irrevocable gifts that include Gift Annuities, Charitable Trusts, and the like. Many of these gifts provide current tax benefits, lifetime income, and other benefits for you and your family.

To assist you with your legacy gift decision, Raleigh Moravian is delighted to work with the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America. This Foundation is an interprovincial ministry of the Moravian Church. It supplies informational materials describing the opportunities available for members to make legacy gifts, and its staff is prepared to aid you in your planning. The services of the Foundation are free, confidential, and without any obligation. You may contact the Moravian Ministries Foundation in several ways: 1) complete and return the enclosed card, or 2) call toll-free at 888-722-7923. You may also visit the Foundation’s website www.mmfa.info.

RECOGNITION OF LEGACY GIFTS

The RMC Board will provide a written acknowledgement to the donor(s) of each gift. The Board will be bound by the principle that the donor’s wishes with regard to naming and recognition will prevail to the extent possible. Therefore, if a donor wishes to remain anonymous, the Board shall honor the donor’s request. If the donor wishes for or agrees to public recognition of the gift, the Board will determine an appropriate and respectful method that is satisfactory to the donor and the Church.

If the donor is silent on whether he or she desires public recognition, the Board will keep his or her name anonymous. In every instance, however, the amount of the gift and any restrictions or special instructions will be recorded in minutes of the meeting at which the Board accepts the gift.

Memorial and honorary gifts shall be recognized in two ways: 1) the honoree and the donors shall be listed in the Church bulletin soon after the receipt of the gift, and 2) in the annual report to Church Council, all honorees and donors from the previous year shall be listed.

A FINAL WORD

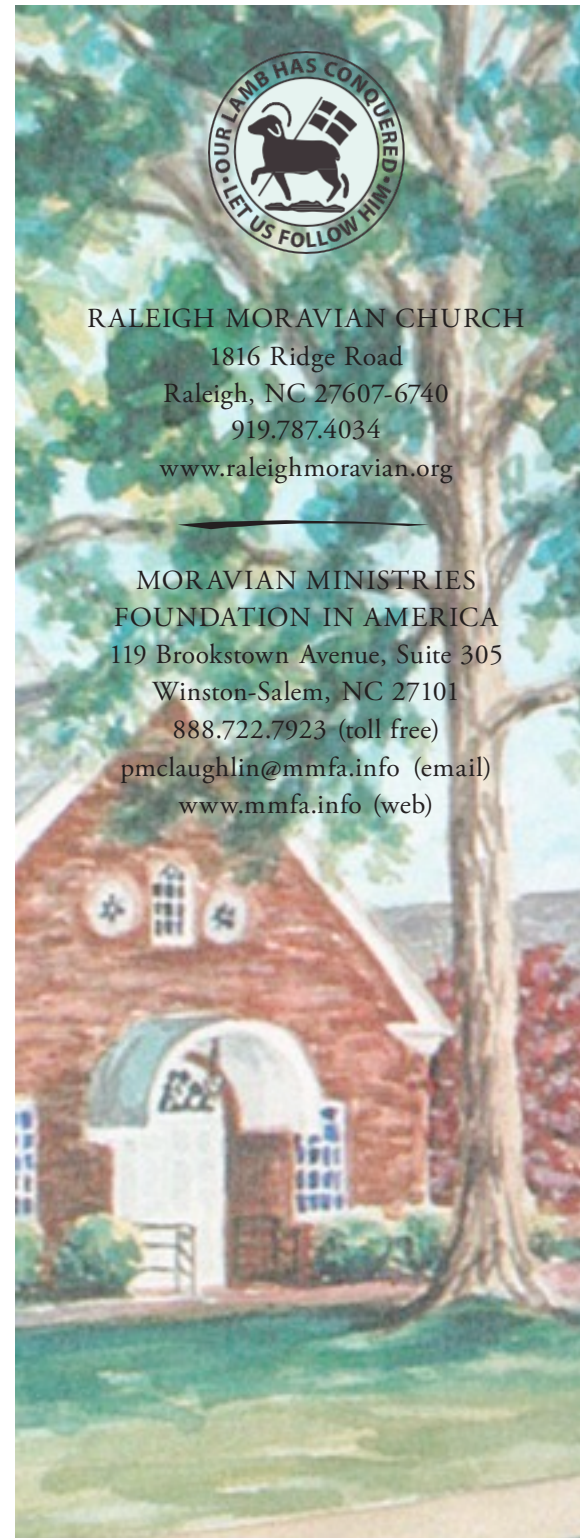
Legacy gifts last forever. They perpetuate your earthly contribution to God’s work. Raleigh Moravian wants to see that your legacy gift is put to good use and that your wishes are fulfilled.

Also, while we hope you will consider the above ministries for a legacy gift, they are not intended to limit or restrict your support of other areas, needs, and interests. If you wish to support a need that is not listed, please contact the Vice Chair of the RMC Board or the Pastor.



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An Invitation to Leave a Legacy

The Raleigh Moravian Church
Gift Legacy Program



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AN INTRODUCTION

In our short history, Raleigh Moravian Church (RMC) has been blessed with bequests and planned gifts from a number of loving members which have been, and will continue to be, used to support and expand the mission and ministries of our beloved church.

In 2008, the RMC Board undertook a thoughtful review and developed policies and procedures to ensure that all bequests will be well-cared for and properly accounted for in perpetuity. These policies and procedures also assure that these gifts will be used as the donors intend. In addition, to encourage more legacy gifts, a GiftLegacy program has been created to provide an additional giving option as part of Raleigh Moravian's stewardship program.

YOUR INVITATION

As a member of Raleigh Moravian, you are invited to consider our church in your estate plan. Indeed, if you, your friends, and/or family members dedicate a portion of your estate in a legacy gift to Raleigh Moravian, think about how much more ministry our congregation could do!

Raleigh Moravian welcomes a legacy gift of any size. But why not consider tithing your gift/bequest? A legacy gift of 10% of your estate will do much to help Raleigh Moravian. It also means you still have 90% left for your family or other heirs. It's truly a win-win approach to your estate planning.

Remember: A legacy gift to Raleigh Moravian lasts and supports the vital ministries of our faith community forever!

OUR NEEDS AND MINISTRIES

As an actively caring and concerned faith community, Raleigh Moravian has needs and ministries that are not part of the Church's annual budget. These require legacy and other gifts for support. In fact, as a stewardship principle, it is essential that every member of Raleigh Moravian continue to support the on-going needs funded through Sunday offerings as generously as possible. Nevertheless, these "second-mile" ministries, supported by our GiftLegacy program, help make Raleigh Moravian a very special and more vibrant faith community.

Members and friends of Raleigh Moravian may either leave unrestricted legacy gifts to the Church or designate any of eight areas of ministry as a focus for their gifts. Unrestricted gifts will be allocated by the RMC Board to any of the ministries of the Church on an as-needed basis.

The eight specific ministries to which you may designate your legacy gift are:

The Missions and Community Outreach Fund supports worldwide and local efforts to communicate and implement the Gospel and the mission of our Church and to enrich and serve the needs of our community. Some of the efforts that the Fund supports include:

- Direct aid for projects and needs of the Board of World Mission;
- Mission trips, both internationally and domestically, by members of the Church as approved by the RMC Mission Committee and the RMC Board;
- Outreach programs to the Raleigh community like ministry to homeless shelters, students attending local colleges and universities, and Vacation Bible School;
- Direct aid to organizations like food banks, community centers, shelter programs for the homeless and battered men and women, and other community services that are consistent with the

mission and ministries of the Church; and,

- Other efforts that bring the Gospel and the work of the Church to people in need.

The Music Fund supports:

- The acquisition of music, materials, and capital items that support the choir, band, and the Church's music programs;
- Organ and piano maintenance, renovations, or purchases;
- Concerts sponsored by the Church for the community; and
- Attendance by members of the Church involved in the music program at conferences and programs sponsored by the Moravian Music Foundation, the Moravian Music Festival, and other programs and training deemed appropriate by the RMC Board and the Director of Music that further the Church's music programs.

The Preschool Fund supports the Raleigh Moravian Preschool by:

- Providing educational materials, equipment, and qualified staff for the instruction of the community's preschool-aged children;
- Funding tuition scholarships for Preschool students in an effort to support and reach out to the community's families in need; and
- Financing capital improvements such as outdoor recreational equipment, computer systems, educational materials, play toys, etc. intended to enhance the Preschool's mission of providing a Christian-centered learning experience involving safe, loving, and secure exploration and discovery.

Scholarships and Education Funds support children, youth, and pastoral staff of the Church through:

- The Comenius Scholarship program,

- which annually awards academic scholarships to one or more members of the Church who intend to pursue post-high school education (college, technical, or trade schools);
- Scholarship programs to help children and youth attend camps at Laurel Ridge;
- Scholarship aid for members of the Church who attend Moravian Theological Seminary or other denominationally approved seminaries; and,
- Assistance to the Pastor's Education and Travel Fund to help the pastoral staff with expenses for continuing education and travel for educational opportunities.

The Pastoral Care Fund is available for the Pastor, or other person(s) designated by the RMC Board, to respond to emergency situations involving members of the Church and/or the community. While the identity of those aided shall remain confidential, the Pastor or designated person(s) shall provide to the Board a written summary of the amount spent and the general purpose of the expenditure. In addition, procedures shall be in place which reduce the possibility of misuse by those who receive aid.

The God's Acre Fund supports the perpetual care, upkeep, and improvements for the Moravian "God's Acre" section of Raleigh's Oakwood Cemetery, including its entry archway and perimeter.

The Buildings and Grounds Fund supports capital projects of expansion, improvement, and maintenance of the church, its grounds, and the parsonage; land acquisition; and debt reduction. For a project to qualify for this Fund, the total cost must exceed \$2,500 and result in extending and improving the useful life of the physical property of the Church. Routine maintenance and upkeep of the Church and/or parsonage should be paid out of general operating funds, not from this dedicated Fund. At the discretion of the RMC Board, the congregation may be challenged