



ROCKY RIVER  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ENDOWMENT  
MINISTRIES

# 2021 Endowment Report





# Message from the Senior Pastor

## Rev. Dan Bogre

### Dear Friends and Family of RRUMC,

As I put this article together for the year-end report of the Theo & Belle Moll Society, I am reminded of a Scripture from the Gospel of John. In chapter 17, Jesus is praying for his disciples as he anticipates his forthcoming arrest and crucifixion. In verses 20 and 21, Jesus says, “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who WILL believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.”

Jesus is not only praying for those in the Upper Room with him that evening, but he is also praying for all those who WILL be part of the church for generations and generations to come.

That is exactly what the Theo & Belle Moll Society is all about. The people who have chosen to be part of that society have informed the church that they have included Rocky River United Methodist Church in their will and estate planning or have chosen to give directly to the church’s endowment during their lifetime. As you know, we say, “It’s all about the story. We exist to help people meet Jesus Christ in the midst of their story.” When people of this church become part of the Theo & Belle Moll Society, they have chosen to make a difference in people’s stories for generations to come. Just as Jesus prayed for all those who will come to believe in him long before they actually do, people in the Moll Society are doing the same thing through their financial commitment and generosity. They are making sure that we are helping people meet Jesus Christ in the midst of their story long after they have gone on to the church triumphant.

It is earnings from the endowment that allow us to absorb large plant costs without skipping a beat in the overall day-to-day operations of the church. For example, as described in the Trustees’ letter in this report, earnings from the endowment allowed us to replace the air handler immediately. Many churches would have to do a capital campaign to raise that amount of money. Some churches would have to do away with a staff position or just go without an air handler. Other churches would have to cut valuable programs and ministries to cover the cost. We plan for “sudden emergency moments” in the church through the Theo & Belle Moll Society and its generous members.

I want to thank all our current Theo & Belle Moll Society members for their ongoing love and support for our church through the endowment. We cannot do all that we do as a church without you. I want to thank God in advance for all the people who WILL become members of our society in the future. Just as Jesus prayed for those who WILL come to believe in him in the Upper Room that night, so I now pray for you and thank God for your forthcoming generosity. When you hear God call you to be a part of the Theo & Belle Moll Society, please know that you will be helping people meet Jesus Christ in the midst of their story for generations to come. Thank you and may God bless you now and forevermore.

Peace and Blessings,  
Rev. Daniel F. Bogre, Senior Pastor  
Rocky River United Methodist Church



# Message from the Board of Trustees

We are grateful to everyone for your faith in Rocky River United Methodist Church and its mission and vision.

Throughout 2021, as trustees of Rocky River United Methodist Church, we continued to be conservative in our decision-making about capital improvements, while also being very thankful that the earnings of the endowment allowed us to quickly respond to any urgent needs.

For example, during the summer, the air handler, which supplies air conditioning to the sanctuary, gave out after more than 60 years of service. We immediately ordered a new one, at a cost of nearly \$50,000. We are grateful that there was no need to cut anything from the church's operating budget to do this. The endowment exists, in part, to pay for capital emergencies such as this.

This report highlights some of the additional projects that were made possible in 2021 by the endowment. You may have noticed new furniture for the welcome center and gathering area outside Beacon Hall, as well as a significant sprucing-up of the grounds and landscaping. Several staff computers were replaced, and roof repairs were completed on the church building and the building at the new 9900 Madison Avenue campus.

Importantly, the endowment continued to provide an annual perpetual tithe from Theo and Belle Moll to the church's operating budget. Modest college scholarships were given to four church youth, and the endowment continued to support a United Methodist missionary.

We are guided in our efforts by the deep faith and commitment expressed for this church by Moll Society members over many decades. We are grateful to everyone for your faith in our church.

## **2021 Board of Trustees**

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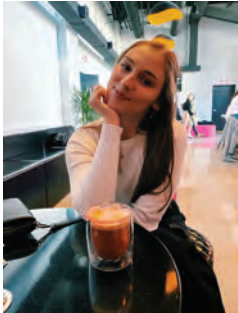
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## **2021 Endowment Committee**

Andy Henton  
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# Projects and Accomplishments in 2021

## Endowment Scholarship Recipients



**Sarah Farling**  
**Freshman, Clemson University**  
**Graduated from Rocky River High School**  
*“Helping out with childcare at RRUMC has allowed for me to be my own person within my church. With the relationships I have been able to create I have established myself as a safe resource and a trustworthy caregiver to many families in my community.”*



**Allison Rafferty**  
**Freshman, Cuyahoga Community College**  
**Graduated from St. Joseph Academy in Cleveland**  
*“My faith journey has been a rock in my life; everyone at Rocky River United Methodist church has been a much-needed support system.”*



**Jason Zayac**  
**Junior, Ohio Northern University**  
**Graduated from Westlake High School**  
*“My faith journey has impacted my life in many aspects. I always feel closer with God when I come home from a mission trip and that relationship grows every time I go on another.”*



**Jennifer Zayac**  
**Freshman, Ohio Northern University**  
**Graduated from Westlake High School**  
*“My faith journey has impacted a lot of major things in my life. I have made most of my lifelong friends at church and youth group activities. We have become family over the years.”*

## RRUMC Projects



The air handler was replaced to maintain heating and cooling in the Sanctuary to assure congregants are in a temperate environment as they worship.



New landscaping.



Improvements and renovations to RRUMC's Cleveland Campus.



New furniture for the Gathering Area.

# Endowment

## Major Maintenance and Improvements

Our properties require both short-term and long-term projects to keep them not only functional, but beautiful as well. The endowment, which helps us do this, also helps relieve our annual budget from being overwhelmed with the steady need for capital projects and maintenance.

## People and Programs

The people who gather to discover Jesus Christ in the midst of their story find a variety of programs to help them accomplish this goal. Our church seeks to assist everyone to find a place to meet Christ. From Small Groups to Upward Basketball and Cheerleading, from choir to Bible study, there's a place and program for everyone thanks to these funds.

## Fulfilling the Needs of Others

These funds allow us to meet a variety of needs in our church, community, and the world through both traditional and new outreach ministries. The ministries seek to help people meet Christ in the midst of their stories such as the support of an overseas missionary and higher education scholarships.

### Apportionments

- Income used to supplement the current operating budget in any year the Church is unable to meet its Conference and District Apportionments

### Benevolence

- Income used for causes that extend the outreach ministries of the church
- Can be used to augment non-annual major capital improvements and/or major repairs to the sanctuary organ

### Capital Development

- Principal and income may be used to provide for major future changes to the church's property, including land and building improvements

### Centennial

- Income used for improvement, maintenance, replacement, or repair of any property item believed to have a long-term useful life of more than ten years

### Dean

- Income used to support church programs

### Education

- Income used for higher education scholarships awarded to members each year

### Memorial

- All memorial funds given to the church that do not request a specific purpose are directed here
- Principal and income may be used
- Used for altar flowers and special equipment and furnishings as needed

### Trustee Discretionary

- Principal and income used to cover necessary projects as directed by the Board of Trustees

### Music

- Principal and income used to maintain and enhance the music program

### Twice Blessed Free Store

- Principal and income used to provide for the ministries, capital expenses, and operation of the Twice Blessed Free Store campus

## Support the Endowment

The Theo & Belle Moll Society members witness to their faith through designating Rocky River United Methodist Church in their will, or other estate plans, or making an outright gift to the endowment.

It is a testimony to our trust in God and faith in providing the church with additional resources that will give in perpetuity. The Theo & Belle Moll Society is named in memory of our first donors to the endowment. Each member continues this legacy of generosity and faithful stewardship as witnessed by Theo and Belle Moll. Those who have indicated their intentions are listed here by name, or anonymously.

Anyone who has a plan to give directly or through their estate is a member of the Theo & Belle Moll Society. It is not about the amount of your gift, but rather your intent to support the church in perpetuity.

Please contact Lisa P. Sierk, Director of Endowment Ministries, to learn more about planned giving opportunities, or making a gift, such as:

- Gifts by bequest: will or codicil
- Retirement plan assets
- Life insurance
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Lead Trust
- Gifts of stocks, bonds, or mutual funds
- Bequeath an IRA
- Gifts of cash



With gratitude,  
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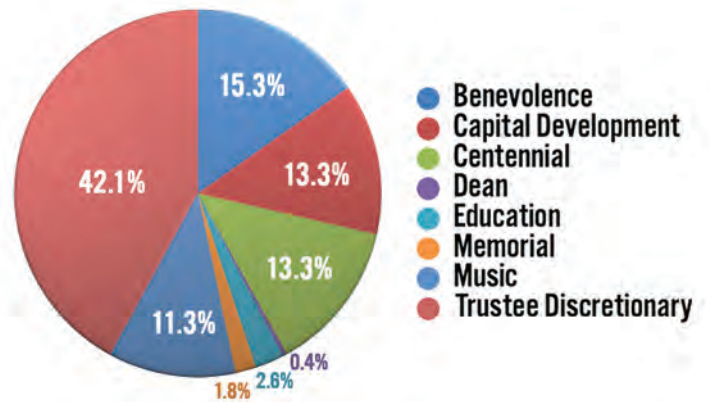
# Financial Report

For the year ended December 31, 2021

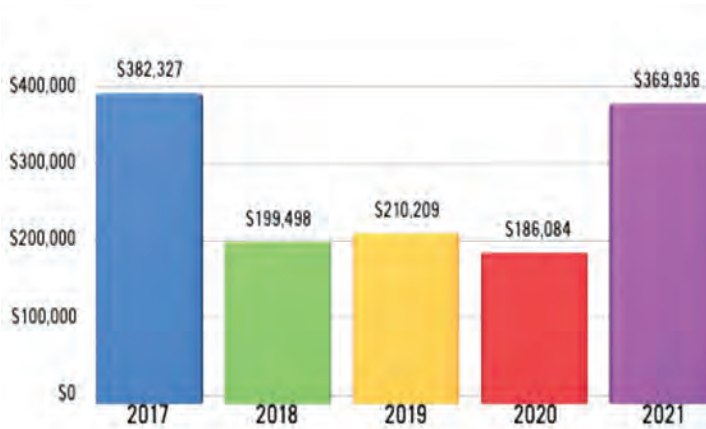
## Five Year Financial Summary

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE ON 1/1/2017</b>	<b>\$4,043,865</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Annual Gifts	\$221,192
Special Gifts	\$451,559
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$672,751</b>
<b>GROWTH</b>	
Interest, dividends and market appreciation (net of fees)	\$2,921,300
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>(\$1,348,054)</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE ON 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$6,289,862</b>

## Spending by Category 2017-2021



## Spending by Year



## Endowment Cash & Investment Balances





# Theo & Belle Moll Society

Anyone who has included Rocky River United Methodist Church in their estate plans, or who makes an outright gift to the endowment, is recognized as a member of the Theo & Belle Moll Society.

Our sincerest gratitude to the following members:

Jane Amata  
Carol\* & Wayne Anderson  
Mark & Cindy Bacon  
Courtney and George Benson  
Lillian Bily\*  
George M. Borato\*  
**Karen W. Braun**  
Kristen Buchs  
Don\* & Barbara Burney  
John & Donna Clifford  
**Karen\* & Doug Cooper**  
Nancy Edmondson\*  
Anne and Don\* Esarove  
Liz\* & Chuck\* Emrick  
Jim & Sue\* Evans  
Bob & Vicki Foster  
Larry & Jean Gilbert  
**Ruth & Dave\* Glynn**  
Bertha Goodworth  
Lynn Gorton  
Chuck & Nancy Gustafson  
MJ\* & Wally\* Hagen  
Al & Diane Herstrum  
Dr. Robert\* & Elaine Hibbard  
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Herb & Joanne\* Hoppe, Jr.  
Dave Huller  
Betty & Henry Jacques  
Don Jones  
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Carl McKenna\*  
Marian McKinney  
Bill\* & Norma\* McMeekin  
**Susan\* & Bill Minnich**  
Donald\* & Eileen\* Morrison  
Lois Palmer\*  
Michael J. Parry  
Marion Paugh\*  
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**Dan & Emily Peplinski**  
Lori & Tom Poe  
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**Jennifer & Frank Schwelik**  
Janet & Warren Sowers  
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Melinda Tomlin-Murray  
Kathryn Usiak\*  
Nancy Wamsley\*  
Robert\* & Suzanne\* Weber  
Patricia & Barry Wilson  
Chris & Chari Zito  
Anonymous (4)

\*deceased are noted

***bold italic indicates new members in 2021***