



ROCKY RIVER
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ENDOWMENT
MINISTRIES



2018–2019 Endowment Report



Message from the Senior Pastor

Rev. Dan Bogre

Dear Friends and Family of RRUMC,

When I first came to Rocky River United Methodist Church, one of the things that amazed me most was this church's generosity. It was not just that all of you were so generous, but that you had created a very vibrant culture of generosity within the church family. It was quite apparent and widely understood and accepted as part of this church's DNA. That is not very common in most churches around the country. Most churches keep the talk of money very secret and close to the vest. It is not something discussed openly or comfortably at any time in the church year, let alone the time of stewardship. For RRUMC, that is not at all the case.

Our Theo & Belle Moll Society is one of the most brightly shining examples of legacy giving within the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. Our culture of generosity was best made evident when Theo and Belle Moll gave the initial funds to begin this endowment in the mid-90s. Since then, that spirit has become contagious and more and more of our people continue to get caught up in it as it spreads throughout this amazing congregation.

Its main purpose is to defray some of the major costs that come along with running a building this size and all the ministries that take place within it and around it. By absorbing those major plant costs, the operating budget is able to operate at full capacity without having to redirect dollars to those aforementioned plant costs. Since I arrived at

this church in July 2011, we have tackled some major plant upgrades and repairs. For example, we have completely renovated the church steeple. We have repaved the parking lot. We have installed two brand new boilers. Our church has put in a new chiller. The sanctuary and the hallway outside the chapel have had new carpeting installed. The exterior of the building has been repainted. That does not include some of the less expensive projects that have been taken care of over the last nine years. All told, we have spent a million dollars in necessary and needed updates and upgrades to church properties. It is because of the generosity of the people of this church, through the Theo & Belle Moll Society, that we have never had to divert money from the operating budget or had to have a capital campaign to keep our facility in tip top shape.

Our mission and vision at RRUMC remain the same. "It's All About the Story: We exist to help people meet Jesus Christ in the midst of their story." I know that because of the generosity of this congregation and the way it's lived out through the Theo & Belle Moll Society, we will be able to accomplish and live into that vision for generations to come. I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for all that you have done, are doing, and will do for generations to come to help that mission and vision live on for future generations.

With a Thankful Heart,
Rev. Daniel F. Bogre

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.

As trustees of Rocky River United Methodist Church, we are honored to be stewards of the endowment funds. These funds were born from the generosity of dozens of individuals and families over the years – inspired most notably by Theo and Belle Moll. With each new member welcomed every year into the Moll Society of legacy giving, we are reminded anew of the deep faith and commitment expressed for this church, and its mission and vision “to help people meet Jesus Christ in the midst of their story.”

Throughout this report, you will find highlights of the projects that the endowment funds made possible. Along with capital improvements, these funds also provided college scholarships for church youth who have demonstrated a commitment to their faith and this church; maintained the two church parsonages for our pastors and their families, and they also help to support a United Methodist missionary in Africa. Additionally, the endowment funds provide items such as laptop computers, software, furniture, and choir robes – needs which cannot be met in the annual operating budget. The funds helped to pay for the refurbishing of our beloved handbells, which add immeasurably to this church’s music ministry.

Other “less glamorous” projects include a hazardous-materials assessment of the church building and the conversion of the church’s paper blueprints into a digital format. Both of these are very important to maintaining the physical integrity of the church properties.

Every year, the endowment funds also provide the Molls’ perpetual tithe to the church’s operating budget. This annual commitment highlights what is perhaps our most important task as trustees: to balance the endowment spending for capital projects, maintenance, and other needed items with the preservation and growth of the endowment funds for future generations.

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Trustee Funds

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 Trustee funds, which help us do this, also help 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 at RRUMC 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 Core 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 are directed here
- Principal and income may be used with particular deference given to the families
- Also 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

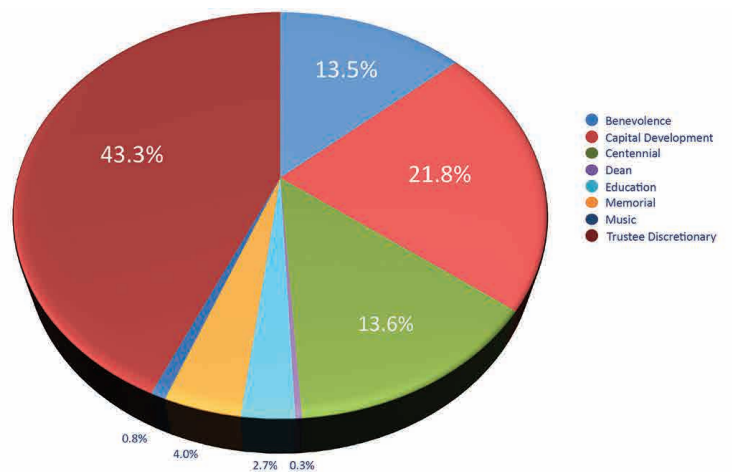
Financial Report

Endowment Report for RRUMC – For the year ended December 31, 2019

Five Year Financial Summary

Beginning Balance on 1/1/2015	\$ 4,216,350
Receipts	
Annual Gifts	100,396
Special Gifts	369,214
Total Receipts	469,610
Growth	
Interest, dividends and market appreciation (net of fees)	1,281,595
Distributions	(1,316,473)
Ending Balance on 12/31/2019	\$ 4,651,082

Spending by Category from 2015-2019



Spending by Year



Endowment Cash and Investment Balances



Projects and Accomplishments in 2018 and 2019



Music: Bells refurbished, new robes for choir



Scholarships, 12 given out over the two years



New TVs in Beacon Hall and Youth Room



New microphones in all three worship spaces to meet FCC compliance



Technology, including laptop computers for staff, upgrade to Windows 10, WiFi Implementation



Capital improvements, including roof repair and maintenance, signage: inside and out, new carpeting in sanctuary, installation of new security system



Parsonage maintenance and upgrades, including lawn and landscaping, electrical and plumbing, windows – Riverwood, first floor updates – Kingsbury



Hazardous material study and site survey with digital blue printing to prepare for future

Planned Giving Opportunities

The Theo & Belle Moll Society members witness to their faith by indicating their desire to remember the RRUMC Endowment in their will, or with a planned gift.

It is a testimony to our trust in God and faith in providing the church with additional resources that will give in perpetuity. Anyone who has a plan to give through their estate, regardless of the amount, is considered a member. Those who have indicated their intentions are listed here by name, or anonymously. 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.

Please contact Lisa P. Sierk, Director of Endowment Ministries, to learn more about planned giving opportunities, 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
- Gifts of personal property: land, art, collections
- Bequeathing IRA
- Other

Message from the Director of Endowment Ministries

What an honor and a privilege it has been to join the amazing team at Rocky River United Methodist Church.

Lisa P. Sierk



As I come upon my first anniversary of being your Director of Endowment Ministries, I reflect on the warm welcome so many of you have provided me as I learn all of the amazing work done at and through this church and its people. You have taken time for coffee or lunch, invited me in, and shared how “you help people meet Jesus Christ in the midst of their story.” And while I never had the opportunity to meet Theo and Belle Moll, thank you for taking the time to introduce them to me through your memories and experiences.

The philanthropic culture at RRUMC is strong. The annual giving continues to support varied and broad day-to-day activities, and the endowment has grown – through both continued giving and diligent fiscal management and oversight by a truly kind and caring Board of Trustees. Theo and Belle Moll started this endowment, and then each member of the Moll Society has assured this legacy continues. How blessed we are with the vision and commitment of this generosity. I am so very grateful for the opportunity to work with you and garner support to assure the future of Rocky River United Methodist Church for generations to come.

Lisa P. Sierk
Director of Endowment Ministries



Theo & Belle Moll Society

Anyone who indicates their intention to include Rocky River United Methodist Church as a part of their estate is recognized as a Theo & Belle Moll Society member.

Our sincerest gratitude to the following members:

Jane Amata
Carol* & Wayne Anderson
Mark & Cindy Bacon
Lillian Bily*
George M. Borato*
Kristen Buchs
Don & Barbara Burney
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Nancy Wamsley*
Robert* & Suzanne* Weber
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Chris & Chari Zito
Anonymous (3)

* deceased

Bold & italicized indicates New Member