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The United Church of Pittsford

Imagine Legacy Fund

Strengthen our church's future through your legacy gift which will transform our congregation into a powerful catalyst for creative ministry. For years to come, your gift today will empower us to ...

Serve the community

Care for one another

Learn together

Create a Community of Hope and Love!
Celebrate what we do today!
Dare to imagine what we can do tomorrow!

How much more can we do together through your generosity?





Serving Our Community

This fund will support our vision of showing love and building hope in the wider community of greater Rochester and the world beyond.

Celebrate what we do!

- Flower City Work Camp – helping make peoples' lives better in Rochester.
- Provide food every week for two local food cupboards – making a difference for families struggling to make ends meet.
- Teams serving homeless families overnight several times a year – through RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network).
- Volunteer and financial support for Coffee Connection, empowering women in recovery from addiction.



*Dare to **IMAGINE** what we can do!*

- Send mission teams to other states or nations to make a difference in the world.
- Organize volunteer teams and financial support (local, national, international) to help people in poverty or for disaster relief.
- Coordinate teams building homes with Habitat for Humanity or other agencies to serve individuals and families who lack decent housing throughout the world.
- Provide safe space and ministry which empowers people who seek help with addiction, abuse, and mental health challenges.



Caring for One Another

This fund will support our vision of being a visible presence and providing personal caring in the church and the world.

Celebrate what we do!

- Personal “presence” for people in times of sickness, loss, and individual need – home visits, phone calls, cards, meals, prayer.
- Baptisms, weddings, funerals – sharing in celebration or sadness important experiences of life, in both the church and the larger community.
- Small groups for all ages where people provide encouragement and mutual support.
- Shared physical space with community groups to engage in activities consistent with our vision.
- Services, programs, and events open to everyone where people can share their lives and experience hope and love.



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- Develop community programs to assist and comfort people in times of sickness, bereavement, and personal need.
- Sponsor events and groups where people in the community can be empowered on their journey through major turning points of life.
- Sponsor a diversity of groups for the community, using our shared space, where people can experience personal support.
- Offer our expanding technology and physical space for use by community groups in their diverse activities.
- Create a growing number of events and programs, in partnership with community groups, where people can experience hope and love in the whole community.



Learning Together

This fund will support our vision of empowering people of all ages to learn together as we become a community of hope and love.

Celebrate what we do!

- Learning programs for children and youth – Sunday School, youth groups, music, drama, seasonal events.
- Adult learning events and groups.
- Intergenerational learning opportunities – worship, seasonal events, retreats.



*Dare to **IMAGINE** what we can do!*

- Design learning programs for children and teens based on diverse interests (sports, music, theater, games) - open to the community and offered weekdays or weekends and in the summer.
- Develop learning events and groups for adults based on their diverse interests which will empower them to build a community of hope and love.
- Expand participation of all ages in our worship, seasonal events, retreats – and develop other events for the community where people of all ages can learn and grow together.

What can your gifts provide?

For 2,000 years the Church has been serving, caring, and learning together – and building a community of hope and love. This is what Christians are sent out by God to do in the world, and these ministries and goals can be accomplished without a lot of financial funding. So what is the purpose of this legacy giving effort?

Congregations thrive and grow when people give generously to support structures for vital ministry and outreach. Serving, Caring, and Learning will be even more effective when sustainable funding is available for ...

Program expenses

Mission trips – expenses for travel, food, and resources to engage in service and mission projects locally or globally.

Community events – costs of marketing, meals, and supplies appropriate to each event designed for the whole community.

Staffing

Training – People who volunteer their time and energy for ministry must be recruited and trained, and resources must be found and provided. All of that is the role of church staff.

Leadership – Developing effective leadership within the congregation happens best with educated, experienced staff.

Technology

Multimedia equipment – People use technology to both see and hear (multimedia) in every part of our lives today. Our learning and worship, and all our ministry, will be enhanced, perhaps transformed, as we install state-of-the-art equipment throughout the building.

Training – As we expand our multimedia capacity, we will need to provide training for volunteers, along with necessary technology.

Physical Space

Repurposing our existing space – Ministry can be enhanced by a building where every part of it is designed for efficient use in our programs and events, including its use by community groups. New furniture, remodeling, creating new storage space – these are just some of the ways funding contributes more possibilities for ministry.

Expanding our building – As the church's ministry grows, creating more space for groups and activities happening at the same time will be important.

Ways to Give

Your financial generosity is important for the ministries envisioned with the *IMAGINE Legacy Fund*. The **United Church of Pittsford** and the *American Baptist Foundation (ABF)* work together as partners to provide creative planned giving options. In addition to cash gifts, we encourage other ways to give, such as:

- Gifts through Wills and Bequests
- Gifts of Stock
- Life Insurance designations
- Real Estate and Other Property

Life income agreements, such as Charitable Trusts and Gift Annuities, are also available. These provide steady income to donors while assuring a long-term benefit to the church. Together, we can find the best gift plan to benefit you, your loved ones, and the community.

In Appreciation

As our way of saying thank you, supporters of this Legacy Fund will be included in the *United Church of Pittsford Legacy Society*. If you desire that your gift be anonymous, please let us know.

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