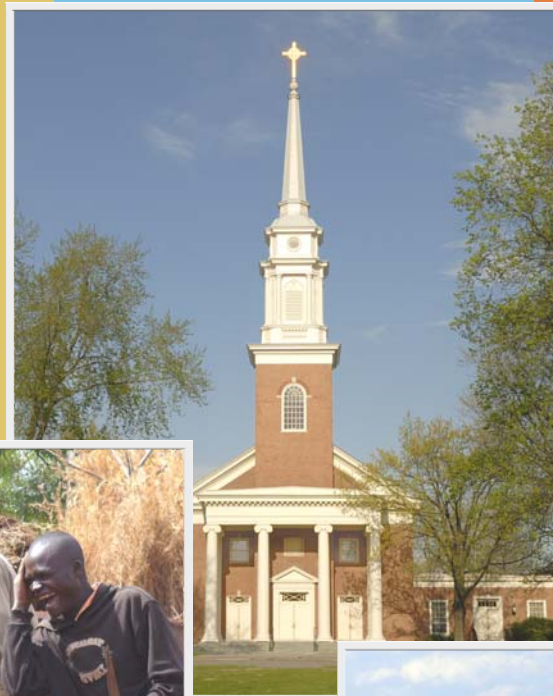


HERITAGE SUNDAY

BECOMING PART OF THE LEGACY

MAY 16, 2010



"We give, not primarily out of duty or habit or guilt or judgment or peer pressure. We give based on gratitude for all we have received, so that we can help others in genuine need and as part of our spiritual relationship with God. Scripture invites us to give generously, cheerfully and regularly."

— Pastor Alf Halvorson





Helen Harvey Jones

In 2006, after a lifetime of teaching kindergarten and pre-school children, Helen Jones went home to her Lord at 97 years of age. She left First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem the largest bequest we have ever received—\$350,000.

NO ESTATE IS TOO SMALL TO EXPRESS A LEGACY! WE DO NOT HAVE TO BE WEALTHY TO LEAVE A PERCENTAGE GIFT.

Helen wanted to make certain that her church family, particularly the Sunday School students, benefited from her estate. Her caring generosity has since:

- Launched our Safe Church background checking and badges
- Added window panels to every door in our childcare areas to adhere to government safety standards
- Upgraded bathrooms for children in the Kirk Center
- Helped purchase four part banks to teach stewardship to children

Helen loved children, and her permanent fund in our Church's Endowment guarantees that, in death as in life, she will continue to support the children and youth of FPC Bethlehem.

A WILL IS THE CORNERSTONE OF A SENSIBLE ESTATE PLAN. ESTATE PLANNING GIVES US THE CHANCE TO MAKE AN ENDURING STATEMENT OF FAITH. WITH OUR FINAL ACT OF STEWARDSHIP WE CAN LEAVE A LASTING MARK ON OUR CHURCH OR ON A PARTICULAR MINISTRY OR MISSION PROGRAM.



FPC children's Sunday school

WE CAN EACH MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SHARE THE BLESSINGS OF YOUR LIFETIME WITH GENERATIONS TO COME.

DO NOT NEGLECT
TO DO GOOD
AND TO SHARE
WHAT YOU HAVE,
FOR SUCH
SACRIFICES ARE
PLEASING TO
GOD.
(HEBREWS 13:16)

“Our family has been richly blessed through wonderful opportunities, God’s people and the staff of First Presbyterian have provided. We have tried to support these opportunities by yearly increasing our pledge past tithing level (10%) and now we have made sure the Church will receive a gift from our estate. We encourage you to do the same. Thanks be to God.”

— Sue and Bob Boehret



Sue & Bob Boehret

WILL THEY KNOW YOU ARE CHRISTIAN WHEN THEY READ YOUR WILL?

Your will can and should be a dynamic document. Circumstances may change, and your gift to First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem in your will may no longer be possible at some future date. That’s why a will bequest works for so many—you can change your mind at any time.



Alice Yocom

Quote from Alice: “We felt deeply indebted to our church for the opportunity to know our Lord more intimately through the ministries of preaching, teaching, small groups and music. I am grateful and pleased that in our will we decided to leave a tenth of our remaining estate to our church, which has been a life-saving station for us.”

Alice Yocom and her late husband, Willis, contributed a tenth (tithe) of their income annually to the church.

WE ALL WANT TO PROVIDE FOR
OUR CHILDREN AND SPECIAL
CHARITIES. WHY NOT CONSIDER
ASSIGNING A PERCENTAGE OF
YOUR ESTATE TO FPC BETHLEHEM?

BECOMING PART OF THE LEGACY

Sample language to use when writing your will:

- “I give ____% of the remainder of my estate to the First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem PA or its successor, for its general use and purposes.”
- “I give, devise, and bequeath, the sum of \$ _____ to the First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem PA or its successor, for its general use and purposes.”

HERITAGE PARTNERS

“One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.” (Psalm 145:4)

The Christian tradition of giving is both a privilege and an opportunity. What we now enjoy and cherish—our church, schools, hospitals—were in large part created by those who came before us. We must follow this example by giving of ourselves to assure the future of our Christian witness.

We thank those listed for their planned giving.

Anonymous (21)
Ann Ainsworth
Helen Ayre*
Barbra Barker
Frank Barnako
Jan and John Bealer
Lydia W. Beaumont
Ella Beedle
Gina and Tony Beltrami
Brad and Sue Bennetch
Birdsall Family
Athene and Paul Blow
Bob and Susan Boehret
David and Marie Boltz
Ellen Brandt Boltz*
Janice and John Bonge
Bridges* and Lucile* Boylston
David and Jill Bugby
Kevin and Lynnette Burns
Bob and Shirley Carle
Maurice* and Phyllis* Carlson
Emeline and William Cliff
Carolyn and George* Conard
Betty Cooper
Kevin and Maria Danyi
Grace* and Elam* Davies
Joan* and Walter* Dealtrey
Kevin and MaryEllen Dickey
Leonard R. Dimmick
Duane and Glenna Dunham
Pat and Shirley Dyer
John and Bobbi Edwards
George R. and Sandra H. Eichler
Julia and Syd Eltringham
Bill and Marguerite Ender, Sr.
Dick* and Norma Ferguson
Jan Field
Wally Field
Jeanne and Steve Follett
Jean F. Foust

Grace Fretz*
Marlene “Linny” Fowler
Elaine Gable
Joan T. Gilbert
Sally and Gerry Gillispie
Katie and Randy Gottlieb
James A. and Grace G. Halkins
Ginny Hohl
Dottie and John Howell
Gladys and Stan* Hughes
Holly and Mike Hughes
Bob and Jean Hunsicker
Harriet Hursh
Joel and Shirley Jacobson
Helen Harvey Jones*
Enid and Stan Jones, Jr.
Betsy and Jack Jordan
Barry M. Kessler
Karl and Marcia Kline
R. Richard Knauss
Keith and Lyn Krenz
Mark Lang
Judy Lazarus
Harry G. Light
Gladys Lindholm
Robert H. and Jean C. Littner
Robert V. Littner, Esq.
Pete* and Joyce* Lukehart
Eunice L. Mackie
Ruth Markley
Don and Lucille Marshall
Garry and Polly McClure
Kathleen Meehan
June and Bob Mills
Jeff and Noreen Mohler
Iris M. Mower
Barbara and Tip Mowrer
Betsy and George Mowrer
Audrey and Bill Ney
Marlane M. Oren*

Ross and Sandy Orr
Al and Deb Philpotts
Jack* and Janet Pope
Dave and Loey Post
Mary Powell
Paul Reitmeir
Kay L. Richter
Elizabeth Rivers*
Elinore Roberts*
Don and Linda Robertson
Mary D. Ruch
Ruth and Bill Rusling
Chip and Sherry Rust
Annabel and Bob Schnure
Barbara and Phil Schroeder
John and Berta Shupe
Mary Sloat*
Elizabeth Sloat*
William J. Smith
Don and Virginia Squair
Virginia V. Stainbrook*
Hildegarde and Dick* Stoeltzing
Nalda and Dick Stevens
Harriet Strawhecker*
Ann and Jack Terres
Richard and Lisa Dippre Titus
Guy and Tina Tober
Barbara and Ron Trumbauer
Mrs. Joseph Tunner*
Ruth* and Woody* Wagner
Lauretta* and Tom* Wainwright
Ellie Walter
Betty and Howard Weaver
Dan and Lois Wells
Don* and Sally Wily
Marge* and Ted* Winkler
Robert D. Woodward*
Clarice Workman*
Eleanor and Joe Workman
Alice and Willis* Yocom

Note: This listing includes those who have made known their commitment as of December 31, 2009. For those seeking more information regarding a planned gift, please call Joe Workman, Planned Giving Officer, at 610-865-0986.