



# Bulletin Announcements

Use one in the announcement section of your worship bulletin or in your church newsletter.  
Feel free to customize with your church's name where it simply says *your church*.

Did you know the laws of the state where you are living at the time of your death will determine how your estate is settled if you have no will? These laws might not leave your property to the people you want to receive it. And, these laws definitely do not leave any gift to your church or any other charity. Wouldn't you rather make these decisions yourself? Learn more from the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation at 800-259-6863 or [www.okumf.org](http://www.okumf.org).

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How long has it been since you updated your will? Does it still express your wishes? Does it leave a gift to your church to carry on its ministry after your death? Remember to review your will and make any necessary updates. Call the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation more information, 800-259-6863.

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You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by careful estate planning which includes your church in your will. During your lifetime you will have the joy of knowing whatever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry through your church after your death. The Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation's *A Christian's Guide to Planning Your Will or Trust* is a great resource for creating your estate plan. Request your copy [www.okumf.org](http://www.okumf.org).

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When your estate planning documents are prepared by your attorney, you can include your church as the final beneficiary to receive any benefits that remain after other beneficiaries are remembered. Learn more from the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation at 800-259-6863 or [www.okumf.org](http://www.okumf.org).

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Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship: saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family, and showing charity toward others. Call the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation at 800-259-6863 to request your copy of *A Christian's Guide to Planning Your Will or Trust*.

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Did you know, for purposes of estate taxation, there is no limit on the size of a charitable gift you may give to your church at the time of your death? No matter how large, the gift is deductible for estate tax purposes. Visit [www.okumf.org](http://www.okumf.org) for more information on estate planning.

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Think about the part you want to play in your church's future. Naming your church as a beneficiary in your estate plan to create an endowment can assure your continued participation in the life and mission of your church far into the future. Learn more from the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation at 800-259-6863 or [www.okumf.org](http://www.okumf.org).

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Remember, if you have no will or trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at your death. State laws do not include your church or any other charity as a beneficiary. Learn more from the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation at 800-259-6863 or [www.okumf.org](http://www.okumf.org).

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Consider naming your church as a beneficiary in your will or living trust. The gift could be a set dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder after other gifts are made, or a gift of that part of the estate left if designated heirs are deceased.

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Giving to your church through your will is a good way to continue your support of your church beyond your lifetime. When your estate plan is prepared, consider including plans for a gift to your church. Learn more from the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation at 800-259-6863 or [www.okumf.org](http://www.okumf.org).

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