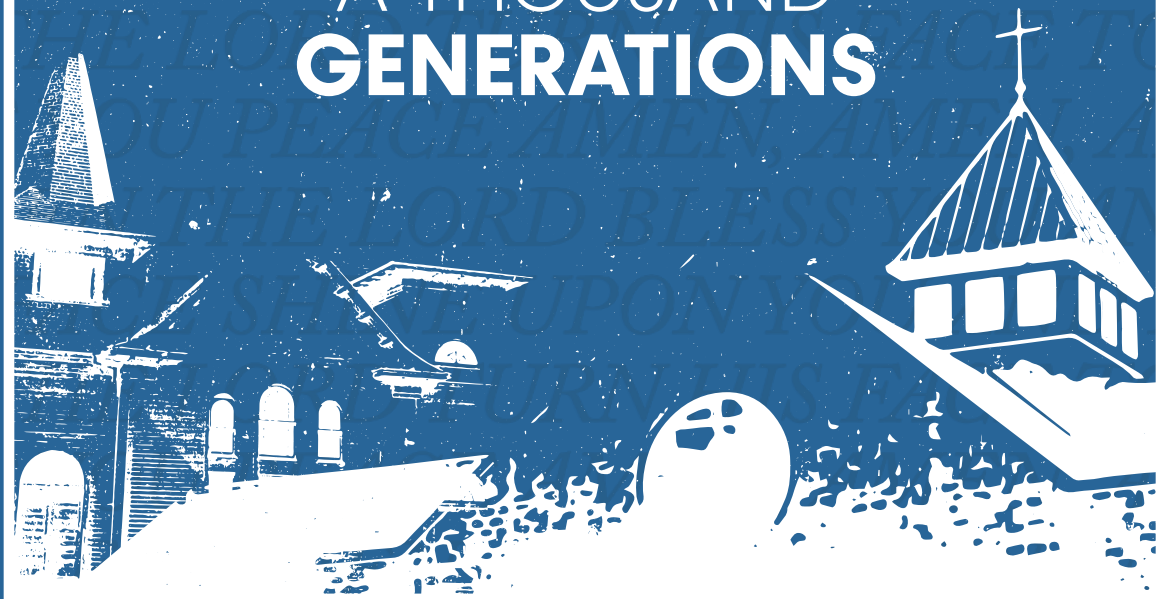


A THOUSAND GENERATIONS



FIRST METHODIST MANSFIELD

ANNUAL GIFTS

The life and ministry of First Methodist Mansfield is enabled by thousands who graciously sacrifice to support our shared work together. The primary way the ministry of First Methodist happens is through our tithes, or 10% of our income. We invite you to prayerfully consider how God is asking you to share your resources.

You can share your estimate of giving in one of three ways:

- 1) Make your annual estimate online today at fmc.org/generosity
- 2) Return your giving card by mail in the enclosed envelope.
- 3) Return your card in worship on the weekend of February 24th and 25th.

IRA DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

If you are interested in giving from the mandatory distribution* from your IRA account, you may note that on the enclosed commitment card.

LEGACY GIFTS

If you are interested in investing in the next generation by establishing First Methodist Mansfield as a beneficiary in your will and estate planning, please note that on the enclosed commitment card and our Executive Director will contact you.



*(Required minimum distributions are minimum amounts U.S. tax law requires those 72 and older to withdraw annually from traditional IRAs and employer-sponsored retirement plans.)



WE LOVE BECAUSE HE
first LOVED US.
1 JOHN 4:19

In his letter, the Apostle James declares, "every good and perfect gift is from above!" In these words we find the solid foundation on which a life of faith is built. To live by faith is understanding that every breath that we breathe is a gift. It is appreciating each person in our life as a gift. It is believing that everything we have ever been given is a gift. Life itself is a gift of God.

In faith we trust that this moment and all the moments that follow are gifts from a generous and loving God who desires that we experience the promise Jesus offers of "a life to the full."

The incredible surprise of this life we find in Jesus is that it is only in our willingness to be emptied that we truly discover what it means to be full. In surrendering our life to Jesus, we don't find joy or peace or love.

Rather, in our surrendering, joy and peace and love find us. The glorious wonder and astonishing truth that is revealed when we invite Jesus to make his home in us is that love had been looking for us all along.

In the life we share together, there is no greater joy than giving what we have received so that others might discover the unexpected joy of the abundant life found in Him.



**"THE LINES HAVE FALLEN FOR ME IN PLEASANT PLACES; INDEED, I
HAVE A BEAUTIFUL INHERITANCE." PSALM 16:6**



As our church enters our 140th year of ministry to the Mansfield community, we celebrate that God has entrusted us with a "beautiful inheritance."

As we move forward in faith, I want to invite you to join me in asking God to empower us to be faithful stewards of this great treasure as we prayerfully consider how we can invest in our children, our children's children and each generation that follows.

The evidence of God's faithfulness can be found in each part of the incredible history of First Methodist Mansfield. We are grateful for all that God has done, but more importantly, we believe that we are living in the next great chapter of God's great story.

As we look to the future, let us lean into this bold prayer together...

***May the beautiful inheritance
that is ours be a gift that
others receive for a thousand
generations to come.***

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. A. All".

Pastor David