

UUCFW Endowment Committee Report

The congregation's endowment totaled \$639,670 at the end of 2025, an increase of 7.5% (\$44,628) compared to a year earlier.

The endowment provided \$20,400 to the 2025 operating budget, and in 2026 the figure will increase to \$21,400.

There were no new contributions to the endowment, and the growth occurred only because of the increased value of the assets.

The endowment is managed by investment advisors at STAR Bank, who report that the consensus of national investment firms is that the rate of annual growth in the equities market is projected to slow over the next 5-10 years, dropping to single-digit increases.

The Old Mill Society has 38 members, who have committed to leaving a bequest to UUCFW in their estate. *Their names are shown below.*

In 2025, Danny Swim created a handsome memorial display that honors deceased UUCFW members who have left a legacy bequest to the congregation. Many thanks to Danny for designing and making this striking memorial.

At the end of 2025, Evan Davis and Lisa Esquivel Long went off the Endowment Committee, and they were succeeded in January 2026 by Kees deWit and Edith Helbert. Andy Candor remained as the third committee member.

Old Mill Society Membership

Thank you for making a commitment to leave a bequest to ensure the future of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne.

Rachel Blakeman

Jim & Jan Boeglin

Bev Brown

Andy Candor

Patty & Evan Davis

Kees & Ruth DeWit

Pamela Martin Diaz & Rosendo Diaz

Muriel Downey

Kirsten Eckert

Kathryn Farnsworth

Shirley Glade

Karen Goldner

Dee Koehl

Elaine & John Kirchner

Toni Kring

Lisa Esquivel Long

Peg Maginn

Rachel McNett

John Moore

Laurie Proctor & Gary Parkins

Jackie Pietz

Edwin & Cynthia Powers

Richard Rison & John Tolley

Rebecca & Jim Reeder

Dennis Shipley & Susan Wenger

Terri & Danny Swim

Judy Wertenberger

-- Submitted by Andy Candor, committee chair