



Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

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PLANNED GIVING AND NEWBERRY LEGACY SOCIETY

Ever since the founding of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, planned gifts have been instrumental in the life of the church and essential to furthering its mission. In 2009 the Session approved the establishment of the Newberry Legacy Society to recognize those who have named the church in their financial or estate plans.

This year a Planned Giving Committee was created by the Stewardship Council to educate, promote and help facilitate planned giving among the members of our congregation. This committee is made up of two members of the Stewardship Council, four members of the congregation, and our Senior Pastor. This committee has been meeting semi-monthly since early March.

The Committee is planning educational programs and informative articles published in the Carillon, bulletins and via email to help members understand more about various planned giving concepts and opportunities that are available for all adults and all income levels.

The Committee is made up of knowledgeable individuals who have a vast expertise and experience with planned giving and financial planning. Following is a brief outline of each church member and her or his area of expertise:

Barbara Bierbusse --- Barbara is a certified public accountant and certified financial planner with a long career with Comerica Bank as the Director of Financial Planning. She has worked with a number of non-profits and helped with their planned giving programs including the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan and The Salvation Army. Barb has served our church in many capacities including President of the Board of Trustees and on various committees.

Lisa Mower Gandelot --- Lisa has worked with a number of non-profits on Planned Giving programs on a professional basis as well as as a volunteer. She currently serves as Director of Development for Michigan Women's Foundation, a statewide organization.

Jon B. Gandelot--- Jon is the founder and principal of Gandelot & Associates, an estate planning and trust administration law firm. He has taught estate planning classes to hundreds of insurance agents, financial planners and accountants. He has extensive planned giving experience and has shared his expertise with The University of Michigan and Wayne State University, his alma maters, in raising funds for both schools. He served more than twelve years on the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

Lisa and Jon have served our church in about every capacity possible as members of Session, Deacons, Trustees and on various Councils.



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David Hempstead --- David is an attorney with Bodman LLP who concentrates primarily in income, estate and gift tax planning for high net worth individuals, estate and trust administration, trust litigation, and charitable trusts and foundations. He is vice-chairman of the firm's executive committee. David serves on the boards of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the DIA, and Henry Ford Health System. At church, David has served on the Session, Personnel Committee, Stewardship Council and as the church's legal counsel for many years.

Mark Wilamowski --- Mark is an expert in insurance who has his own State Farm Insurance agency here in Grosse Pointe Farms. Insurance is an important element in planned giving and estate plans. Mark is a member of the Stewardship Council.

Paul Beal (Chair)--- Paul's background is in corporate finance, sales and marketing. He has served on the Trustees, Investment Committee and Stewardship Council and was Church Treasurer for three years