Building Fund
Created in 1970, when the mortgage for the building at 4848 Turner Street was repaid, this fund—known as the Church Improvement and Endowment Fund—is used to keep the building in good working order.

Church Programs Fund
Created in honor of and named for Vera and Harry Campion in 2012, this fund is used to enhance the programs of the church, especially its music and education work.

Flowers Fund
This fund, named in honor of Floyd Palm, pays for flowers at Sunday services.

Future Fund
Created in honor of and named for Cousie Fox in 1984, this fund assists the church in building its future through contributions to reduce deferred maintenance, special activities, and justice work.

Intern Ministry Fund
Created in 1997 in honor of and named for Dorothy and Jesse Frederick, these funds are used to pay a stipend for an intern minister on a regular basis.

Justice Fund
Created in honor of and named for Malcolm McFadyen in 1977, this fund supports the social justice outreach of the congregation; supporting social justice task forces and the work of the minister in the community.

Leadership Fund
Created by a gift from Lyn Rund, this fund is used to subsidize tuition to Midwest Leadership school and for other leadership training.

Outreach Fund
Created in 1960 in honor of and named for Charles Parker Connolly, minister of this church from 1913-1944, this fund is used to share our values in Rockford. It has supported a lecture series, a television show, and now supports our technological and personal outreach efforts.

Guided by reason and sustained by love, we are a liberal religious community inspiring people to transform our world.
We drink from a well that was dug by our spiritual ancestors. Our goal is to replenish the well for those who follow.

This congregation exists because for almost 175 years, folks have planted and watered the seeds of possibility. They built for themselves and for those yet to come. Without the funds given by those generations, we would not have this building, we'd have a less vibrant music and justice program, and no intern ministers. The American religious landscape is changing again. Now, today, you can provide for the next generation of religious liberals.

Planned giving is essential to the future of this congregation. It pays forward our love and loyalty to this place, which has made our lives sweeter, more powerful, and more beautiful. It is a thanksgiving for what has been, and a hope for the future. Thank you for your commitment to this religious community.

A Thriving Church: Today and Tomorrow
The most effective and important way for you to support your church is with your gifts to the annual operating campaign. Sustained annual giving pays for more than 3/4 of the church's expenses. If you can increase your giving to this campaign, your church will be stronger for it. The stronger our annual member giving, the more that other funds and fundraisers can be used for special projects.

Large and Special Gifts for Today
Some gifts, because of their size or unique frequency, are not appropriate for the annual campaign. If you wish to make a one-time special gift to the church, that gift can be added to one of our endowment funds (see reverse for a list of these funds). This might be an outright gift of cash or a gift of an appreciated asset, such as stocks or bonds. (Depending on your situation, there can be substantial tax advantages to doing this - please check with your adviser). If you are contemplating such a gift, please speak to Rev. Matthew or Pete Giolitto.

Gifts for Tomorrow
You can make a legacy gift to the church in your will or trust. In so doing, you leave for the generations to come an inheritance of commitment to your church, and help secure the church's ministry well into the future. If you have made a provision in your will or trust for an amount, percentage of your estate, or particular asset to be donated to the church, then you may join the Legacy Society. (There is no minimum amount or percentage - any and all gifts are celebrated).

The Legacy Society
The Legacy Society will encourage and celebrate this giving for tomorrow. An annual celebration for all members, and a recognition for the founding members (anyone who joins by December 31st, 2015) are planned. Join the society today by making a provision in your will, and let us know by using the form in this brochure.

Legacy Gifts
Perhaps The Unitarian Universalist Church is all ready named in your will or trust. If not, you can do so by adding a simple codicil or amendment to your estate planning document. The following is suggested language, but please be sure to consult an attorney when making any change.

"I give ____% of my estate”, or “I give the sum of $_______ to The Unitarian Universalist Church.”

If there are specific programs or initiatives that are special to you, by adding these words to the above statement, you can provide for them: “to be used for the general purposes of the _________ program.”