Your Planned Giving Committee was formed in 2006 in order to establish an Endowment Fund to account for gifts received from members and friends of BBUMC. The purpose of this Endowment Fund is to provide lasting and long-term financial resources to your Church. The purpose of the Committee is to promote and oversee the Fund. We meet one to two times per year, or more often if necessary. The Committee By-Laws stipulate that no disbursements be made from the Fund until the principal is more than \$100,000. This is a lofty goal, but, with God's blessing, one which we sincerely hope to attain. Currently the Fund total is \$33,500 ... but that does not mean that it is sitting idle. Your Committee is dedicated to making it increase in value. Since the first gifts were made to the fund in 2007, it has grown to the above noted value. Presently our funds are invested through the United Methodist Foundation. However, as stated above, overseeing the Fund is but one of the Committee's responsibilities.

We are also charged with the privilege of promoting the Fund. And so we would like to take this opportunity to ask for your prayerful consideration of including Big Beaver in your will. Other means of contributing to the Fund (trusts, bequests) are also available, and we would encourage you to speak with a Committee member at any time with regard to any aspect of the Fund. The Church has been blessed by the kind and thoughtful gifts that have brought the Fund to its current level, and we pray that the Fund will continue to grow, and that BBUMC will always be a faithful servant of the Lord in our community and far beyond.