



FUMC FOUNDATION
— BUILDING THE LEGACY —

ARE YOU ONE OF THE 70% OR ONE OF THE 30%?

About 70% of Americans have no will. Of those of those who do, many have outdated wills – either because they will no longer express their wishes or it no longer reflects their current assets. Without a will, your state will “make” one for you. Unfortunately, you and your family may not like what it says.

Here at First Church, we are embarking upon a several-week Will-Power Program. Our goals are increasing awareness of the need for *everyone* to have an up-to-date will and increasing the number of members of the First United Methodist Church that have or are working to complete a will.

Over successive Sunday worship services in mid-April to mid-May, we will highlight different aspects of the importance of having a will. You will also receive written materials that may be helpful to you in your estate planning.

We’ll kick off the program on April 24, 2016 by distributing a Wills Information Survey in your weekly bulletin. The survey will contain three brief questions about the status of your estate planning. The survey is anonymous – so please, no one should sign his or her name. It is designed solely to help us know how many currently have a will or a trust so we can make appropriate plans for offering the Will Power seminars or other seminars to the congregation. We encourage you to put your completed survey in the offering plate that Sunday morning.

You won’t want to miss church on Sunday May 1. We will be publishing results of the survey in First News. But, as importantly, we will be handing out a brochure called “Will Your Will Be Known” to each adult, couple or family.

On May 15, Foundation staff and a local attorney (or two) will conduct a Will Power Seminar after the 11 am service. Everyone is invited to attend. We will start working through a workbook entitled “**Planning Your Legacy: A Christian Guide to Wills and Trusts.**” We will cover several important documents every family should have – including a will (or trust), an advance health care directives, and a financial power of attorney. Ample time will be allotted for questions and answers. Lunch will be provided. Attendees will have the opportunity to sign up for a free 30-minute “ask any question” phone conversation at a later date with the local attorney.

We hope you will join us as we embark upon this journey towards stronger financial health as families and a congregation.