

**Article for Sunday Bulletin
re: Legacy Building Sunday
September 12, 2010**

The North Carolina Annual Conference has designated Sunday, September 12, as **Legacy Building Sunday** – a day to celebrate all those individuals who have created a lasting legacy by making a planned gift to support the mission and ministry of this United Methodist Church. These gifts establish endowments or trust accounts that generate on-going funds to enable the work of the local church.

Legacy Building Sunday also provides a wonderful opportunity to think about ways each of us can support God's ministries through legacy giving. Making a legacy gift does not require a large estate or a huge bank account – only a heart filled to overflowing with the love of God and God's Kingdom. You can remember the church through a bequest in your will, an outright gift of cash or financial securities, or creating a charitable gift annuity through United Methodist Foundation, Inc. This last idea has an added benefit – the guarantee of lifetime income to you as the donor.

For more information on how to make your own legacy gift, please contact Rev. Jim Mentzer, Director of Planned Giving, at the United Methodist Foundation. He can be reached by e-mail at jmentzer@nccumc.org or by telephone at 919-836-0029.