

# PAUL A. LAUCHLE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

## *Keep the Candle Burning*



The Reverend Paul A. Lauchle was a visionary. His God-led vision guided the Colonial Park United Methodist Church (Colonial Park) to become one of the largest churches in the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. However, at the time of his sudden death in July 2006, one aspect of his vision was unfilled...that of an Endowment Fund for Colonial Park. But, that's when Paul's years of ministry and teaching, manifested in his congregation, spoke to all. In December 2006, members and friends of Colonial Park Church were thrilled when they presented a check to The United Methodist Stewardship Foundation of Central Pennsylvania to establish the Paul A. Lauchle Memorial Endowment Fund for purchase, construction, modification or maintenance of Church property. And, less than six month's later, the Fund has nearly doubled from additional contributions.

His dream of an Endowment Fund began with the help of The United Methodist Stewardship Foundation five years earlier when he cast a new vision for Colonial Park entitled "Chapter 2 – Keep the Candle Burning." He established a goal of "being good stewards" and cited Malachi 3.8-12; 2 Corinthians 8.1-7; and Matthew 6.25-33. Included in that goal was "to promote the Endowment Fund ministry of the Church." Over the next five years, various capital campaigns and increased ministry left no remaining funds for an Endowment. Each year, Paul reiterated the goal in the Church's vision and challenged his congregation to understand the significance of the financial support through a fund that remained inviolate and in perpetuity.

The Colonial Park Church congregation has left quite a tribute to Paul's legacy, and one that will be shared with future generations at the Church, as they continue to receive investment earnings from the Paul A. Lauchle Memorial Endowment Fund.

If you would like to join with the members of the new Crosspoint United Methodist Church (formerly Colonial Park) and contribute to this living memorial to the ministry of Rev. Lauchle, please make your check payable to "The Stewardship Foundation," mark it "Lauchle Fund," and send it to us at the address listed below.



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