
“Create a Legacy” Estate Planning eNewsletter – June 2017

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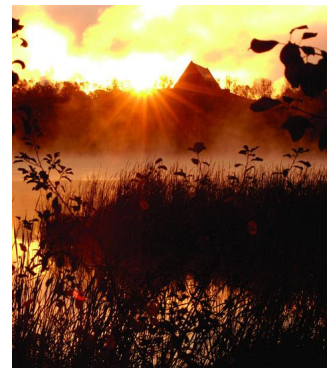


Create a Legacy

ESTATE PLANNING NEWS

Hi –

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” Matthew 25:40 (NIV)



The command Jesus gave to us in Matthew is lived out every day by generous donors to Bethel. In this month’s newsletter, I’d like to introduce you to Julie White, a Bethel Board of Trustee member, who helped launch a new program at Bethel for students with intellectual disabilities called Bethel University Inclusive Learning and Development (BUILD).

You'll also read about an endowed gift given by Ed and Joyce DeHaan to create a scholarship for BUILD students in honor of Joyce's sister who had Down syndrome and was not given the opportunity to go to school.

Plus, we'll share the latest financial news from Washington, timely articles, and information to help you with your estate planning decisions. If you're interested in setting up a personal estate plan or would like to discuss another creative giving option, please [contact me](#) and we can discuss what's right for you.

Dan Wiersum

Associate Vice President for Planned Giving



Build a Beautiful Legacy

An Estate Gift to Bethel Can Provide Programs for the “Least of These”

Two years ago, Bethel University opened its doors to 12 students with intellectual disabilities. This cohort of students has brightened our community as a direct result of Board of Trustees member Julie White's vision to provide a Christian higher education experience to “the least of these.” Gifts from donors in support of the [Bethel University Inclusive Learning and Development \(BUILD\)](#) program made it possible for Julie's vision to come to fruition. Scholarships given directly to the BUILD program have allowed students to learn in a Christ-centered environment and achieve more than they hoped was possible. Just a few weeks ago, that first cohort of students walked proudly across the stage at [graduation](#) to receive their Applied Studies Certificates. Most of them have already stepped into jobs and internships well-suited for their gifts and talents.

To learn more about leaving an estate gift that will [create a scholarship](#) and make a difference in a student's life, please [contact us](#) today.

Donor Story: Meet Ed and Joyce DeHaan

Bethel Alumna Honors a Loved One



Ed and Joyce DeHaan

Born in a small Montana town when education wasn't offered to children with Down syndrome, Mayme Okken stayed home while her younger siblings attended school. Her academic accomplishments never moved past learning to write her name.

Mayme's sister, **Joyce DeHaan '67**, and her husband, Ed, recently honored Mayme by creating a BUILD scholarship in her name. "She was a very sweet person who loved Jesus, her family, and all who showed her kindness, but had limited learning opportunities," Joyce says. "She could've benefited and enjoyed a fuller life if she had education."



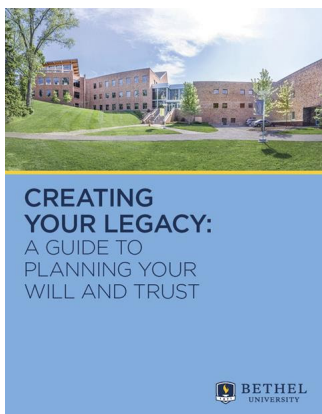
Mayme Okken

[Read more about Ed and Joyce's faithful journey with Bethel University](#) and the legacy they are creating to impact students for years to come.

Creating Your Legacy with a Charitable Bequest

A Way to Give and Have a Lasting Impact on Bethel Students

No matter the size of your estate, everyone needs to plan for the future. A plan helps to ensure that your wishes are carried out and your loved ones well-cared-for after you're gone.



We're offering a [FREE Wills Guide](#), *Creating Your Legacy: A Guide to Planning Your Will and Trust*, to help you plan for the future. This guide walks you through information gathering steps as you begin to think through your will, estate, and passing assets to family members. We hope this guide will be a helpful resource for you to determine the most cost-efficient ways to leave a

legacy for your loved ones and Bethel University.
[Contact us](#) today for your free copy.

Personal Planner

Who Will Receive Your Property?

“Who should receive my property?” asked Helen to her attorney, Clara. “There are so many decisions to make. Since Morgan passed away, I need to make these decisions myself...” [Read More](#)

Washington News

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Savvy Living

Financial Caregiving: How to Help Relatives with their Finances

Can you offer any tips on helping an elderly parent with their finances? My dad always handled the money when he was alive but since he passed away last year, my mom has struggled to keep up. [Read More](#)

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