

When is the season to write a Will?

Write a Will as soon as you have something to leave to others. Whatever you leave becomes someone's inheritance. In due season, family, friends, your church or charity could be blessed by the inheritance you have thoughtfully planned.

The Bible speaks plainly and often about inheritance. An inheritance is what we receive and also what we leave behind for others. What we leave for others should reflect our lifelong stewardship and generosity. One way to insure this commitment is through a Will and estate plan.

What is your season of life?

An inheritance can be a burden or a blessing. We must take into consideration the season of life we're in and the life states of those directly affected by our living and leaving.

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**“To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1**

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Do you have a Will?

If you do have a Will, when did you last update it?



Why Have a Will?

A Will gives instructions to your survivors on how to distribute your estate after your death. Your estate is everything you own. Cars, house and other real property, cash stocks, golf clubs, computers, jewelry, and other personal property all constitute your estate. The total often is greater than we imagine, but a Will is necessary and important regardless of the size of the estate. Without a Will, the distribution of your property will be dictated by the laws of your state.

How do I write my Will?

Your Will should be your final testimony of Christian commitment. Make a list of your dependents or people for whom you are responsible. Make a list of your property, stocks, cash, cars, life insurance, IRAs and any other assets and valuable possessions. Think of any person or charity you would like to remember. Finally, take your lists to a legal advisor. Your Will is best written by a legal professional familiar with the laws of your state.

Who should have a Will?

Every person needs a Will regardless of her/his life season.



A couple with young children can decide who will be their children's guardian.

An older person may decide to leave an inheritance to grandchildren already born or ones not yet born.



A single person can avoid burdening parents with deciding how to distribute his or her assets, and a spouse can make tax-wise decisions to the benefit of the surviving partner. As life's circumstances change, your Will needs to be updated.

How can I include New Goshenhoppen UCC in my Will?

You can make a financial gift to the church in several ways:

State a specific dollar amount but make sure you review your Will regularly to make sure that amount still fits your current financial situation.

Give a percentage of a particular asset, or a percentage of your estate.

Give the remainder of your estate after your survivors have received their inheritance.

That financial gift can be undesignated (the church will decide how to use it), or you can designate a particular fund, or you can do both. There are operating funds to choose from and there are investment funds.

Of the operating funds, the General Fund is usually the fund most in need of support. A description of all the available funds can be found in a separate tri-fold.