

The Henry J. and Pauline M. Armstrong Endowment

Established December 1996

On Christmas Eve 1996, Stewards President Carmen Sink announced that the church had received a significant gift. Pauline Armstrong gave another \$89,000 to establish the Henry J. and Pauline M. Armstrong Endowment Fund. In a written document, Pauline shared how, 105 years before, Adam and Alice (Yost) Bloom, Pauline's parents, joined with a few others to start a new congregation in Lincoln, Nebraska. Adam had emigrated from Germany and soon after his arrival, through work for the Burlington Railway, he saved enough money to buy a home and bring his sweetheart to America. Together, the two of them turned their energies to building a church.

Pauline and her husband, Henry, Janet Bloom Wright's great aunt and uncle, were members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Lincoln. With her prayers and this gift, Pauline expressed her pleasure in sharing in the development of another new church, Heart of the Rockies Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The endowment is dedicated to providing for maintenance and enhancement of the buildings and property of the church.