

Grant means church can expand adult ed

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Community Presbyterian Church in Rochester will be able to expand its adult education programs through a new fund established with the Rochester Area Foundation.

Harold Neece, of Rochester, created a \$50,000 endowment exclusively to help support Christian adult education at the church.

"No matter what, kids will get the (education) programs, but sometimes adults get left out," Neece said in the foundation's written news release. "We came up with the idea to create a small fund to ensure that wouldn't happen."

Harold Neece and his late wife, Margaret, taught adult education at a church in Roseville, Minn., and, since moving to Rochester five years ago, taught at Community Presbyterian. Margaret Neece died in July. Neece worked as chief financial officer at Hamline University in St. Paul for 15 years and later as business manager for the Bush Foundation, also in St. Paul. He retired in 1983.

The fund will generate a quarterly gift to the church from interest or other earnings on the initial \$50,000.

"The blessing of this gift is that it will allow us to expand current adult education programs both on Sunday morning and at other times, possibly even branching out into the community," said Community Presbyterian's pastor, the Rev. Bill Hoffmann.