Dear Members and Friends of BUMC,

Our church has received a generous gift from the estate of Ralph Behling. Ralph was a longtime member of our church, and regularly attended the 11:00am worship service.

Ralph, or Dr. B, as some would refer to him, had a private dermatology practice for 35 years in San Mateo. He also held leadership roles on the San Mateo Medical Board, Chamber of Commerce, and Salvation Army.

Whether you give of your time, your talents, or your resources, all giving must be done in love and with a thankful heart, always knowing that God is the owner of everything in your life. Ralph served countless hours at the church over the years. He was an usher, a member of the investment advisory committee for many years, and a member of the choir. What a baritone voice he had!

In reflecting on Ralph’s character and the way he lived his life, what comes to mind is the biblical passage 1 Peter 4:10 which reads, “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

The generous gift our church received from Ralph’s estate has been entrusted to us to be used for growing membership, faithful followers of Jesus Christ. What an exciting time for our church.

To carry on Ralph Behling’s legacy through his generous gift to Burlingame United Methodist Church.

“Do all the good you can:
by all the means you can:
in all the places you can:
at all the times you can:
to all the people you can:
as long as ever you can.”
---John Wesley