



Faith & Funding

Samaritans of Northwest Missouri

In 2005, 'Lisa' was not going to be able to remain in the church preschool. Her family could no longer afford the modest fee.

Fortunately for 'Lisa' a Good Samaritan came to her aid. Her preschool is a ministry of the Ravenwood United Methodist Church. The church already has quite a few Good Samaritans among its members, and now it has a new fund, **the Earl and Edna Adwell Good Samaritan Fund**, to help respond to those in need.

Earl Adwell and Edna Slagle grew up on farms near the small northwest Missouri town of Ravenwood. They married in 1929, built a farm of their own, raised a family, and were active members of the Methodist Church. The Adwells' oldest daughter, Verna Adwell Rhodes, remembers her parents as good neighbors and good friends to many in the area. If a fellow farmer was injured and unable to tend to the crops and livestock, Earl was usually the first to provide assistance. The Adwells were also known to sit-up with neighbors who were sick, providing relief to the primary care giver.

In 2004, Verna and her husband, Jim Rhodes, of Columbia, Missouri, decided to create a memorial to Earl and Edna by establishing the Earl and Edna Adwell Good Samaritan Fund at the Foundation. Establishing the fund allowed Verna and Jim to continue

the Adwells' tradition of being gracious friends and compassionate Christians. Income from the fund provides aid to those in the Ravenwood community who need some neighborly help.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes recognized the fund could not meet the continuing needs of a family, but hoped it could help a child go to camp, buy groceries or medicine for a family temporarily in financial crisis, or purchase other necessities for a family hit by a devastating accident or fire. The first distribution from the fund was made in late 2005 to help a young child remain in preschool. The congregation of Ravenwood UMC embraced the Good Samaritan spirit as they pulled together additional funds to support the child. Just as in the parable of the Good Samaritan, aid from the fund is offered without regard to whether those helped are members of the church.

The Foundation serves as steward for the fund, maintaining records, sending statements, and disbursing funds as requested.

However, it is the pastor and trustees of Ravenwood United Methodist Church that are entrusted to be Good Samaritans with the proceeds by recognizing and responding to the needs of those in the community.



Verna and Jim Rhodes





PROFILES IN GIVING:

Eileen Crabtree



Eileen currently chairs the annual fundraiser at Foxwood Springs retirement community and is active in the Huddle Group – a small group that meets once a month for Christian conversation.

In the natural world there are certain things we take for granted. The sky is blue, the grass is green, and it can be said with similar certainty that Eileen Crabtree is a Methodist. Her devotion to the cause of Christ and the ministries of the church are truly life-long passions.

This intelligent and energetic lady grew up on a farm near Bethany, Missouri where she attended Willow Row Methodist Church. As a young woman, her studies and career with the Veterans Administration took her to Kansas City. There she joined the Linwood Methodist Church during its heyday under the leadership of Reverend Cassius Street. Eileen was active in Linwood's Criterion Sunday School Class, which at times had more than 150 members including Ewing Kauffman, founder of Marion Labs and the Kauffman Foundation. The class still has reunions, with 55 members present at a recent luncheon.

Eileen has always had a strong interest in mission activities. As a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Kansas City, she served as Missions Chair and still coordinates mission volunteers. In the 1980s she accompanied a mission trip to Israel where the team helped repair and maintain the Hope Secondary School in Bethlehem. Her interest in this region of the world continues, and she recently arranged through email correspondence to bring Dr. Bashara Awad from Bethlehem Bible College to speak at St. Luke's UMC.

On a trip to Africa, Eileen felt deeply privileged to stand on the ground that would become Africa University. And in 1991, she traveled to China with a group led by David Flood attending the World Council of Churches meeting in Singapore.

In addition to her work with mission activities, Eileen also served as Chair of the Finance Committee at St. Luke's. Always one to lead by example, Eileen created a charitable gift annuity benefiting her church. She thought, "I'm planning on making a gift. I'd rather do it now than later." With a bright mind, high energy, and a gift for organization, Eileen looks to the future of St. Luke's UMC, "I'm also saving the interest, and I will leave that to the church if I don't use it."

Charitable Gift Annuity Rates

One-Life		Two-Lives		
Age	Rate	Younger Age	Older Age	Rate
65	6.00%	65	66-70	5.70%
67	6.2	67	68-71	5.8
69	6.4	69	77-80	6.1
71	6.6	71	77-79	6.2
73	6.8	73	76-78	6.3
75	7.1	75	76-77	6.4
77	7.4	77	81-82	6.8
79	7.8	79	83-84	7.1
81	8.3	81	85	7.4
83	8.8	83	85	7.6
85	9.5	85	87	8.1
87	10.2	87	89	8.6
89	11.0	89	90	9.1
90+	11.3	91	92	9.8
		94	95+	11.0



Seminary Scholarship Recipients

FOUNDATION SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Nathanael Berneking, Webster Hills UMC
 Steve Blacksher, First UMC, *Carthage*
 Jeremy Blevins, Ohio Street UMC, *Butler*
 Brad Bryan, Missouri UMC, *Columbia*
 Peggie Calvert Wood, Missouri UMC, *Columbia*
 Ryan Davis, First UMC, *Poplar Bluff*
 Janice Dillard, Faith UMC, *St. Charles*
 Denizela Dorsey, First UMC, *Independence*
 Sandra "Beth" Duckworth, Memorial UMC, *Farmington*
 Michael Dunlap, Ebenezer UMC, *St. Joseph*
 Courtney Fischer, Red Bridge UMC, *Kansas City*
 Samuel Fisher, Rich Hill UMC
 Sarah Harper, First UMC, *St. Charles*
 Meg Hegemann, Pleasant Grove UMC, *Hatton*
 Stephanie Hibray, Manchester UMC
 Laura Hilton, St. Paul UMC, *Raymore*
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Jeremy Blevins, Ohio Street UMC, *Butler*
 Samuel Fisher, Rich Hill UMC
 Sarah Harper, First UMC, *St. Charles*
 Laura Hilton, St. Paul UMC, *Raymore*
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Peggie Calvert Wood, Missouri UMC, *Columbia*
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 Jill Sander, Centralia UMC
 Keith Vessell, Community UMC, *Columbia*
 Loren Whetsell, Hallsville UMC



Centenary UMC in
 Bonne Terre awarded
 RACHEL HANDLANG
 The Ellen Olmsted
 Kottwitz Memorial
 Scholarship for
 Nursing.



Centralia UMC
 awarded
 MEGAN WHEELING
 The Ellen Kottwitz
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 Related Professions.



THE ELLEN OLMSTED KOTTWITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING & THE ELLEN KOTTWITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING & HEALTH RELATED PROFESSIONS

were established by Ellen's husband, Reverend Cleo Kottwitz, as a perpetual memorial to his wife. Ellen devoted her life to nursing and health care. By creating these scholarships, Reverend Kottwitz, hopes to encourage and support graduates of North County High School in Bonne Terre and Centralia High School who are also preparing for nursing careers. Recipients are chosen by the Centralia and Centenary UMC scholarship committees.



Contributions and Tributes

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CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY, Fayette - \$5,000 to help fund the initial development of a new Pre-Ministry Program

FAIR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - \$5,000 to help purchase an audio/visual media system to enhance contemporary worship

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Webster Groves - \$5,000 to help purchase projectors, a computer and software to digitally project songs and worship service content on the walls of the sanctuary

HARRISONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - \$5,000 to help purchase one computer/projector unit for the contemporary Celebration Service

LAFAYETTE PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, St. Louis - \$5,000 to help fund the salary for a part-time ministry intern and other Matthew's Brown Bags Project expenses

MISSOURI ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFICE OF CREATIVE MINISTRIES - \$2,400 contingency grant to help purchase a Skid Steer Loader or Bobcat with attachments for use by Disaster Response teams

MISSOURI ANNUAL CONFERENCE SAFE SANCTUARIES PROGRAM - \$10,000 to help enhance the Conference Safe Sanctuaries Certification program

RED BRIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH EARLY CHILHOOD CENTER, Kansas City - \$345 to help purchase software to aide in the management of student information

RESTART, INC., Kansas City - \$5,000 to help provide shelter, food, and outreach programs to homeless and runaway boys

THE SALVAGE YARD AT SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Joplin - \$5,000 contingency grant to help purchase media equipment to support internet broadcasting of Christian concerts and worship services

THE CHILDREN'S CONNECTION AT ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Kansas City - \$2,000 to help fund visits to Crittenton Behavioral Health giving children one-on-one attention with Licensed Professional Counselors

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, St. Louis - \$5,000 to help purchase audio/visual equipment and upgrade lighting in the sanctuary

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Fayette - \$1,956 to help purchase computer equipment and projection equipment to enhance worship and fellowship events

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Kansas City - \$750 to help fund evangelistic outreach through mailings and media advertising

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Mountain Grove - \$3,500 to help purchase and install a Video Projection System to enhance worship services

WESLEY FOUNDATION, St. Joseph - \$1,600 to help purchase a new projector for worship services and a used digital copier for monthly newsletters and promotional brochures to recruit students for the Wesley Foundation

GRANT HIGHLIGHT

IN SEPTEMBER 2005, Ellisville United Methodist Church used a \$2,000 grant from the Missouri United Methodist Foundation to help fund Vacation Bible School on the Road for Hispanic children whose families were participating in the Parent Institute program at Accion Social Comunitaria (ASC). Reverend Laura Taylor, Associate Pastor at Ellisville UMC, reports that 100 backpacks with all required school supplies were provided to children involved in ASC. In addition, 50 Spanish children's Bibles and 50 bilingual youth Bibles were purchased and distributed to children through a monthly outreach ministry at ASC's Parent Institute.





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