



Faith & Funding

Spring 2014

Advancing Outreach With Foundation Ministry Grants



"We never say 'no' to a child without a church home," says Pastor Amanda Ross, "even though we keep telling ourselves we cannot handle any more children." That is the spirit that has kept the Immanuel UMC in Canton, Missouri, and its Wednesday after-school program Cool Kids for Christ thriving over the years.

This year was the biggest yet with 36 children, so the dedicated volunteers decided to switch things up with a rotational approach that allows each lesson or activity to meet the needs of each age group. The church also applied for a Ministry Grant from the Missouri United Methodist Foundation.

"The grant enabled us to purchase a SMART BOARD," states Ross. "Now, I have the pleasure of leading the lesson ... with the ease of the SMART BOARD, which allows me to quickly adjust to the different ages."

Due to the program's growth, there has been unexpected outreach into the community. Ross says she has "connected with Culver-Stockton College to receive additional technology support and, working alongside professors through class projects and internships, we have gained more volunteers. What a blessing!" She says previous residents whose children were in the program have returned to the community and are now volunteering to cook meals and provide financial support.

Ross credits volunteers like Bev, D'Ann, Kathy, Nancy, and many more who have the faith to change the lives of children. When reading the parable of the mustard seed Ross states, "I think of Immanuel United Methodist's leaders of Cool Kids.... each week we continue to reach out into the community, build relationships, provide encounters with Christ, and grow intentionally in discipleship."

Is your church nurturing a 'mustard seed' ministry? Perhaps a Foundation Ministry Grant would help it grow. The Ministry Grant Application Deadlines are **April 1** and **October 1**.

Learn more and download the application at www.mumf.org or call us at 800-332-8238.



Contributions & Tributes

The contributions, tributes, honors and memorials on pages 6 and 7 were received
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-to benefit Manchester UMC Circle of Concern

Zack Bettis, Jr.

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Doors Opened, Lives Changed



Shortly before Marvin's unexpected death, he and Bettyrae attended a Missouri United Methodist Foundation program at Clinton United Methodist Church. Bettyrae leaned over to her husband and whispered, "Let's put these CD's into a Charitable Gift Annuity with the Foundation." Marvin agreed. "The joy we felt in doing something for our church was tremendous. Marvin was thrilled we did it," said Bettyrae.

"Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke have been the kind of church members that pastors pray for; always actively participating in worship and anything else that was happening here," shared Rev. Dr. David Maggi, Senior Pastor of Clinton United Methodist Church. "I think

they have served on about every committee we have, and served with enthusiasm and wisdom. If the doors were open, the Flukes were here (and sometimes when the doors weren't open)."

"Marvin and Bettyrae Fluke's gift will be used to provide scholarship money for our youth to continue their education," said Rev. Dr. Maggi. "By their generosity new doors will be open to generations of students."

What door will you open to sustain the ministry of your church? There are many ways to make a charitable gift in remembrance of someone special that will have meaningful significance for years to come in your local United Methodist church or other United Methodist ministry. The Charitable Gift Annuity is one of those ways.

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Meet the Staff



Alan D. Herndon

Last year the Foundation opened a new chapter in its service to the United Methodists of Missouri with the hiring of its first full-time Director of Development. Alan D. Herndon is already a familiar face to many folks across the state due to his long standing work on behalf of the Saint Paul School of Theology.

"We are truly delighted to have Alan on staff, and all our churches and agencies will benefit from his many gifts and graces," states Foundation executive David Atkins. "Alan is a fellow 'PK' and has a deep and genuine love for the United Methodist Church – along with a very practical understanding of the challenges that clergy and laity deal with every day."

A life-long Methodist, Alan has served UM higher education institutions and UM churches in various leadership positions ranging from youth ministry, recruitment, marketing, admissions, student services, and networking with ministry colleagues. He has 14 years of experience with Saint Paul School of Theology, 4 years with Oklahoma City University and 11 years of youth ministry experience with a number of United Methodist churches in Oklahoma.

Alan's father and sister serve as UM ministers with the Oklahoma Annual Conference. Alan is a member of Platte Woods UMC where he has served as a lay delegate to the Missouri Annual Conference for the past 7 years. As a member of the Missouri Board of Ordained Ministry and Heartland North District Committee on Ministry he appreciates staying involved with those called into the ministry.

Alan and his wife Elisha, have two children Reese and Jake who keep them active, laughing, and reminded daily that the purpose and joy of life is family.



Above: Alan Herndon, Scott Walker, and Warren Meyer in front of the St. Louis Arch after a tour of Kingdom House

Workshops and Programs

Keep your leadership team informed

If your church already uses the Foundation

Invite a Foundation representative to give an annual update at a regular leadership team meeting. Make this part of your training process for new folks and a positive refresher for the seasoned veterans.

If your church does not use the Foundation

We make sure your leaders understand how to access the planned gift service, the ministry grant program, the scholarship opportunities for students, the free educational materials, sample policies and best practices, and the long-term funds administration service.



Presentations to fit any group, any time

Sunday School

Take about 20 minutes and let your adult groups know how easy a gift of stock, an estate gift, or a gift that provides fixed income can be to create—and what a difference it can make for your church.

Saturday Morning Coffee

Take about an hour to discuss estate planning issues and ways to leave a lasting legacy at your church.

After-church Luncheon

Take about an hour and a half to cover basic estate planning issues, the ways charitable gifts can complement other plans, and discuss how a legacy gift can make a difference at your church.

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