

GARDENS, GRANTS, AND GRACE

Three Fruitful (and Vegetable!) Ministries

Methodists have always expressed the values of community, love, and fellowship around mealtimes together. Several churches are expanding that circle to include growing the food, as well, and the Foundation Ministry Grant program is helping “grow” those efforts.

Wesley UMC Springfield Ministry Grant of \$1,500

“Gardening is usually a solo activity. So it is nice to have people from the church and surrounding neighborhood to work with side-by-side,” states one of the members of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Springfield.

Located on about a quarter acre behind the church, the Greater Parkcrest-Wesley Community Garden contains 28 raised beds in two sections. More than 60 Wesley members and Parkcrest neighbors have been a part of the building and management of the garden since its inception in September 2015. In addition to the raised beds, an orchard of 10 fruit trees and a “bramble patch” have been added.

“The goals of the project are to build relationships with neighbors... and to expand

our efforts to feed the hungry throughout the Springfield area,” states project volunteer and Master Gardener Carl Redmon. A team of volunteers harvests food, weighs it, and delivers it to a local food pantry. By mid-July, more than 800 pounds of fresh produce had been donated, with the total increasing each week. The Foundation grant helped to build a secure garden shed.

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DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

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Joseph Beem
Reid Brown
Keonna Bush
Hayley Carroll
Mikaela Cox
Linda Craven
Wyatt Craven
Keaton Denney
Brandon Elkins
Laura Fambrough
Clarice Fels
Mallory Fulson
Kaitlyn Gebhardt

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Jamie Gisburne
Rebecca Hanson
Shelby Henson
Emily Hodges
Deryanne Hustead
Vimbayi Kanonuhwa
Anna Kay
Molly King
Dalton King
Tiffani Knecht
Kaitlyn Laue
Emilee Long
Karstan Luchini

Sean Mahoney
Christopher Marsh
Samantha Marshall
Rachel Martin
Emma McQueen
Olivia Moore
Gabrielle Oehmke
Peyton Osborn
Kayla Paulsmeyer
Abigail Peper
Lyndsey Phillips
Alexandra Richards
Krista Richardson
Trevor Roebke

Kaitlyn Rogers
Breilly Roy
Scott Stegeman
Seth Stegeman
Joshua Stettes
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Colton Tolias
Katilyn Walker
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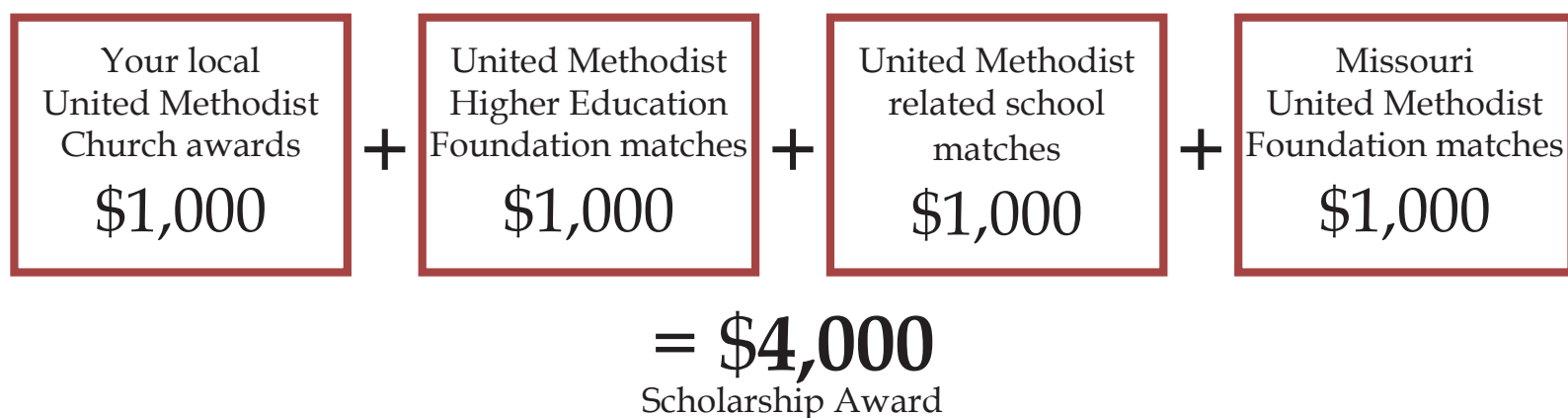
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Angela Colina McNeil
Cassie O'Brien

Poese Vatikani

How it works:



In 2016 your Missouri United Methodist Foundation awarded \$63,000 in matching grants to Missouri students attending Central Methodist University and Saint Paul School of Theology under the Dollars for Scholars program of the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation.

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or the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation website at www.umhef.org

2016-2017 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



Clint & Marge Hawkins Memorial Christian Education Fund for Youth

The Clint & Marge Hawkins Memorial Christian Education Fund for Youth was created to honor the Hawkins' lifetime devotion to the church and their dedication to promoting and sustaining the development of young people. This year, three students received a Hawkins scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each.



Rickie Branson
Northwest Missouri
State University



Madison Grooms
University of Missouri-
Columbia



Kristen Pagliai
Princeton University

Mary Alice Reinhardt Scholarship Fund

Mary Alice Reinhardt served on the Foundation Board and designated funds from her estate to establish a scholarship endowment at the Foundation. She was keenly interested in United Methodist campus ministry and served on the boards of medical and educational foundations where she focused on the needs of future generations. This year, three students were awarded a Reinhardt scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each.



Aaron Frazee
St. Louis University



Ryan Moise
Middlebury College



Abigail Robinson
Columbia College

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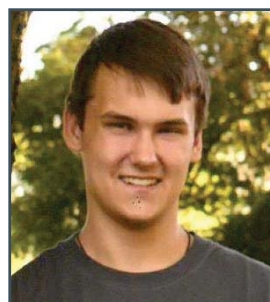


Judge Leah B. McCartney Scholarship Fund

The Judge Leah B. McCartney Scholarship Fund was created by Leah's husband, Reverend Victor McCartney, as a perpetual memorial to his wife. The scholarship is a fitting memorial to one who achieved both educational and professional distinction. This year, two students received a McCartney scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 each.



Anna Breck
Texas Christian University



Andrew Kirby
University of Missouri- Columbia

Scholarship application materials are available on our website at www.mumf.org or by calling the Foundation office at 800-332-8238.

Undergraduate scholarship applications must be postmarked by April 1st.



Merrydelle G. May Memorial Fund

Merrydelle May was active in Methodist causes statewide, including Epworth Children and Family Services, Gambrill Gardens, and the Wednesday Club. A member of the Methodist Hall of Fame, Mrs. May held a master's degree in social work and was an avid supporter of higher education. This year, ten students received a May scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each.



Lucas Bruce
Maple Woods
Community College



Corneille Bryan
Central Methodist
University



Jacob Cannon
Missouri State University



Catherine Dovin
University of Missouri-
Columbia



Tiffany George
Missouri State University



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Truman State University



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West Point Military
Academy



Tucker Petersen
Missouri Science &
Technology



William Redinger
University of Arkansas



Amanda Wesche
Illinois Wesleyan University

MINISTRY GRANTS

Fall 2015

Archie UMC- \$1,000 *challenge grant* to replace air conditioning equipment in the church

Belgrade UMC- \$5,000 *challenge grant* for an LED marquee

Bourbon First UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new A/V equipment

Central Methodist University Center for Faith and Service- \$5,000 for mobile musical equipment



Church at the Center- Schweitzer UMC- Springfield \$2,000 to help provide meals at "Sunday Gatherings"

Clarence UMC- \$5,000 to refurbish two large stained glass windows

Cuba UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new A/V equipment

Ellington UMC- \$3,000 *challenge grant* for new air conditioner units in the sanctuary

Glenwood Park UMC- Independence- \$1,000 *challenge grant* to replace interior and exterior doors

Grundy Center UMC- Trenton- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new A/V equipment

Kingdom House- St. Louis- \$10,000 to purchase English books for their summer "Freedom School" program

Lee's Summit UMC- \$1,000 supplies and food for the "Summit Lunch Program"



Marquand UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for an LED marquee

Morning Star Church- Dardenne Prairie- \$5,000 to help start the "Partners in Ministry" small group program

New Covenant UMC- St. Louis- \$1,000 to enhance the church website and Facebook communication

Newhouse, Inc - Kansas City- \$5,000 to help purchase library books and fund field trips for "The Newhouse Children's Program"

North Park UMC- St. Louis- \$5,000 *challenge grant* for an LED marquee

Oakland UMC- Buckner- \$1,500 for a handicap ramp at the front door

Portageville First UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* to purchase A/V equipment for a new contemporary service

Saint Paul School of Theology- \$5,250 for faculty training & certification to teach online

Sheldon UMC- \$1,000 to purchase food for the “Wednesday Evening Group” service

St. Andrews UMC- Kansas City- \$1,000 to resurface and refurbish the outdoor patio area

St. James UMC- Kansas City- \$5,000 to support the youth worship program, “Encounter”

St. Matthew UMC- Independence- \$2,500 for new A/V equipment

St. Paul UMC- Fayette- \$1,500 for mold remediation

St. Paul UMC- New Bloomfield- \$2,000 *challenge grant* for a new heating and cooling system

SunRise UMC- Wright City- \$5,000 *challenge grant* for new playground equipment

Trinity UMC- Moberly- \$5,000 to build an ADA-compliant restroom

UMC of the Shepherd - St. Charles- \$2,500 for new A/V equipment and to update worship space

Unity UMC- Webster Groves- \$4,534 to install wheelchair lift

University UMC- St. Louis- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new interior and exterior signs

Vandalia UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new A/V equipment

Warsaw First UMC- \$1,000 to replace the heating and cooling system in the youth gym

Wesley Smith Chapel UMC- Wright City- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new A/V equipment

Wesley UMC- Jackson- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new A/V equipment

Wesley UMC- Springfield- \$1,500 to build a shed for the community garden

West Plains First UMC- \$2,000 *challenge grant* for improvements to the playground

Wilkes Boulevard UMC- Columbia- \$4,500 to help fund the “Turning Point Incentives Program”



MINISTRY GRANTS

Spring 2016

Aldrich UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new projectors in the sanctuary

Arch UMC- Hannibal- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new A/V equipment



**Arlington/
La Trinidad UMC-
St.Louis-** \$1,000 for community outreach programs

**Asbury UMC-
Springfield-** \$1,500 to upgrade the phone system

Billings UMC- \$2,500 to purchase a church van to transport kids from school to their Wednesday after school programs

Buffalo UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new A/V equipment

Central Community UMC- Shell Knob- \$5,000 *challenge grant* for a wireless fire alarm system

Clarence UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new A/V equipment

Community UMC- Columbia- \$5,000 to install a lighting system in the sanctuary

Elevation Church- Fenton- \$2,500 *challenge grant* to create a video studio

Elsberry UMC- \$5,000 to finish the church basement for children's Sunday School classrooms

Gashland UMC- Kansas City- \$1,000 to support a summer book drive for local elementary school students

Hallsville UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new A/V equipment

Holcomb UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new A/V equipment

HomeFirst STL/Lafayette Park UMC- St. Louis- \$3,000 to purchase apartment "Starter Kits" for previously homeless residents

Hope UMC- Lone Jack- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new A/V equipment

Lafayette Park UMC- St. Louis- \$5,000 for supplies used by "FreshStart STL"

Linn Memorial UMC- Fayette- \$2,200 to create a mobile welcome center and community space in the front entrance

Lydia Patterson Institute- \$10,000 for classroom technology

Manchester UMC- \$1,000 to build a chicken coop and fence in the Kingdom House neighborhood community garden

Missouri Conference- Pastoral & Congregational Excellence- \$100,000 to help support training for new clergy through the Ministry Fellowship Program

Morrisville UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new projectors in the sanctuary

Mount Vernon First UMC- \$1,000 to provide supplies for a school backpack program

Neosho UMC- \$2,500 to install an electronic marquee

Odessa First UMC- \$5,000 *challenge grant* to install an elevator/lift system

Parnell UMC- \$5,000 to install a chair lift

Perryville UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* to expand the "ILLUMINATIONS Ministry"



Potosi UMC- \$1,500 for new air conditioning units

Princeton UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new A/V equipment

Puxico First UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for an LED marquee

Richland UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new A/V equipment

Saint Paul School of Theology- \$6,000 SPST Missouri Fellows Program

Scott's Chapel UMC- Hannibal- \$2,650 for a new church roof

Sikeston First UMC- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for new A/V equipment

Sisters in Faith- Pleasant Grove UMC- \$5,000 to sponsor an "Eagle Lake on Location" summer camp

St. Luke UMC- Columbia- \$4,300 to upgrade church kitchen facilities

St. Luke's UMC- Kansas City- \$2,000 *challenge grant* for community outreach activities

St. Stephen UMC- Troy- \$5,000 to start a Saturday night worship service

Sturgeon UMC- \$2,000 to make the bathroom and front entrance handicap accessible

UMC of Kimberling City- \$2,500 *challenge grant* for a safety & security improvement project

Wentzville UMC- \$2,500 for new A/V equipment

Wesley UMC- Jefferson City- \$3,750 to purchase supplies for their community garden

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Manchester UMC Ministry Grant of \$1,000

The Young Adult Ministry at Manchester United Methodist Church has worked to switch its mission focus from working “for” persons in need of assistance to working “with” those same persons and communities to build relationships and develop long-term solutions to food insecurity and poverty. Partnering with Kingdom House (the award-winning United Methodist social service agency) and a community garden in the Kingdom House neighborhood in south St. Louis city, the Manchester youth are expanding the garden with the addition of a new chicken coop. The Foundation grant was used for materials to build the coop.

Under the leadership of Youth Pastor Winter DeGraaf-Hamilton, the Young Adult Ministry is expanding into St. Louis city, working with other youth from across the city, and conducting a small group Bible study using the Urban Forum curriculum at Kingdom House (That curriculum was developed by Kingdom House with the assistance of another Foundation grant!) Last year, over 1,000 pounds of food were either sold to raise funds for the project or distributed directly through the Kingdom House emergency food pantry.

“We believe this is a risk-taking mission,” states DeGraaf-Hamilton. “This program has come a long way in a little over a year and a half.”

Wesley UMC Jefferson City Ministry Grant of \$3,750

“Some of these young, single mothers had never had a fresh green bean before,” explained Wilma Wilcoxson, a member of the Opus Adult Sunday School class at Wesley United Methodist Church in Jefferson City. She is describing how produce from the church’s community garden was shared with the participants in one of the church’s outreach ministries. “We showed them how to prepare them, and they were thrilled.”

That is just one of the many ways the Wesley United Methodist Church in Jefferson City has been able to turn their community garden into community outreach and ministry. The Young Adults group at Wesley grew a “salsa garden.” The tomatoes and peppers were used to cook

and can salsa that was then sold as a fundraiser. They learned how to grow, cook, and can, while raising \$300 that was donated to the Samaritan Center, a local interfaith social service agency.

The United Methodist Men planted pumpkins for the annual church fall festival, and almost every church group has been involved in some way. Any food left over is stocked in the church’s Fellowship Hall where folks leave donations in the church Benevolence Fund and take home the food they wish.

The Foundation grant has helped purchase a new tiller and other equipment. “We are excited about our community garden and how well it has been received,” states volunteer David McAllister. “It is a way to bring people of all stripes together.”



The Foundation Ministry Grant program seeks to nurture the seeds of ministry and congregational effectiveness across our state. The grants are made possible by gifts from individuals who have built, and continue to build, the grant and scholarship endowments at the Foundation. To make a gift, to create a lasting legacy, or to apply for a grant, please contact the Foundation.



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