

## Travelers' Testament of Love

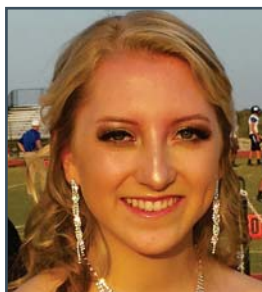
Gracia Lorena Smith was always adventurous. She attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa and taught school four years. She went to France with the Red Cross after WWII to help servicemen before they returned home. After WW II she met her husband, Larry Herbert, a recently returned veteran. Larry was an excellent businessman and opened and operated a variety of businesses when they lived in Tampa, Florida, and Lamoni, Iowa. Travel was a special passion for them and they lived on the road several years, pulling an Airstream trailer, visiting almost every state – many of them twice. They had no children of their own, but everyone they met became part of their family. After their travels, Gracia and Larry lived in Bolivar, Missouri for the remainder of their retirement years.



A few years ago they moved from Bolivar, Missouri, back to Lamoni, Iowa, Gracia's hometown.

Larry died in April 2013 at age 93, but Gracia celebrated her 99th birthday July 5, 2018!

Although Larry had not been able to complete a formal education, they both knew the advantages and costs of having a college degree. To help with college expenses, Larry and Gracia provided a generous gift to the Missouri United Methodist Foundation which provides scholarships to students at Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri or St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. This year, four students attending Central Methodist University each received a \$3,000 Herbert scholarship. Two Saint Paul students will receive \$2,500 awards.



Chloe Cole



Conner Hampton



Amanda Lewis



Paige Wells

# DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

## Central Methodist University

Carlie A. Baldus  
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Macy K. Block  
Reid W. Brown  
Kelsey F. Brown  
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Kylie E. Campbell  
Gannon K. Craig  
Elizabeth J. Cueni-Smith  
Abbigayle D. Danner  
Levi J. Deaton  
Kayla G. Deaver  
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Keaton W. Denney  
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Catherine H. Dovin  
Meaghan L. Faust  
Isaac B. Gibson  
Brant B. Gideon  
Kayl C. Grant  
Shelby M. Henson  
Abigail G. Jefferies  
Zachary C. Kierstead  
Dalton D. King  
Molly E. King  
Tiffani A. Knecht  
Cheyenne M. Knecht  
Stephanie N. Lake  
Wyatt J. LeDure  
Nicholas L. Lembke

Christopher E. Marsh  
Garrett D. Mattson  
Tanner McFatrigh  
Emma M. McQueen  
Danielle E. McQueen  
Lorna R. Meyer  
Hannah B. Mitchell  
Arnold D. Mukisa  
Bria R. Neill  
Gabrielle E. Oehmke  
Peyton M. Osborn  
Cassidy J. Pachner  
Shawn L. Pennell  
Trevor M. Roebke  
Destinee Shehan

Carlie R. Slover  
Seth R. Stegeman  
Kendall R. Stephenson  
Joshua D. Stettes  
Chely A. Stratton  
Brooke D. Striegel  
Britton L. Tucker  
Grace A. Turnbow  
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Hayden C. Vaughn  
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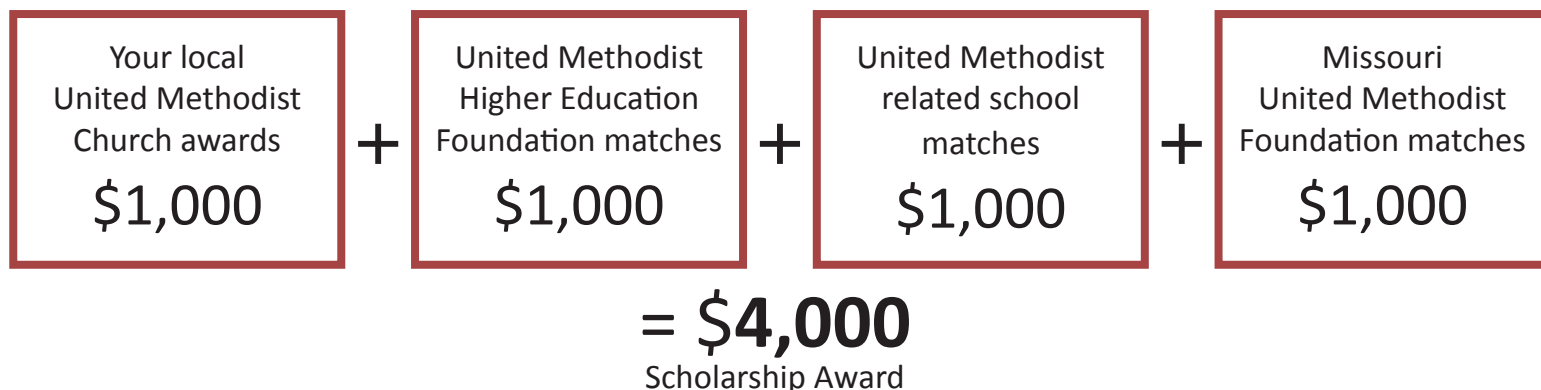
## Saint Paul School of Theology

Britton L. Fields  
Candace E. Fowler  
Jose A. Garcia  
Fabian Gomez Gonzalez

Abigail C. Peper  
Christopher J. Sams  
Elizabeth J. Shelton  
Mona Sturges

Matthew J. Thornton  
Katilyn B. Walker

## How it works:



*In 2018, your Missouri United Methodist Foundation awarded \$69,000 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.*

For more information, visit our website at [www.mumf.org](http://www.mumf.org) or the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation website at [www.umhef.org](http://www.umhef.org).

# 2017-2018 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.



Hayden Bartholomew  
*Missouri State University*



Carlton Fowler  
*Northwest Missouri State University*



Miranda Humbert  
*Missouri Western State University*



## 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, one student received a McCartney scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.



David Derks  
*Northwest Missouri State University*

# 2017-2018 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



## 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, nine students received a May scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each.



Colton Borders  
*Truman State University*



Patrick Bracciano  
*Missouri Western State  
University*



William Gentry  
*Texas A&M*



Logan Jackson  
*Loyola University-  
New Orleans*



Madison Keith  
*Missouri State University*



Peyton Kiely  
*University of Missouri-  
Kansas City*



Cameron Knapp  
*Missouri Science &  
Technology*



Whitney Mosley  
*Missouri State University*



Max Ridenhour  
*University of Missouri-  
Columbia*

Undergraduate scholarship information and online application can be found at [www.mumf.org/undergraduate-students/](http://www.mumf.org/undergraduate-students/).

Online applications must be submitted between January 1 and April 1 each year. All additional required application materials must be postmarked no later than April 1.



### 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, two students were awarded a Reinhardt scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each.



Anna Luper  
*Southwest Baptist  
University*



Audrey Vazzana  
*Rose-Hulman  
Institute of Technology*

# MINISTRY GRANTS

## Fall 2017

**Ashland UMC- St. Joseph-** \$2,500 to begin live-streaming a contemporary worship service via website and social media

**Bell City UMC-** \$1,260 to purchase a laptop and projection screen for youth group meetings, Vacation Bible School and worship services

**Bethel UMC-** \$2,500 *challenge grant* to purchase new A/V equipment for worship services and Bible studies

**Broadway UMC- Plattsburg-** \$2,500 for new A/V equipment to enhance worship services

**Brunswick UMC-** \$1,809 to purchase new A/V equipment for worship services

**Campbell UMC- Springfield-** \$2,500 for more highly visible and functional signage throughout the building

**Cassidy UMC- Nixa-** \$2,500 for a new security alarm system

**Centennial UMC- Kansas City-** \$2,500 for new A/V equipment to improve the sound system and visual aids used in worship and Bible study

**Damascus Road Church- Springfield-** \$2,500 for A/V equipment to begin iCampus with online access and live-streaming

**Fairmount UMC- Independence-** \$2,500 *challenge grant* to repair a support wall of the church building

**Fairview UMC- Columbia-** \$2,500 to replace outdated A/V equipment for an improved worship service experience

**Festus/Crystal City First UMC-** \$5,000 *challenge grant* to help implement a new Student Ministry program for school-aged children



Ozark Chapel UMC Vacation Bible School

**Glasgow UMC-** \$441 to purchase a new television and DVD player for children's programs and other activities

**Grand Avenue Temple UMC- Kansas City-** \$3,000 to help purchase an illuminated building sign

**Hannibal First UMC-** \$5,000 *challenge grant* to help purchase a church van for those who need transportation to worship services and activities

**Hobbs Chapel UMC- Dudley-** \$2,500 *challenge grant* for a new furnace and duct work

**Humansville UMC-** \$2,500 for new A/V equipment to enhance and modernize worship services

**Huntsville UMC-** \$2,500 for new A/V equipment to enhance worship services

**Kingdom House- St. Louis-** \$2,500 to buy books and supplies for the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools Program

**Lafayette Park UMC- St. Louis-** \$10,000 to help replace the gym floor used for the Lafayette Park Preschool

**Lawson UMC-** \$5,000 *challenge grant* to purchase a newer church van

**Mozambique Initiative- Missouri Annual Conference-** \$3,500 for the purchase of a new truck

**Normandy UMC- St. Louis-** \$2,000 to help support the Mosaic Community Center food pantry for college students in need

**One Spirit UMC- Kansas City-** \$2,500 to help replace stairs with a wheelchair ramp

**Ozark Chapel UMC- Laurie-** \$2,500 *challenge grant* to develop a community youth program in an annex building (Youth House)

**Saint Paul School of Theology- Kansas City-** \$5,000 for faculty and staff technology training

**Saint Paul's UMC- Joplin-** \$2,500 to help implement Celebrate Recovery Ministry for members of the community

**Salem UMC-** \$2,500 to provide additional food for the weekly LovePacks sent home to school children in need

**Scopus UMC-** \$1,375 for a moveable two-sided church sign to place at a nearby intersection

**Southeast District-** \$2,500 *matching grant* to help fund Spiritual Leadership Inc. (SLI) coaching for the District Leadership Development Team

**St. Andrew's UMC- DeSoto-** \$2,500 *challenge grant* for an ADA-compliant accessible front entry

**St. Paul UMC-Thayer-** \$1,500 for a projector and screen in the fellowship hall

**Theodosia UMC-** \$3,500 to replace lighting in the fellowship hall with LED fixtures

**Union Memorial UMC- St. Louis-** \$6,000 to help pay for youth to attend Worship to Go Ministry activities

**Versailles UMC/Glensted UMC-** \$2,500 to help purchase a portable sound system for City Serve, a traveling worship service

**Wesley Theological Seminary- Washington DC-** \$5,000 to the Lovett Weems Scholarship Fund in honor of Dr. Lovett Weems

**Wesley UMC- Sedalia-** \$5,000 to help fund new windows

**West Plains First UMC-** \$2,500 to help purchase A/V equipment

**Wilkes Boulevard UMC- Columbia-** \$5,000 to help replace the heating system for Turning Point and the church sanctuary

**Woodlandville UMC- Rocheport-** \$441 to help install a television with a DVD player in the fellowship hall



Festus First UMC Ignite Mobile Camp

# MINISTRY GRANTS

## Spring 2018

**Aurora UMC-** \$2,000 to help pay for campers to attend Eagle Lake Camp

**Beloved Community UMC- St. Louis-** \$2,500 to help fund a new multi-media system

**California UMC-** \$2,500 to help purchase new A/V equipment

**Camdenton UMC-** \$5,000 to help purchase equipment and materials for the new Ministries Building

**Cameron UMC-** \$2,500 to help pay the salary for a Director of Youth Ministries

**Cassidy UMC- Nixa-** \$2,000 to help furnish a youth area

**Cassville UMC-** \$5,000 to help fund the salary for a Youth Minister/Worship Director

**Centenary UMC- Bonne Terre-** \$2,500 *challenge grant* to help fund seating and A/V improvements at The Cornerstone, which houses the contemporary worship service and community events

**Country Club UMC- Kansas City-** \$1,500 *challenge grant* to help purchase a security system for the Child Development Center

**Crossroads UMC- Perryville-** \$2,500 to help purchase new A/V equipment

**Ebenezer UMC- St. Joseph-** \$2,500 to help purchase A/V equipment for the sanctuary and new Cry Room/Nursery

**Elsberry UMC-** \$2,500 to help pay fees for children to attend the Mobile On Site Camp

**Excelsior Springs First UMC-** \$1,000 to help purchase supplies and diapers for the Mighty Diapers program



Cameron UMC Youth Group lock-in

**Fairfax UMC-** \$2,000 to help purchase new A/V equipment

**Gallatin UMC-** \$1,500 to help purchase new A/V equipment

**Hardin UMC-** \$1,300 *challenge grant* to help replace the HVAC system in the fellowship hall

**HomeFirst STL - Lafayette Park UMC- St. Louis-** \$5,000 to help fund renovations for the bathrooms and kitchens

**Jo-Ota Methodist Association- Clarence-** \$2,500 to help purchase new A/V equipment

**Kingswood Senior Living Foundation- Kansas City-** \$5,000 to help fund the Spiritual Care Program and a Seminary Intern

**Knob Noster UMC-** \$1,500 to help pay for families to attend Baby Grace Mom-Child and Family camps

**Lake Creek UMC- Smithton-** \$2,500 *challenge grant* to help fund an expansion to the concession/food service stand and new playground equipment at the shelter house

**Macon UMC-** \$2,500 to help purchase new A/V equipment

**Marshfield UMC-** \$5,000 *challenge grant* to help install a security system for the Marshfield Child Development Center

**McKendree Chapel Memorial Association- Cape Girardeau-** \$12,000 to help fund a Master Plan to preserve, manage and develop The Old McKendree Chapel and its 15-acre campus

**McMurry UMC- Claycomo-** \$2,500 to help purchase new A/V equipment

**Morning Star Church- Dardenne Prairie-** \$5,000 *challenge grant* to help fund the construction of a billboard by Highway 364

**Mt. Vernon First UMC-** \$1,000 to help purchase backpacks and supplies for area school children

**New McKendree UMC- Jackson-** \$2,500 to help purchase new A/V equipment

**North Cross UMC- Kansas City-** \$2,500 to help purchase new A/V equipment for livestreaming sermons

**Perryville UMC-** \$2,500 to help purchase new A/V equipment

**Rock Port UMC-** \$1,850 to help purchase furniture and equipment for a fellowship space

**Sadlers Chapel UMC- Bernie-** \$1,870 to help purchase a computer and software

**Saint Paul School of Theology- Overland Park-** \$5,000 to help fund technology training and laptops

**Salem UMC-** \$2,000 to help purchase school supplies and clothing for the Back to School Fair

**Smithville UMC-** \$2,500 to help purchase new A/V equipment

**The Gathering UMC- St. Louis-** \$12,500 to help fund the salary for a new pastor with an emphasis on multi-racial ministry

**The Light at Joplin-** \$10,000 to help pay the salary of a Strategy Pastor; to help build a children's ministry area and purchase new A/V equipment

**Warrensburg First UMC-** \$2,500 to help purchase new A/V equipment for livestreaming sermons

**Webster Hills UMC- Webster Groves-** \$2,500 *challenge grant* to help purchase new church signage

**Wheaton UMC-** \$2,500 to help purchase new A/V equipment

**Zion UMC- Brunswick-** \$2,000 to help purchase technology to aid hearing-impaired members

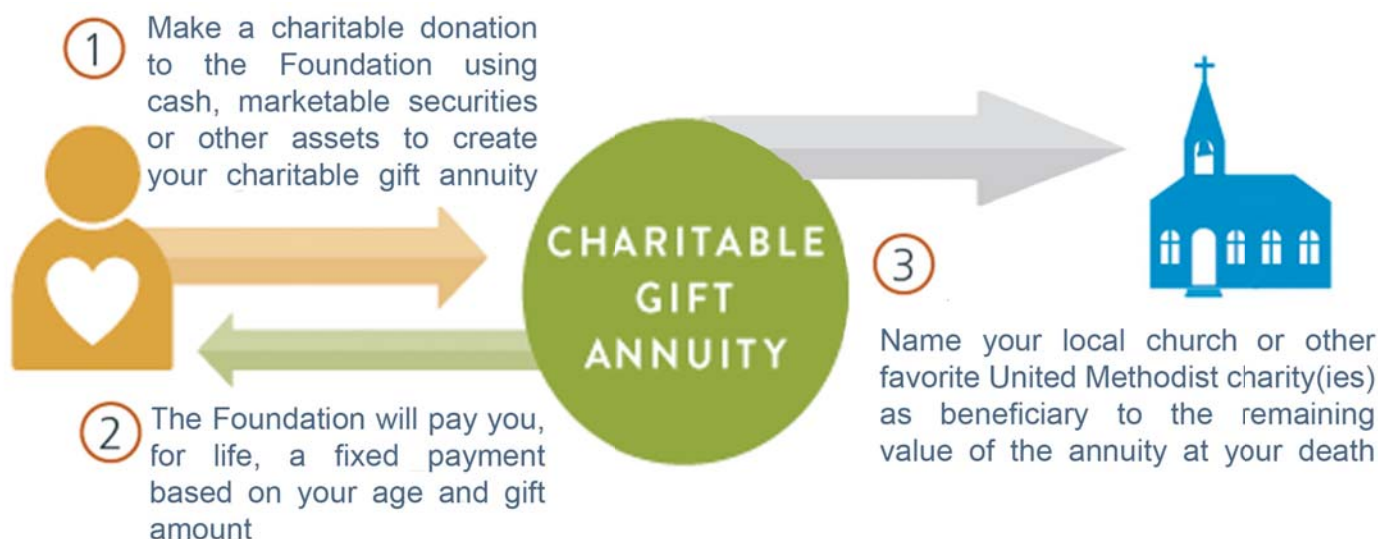


# CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY RATES HAVE INCREASED!

Great news for anyone looking for a way to do some charitable giving while locking in fixed payments for life. The American Council on Gift Annuities (ACGA), for the first time since 2011, has recommended an increase in gift annuity rates for all new gift annuities, effective July 1, 2018.

“Rates for individuals and couples are increasing about a half percent across all age brackets,” states Foundation Executive Director, David Atkins. “This makes the traditional gift annuity even more attractive for seniors.” The Missouri UM Foundation is a member of the ACGA which sets the rates followed by most major charitable organizations.

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- The Foundation provides a Form 1099-R to you each year for tax reporting purposes
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70	5.6%	70/75	5.2%
75	6.2%	75/80	5.7%
80	7.3%	80/85	6.6%
85	8.3%	85/90	8.0%
90+	9.5%	90/95+	9.3%

Samples from New Rate Chart Effective July 1, 2018

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