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grant stories: reinventing confirmation class

Remember Ms. Frizzle and her Magic School Bus? The cartoon classic took an intrepid teacher and her class of students on fantastical field trips to learn about the world first-hand.

Susan A. Smith, Associate Pastor at First UMC in Warrensburg lacks the frizzy red hair, but she had a similar vision for engaging with students and revitalizing the confirmation class.

"The pandemic disrupted all aspects of church life," states Smith. But she also knew that students and the community context had changed over the last 20 years. "Confirmation class needs more than a student workbook and lesson times."

So, in addition to new curriculum and more family- and school-friendly scheduling, Smith and her team planned two major field trips. They did not have a Magic School Bus, but they decided to apply to the Missouri UM Foundation for a grant that might help add a little bit of pixie dust to their plans.

"The Foundation grant helped cover the cost of hiring a charter bus, admission tickets, and meals," recounts Smith. "We planned

one trip to a special exhibit on the Holocaust at Union Station in Kansas City and a second trip to the Conception Abbey in northwest Missouri."

In addition to the students, lots of church members of all ages participated in the trips. "It was a great opportunity to establish multigenerational connections within the church family," explains Smith. The group got to wander through interesting places and then process what they learned together.

The bus became a rolling classroom with discussion and videos describing the destinations on the trip out, and guided reflections on the return trip. Reflecting on the Holocaust exhibit one student noted that, "This trip provided me with so much gratitude about everyday life that I didn't have before." Another student observed, "Faith was the only thing they (the Jewish victims) could rely on, and it was the only thing keeping their focus on the future..."

At the Conception Abbey where forty monks live and work, students walked the stations of the cross and were able to experience a Mass for the Dead in memory of one of the monks who recently died at the age of 96. After the monks' brief luncheon devotional time ('daily office'), Father Thomas, a medieval historian, shared about the art of the basilica (sanctuary) and the history of the abbey.

Asked to reflect on whether they could live like the monks, one student observed, "No, I don't think I could be that serious all the time. . ." Comparing the lives of the monks with how we live our own faith, another student noted, "It makes me see that I maybe should put a little more effort [into my faith]."

A bonus on the drive home was a side trip to a Mormon historical site called Far West. The group learned about the early settlement history and the persecution of the Mormons by non-Mormon neighbors.

Smith is enthusiastic. "The foundation grant made it possible to create these immersion experiences in a setting that encouraged the youth to interact with other generations of the church family.... We had our middle schoolers, young professionals, parents, and retirees all together." Smith and her team are already looking forward to next year – and a new rolling adventure.

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celebrating pastors since 2016

Pastors are amazing, but they're not immune to discouragement. According to a recent blog post by Carey Nieuwhof, more than 40% of clergy are thinking of hitting the ejection button.

Here at the Foundation, we believe in pastors! And we are committed to lifting up the health, well-being, personal satisfaction and professional effectiveness of every pastor.

Since 2016, more than 125 pastors and their families have received grants from the foundation's C2FM program totaling more than $680,000. Personal coaching, educational opportunities, and other services aim to reduce financial and professional stress and enhance vocational effectiveness.

C2FM grants have paid off or reduced consumer and student loan debt, funded scholarships and continuing education, contributed to retirement accounts, and funded renewal leave for pastors and their families. As one pastor emphasized, "C2FM has greatly impacted my personal and family life... and gave us the momentum to keep following through."

The latest matching grant challenge from the Lilly Endowment is targeted for pastors hard hit by the economic effects of the pandemic. C2FM is now in the process of distributing the first $250,000 of the new grant, even as we seek additional matching gifts to bring another $250,000 in Lilly funding to our clergy.

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important deadline for public service loan forgiveness (PSLF) – october 31, 2022

As of last year, pastors and other employees of congregations can be eligible for the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. The PSLF encourages students with federal student loan debt to enter public service careers like firefighting, teaching, government, nursing, public interest law, the military – and church work!

Also beginning last year, the US Education Department began overhauling the program – including a one-year waiver of some of the burdensome provisions. This waiver gives folks who might not have qualified a chance to get qualified for the program. The waiver period ends **October 31, 2022.**

All active Missouri UM pastors and their families have free access to Your Money Line (paid for by C2FM).
Take full advantage of this opportunity. Help is just a phone call or click away! For assistance navigating the PSLF application process simply call a Your Money Line Financial Guide at 833-890-4077 or register on the YML website at **yourmoneyline.com/mumf**.

For more information, contact C2FM Director Mark Struckhoff at mstruckhoff@mumf.org, or at 573-875-4168.

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celebrate pastors with special gifts to C2FM in october 2022

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and C2FM invites you to celebrate a special pastor (or pastors) with a financial gift made in honor or in memory of a pastor, mentor, or clergy colleague whose ministry has been, or is still today a blessing in your life. Your gift in support of C2FM is a great way to say you care about the life-changing power of pastoral ministry. Your special gift in their honor/memory will be acknowledged by the Foundation to the pastor, or the pastor's family. **It's a double blessing as the Lilly Endowment will generously match gifts to C2FM up to $250,000.** To make your special gift, or for more information, contact C2FM Director Mark Struckhoff at mstruckhoff@mumf.org, or visit **www.mumf.org/give-now/**

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scholarship awards

Undergraduate scholarship information and online application can be found at **www.mumf.org/students/undergraduate-scholarships/**

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

Warren J. Meyer Scholarship Fund

The Warren J. Meyer Scholarship Fund was created by Warren's wife, Reverend Mary Ellen Meyer. The scholarship is a fitting memorial as it combines Warren's appreciation for education, his devotion to the church, his commitment to charitable giving, and his keen interest in future generations. This year, two students received a Meyer scholarship in the amount of $1,000 each.

Warren and Mary Ellen Meyer

Brea-Dora Moore – Xavier University of Louisiana

Sean Morlock – Drury University

Ronald L. and M. Joyce Crossen Scholarship Fund

The Ronald L. & M. Joyce Crossen Scholarship Fund was created by their children to honor the Crossen's service and devotion to the United Methodist Church of Wentzville where they were members for over 40 years. Both Ronald and Joyce served in many capacities at the church over many decades. This year, one student received a Crossen scholarship in the amount of $1,000.

Ronald L. and M. Joyce Crossen

Nathan Hoenig – University of Missouri-St. Louis

The David L. Hewitt, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

The family of David Hewitt, Jr. created this scholarship fund as a lasting memorial and gift to future generations. This year, one student was awarded the Hewitt Scholarship in the amount of $1,000.

David L. Hewitt, Jr.

Mallory Chapman – Missouri State University

Judge Leah B. McCartney Scholarship Fund

Judge Leah B. McCartney

The Judge Leah B. McCartney Scholarship Fund was created by Leah's husband, the late 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.

Megan Steber – University of Missouri -Columbia

Macy Steber – Truman State University

Zion UMC (Truxton) Scholarship Fund

Although the Zion United Methodist Church in Truxton closed its doors officially in 2016, its members chose to memorialize the spirit of generations of congregants by creating this scholarship fund. This year, one student received a Zion scholarship in the amount of $500.

Kaitlyn Parker – Kansas City Art Institute

Merrydelle G. May Memorial Fund

Merrydelle G. May

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, four students received a May scholarship in the amount of $1,300 each. In addition, the Crossen, Hawkins, Reinhardt, Meyer, Hewitt and Zion awardees received supplemental funding from the Merrydelle G. May Memorial Fund totaling $3,800.

Camryn Self – Belmont University

Kimrey Krewson – East Central College

Paige Quilty – University of Missouri - Columbia

Kortney Nelson – Graceland University

Clint and Marge Hawkins Memorial Christian Education Fund for Youth

The Clint and 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.

Clint and Marge Hawkins

Leila Kramer – University of Missouri-Columbia

Taylor Quilty – University of Missouri

Taylee Buie – Ozarks Technical Community College

Bill & Mary Alice Reinhardt

Reinhardt Scholarship Fund

Bill and Mary Alice Reinhardt were devoted members of Centralia UMC and avid supporters of education and community organizations focused on improving the lives of future generations. Bill and Mary Alice each left gifts through estate plans to establish and grow this scholarship endowment. This year, three students were awarded a Reinhardt Scholarship in the amount of $1,000 each.

Abigail Hillman – University of Missouri

Alex Loman – John Wood Community College

Drake Heussner – North Central Missouri College

dollars for scholars

College and seminary students from United Methodist churches in Missouri have the opportunity for up to $4,000 in scholarships through the Dollars for Scholars program administered by the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF). As a matching partner with the Dollars for Scholars program, your Missouri United Methodist Foundation awarded $22,000 in matching grants to Missouri students attending Central Methodist University and Saint Paul School of Theology.

Applications are accepted January 1 – March 1 each year.

Apply at **www.umhef.org/scholarships/umdfs/**

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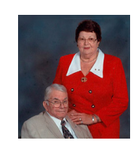

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Saint Paul School of Theology
J. Angel Garcia
Trey Laveroni

Ron & Linda Watts Ministry Scholarship

Memphis Theological Seminary
Jayne Markin

ministry grants

fall 2021

Adrian UMC - $5,000 to help fund the Mount Olivet Transitional House of Hope project for the homeless.

Bismarck UMC- $2,400 to help purchase Blessing Box food and hygiene items for community members in need.

Cameron UMC - $1,000 to help fund enrollment fees for the Ministry Leadership Initiative cohort program.

Carthage First UMC - $2,500 to help purchase computers and A/V for the Fellowship Hall which hosts a more casual worship for new attendees.

Centralia UMC - $2,000 matching grant to help purchase cameras and a choir boom mic for better quality online worship services.

Cuba UMC - $3,500 to help purchase A/V equipment to expand the church's online ministry.

First UMC - Poplar Bluff - $3,000 to reimburse the purchase of a video conferencing system that can also be shared with other churches.

First UMC – Warrensburg - $3,000 to help fund Confirmation Class transportation costs for two immersion experiences.

Fall 2021, Green Trails UMC

Green Trails UMC - $500 to help purchase a coffee cart and supplies.

Kirkwood UMC - $3,000 to help fund staff training and expenses for the Heart-to-Heart tutoring program.

Lathrop UMC - $5,000 matching grant to help fund a handicap accessible sidewalk and handicapped parking.

LifeWise STL - $5,000 to help fund the support of program staff and services for the Freedom School.

Lydia Patterson Institute - Dr. DeAnda Retirement - $10,000 upon the retirement of Dr. DeAnda in recognition of her many years of service.

Maplewood UMC - $5,000 to help fund staff salaries and educational supplies for the Freedom School summer program.

Midway Locust Grove UMC - $5,000 to help purchase A/V equipment to enhance indoor and outdoor live stream worship services.

New Horizons UMC formerly known as Asbury UMC - St. Louis -$5,000 to help fund the purchase of grade level books, supplies, and staff appreciation luncheon.

Open Hearts UMC – Bolivar - $5,000 to help purchase an electronic sign.

Perryville UMC - $2,500 to help fund the purchase of microphones for the sanctuary.

Reagan's Chapel UMC - $1,500 to help fund a free meal delivery ministry for the elderly.

St. James UMC – Fulton - $860 to purchase a new laptop and Wi-Fi router for online worship.

St. Paul UMC - St. Joseph - $3,500 challenge grant to help purchase computers and A/V equipment for online worship.

St. Stephen UMC – Troy - $10,000 to help fund lobby remodel, technology equipment and software, worship enhancements, and family fun events.

Stockton UMC - $2,500 to help fund installation and operation of hardware and software system to broadcast worship services and church events.

Terrace Lake UMC - $7,000 to help update A/V equipment to enhance the church's evangelistic/ outreach efforts and accommodate the accessibility needs of their pastor.

Trinity UMC - Appleton City - $2,500 to help replace outdated A/V and sound equipment.

Waynesville UMC - $5,000 to purchase A/V equipment to enhance the online worship experience.

Webster Hills UMC - $5,000 to help fund staff salaries and expenses for the Freedom School summer program.

Spring 2022, Eden Theological Seminary

spring 2022

Agency UMC - $2,500 challenge grant to upgrade AV equipment to enhance Sunday morning worship.

Albany UMC - $2,500 matching grant to fund an addition to the interior of their building's 'safe' room for Advocacy Center in their area.

Arley UMC - $5,000 challenge grant to fund the purchase of automatic doors for handicap accessibility to fellowship hall, bathrooms, classrooms, and kitchen.

Cameron UMC - $1,000 to fund second year of a three-year program to provide training for Children's Ministry Director through Ministry Leadership Initiative.

Cassidy Church - $5,000 to help fund the launching of their first dinner church to serve the least and the lost in their community through this new expression of worship.

Christ UMC – Independence - $20,000 to upgrade chancel lighting and technology for online worship and help fund ministry costs for the Hispanic Ministry they have launched.

Eden Theological Seminary - $4,000 to help fund Eden Gleaning and Garden Project to teach about food waste, food insecurities and transformative work.

Epworth Family and Children's Services - $10,000 to help fund the gap between federal funds and costs for the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program services for St. Louis City and County youth who have aged out of the system.

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Faith UMC - Grain Valley - $5,000 matching grant to fund new digital sign to draw attention to their non-traditional looking church and improve active communication with the community.

Faithbridge UMC - $4,200 to help purchase and outfit vehicle needed for mobile pantry delivery to food insecure areas.

First UMC – Bethany - $2,500 to help fund higher quality video technology to broadcast weekly worship services.

First UMC - Mt. Vernon - $1,500 to help fund increasing costs of supplies for their ongoing Backpack Program that has been in operation since 2012-2013 school year.

Joplin First UMC - $2,500 challenge grant to fund a running water line to the church garage to enhance the new places for new people ministries being conducted in this location as an alternative ministry site to help build relationships with their neighbors.

Lifesong UMC - $5,000 challenge grant to help purchase refrigeration equipment for their Faith and Food ministry program that provides meals to serve those in seasonal employment in their area.

Mt. Moriah UMC - $2,500 to upgrade AV equipment in newly renovated sanctuary for quality digital sound for mature members, better livestream for those who cannot attend, etc.

Spring 2022, New Awakening UMC

New Awakening UMC - $4,000 to help fund teen mentoring, drama, and illustration camp as a tool for self-expression that will offer computer coding, robotics, and Build Your Own Computer camp.

New Hope UMC – Arnold - $10,000 to fund initial costs of a new transitional living center to work with homeless and transitional youth.

Pathways UMC - $10,000 to upgrade lower level of their main building as a place to promote and support those within their community that may need a safe environment to sleep, eat or discover a sense of purpose and belonging.

St. Paul UMC – Fayette - $3,900 to help with technology upgrade to give them an opportunity to offer exciting and effective worship experiences for this historically black church membership that attends in person or those who worship at home.

Wesley UMC – Troy - $2,500 challenge grant to fund purchase of equipment to enhance online worship ministry.

Spring 2022, New Awakening UMC

Fall 2021, Bismarck UMC $2,400 to help purchase Blessing Box food and hygiene items for community members in need.

open mike

Foundation welcomes Mike Wondel

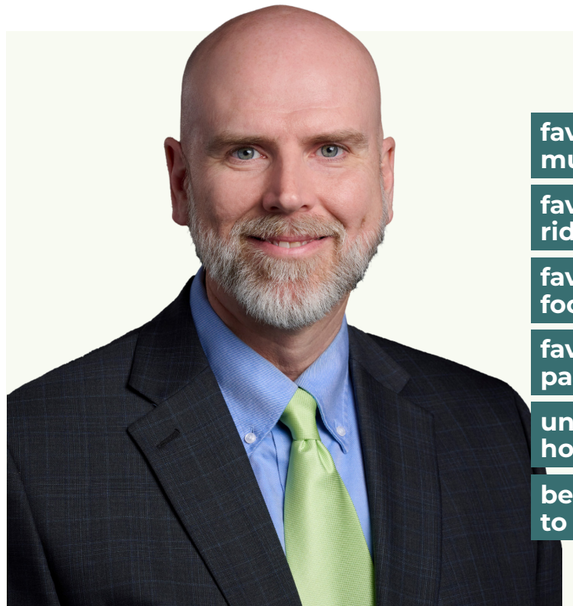
After 23 years pastoring a variety of churches throughout Missouri, Rev. Mike Wondel has joined the Foundation staff as Associate Director of Development and Programs.

"Mike brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in all aspects of congregational life," states Foundation President, David Atkins. "He has a deep, mature, and practical understanding – and a heart to share that with our pastors and lay leaders."

Mike was raised in St. Louis. "I grew up near the airport and attended Arlington UMC nearly every Sunday." His first call to ministry occurred on a youth trip and that led him to Hendrix College in Arkansas and Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky. Mike met his wife Jill at Hendrix and they started full-time ministry together at the First UMC in DeSoto in 1999. Appointments followed in Rolla (college ministry), south St. Louis City, Moberly and Sikeston.

"Every appointment taught me something new – about ministry, about myself and about how God works through individual lives and within our varied communities," states Mike. He has served on many boards and committees within the Conference and has always enjoyed the fellowship of colleagues. During COVID, he became concerned as clergy friends shared their struggles, and he began to pray about how he might better offer encouragement, support, and help.

"The Foundation was the perfect fit," states Mike. "I am amazed by the resources our Missouri United Methodist Foundation provides for clergy and churches around the state. Grants, scholarships, investments, education, and skilled personnel are all available in support of every pastor, congregation, and lay member." Given his particular interest and expertise in church finance and administration, Mike is "excited to walk alongside pastors and churches helping them accomplish the mission of the church."



Mike's Metrics

favorite music	live music
favorite ride	motorcycle
favorite food	anything on the grill, especially paella
favorite pastime	watching sports, especially STL Blues, Cardinals, and Mizzou basketball.
unusual hobby	firefighting
best way to recharge	time with Jill and friends, doing any of the above.

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