

VINCE & LOLA WATSON—COURT STREET UMC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



In March of 2023, the Court Street UMC board and congregation discerned that they would close the church. Their mantra became “**Close with Dignity and Leave a Legacy.**”

The church leaders wanted to be intentional with their remaining assets — to make a positive impact today and plant seeds for the future. **Their vision for the future included the Missouri United Methodist Foundation.**

Their first action involved several named memorial scholarship funds administered by the church. These funds were entrusted to the Foundation for administration and to maintain both the memory of the names of donors and the Court Street UMC.

“This was a bold and visionary act by the congregation,” states David Atkins, Foundation President. “These funds will continue to

encourage new generations and to serve that ideal expressed by Charles Wesley to ‘unite the two so long divided, knowledge and vital piety.’”

The Fund provides several scholarships to undergraduate students with no restriction on course of study or school attended. Eligible students must be Missouri residents and members of a UM church or a church with historical ties to the UM Church in Missouri. Priority consideration is given to students residing in Callaway County.



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