



A Legacy of Lasting Support



Jeff Taylor with Dallas and Ann Bailey at Annual Conference

A contemporary hymn asks, “How does the creature say thanks?” Many find that the best expression of gratitude is found in giving. Dallas and Ann Bailey have decided to give back to an institution that gave so much to them.

As an expression of their gratitude to God for the long relationship they have enjoyed with West Virginia Wesleyan College, Dallas and Ann Bailey have established the Dallas and Ann Bailey Memorial Trust. While they have created and funded the trust during their lifetimes, their plan is that it will provide a benefit after they are both deceased, hence the name “Memorial.” Their trust will be not only a permanent reminder of a long-time staff member of West Virginia

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Sent into the World

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” (John 20:21-22)

The Foundation’s grant program is a demonstration of how The Foundation fulfills the mission of having been sent in Jesus’ name with the power of the Holy Spirit. Each year we tithe our anticipated revenue to help provide funding for ministry that is reaching out into the world. Grants support outward focused ministries—addressing the needs of the poor, lost, and marginalized—helping Annual Conference ministries to increase their relevancy to the world. That’s what we’re about, isn’t it? Changing the world?

House of the Carpenter

The Foundation recently granted the request of one of the Annual Conference’s mission projects, The House of the Carpenter, to provide funding for a youth coordinator to work with at-risk youth on Wheeling Island. Rev. Dr. Mike Linger, THOC’s Executive Director, said that the grant will help reach out to marginalized young people through a new mentoring program intended to provide a stabilizing presence for the children and youth served by the mission project.



Jeff Taylor with Mike Linger, Executive Director of The House of the Carpenter

United Christian Food Pantry

The United Christian Food Pantry of Braxton County is an interdenominational collaboration of several area churches, including several United Methodist Churches dedicated to alleviating hunger in their community. Last year it provided food to almost 5000 individuals in over 2,200 families. This year the Pantry faced a new challenge—it had to move to a location where it was necessary to pay rent and utilities, expenses that were previously unnecessary. The Foundation awarded United Christian Food Pantry a grant to pay its rent for one year.

Upon receiving the news of the grant award, Rev. Barbara Accord sent the following email to the volunteers who work at the Food Pantry:

“Friends of faith, I just had to share this! I just got home from the funeral for Elder Lowell Knight and there was a message on the voice mail... So, while I was leading the worship of God and the celebration Lowell’s life, mentioning his love of and service for the Food Pantry (the funeral was 11:00, the call came at 11:30 - about the same time I was speaking of this in the sermon, AND the family had requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to United Christian Food Pantry), a message was left for me that the grant had been awarded, for...a year’s rent for the Pantry, by the United Methodist Foundation. I have to tell you, I do not believe in coincidences. Thanks be to God! Thanks to the UMF! and thanks Lowell for putting in a good word!”

Guidelines and Application Process

The Guidelines for awarding of Grants and information about the application process can be found on our website (www.umfwv.org/foundation-grants). How will you reach out in ministry? ☺



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A Lasting Legacy of Support

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Wesleyan, but also will provide financial assistance to others who attend the College. What a generous legacy!

Robert Skinner, the College's Vice President for Advancement, said "Dallas and Ann helped thousands of Wesleyan students during their lifetime. They provided constant

encouragement and challenged students to live out Wesleyan's mission. Their decision to include the College in their future plans will extend their influence to future generations of Wesleyan students. We are grateful for their lives and for their wonderful generosity."

At the United Methodist Foundation, we strive to match donors needs to give, in whatever their circumstances, to the needs of the ministry they love and want to support. For Dallas and Ann Bailey, that meant helping them now to start the fund that will be a benefit in the future. If you would like to consider the possibilities of leaving a legacy for ministry, contact Jeff Taylor or Kim Matthews at The Foundation. ☪

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Robert Skinner
Vice President for Advancement
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New Foundation Staff Members



Judy Simms

The Foundation welcomes two new staff members to our ministry. Judy Simms has served as our Accounts Administrator since June. She has more than 20 years experience in office management and accounting, including non-profit work. Judy has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and an Associate of Arts in Social Sciences from Ohio University, and Associates of Applied Science in Accounting and Business Administration. Judy has two adult children, a granddaughter and a grandson on the way.

Jaye Walker joined the team in August as our Administrative Assistant. Previous to joining the Foundation, she served as the Administrative Assistant for a local accounting firm and as the assistant manager of an apartment complex. Jaye has educational experience in the field of office administration. She is married to Mike; they have two sons, four daughters, and fourteen grandchildren.



Jaye Walker

We welcome Judy and Jaye to our team. The entire Foundation staff works together to serve the individuals, families, churches and ministry of our Annual Conference. If you have questions or if we can be of service to you, please call. ☎

Wills Week 2015

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin declared October 18-24 as Wills Week in West Virginia to encourage people to have a will and to consider including bequest to charity. Jeff Taylor and Kim Matthews attended the proclamation. Have you considered the possibility of a bequest to the United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia in your will? (Photos courtesy of the Office of the Governor)



Partners of Leave a Legacy Central Appalachia accept the proclamation.



Governor Earl Ray Tomblin with Jeff Taylor

Focus on Investments

It is hard for investors to ignore the significant gyrations of the U.S. and world economy during 2015. We know these times are a source of stress and concern for our constituents and donors who experience declines in the value of their account balances or worry about the reliability of future income streams. It may be of some comfort to know that the United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia and our investment partner, Wespath Investment Management, will maintain our strategy in managing a diversified and disciplined investment program.

Our response—staying the course—to recent market volatility is shared by other disciplined investors in response to similar historic periods. We are confident that a consistent, long-term, disciplined strategy for managing a diversified investment program is and will continue to be a prudent approach for meeting the needs of our donors and investors.

An important element of this strategy is maintaining a long-term view. We avoid making hasty investment decisions in response to short-term market volatility. No one—even the most

skilled financial experts—can consistently predict the near-term direction of the U.S. and world stock markets. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance. However, history provides numerous examples of markets that experienced steep declines followed by sharp rebounds.

The Foundation and Wespath are committed to helping you achieve your long-term investment goals. Please contact us if you have any questions. ☺



Investment Performance

The performance of our four Investment Funds, net of all fees, for the year to date through the third quarter of 2015 is listed in the table to the right.

January 1 - September 30, 2015

Please remember that as your investment objectives change, you should review your investment choices. You can change The Foundation Investment Fund utilized by your Church or Agency by contacting The Foundation.

Call us if you have questions and to discuss the investment choices offered by The Foundation in greater detail. ☺

	Total Return	Comparative Benchmark
<i>Fund A</i>	-1.15%	-0.16%
<i>Fund B1</i>	-3.32%	-2.83%
<i>Fund B2</i>	-4.18%	-3.32%
<i>Fund B3</i>	-5.04%	-4.50%

Net of all fees



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Giving at Year-end

At year-end we often express thanks to God by giving to others. Careful consideration of the form and timing of your charitable gifts can help magnify the effect your gift has on ministry. You may learn that you can make a gift you didn't think was possible.

In order to help you with your year-end gift planning, we have included a Year-End Giving brochure in this newsletter. It contains information about different ways to make a planned gift and considerations about tax benefits that you can explore with your financial advisor. Make gifts by December 31 of this year, and you can experience the joy of giving now, and also receive potential tax benefits.

If you have questions about planned giving at year end, or at any time of the year, please contact us. We will help as you consider the possibilities.

Upcoming Opportunities

Election of Foundation Representatives: A Foundation Representative serves as a link between the charge and The Foundation. Visit our webpage (www.umfwv.org) to learn more. Pastors, please remember to ask your Lay Leadership teams to nominate a Foundation Representative to be elected by Charge Conference.

Foundation Sunday: The 2016 celebration of Foundation Sunday will be April 17. Please watch your mailbox and The Foundation's website for more information as it becomes available. For now, mark this date on your calendar.