

Your Foundation Update

Our Mission: The Mississippi United Methodist Foundation resources the church for effective ministry and fruitful generosity.



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Distributions for 2014

Your Foundation provided a 2% return for all Short Term Accounts.

We provided monetary Christmas gifts to over 50 clergy widows because of thoughtful donors.

The Scholarship Committee awarded 79 scholarships to college and seminary students for the 2014 – 2015 school year. Please see articles on the next page for more information.



From the Director

I enjoyed visiting with over 60 different churches and gatherings across the state of Mississippi in 2014. I shared about endowments, planned giving, the work of the Foundation, new trends in giving, basic

stewardship education, personal money management and the work of local church finance committees.

Members of the Foundation staff are always happy to come to your church to provide you with tools to resource effective ministry.

We look forward to seeing you in 2015.

Rev. Mike Hicks



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Mississippi United Methodist Foundation

Your Foundation Team is here to serve you.

Feel free to call us to inquire about your account or for information on establishing a new account. You may also email any of the staff.

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Left to right: Billie, Mary Lee, Mike and Cheryl.

Office Closings in 2015:

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr., Day	January 19
Presidents Day	February 16
Good Friday	April 3
Memorial Day	May 25
Independence Day	July 6
Labor Day	September 7
Columbus Day	October 12
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving	November 26-27
Christmas	December 24-25

New Web Page

We have updated our web page still found at www.ms-umf.org. You may find frequently used forms, helpful links to estate planning as well as the opportunity to sign up for our E Newsletter.

Two New Scholarship Endowments

The Mississippi United Methodist Foundation is pleased to announce the creation of THE REV. H. J. HEDGEPEETH AND MRS. ORELL HEDGEPEETH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ENDOWMENT established by the Rev. Mitchell B. Hedgepeth and Mrs. Catherine D. Hedgepeth. The Memorial Scholarship is given in support of United Methodist students from Mississippi, preparing for a career in music or ministerial services, attending either Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, the University of Southern Mississippi, or Jackson State University.

Rev. Mitchell B. Hedgepeth and Catherine decided to create the endowment to honor his parents and to assist students in their education. Mitchell remembers the hardship of attending seminary and serving a church at the same time. Even with the salary from the church and money from the Ministerial Education Fund, it was a challenge to pay all the bills. Mitchell's parents were unable to assist him because they had three children in college at the same time.

Mitchell remembers how much it helped to receive funds from the Mississippi United Methodist Foundation. This additional scholarship often provided just the amount needed to cover the balance owed on tuition.

He writes, "Here is my true blessing. I went to seminary in the fall of 1982 not knowing how I was going to afford a seminary education, but I knew that God had called me to ministry. With the blessings received from the Mississippi United Methodist Foundation Scholarship Funds I was able to attend Candler School

of Theology for three years and leave the school with all bills, "Paid -In- Full!"



Mitchell and Catherine are excited about blessing others through this scholarship endowment. If you wish to contribute to the Rev. H. J. Hedgepeth and Mrs. Orell Hedgepeth Memorial Scholarship Endowment, you may send your check to the Mississippi United Methodist Foundation, P. O. Box 2415, Ridgeland, MS 39158. Put Hedgepeth Scholarship in the memo line.



Larry and Nancy Creel created an endowment with the Foundation to assist future ministerial students with the cost of seminary. Larry and

Nancy received funds from the Annual Conference for seminary, but that was not enough to pay all of the tuition and living costs. Nancy worked as a teacher and tutor in Atlanta, while Larry worked part time at a local church, a Methodist retirement center and as a security guard at a bank building to make ends meet. Rev. Creel talked of leaving his jobs in the early morning hours and then attending seminary classes at eight in the morning.

Rev. Creel has served on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry for the last six years. He has personally talked with many candidates for ministry with large student loan debts. Larry and Nancy know the struggles seminary students face and wanted to help others. This is why they have joined others at the Foundation in creating an endowment.

You may wish to contribute to the Rev. Larry Creel and Nancy Lyle Creel Endowment for Ministerial Scholarships by sending your check to P. O. Box 2415 Ridgeland, MS 39158-2415. Put Creel Scholarship in the memo line.

Or you may wish to create a named endowment with the Foundation for scholarships, for your local church or another ministry of the Annual Conference. Named endowments begin at \$5,000. You may call 601-948-8845 for further information.