



Foundation Funds Scholarships, Honors Staff

*How much better to get wisdom than gold,
to get insight rather than silver!
Proverbs 16:16*

*The soul of the diligent is richly supplied.
Proverbs 13:4*

May and June are months of celebration for so many First United Methodist families. Lots of families spent the month of May attending graduations and honoring seniors' successful transitions. The Foundation celebrated in May with a breakfast honoring our dedicated FUMC staff members.

For our graduates, every year the Church awards scholarships to youth preparing to attend institutions of higher learning, in this case "supporting wisdom with gold!" As in many years past, scholarships will help these students continue studies at public and private universities in many areas. The money to make this happen comes from the *William E. "Bill" Baker Memorial Scholarship*, a fund created in 2001. The first scholarships were awarded in 2002. Thirteen years later, it continues and increases outreach.

The scholarships continue year to year because only the income from the investments within the endowment is used. The beauty of the Foundation process is just this attribute. Through wise and thoughtful financial management by the Foundation Board of Directors, this endowment will continue to provide financial resources for deserving students in perpetuity. The stage was set when the Foundation was formed in 1964 to further the mission of First United Methodist Church and continues today.

May is the month The Foundation honors the people who work diligently every day to help our church fulfill its mission: the dedicated professional staff of FUMC. We gathered on May 5 for the weekly staff meeting and made it bit more filling and festive as the Foundation held its 2nd Annual Church Staff Appreciation Breakfast. Staff members play an enormous role in making our Church run smoothly and provide a welcoming environment. From Preaching to Parking to Programs, the staff lends their expertise to make our Church one of the most outstanding churches in Texas and in the United States. So, with Breakfast Burritos from HOLY FRIJOLE, it was a time for us to serve those who serve us so well, to honor their efforts and to celebrate their efforts to advance the Church's mission.



First Methodist Church of Fort Worth Foundation, Inc., is proud to support and honor our member families and the professionals who serve them. For more about “How the Foundation Works,” send email to sid.johnston@fmcfoundation.org. And we are continuing to share with you how the Foundation began, evolved and continues today through a series of videos posted on our website. This month, you’ll see most recent decade – 2004 to 2014. The videos are narrated by Dr. Lamar Smith. We hope you enjoy them!

This article is the first in a series illustrating the inextricable connection of the Foundation and the Church.

Our goal is clear understanding that the Foundation’s sole focus and beneficiary is

First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth, has it has been for over 50 years.

We want to assure transparency in communications and are here to address questions about why the Foundation exists and how it operates in the best interest of our Church.

We hope you enjoy the messages.