

CATALINA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION UPDATE – MARCH 2025

by Judy Wingert, Foundation Board President



Did you know that our church has a Foundation? The Catalina United Methodist Foundation was established in 1958 for the purpose of assisting those who wish to provide financial gifts to the church in support of current and future ministry. The foundation board provides the stewardship of those gifts. Throughout the years, many people have contributed to the Foundation for a variety of support such as: Missions, Scholarships, Counseling, Ministerial Education, the Day School, the Memorial Garden, the Music program, and maintaining the church campus and other programs. For example, recently the Silverburg estate donated funds for the renovation of the sanctuary and welcome area, making mobility easier. This year the Foundation will be contributing over \$300,000.00 for the purposes of the church budget and building and grounds maintenance. The Foundation will also be providing funding for the replacing of our church roofs over the next several years. As our congregation membership shrinks each year, and as our property gets older, it is wonderful that back in 1958 church leaders had the foresight to have prepared for the continuation of our church future. The Foundation welcomes current donors also!

There are three giving options: Gifts for Immediate Distribution, Specified Term Gifts and Enduring Endowments. One of the categories of our Enduring Funds is scholarships. We have 10 named scholarship funds supporting our members and folks connected to Catalina for various undergraduate and graduate degree programs such as: ministerial, education, special education, and industrial or technical degrees. Recently scholarships were awarded to Toni Smith, in her pursuit of a Deaconess degree, and to Shawn Saldano who is beginning his college courses of study to eventually go to seminary. We have also awarded scholarships to several of our college students in connection with Catalina.

Other Enduring funds support the Day School, the Stephen Ministries program, seasonal or permanent updates for furniture, the church library, the Memorial Garden, the Missions fund, the Music Department, Senior Adult Ministries and an emergency fund potentially needed for a counseling process.

The Foundation is overseen by a Board of Directors made up of church members. The board members usually serve a 6 year term, which can be renewed. The terms are staggered so that the board always has experienced people on it. Our officers are: Judy Wingert, President, Rebecca Gill, Vice-President, Dave Pingry, Secretary, and Cori Hoag, Treasurer. Other members are Bruce Gillaspie, Kyle Hood, Phylis Carnahan, Tim Mason and Tom Campbell. As Senior Pastor, Pastor Mike is a non-voting member of the Board.

If anyone reading this would like more information about giving to the Foundation, or including the Foundation in your estate planning, please contact Judy Wingert, judywingert@gmail.com. If you plan to include the Foundation in your estate planning, you will become a member of Tres Cruces, the group of donors who have already included the Foundation in their estate planning. You can also view the Foundation page and scholarship forms on the church website: <https://www.catalinamethodist.org/foundation/> If you wish to serve on the Foundation Board in the future, please also contact Judy or any other board member.