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Extensions of Faith

Vera Ross Gillet lived nearly eight decades in her beloved hometown. She attended LaPlata schools and earned a teaching certificate so she could go back and teach in the same classrooms she had known as a child. A lifelong member of the LaPlata United Methodist Church, she served as treasurer for many years and married fellow church member Dr. Ralph Gillet.

While the couple loved their home and family, they also loved their church and community. Not surprisingly, the Gillets made arrangements in their estate plans to nurture the people and the place they loved so well.

Dr. Gillet died in 1969, and when Mrs. Gillet died in 1988, her estate left more than half a million dollars to charity, primarily within the LaPlata community. One bequest of more than \$100,000 created the LaPlata United Methodist Church Gillet Endowment Fund at the Foundation.

"We see these funds as an extension of the Gillet's faithfulness to God and dedication to the Church," writes Pastor Sheila R. Swafford. "This endowment fund has benefited the LaPlata United Methodist Church, the LaPlata Community and the Church worldwide."

Sixteen years after Vera's death, the income from her bequest allows the church to reach out in many ways. The church sponsors a local Girl Scout troop, holds a safe after-prom

event for high school students and contributes to the Festival of Sharing. The fund also provides gifts of food and clothing to LaPlata Christian Ministries, which meets basic needs of area residents who are struggling to make ends meet. Last year, thanks to the Gillets, the church re-carpeted the entire main level of the church and ensured that apportionments were paid in full by July.

As Pastor Swafford states, "Though we are a small congregation in numbers, God still has a plan for us to be in ministry by impacting those around us....[W]e move into the future as the doors of opportunity continue to be opened, and many people beyond the local church continue to benefit from the generosity of the Gillets and the wise investments made by the Foundation on our behalf."

IN 1988
the beginning
value of
the Gillet
Endowment Fund
was \$100,255

TODAY the value
of the fund is
\$194,025

AS OF OCTOBER
2004, the fund
has paid out a
total of \$88,589
for church use



Profiles in Charity: ED AND MARY ELLEN OLSSON



"Ed and I were married [at Country Club UMC] in 1941. Our children were baptized there; two of them were married there; three grandchildren were baptized there and two great-grandchildren. Our lifelong friends have worshiped there with us. We've traveled together, sung together, played together and shared each others lives." For Ed and Mary Ellen to state that "our church is very important to us" seems an understatement!

As a trustee, Ed learned about the Gift Annuities available through the Missouri United Methodist Foundation. "We decided to try it out." Now they wish they had put in a little more! Ed and Mary Ellen know what it takes to keep up a 90-year old church, so their choice for final beneficiary of the gift annuity is the Country Club UMC building and maintenance funds. "I don't know why more people don't take advantage of gift annuities!"

What is Your Favorite Ministry?

A Foundation Charitable Gift Annuity can help you increase your annual spendable cash, cut your current income taxes and make a significant gift to your favorite United Methodist charity or church. The annuity rate is determined by your age at the time you create your gift annuity and remains fixed for your lifetime.

Here is a sampling of current rates and benefits for a gift annuity created with \$10,000:

Age	Payout Rate	Annual Payment	Tax-free Portion	Charitable Deduction	Effective Return Rate*
65	6.0%	\$600	\$385	\$2,340	7.74%
70	6.5	650	441	2,982	8.61
75	7.1	710	509	3,688	9.69
80	8.0	800	601	4,350	11.22
85	9.5	950	758	4,844	13.68
90	11.3	1,130	931	5,435	16.67

*This rate represents an equivalent, fully taxable yield in the 25% bracket. Actual numbers may be slightly different, depending on discount rates at the time of the annuity's creation.

Did You Know...

The average return on a 5-year CD is 3.82% (Oct. 2004)

The payment from a One-Life Charitable Gift Annuity created at age 77 is 7.4%

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MCMURRY UMC, *Kansas City* - \$1,000; to help fund an upgrade of the sound system and professional acoustical plan for the sanctuary

GRACE UNITED UMC, *Kansas City* - \$2,000; to underwrite a portion of the cost for the "Heart to Heart" substance abuse recovery ministry

KINGSWOOD, *Kansas City* - \$2,000; to help underwrite the cost of a Seminary Intern Training Program

ST. JAMES UMC, *Kansas City* - \$2,500; to help fund the "Children's Connection"

FIRST UMC, *Sedalia* - \$2,000; to fund the purchase of Interactive Television (ITV) equipment for the "EyeSee Theater"

FIRST UMC, *Warrensburg* - \$1,000; to underwrite the costs of the "40 Days of Purpose Campaign" to increase church attendance, participation and commitment

FIRST UMC, *Warsaw* - \$2,000; to help hire a new associate for youth, VIM, and contemporary services

RICH HILL UMC, *Rich Hill* - \$1,000; to purchase a computer and projector

CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY, *Fayette* - \$1,000; to help underwrite a lecture at CMU by Dr. Stanley Hauerwas, professor of theological ethics at Duke University

FIRST UMC, *West Plains* - \$2,000; to help initiate an Older Adult Ministry program

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SPRING 2004

Income from the Foundation Endowment Fund supports innovative ministry programs and new churches through the Foundation Grant Program.

RECENT GRANTS INCLUDE:

MIDWAY LOCUST GROVE UMC,
Columbia - \$500; to fund the rental cost of three vans for youth mission trip to Mountain T.O.P. in Tennessee

HOLY BOLDNESS URBAN ACADEMY,
Gateway Central District - \$3,000; to underwrite Holy Boldness Academy expenses

NEW HOPE UMC, *Arnold* - \$3,000; to help underwrite the start-up costs of a new second site ministry

North Park UMC, *St. Louis* - \$3,000; to help with start-up costs for a Community Development Program: Job Alliance of St. Louis at North Park



COUNTRY CLUB UMC, *Kansas City* - \$1,000; to help underwrite the costs of a three-week Vacation Bible School-Day Camp specifically for children of battered women living in shelters

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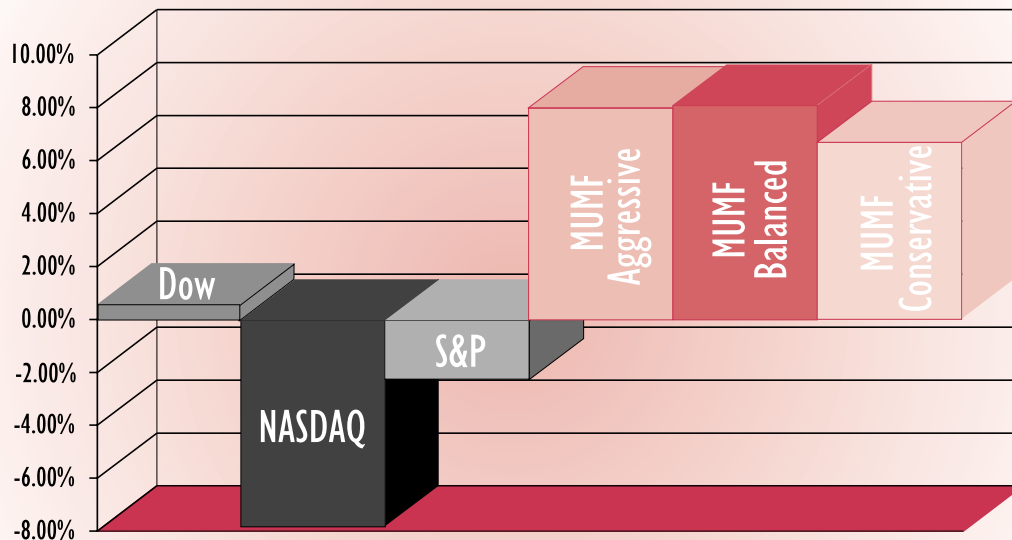
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