The Character of Giving,
The Spirit of Thanks
On November 28, the Foundation celebrated #GivingTuesday with Bristol Glen, Collingswood, Pitman, and The Shores. This is the second year UMC has participated in this global day of giving.

This year we focused on philanthropy among associates. From housekeepers to executive directors, everyone got in the giving spirit. Over $1,000 was raised in one afternoon! Some associates even signed up or renewed ongoing payroll deductions.

#GivingTuesday Facts

#GivingTuesday was created six years ago by New York City’s 92nd Street Y. It always falls on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, so everyone has a chance to get centered and give back after a whirlwind Black Friday and Cyber Monday. #GivingTuesday also comes at the start of the holiday season, so it serves as an excellent kick-off for year-end giving.

Celebrating Our Associate Donors

Every day, United Methodist Communities associates live out the values of compassion, respect, stewardship, and service. We are so grateful that some choose to go above and beyond by supporting our mission financially.

So far this year...

- Over 150 participating associate donors
- Over $20,000 raised for Resident Care Fund

Small gifts can add up! The most common gift amount for associates giving through payroll deduction is $2.00.
In November and December, Gary Engelstad, Giving Officer spent several days “on the road again.” Gary traveled all over the state of New Jersey in an effort to say a very simple “thank you” to hundreds of UMC supporters. “I just wanted to make sure that our loyal donors know that we do not take their generosity for granted,” Gary said.

Gary bore gifts, notably a framed quote from John Wesley, one of the founders of the Methodist Church:

_Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can._

“I strongly feel that this quote perfectly defines our loyal donors,” Gary said.

The initiative, which was temporarily halted by the Christmas season and winter weather, was a true labor of love for Gary. The Bradley Beach native drove over a thousand miles to visit donors in every corner of the Garden State. “It was wonderful to get off the Parkway and the Turnpike and really discover the towns and areas our donors call home. I had so many wonderful conversations with donors in driveways, front yards, front porches, and living rooms. Beyond their giving, their generosity is evidenced by how warmly they welcomed me when I stopped at their homes.”

The feedback from a number of donors has been heartwarming as well. “These incredible people have been sending me thank you notes for thanking them!” Gary shares. “It’s been a wonderful experience. The Foundation is so blessed to have these devoted, dedicated donors who care so much about our residents.”

Gary’s travels aren’t done. “I’ll be back on the road, visiting more donors in February. I have a new appreciation for what UPS drivers do!”

“Be assured [the frame] has already occupied a special place in my home.”
Raymond Campbell, Ocean View

“The Foundation is a way for men and women to maintain self-worth, quality of life, professional care, and services while being part of a vibrant community.”
Pearl Brown, Pitman

“Receiving the plaque was a surprise and is deeply appreciated.”
Phyllis Casey, Dover

“God has blessed my life in so many ways, and I am happy that in some small way I can pass on my blessings to others in the United Methodist Communities Foundation.”
Rose Seese, Gibbsboro
In 1998, Lorna Manahan’s mother Zelda decided that she didn’t want to live alone in her own home any longer. At 87 years old, she was tired of apartment upkeep, laundry, and cooking. Zelda set out to find a senior community that felt right for her. When Zelda and Lorna toured United Methodist Communities at Pitman (then called Pitman Manor), it was the perfect fit. Right off the bat, they could tell that Pitman had the warm, family-like atmosphere Zelda desired.

Reflecting on her mom’s years in the community, Lorna feels that the strong sense of camaraderie among residents and associates makes United Methodist Communities at Pitman stand out from the crowd. At 107 years old, Zelda now receives higher levels of care, but when she was an assisted living resident, she loved joining other residents for bingo games, craft projects, and Bible study. United Methodist Communities’ church roots and faith-based environment have always been very important to Zelda and Lorna, as their family is very involved at Almonesson United Methodist Church.

Lorna first decided to donate to the United Methodist Communities Foundation in appreciation for the excellent care her mom receives. Over the years, she has also volunteered her time as a board member and church ambassador, advancing our mission and spreading awareness in her congregation. She continues to give monthly because she wants others seniors to be able to access the same care her mother receives, even if they’ve outlived their financial resources. “I think of the future and other older people who might need help. It seems like the Christian thing to do,” Lorna explained.

This past summer, one of Lorna’s donations marked a very important milestone: Her mother Zelda’s 107th birthday!
We asked Lorna Manahan if she had advice for others who may be considering a gift to support our mission. She suggests following these steps:

• Pray about it and think it over.
• Make a budget to see what you can afford to give.
• Discuss with your family.

Monthly Donations: A Win-Win!

Monthly giving is a win-win situation! Regardless of amount, each monthly gift sustains our mission and provides donors with a manageable way to make charitable contributions. A monthly $50 gift is usually easier on the wallet than a one-time gift at year-end of $600. Even $20 a month—only 66 cents per day! —can really add up.

If you prefer to make your donations by check, you can invest in our mission by sending in a monthly gift. We can supply you with prepaid envelopes to save you a stamp and make supporting seniors even easier.

If you prefer to give online, take advantage of the easiest way to invest in our mission! Our secure online donation page gives you the option of making your gift recur monthly. Just click the “Make this a monthly gift” check box on the initial donation, and we’ll take care of the rest.
Tribute Gift Contributors

Memorial and Honors

Gifts Received FY2018, Quarter 2

Gifts received in Honor of Carl Ahrens
Mrs. Ruth Lanning

Gifts received in Memory of Margaret Antolina
Ms. Frances Antolina Bickel

Gifts received in Memory of Elizabeth Baggett
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Heuser

Gifts received in Honor of Clifford L. Ballentine
Anonymous

Gifts received in Memory of Kathleen Bareiss
Ms. Karen Bareiss
Ms. Marlene Bareiss
Mr. Jay & Mrs. Edie Bitterlich
Mr. Tony & Mrs. Carol Bombas
Mr. Rudy & Mrs. Ulrike Drechsel
Mr. Charlie & Mrs. Joan Fairweather
Mr. John & Mrs. Joan Fanelli
Mr. Bill & Mrs. Mandy Gabel
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Rice
Ms. Loretta Viehweger
Mr. Dor-Wachsmuth

Gifts received in Memory of Russell E. Bidwell
Dr. Ron Lyons

Gifts received in Memory of Allan & Beryl Boyd
Mr. & Mrs. Glen A. Boyd

Gifts received in Honor of Michele Brunner
Mrs. Bertha Hall

Gifts received in Memory of Danielle M. Carll
Rev. & Mrs. Edward Carll

Gifts received in Memory of Eileen Carney
Mr. John T. Carney

Gifts received in Honor of Rev. Virginia Samuel Cetuk
Bishop John Schol

Gifts received in Memory of Ruth E. Clark
Ms. Rebecca Scott Phillips

Gifts received in Memory of Ken & Hazel Cox
Ms. Susan McGrath

Gifts received in Memory of Joann Davis
Mr. Phillip Davis

Gifts received in Memory of Josephine Duffy
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Motolese

Gifts received in Honor of Rev. David Dutcher and Lois Dutcher
Ms. Marilyn Kneeland

Gifts received in Memory of Elsie S. Dutton
Mr. Herbert Dutton

Gifts received in Memory of Rupert Edwards
Ms. Violet M. Edwards

Gifts received in Honor of Gary Engelstad
St. Andrew United Methodist Church
(Toms River, NJ)

Gifts received in Memory of Joseph C. Esposito
Mrs. Dorothy J. Esposito

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Mrs. Jane L. Evans

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Mr. Eugene Farrell

Gifts received in Memory of Alice Felmy
Ms. Kathleen H. Felmy

Gifts received in Honor of Zelda A. Fischer
Mrs. Lorna M. Manahan

Gifts received in Memory of Florence & Boyd Fox, Sr.
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Boonton UMC: United Methodist Women

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Mr. Jerome S. & Mrs. Patricia E. Janof

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Mr. Louis Ricci

Gifts received in Memory of Kathryn S. Rittmayer
Mr. William A. Rittmayer

Gifts received in Memory of William F. B. Rodda
Ms. Elizabeth A. Keat

Gifts received in Memory of Edmund Rowan
Mrs. Maud Rowan

Gifts received in Memory of Ann Marie Russo
Ms. Kristine Russo

Gifts received in Memory of Emma C. Schmid
Mrs. Ottlie Schmid Sanders
Planned giving allows you to integrate your personal planning goals with your charitable giving goals. In so doing, you create opportunities for charitable giving to United Methodist Communities Foundation in circumstances that may not otherwise enable you to make an impact. Planned giving provides “something for everyone” by offering great flexibility through the many giving options available beyond cash, such as appreciated assets, an IRA, gifts of stock or life insurance, a Charitable Gift Annuity, and more.

Many people desire to benefit a charity, but they cannot donate property to the charity while still alive. For example, an individual may need certain property to cover his or her living expenses or rising health care costs. One planned giving tool that is easy to implement but dramatic in impact is a bequest, a planned gift to United Methodist Communities Foundation that will occur at the time of one’s death.

Donors can leave property to United Methodist Communities Foundation by including a bequest in their will or trust, or, in the case of property that passes by beneficiary designation, a gift can be made by designating specific charities as beneficiaries. With a bequest, donors can retain ownership and use of the property during their lifetime and still benefit the charity by leaving the property to them upon their death. United Methodist Communities Foundation benefits by receiving cash or property, the donors’ heirs benefit because the amount given to charity is not subject to federal estate tax, and the donors benefit through the flexibility of being able to use and control the property while alive.

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