

First United Methodist Church Foundation  
Annual Report of Grants  
Fiscal year January 1 – December 31, 2013

The Foundation, proposed by the administrative board of FUMC, and approved by church conference in March, 1992, is a nonprofit incorporated charitable organization that accepts gifts that are placed in a permanent fund. The income only from these gifts, unless the donor has specified otherwise, is used to benefit First United Methodist Church, Commerce, Texas, and its missions among which are ministry, health and welfare, music, education, scholarships, senior citizens, and facilities and grounds. Scholarship funds are maintained to be used as directed by donors.

The permanent funds generated \$51,028.72 for 2013. As required by the foundation's by-laws, at least 10% of the generated funds must go into the permanent fund. During 2013, the amount added to the permanent fund was \$10,000. The grants awarded during 2013 are reported below.

1. Commerce Clothe-a-Child (October) \$1,500.00  
Explanation: Eligible children receive needed shoes and clothes at a Walmart early morning Christmas shopping trip prior to the store opening. Children and their parents shop with an adult volunteer. Children's names are verified by CISD counselors after parents submit an application. Belinda Miller, counselor at Commerce Elementary School, co-ordinates this program each year.
  
2. Kiwanis Little Angels Project (October) \$2,500.00  
Explanation: The Kiwanis Club of Commerce co-ordinates this project which provides Christmas gifts for low-income children in Commerce. Kiwanians shop for and distribute the gifts with the help and donations of community clubs and individuals. Becky Thompson co-ordinates this program each year.
  
3. Commerce Literacy Program (March) \$5,000.00  
Explanation: GED preparation classes as well as basic literacy are provided to adults needing these services. This program is affiliated with the Commerce Public Library. It was started by FUMC members Otha and Billie Spencer.
  
4. Rachel's Challenge (February) \$6,600.00  
Explanation: Rachel's Challenge is a series of student empowering programs and strategies that equip students and adults to combat bullying and allay feelings of isolation and despair by creating a culture of kindness and compassion. The programs are based on the writings and life of 17-year-old Rachel Scott who was the first student killed at Columbine High School in 1999. Rachel left a legacy of reaching out to those who were different, who were picked on by others, or who were new at her school. The grant was paid in two payments, one in 2012 and one in 2013.
  
5. HVAC Replacement and Repairs (July) \$57,000.00  
In 2013, the original heating and air conditioning unit for the Sanctuary dating from 1967 went out and could not be repaired. A fund of \$47,000 for HVAC repairs and replacements had already been set aside by the foundation board soon after it was formed. This fund and an additional award of \$10,000 were given for the replacement of the unit. Bob Mills coordinated the work on this project which included some demolition and tree removal and a new pad for the custom-engineered air-conditioning and heating unit. After the project was completed, funds remained and heating and air-conditioning repairs were done in other parts of the church.
  
6. Organ Repairs (June) \$1,395.00  
Explanation: This amount was paid from the Knight Fund, a fund previously restricted to music program expenses. Although the fund may now be considered as available for other projects, the foundation board has continued to spend it only for music program expenses.

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| 7.  | Youth Ministry Intern: (May)<br>Explanation: This fund was created to pay for a youth ministry intern to work with middle school youth. The fund covers two years of salary.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$3,600.00 |
| 8.  | Wesley Foundation (February)<br>Explanation- Members of the Wesley Foundation planned a trip to a spiritual retreat in the Taize Community in France. The funds awarded provided expenses to three students who could not afford the trip. The trip was coordinated and accompanied by Marc and Michelle Corazao.                                                                  | \$3,750.00 |
| 9.  | Casey Scholarship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$500.00   |
| 10. | Kibler Scholarship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$500.00   |
| 11. | Talbot Scholarship<br>Explanation: The Talbot Scholarship at FUMC was not generating enough money to award a yearly scholarship. After negotiations with members of the Talbot family and TAMU-C, the board decided that the money in the scholarship fund would have more impact if it were added to the Talbot scholarship fund at the University and the money was transferred. | \$4,167.34 |

Funds awarded to FUMC and Wesley Foundation \$65,745.00 (includes \$47,000 HVAC set aside fund)

Funds awarded for community and scholarships \$20,767.34

Total funds awarded for 2013 \$86,512.34.

Respectfully submitted,

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