

The Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Foundation (ALWFUMF)

Our mission is to encourage generosity as a way of life, foster planned giving, develop successful planned giving programs, and manage funds in order to strengthen the work of Christ's church. Our AWF Development Fund also supports church growth by providing loan services for building, renovating, or purchasing property.

Our purpose is to help individuals and the church by encouraging generosity through education, consulting, development, and financial services.

Services

Foundation Services:

- Generosity Development/ Workshops and Events
- Consulting
- Fund Administration
- Investment Services
- Church Planned Giving Programs
- Digital and Printable Resources
- Marketing Resources
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Monthly Eblasts

AWF Development Fund Services:

- Loans (3.95% rate)
- Deposit Accounts for Individuals and Churches (1.1% rate)

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Generosity Matters

"Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity." Luke 6:38 (MSG)

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COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Continuity of Operations Plan

We are closely monitoring the progress of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak, and **we are remaining operational to meet the pressing needs of our partners in ministry** through our current Continuity of Operations Plan, which includes the Foundation staff working remotely and alternating days in the Foundation office. The office will remain closed to our clients at this time to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Like many businesses and organizations, we are limiting in-person contact in lieu of phone and online conferencing.

For future updates, visit www.alwfumf.org/continuity-of-operations-plan or www.facebook.com/alwfumf

CURRENT HOURS OF OPERATION:

- Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

We encourage using email as your primary correspondence with Foundation staff. If you do not have access to email, you may call the office number (334) 793-6820 and leave a message, and we will return your call.

Staff Email Addresses and Areas of Responsibility:

- heather@alwfumf.org: For ques-



tions or check requests from trusts and managed fund accounts, and assistance with on-line account access.

- tracey@alwfumf.org: For questions or check requests from Development Fund accounts, mortgage requests, and inquiries.
- andrea@alwfumf.org: For mailing list requests, marketing resources and training, and event contacts and questions.
- foundation@alwfumf.org: For investment updates, scheduling workshops, presentations and meetings, board communications, and communication with the Executive Director.

DEPOSITS AND SECURITY DONATIONS:

It is recommended that all checks be mailed to the Foundation's Post Office Box. If you have

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COVID-19 (Coronavirus) (cont. from page 1) Continuity of Operations Plan

a donor wishing to make a donation of securities, please contact heather@alwfmf.org for the necessary form. If you already have a copy of the form, please make sure the donor emails a copy to heather@alwfmf.org to indicate who the donation is from/for.

Our primary concern is the safety and health of everyone, and we encourage all to be diligent in heeding the suggestions of social distancing. **We also want to reassure you that your funds are secure**, and we are working hard to provide uninterrupted service and communications as situations unfold.

Development Fund Rate Change



During this trying time for all of us, the Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Development

Fund and its Board of Directors voted to **lower our mortgage interest rate from 4.25% to 3.95%, effective May 1, 2020**. We are making this adjustment to all loans, both new and existing. Interest earned from deposit accounts will also be slightly lowered from 1.75% to 1.1%.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Game Changing Leadership Events (2019 & 2020)

"The AWF United Methodist Foundation is always looking for ways to support the local church. Providing support during the COVID-19 pandemic allows pastors and church staff to discover new ways to operate." – Anonymous (April 2020)



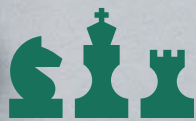
January 2020 Event: Michael Precht (left), Terri Turner, Woods Lisenby

In January 2019, the **Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Foundation established Game Changing Leadership as a continuing service and resource** to Alabama-West Florida Conference pastors, financial leaders, church staff, and lay leadership. These events focus on a variety of financial topics and needs in the church, includ-

ing fostering a generous culture, developing financial leadership skills, planned giving programs and legacy giving, and improving personal and church financial health. Each session contains tips and tools that church leaders can easily put into place right away to start seeing an impact.



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Game Changing Leadership

AWF FOUNDATION EVENTS

New Events Coming Soon!

For more information about upcoming events, email andrea@alwfumf.org or visit www.alwfumf.org/events

"I wanted to share an appreciation for the excellent webinar. It was the most practical content I have ever heard on helping churches become generous. I think every pastor needs to hear this. Great service to the churches of AWF Conference. Thank you to the Foundation for this gift." – Rev. Rudy Heintzelman (March 2019)

We have been able to offer events across our Conference in Alabama (Montgomery and Mobile) and Florida (Crestview) as well as online in a digital setting. **We are grateful for our continued partnerships with both Generis and the Alabama-West Florida Conference;** their contributions, invaluable speakers, support, and continued promo-

tion, have been crucial to the success of these events.

"I waited patiently for this day to arrive, and I was NOT disappointed. Right from the start, I found the information informative and useful. There was NO clock watching here. Every speaker was engaging, they kept my interest, and their delivery was exciting, drawing you into the conversation on how to live a life of generosity. I am VERY thankful to the U.M. Foundation of AWF for providing this event. YOU made MY DAY!" – Rev. Steve Warren (September 2019)

Game Changing Leadership



Suzanne Krejcar (top), Chris Stovall and Alan Wildes (January 2020 Event)

events are aimed at resourcing you with all the tips and tools you need to continue ministry and covering topics that matter to you. **Please share your thoughts about future events and topics** by completing this quick survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/CV8HBP3 or email andrea@alwfumf.org.

Wesley Heirs: Loving, Learning, and Living

"This is a very caring, loving group that supports each other as we share ministries and memories." – Rev. Mark Stewart, President of Wesley Heirs Executive Board

Wesley Heirs was founded in 1983 as an AWF Conference **ministry for retired ministers and their spouses.** Members enjoy fellowship gatherings surrounded by like-minded peers



Memorial Celebration Leadership Team

with similar history and life experiences twice a year at Blue Lake United Methodist Camp

and annually at Annual Conference. The motto **"Love, Learn, and Live"** is embodied at each Blue Lake gathering as members enjoy a time of renewal, inspiration, and information. Group activities always include games, entertainment, fellowship meals, communion, worship, a Memorial Celebration Service, and speakers who cover a variety of topics (including news and updates within the AWF Conference and the church). **Cont. page 4**

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DAILY TIPS, INSPIRATION, AND RESOURCES



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"Since I now reside outside the bounds of the conference, I did not make it to a gathering until March 2011 after the death of my wife. I have never experienced more love and support than I received at that gathering and since. I have now made 19 straight gatherings to Blue Lake, and now my son comes with me. For me, the music and choir are a great part of our time together as well as remembering and celebrating all those I have served with who have gone home the previous 6 months."
- Rev. Mark Stewart

Terri Turner, UM Foundation Executive Director, was invited as

a guest speaker to the March 2020 gathering to review current investments held through the Foundation and discuss a variety of giving options (including Charitable Gift Annuities and IRA gifts through a Qualified Charitable Distribution [QCD]). These new giving avenues offer opportunities for Wesley Heirs to continue growing their funds and to annually support Blue Lake, Sunshine Camp, Discovery Camp, the UM Foundation, and their bi-annual gatherings.



March 2020 Memorial Celebration



Wesley Heirs hosts Terri Turner as a guest speaker (March 2020)

For more information about Wesley Heirs and upcoming events, join the AWFUMC Wesley Heirs Facebook group or contact Julia Fitzpatrick, Communications and Music Director, at wesleyheirs@gmail.com. For more information about how the Foundation can help your church or organization, please contact the Foundation office at foundation@alwfumf.org or (334) 793-6820.