

“THE MORE WE GAVE AWAY THE MORE WE RECEIVED”

MARY LOUISE WINTON

Mary Louise Smith was raised as a Baptist in Pennington Gap, Virginia and taught school in Lee County for 23 years. She first visited First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge with her mother in the 1960's, where Mel Winton, a life-long bachelor, served as a greeter. Mary Louise certainly caught Mel's eye and in 1967, Rev. Cecil Hardin performed their wedding ceremony at the church. The Winton's were faithful church members, who never missed church or Sunday school services unless there was illness, impassible roads due to the weather, or they were out of town. This church was their life and they lived life to its fullest.



MEL & MARY LOUISE WINTON

Mel was a very understated and generous man – never one to seek the limelight, but always a steady worker. Giving of his means and time was one of his greatest joys. Mel first joined First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge on June 7, 1945. He had a special love for the mission outreach of the church. Mel also had a special love of learning. He was a Georgia Tech graduate and an engineer by trade.

After their marriage, Mary Louise taught school another 23 years in Oak Ridge. Mary said she knew Mel was different, right from the start of their marriage when he brought a Bible along on their honeymoon. Mel believed in prayer and knelt at the side of the bed each night thanking God and naming each pastor and staff member of the church by name. They never ate a meal in their home without thanking God first.

Life was not always easy for the Winton's, but God blessed them in many ways. To quote Mary Louise, "We both knew the difference between our wants and our needs. We both thanked God every day and I still do. One important way we thanked God was through our financial giving to God's work. In our giving through this church and through other charities and mission projects, we gladly gave beyond a tithe or 10% of our income. Mel really taught me the joy of giving...it seemed that the more we gave away the more we received."

The Winton's did more than just give money to their church and to support missions – they also got involved. They traveled to Henderson Settlement, Red Bird Mission, Deer Lodge, and to other mission projects. They were also blessed to attend The World Methodist Council meeting in Nairobi, Kenya in 1986 and visited struggling Methodist churches and hospitals in Zimbabwe. There they saw and experienced the global church that we are all part of as United Methodists.

Earlier this year, Mary Louise Winton created THE MEL AND MARY LOUISE WINTON ENDOWMENT in loving memory of Mel, who died on January 2, 2004. It is funded through a CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY established through the Foundation that will provide her an income of 9.2% the rest of her life. The proceeds will fund the Endowment, which will distribute annual earnings to First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge to be used for missions as directed by the church mission team.

MARGARET LOVING GRANTS AWARDED FOR SENIOR PROGRAMMING

Asbury Place - Maryville	\$ 8,500	Greenhouse Project
Concord UMC	5,000	Adult Day Services
First Rogersville UMC	2,500	Manna Kitchen
HARP Senior Care Initiative	10,000	Hands Across the River Senior Adult programs
Holston Conference	7,500	Older Adult Ministry Initiatives in the Districts
Holston Conference Foundation	1,500	Personal Information Record Booklets
Kay Senior Care Center	1,500	50+ Exercise Program
Luminary UMC	500	Outings for the elderly
Meadowview Cooperative Parish	250	Adult Ministry Initiatives
Munsey Memorial UMC	1,000	Senior Adult Special Event
Ooltewah UMC	5,000	Alzheimer's Day Care and Training Program
Rutherford Memorial	2,000	Joy Club for senior adults
Second UMC	2,000	Education & Fellowship for Senior Adults
Soddy UMC	1,800	Recorded church services, devotions, etc. to elderly
South Bristol UMC	500	Outings for the elderly
South Bristol UMC	750	Video in Worship & Sunday School
St. Mark UMC - Knoxville	200	Drivers Education for Senior Adults
St. Mark UMC - Kingsport	2,625	Parish Nurse Program
Sulphur Springs UMC	<u>1,750</u>	Fellowship Program and Sewing/Quilting Groups
	\$54,875	

Congratulations to these grant recipients. The Foundation's Grant Committee reviewed applications totaling over \$180,000 in making these selections. Another \$55,000 is being awarded to Hiwassee, Tennessee Wesleyan and Emory & Henry colleges toward Loving Scholarships for the 2005-2006 Academic year..

- Sandra Smith, Grant Committee Chairperson



**HARRY & MARGARET
GRIZZELL LOVING**

MARGARET GRIZZELL LOVING of Bristol, Tennessee, died in 1995, but her legacy will positively impact youth and senior adults across the Holston Conference forever. We are honored to steward her Fund and implement her vision to assist young people and seniors.

Our Foundation is ready and eager to help you explore and steward your vision for a better world and a stronger church as well.

Call on us anytime!

CAROL THOMPSON CATE:

A BLESSING TO REMEMBER



CAROL THOMPSON CATE

Carol Thompson Cate was a wonderful mother, a beloved wife, and talented musician. She loved her family and her church, Colonial Heights United Methodist Church in Knoxville. Carol died of cancer on April 1, 2004, but will be remembered through a permanent fund established earlier this year by husband, Ed and her boys.

Carol was raised in Bristol, Tennessee and attended The University of Tennessee in both Knoxville and Memphis, graduating with honors with a BS in Nursing in 1969. After graduating, she worked as a registered nurse in Memphis and at East Tennessee Children's Hospital in Knoxville. It was during her days in Memphis where she first met her future husband, Clarence Edward Cate, Sr.

Carol and Edward were married in 1970. They had two sons: Matthew, born in 1974 and Jonathan, born in 1977. The Cate family attended Church Street United Methodist Church before transferring their membership to Colonial Heights United Methodist Church, where she was an active and enthusiastic member of the Handbell Choir.

Carol's husband and family established THE CAROL THOMPSON CATE MUSIC ENDOWMENT in the Foundation in thanks to God for her. Each year this fund will distribute earnings to the church to support the music program with the first priority being the Handbell Choir, then the Adult Choir, and finally the Youth Choir. Carol's life was a blessing to those she touched...and this fund will continue to bless others in her memory.

To learn more about establishing or investing in an endowment or other designated fund benefiting your church, other United Methodist Institutions or a combination of ministries, feel free to contact the Foundation.

FOUNDATION FUND PERFORMANCE AND ENHANCEMENTS

After two excellent years and a very strong close in the last quarter of 2004, the financial markets have taken a pause. Preliminary figures show that THE BALANCED GROWTH FUND'S performance YTD through June 30 indicates small positive returns. Its 10-year average annual return through the end of 2004 is 8.77% and we remind long-term investors to focus on long-term results.

Preliminary numbers for THE INTERMEDIATE INCOME FUND show the mid-year performance to be 1.78%, beating its benchmark of 1.59%. On the short-term horizon, the latest yields on our MONEY MARKET FUND and SHORT-TERM INCOME FUND are 2.78% and 2.9%.

The Foundation's Investment Committee and full board met and approved several adjustments to our investment policy. The policy change adds a mid-cap equity position (10% of equities) and

increases the foreign equity position from 5% to 10% of the equities in THE BALANCED GROWTH FUND. The board also approved increasing the percentage of U.S. Government Agency bonds from 30% to up to 50% of our income position in both THE BALANCED GROWTH FUND and THE INTERMEDIATE INCOME FUND. The changes will be made gradually over the next few months as additional assets are added to the funds. David Goodson, Investment Committee Chairperson, said, *"These changes are a reflection of our deep interest in keeping fees low, while adding diversification and hopefully, increased performance to benefit the churches and ministries invested in these funds. The Foundation's ministry is to be a ministry to others. We are pleased to find ways to add value to the vital resources entrusted to our care."*

— David Goodson, Investment
Committee Chairperson



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. LUKE 12:486

LOCAL CHURCH ENDOWMENTS

This past year I have had the privilege of visiting scores of churches to meet with finance committees, administration councils and other individuals interested in exploring how to create, attract, market, invest and spend designated funds and endowments. Each church is somewhat unique, but most are very interested in learning about receiving additional funds for ministry and how other churches do it. The Foundation has wonderful "how to" materials, copies of church brochures and real life lessons learned from other congregations to share with those interested. We truly are a connectional denomination and there is no need to reinvent the wheel when there are so many willing to share.



Two churches I recently worked with, First UMC Oak Ridge and Webb's Creek UMC (Maryville District) are as different as can be, but both were very interested in a better future. After several visits to each church, endowment and designated gift committees were formed, guidelines written and both churches started talking about the ways people could positively impact their own family and their church through their estate plans and designated giving. Both churches developed wonderful brochures and have had special programs to share information. Both churches have received gifts and seeds have been planted in people's hearts that will impact future ministries. — *Roger Redding*

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