

# LEGACIES

AUGUST 2023

## Rev. Dr. C.E. McAdoo Joins Foundation as Gift Officer



Rev. Dr. C.E. McAdoo

The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas proudly announces the hiring of Rev. Dr. C.E. McAdoo of Little Rock as a Gift Officer in our Little Rock office. Rev. Dr. McAdoo joins the Foundation as a retired ordained elder in the Arkansas Methodist Church with over 40 years of experience in ministry and more than ten years of service on the Foundation's Board of Directors. In his role as Gift Officer, Rev. Dr. McAdoo will be responsible for expanding awareness of The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas's investment options and services, along with increasing the visibility of the Foundation's robust grant program.

"The Foundation bears its name because it exists to serve people," said Rev. Dr. McAdoo. "As someone who recognizes the importance of helping others, I was drawn to the Foundation. The needs of people are diverse and can range from A to Z. Hopefully; the Foundation can be of need in your alphabet."

Rev. Dr. McAdoo was born and raised in Lebanon, Tennessee, and attended Lemmons Corner School. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Little Rock's Philander Smith College and Master of Divinity from St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri. He received an honorary doctor degree of Humane Letters from Philander Smith College in Little Rock. McAdoo has preached in congregations nationwide and is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, NAACP, and Little Rock Christian Ministerial Alliance. He is the founder of Concise Consulting of Little Rock ([conciselr.com](http://conciselr.com)).

"Rev. Dr. McAdoo is an incredible asset to our organization," said Rev. Wayne Clark, the Foundation's President and CEO, "He is an outgoing relationship builder with an incredible knack for presenting complex issues to different audiences with confidence and credibility. We are excited to have him sharing the Foundation's message."



## Arkansas United Methodist Annual Conference 2023

Foundation President & CEO, Rev. Wayne Clark, presents to the Arkansas Annual Conference in Hot Springs, AR on Thursday, June 22, 2023.

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Rev. J. Wayne Clark  
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## A MESSAGE FROM WAYNE

### Matching Passions and Convictions

Not too long ago, I attended an event where Karen Walrond spoke about her book, *The Lightmaker's Manifesto*. In her writings, Karen acknowledges we have strong convictions and causes we care about, but she tries to help us focus on the causes that mean the most to us. She helps the reader name the skills, values, and actions that bring joy. The book has creative and practical exercises to help focus on what will spark empathy and concern.

One of the exercises the author does every morning is to ask herself these three questions: 1) How can I be healthy? 2) How can I be connected? 3) How can I feel purposeful? She often writes her responses in her journal, but she often puts those questions into action. She might decide she needs to exercise that morning, write a letter to a friend, and volunteer at her church later that day.

I think these are great questions for all of us to ask daily. However, I think we have to go beyond just asking the questions and put the answers into action. If the Foundation can help you match your passions and convictions with action, let us know. In the meantime, I hope you will stay healthy, connected, and purposeful.

Blessings,  
Wayne



## Serving Our Community: Canvas Community Church

Foundation staff and Board members hosted dinner at Canvas Community Church in downtown Little Rock on July 27, 2023. This meal service is open to everyone and is provided by the Canvas Community congregation and volunteer groups three times a week. This Wednesday night meal fed over 100 people and served as a cooling spot when temperatures reached over 95 degrees outside.

*MFA Board Member Steve Schults, starts the serving line during dinner at Canvas Community Church.*

# Forty-Three Arkansas Students Receive 2023 UM Dollars for Scholars Grants

The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas is proud to make \$43,000 in scholarship contributions to 43 students receiving 2023 United Methodist Dollars for Scholars awards to begin or continue their education at United Methodist colleges, universities, and seminaries.

For each recipient, the students' local churches gave \$1,000 and the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation matched that contribution. The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas gave \$1,000, along with the student's selected college contributing \$1,000 for a significant \$4,000 scholarship award to each student. "The board of The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas is pleased to award these grants to Arkansas students attending United Methodist colleges and universities during the 2023-2024 school year," said MFA President and CEO, Rev. J. Wayne Clark.

Church	Church City	Student	Class Year	Education Major	College/University
Asbury United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Mr. Benjamin L. Cogbill	Senior	English	Hendrix College
Asbury United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Ms. Hope R. Cogbill	Freshman	Undecided	Hendrix College
Cabot United Methodist Church	Cabot, AR	Ms. Amber K. Alsop	Sophomore	Religious Studies/Environmental Studies	Hendrix College
Central United Methodist Church	Fayetteville, AR	Mr. Maxwell Dawson	Senior	History	Hendrix College
First United Methodist Church	Arkadelphia, AR	Mr. Colin Phillips	Sophomore	Computer Science	Hendrix College
First United Methodist Church	Bentonville, AR	Ms. Elizabeth K. Emis	Second Year	Divinity	Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
First United Methodist Church	Bentonville, AR	Mr. Adam P. Kerr	Senior	Acting	Oklahoma City University
First United Methodist Church	Bentonville, AR	Mr. Wyeth B. McKean	Senior	Business/Economics	Hendrix College
First United Methodist Church	Bentonville, AR	Ms. Lauren N. Seckington	Senior	Religious Studies	Hendrix College
First United Methodist Church	Bentonville, AR	Mr. Landon C. Stewart	Sophomore	Undecided	Hendrix College
First United Methodist Church	Brinkley, AR	Mr. Chad E. Hornsby	Second Year	Church History	Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
First United Methodist Church	Conway, AR	Ms. Elisabeth Bartholomew	Sophomore	Acting	Oklahoma City University
First United Methodist Church	Conway, AR	Ms. Karla R. Delgadillo Galaviz	Senior	Biochemistry/Molecular Biology	Hendrix College
First United Methodist Church	Conway, AR	Mr. Jack W. Derden	Freshman	Theatre	Hendrix College
First United Methodist Church	Conway, AR	Ms. Hannah Gordon	Sophomore	Psychology/Religion	Hendrix College
First United Methodist Church	Conway, AR	Mr. Jacob Mathis	Sophomore	Business/Economics	Hendrix College
First United Methodist Church	Conway, AR	Ms. Sarah D. Mulhearn	Freshman	Psychology	Hendrix College
First United Methodist Church	Conway, AR	Mr. Keaton S. Taylor	Junior	Politics	Hendrix College
First United Methodist Church	Conway, AR	Mr. Joseph S. Winningham	Junior	Philosophy	Hendrix College
First United Methodist Church	Fort Smith, AR	Ms. Vivian H. Apple	Sophomore	Biology/Chinese	Duke University
First United Methodist Church	Rogers, AR	Ms. Mackenzie A. Jackson	Sophomore	Mechanical Engineering	Southern Methodist University
First United Methodist Church	Russellville, AR	Mr. William H. Griffin	Junior	Biochemistry/Pre-Med	Hendrix College
First United Methodist Church	Russellville, AR	Ms. Sydney K. Jones	Freshman	Theatre	Oklahoma City University
Lakeside United Methodist Church	Lake Village, AR	Mr. Samuel E. Adkisson, IV	Senior	Chemistry	Millsaps College
Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church	Jonesboro, AR	Mr. Luke S. Simpson	Junior	Biology	Hendrix College
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Ms. Riley G. Brady	Freshman	Pre-Med	Hendrix College
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Mr. Jacob T. Collier-Tenison	Sophomore	Computer Science	Hendrix College
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Mr. Samuel A. Collier-Tenison	Sophomore	Health Sciences/Pre-Physical Therapy	Hendrix College
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Mr. Jack H. Forrest	Sophomore	Finance	Southern Methodist University
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Mr. Reece C. Forrest	Senior	Biology	Hendrix College
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Mr. Hays W. Laidlaw	Freshman	Accounting	Hendrix College
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Ms. Phoebe K. Sanders	Junior	English/Political Science	American University
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Ms. Sophie A. Sanders	Junior	Psychology	Hendrix College
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Mr. Robert P. Shannon, II	Senior	Biochemistry	Hendrix College
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Ms. Lillian T. Williamson	Junior	Health Sciences	Birmingham-Southern College
St. James United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Ms. Lauren E. Elliott	Junior	Environmental Studies	Hendrix College
St. James United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Mr. John P. Lyon	Sophomore	Undecided	Hendrix College
St. James United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Ms. Emma K. Piercy	Senior	Psychology	Hendrix College
St. James United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Ms. Piper J. Nichols	Sophomore	Nursing	Oklahoma City University
St. James United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Ms. Ruby K. Nichols	Sophomore	Marketing/Political Science	Oklahoma City University
Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Mr. Michael C. Prescott, Jr.	Junior	Psychology	Philander Smith College
Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Ms. Savannah Wallace	Freshman	Criminal Justice	Philander Smith College
Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church	Little Rock, AR	Ms. Keshira J. Watson	Junior	Social Work	Philander Smith College



## OUT & ABOUT WITH AMY ANDERSON: Answering the Call

Amy Anderson  
Northwest Arkansas Development Officer

“Initially, we all thought COVID would only be around for a couple of weeks,” laughs Pastor Blake Lasater. What started as a challenge to Lasater and three members of Eureka Springs UMC from another organization quickly turned into a mission and a ministry that not only covered all of Carroll County but developed into a collaborative effort with Pastor Michael Bolin and Green Forest UMC.

The challenge was how they could support their community during this brief time of uncertainty. They immediately thought of providing meals, knowing that some food pantries would shut down due to the impending restrictions. They were given \$10,000 from The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas’s Grant Committee to help with this ever-present need. They quickly realized that they were dealing with more than just temporary assistance to help out during COVID...they were dealing with real poverty.

As the two weeks turned into months, and now years, Answering the Call (ATC) has morphed into an organization that has over 100 volunteers and serves 120 people every single week. They partner with food distributor Ben E. Keith to get frozen meals and the local Harps grocery store for fresh fruit to supplement the meals- allowing each person in the house to receive seven meals plus fruit each week, a total of 840 meals a week that are being distributed (at no cost to the families) across Carroll County.

ATC is able to continue its ministry due to the generosity of people in their community, as well as by receiving grants from other organizations, such as The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas. “The grants from the Foundation have allowed us to keep going a lot longer than expected. We will continue to do this work and provide for this community as long as we have the funding for it,” explained Lasater.

“ATC has brought together, not only the local Methodist churches to have this collaborative ministry, but it has been really good for the community as a whole,” said Lasater. “It has brought together people from all walks of life and varying backgrounds. This program is changing lives, not just for those receiving the meals, but also for those who volunteer each week,” Lasater explained. “It has been an eye-opening experience for everyone involved. Not only do we realize what real poverty looks like but also what assumptions we have been making regarding poverty and our community.”



*(top left) Answering the Call volunteers prep meal kits; Pastors Michael Bolin and Blake Lasater; Bolin loads meals into the Green Forest UMC church van to be distributed in the community.*

“[Someone who] doesn’t have any connection with Green Forest UMC, but feels connected because of Answering the Call, those inroads of relationships, have been so rewarding to me. Without ATC, we would never have had the opportunity for these relationships,” Bolin explained. “This highlights our connectational nature in the United Methodist Church. Through its grant program, the Foundation reaches across many boundaries and separations.”

To learn more about Answering the Call and how you can volunteer or support this ministry, you may follow them on Facebook (AnsweringtheCall) or Instagram (@carrollcountyatc) or email Amy at [aanderson@methodistfoundationAR.org](mailto:aanderson@methodistfoundationAR.org).

# Bishops' Club Luncheon 2023

*Camp Aldersgate  
Little Rock, AR  
May 19, 2023*

There was much to celebrate at the 37th Annual Bishops' Club Luncheon hosted by The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas. This year's event, held on Friday, May 19, 2023, at Little Rock's Camp Aldersgate, included a record attendance crowd and featured speaker Michelle Ator, Chancellor of the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Attendees also had the opportunity to visit with several Foundation grant recipients, including the Oscar Washington Scholarship Fund, The United Methodist Higher Education Dollar for Scholars fund, Project Transformation, and the International Study Cohort. See more events photos on [methodistfoundationAR.org](http://methodistfoundationAR.org) or *Inviting Arkansas'* July 2023 edition.



*Photos: Luncheon speaker Michelle Ator and ARUMC Bishop Laura Merrill; Rev. Jimmy and Lorraine Mosby, Dr. Charles Donaldson, Gloria and Rev. C.E. McAdoo; Rev. Clark addresses luncheon guests.*

## Investment Performance Pool Reporting: June 30, 2023

### MARKET UPDATE

As of June 30, 2023, the balance sheet of The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas reflects over \$211 million in assets; often we say this amount is "under management." Among the 50+ Methodist Foundations nation-wide, Arkansas ranks sixth in total assets.

Investment Pool	\$ (millions)	1 Year Return <i>Benchmark</i>	Avg. 3 Year Return <i>Benchmark</i>	Avg. 5 Year Return <i>Benchmark</i>	Inception Return <i>Benchmark</i>
Blended Pool	\$135.1	10.0% 7.4%	5.2% 5.0%	5.2% 4.3%	6.8% 6.1%
Growth Pool	\$47.3	16.1% 15.8%	9.9% 9.0%	8.0% 6.5%	9.3% 7.3%
Income Pool	\$10.8	1.4% -1.4%	-1.7% -4.2%	1.1% 1.3%	4.5% 3.9%

*Data from Wespath Institutional Investments closing June 30, 2023*



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