



FIRST CHURCH FOUNDATION

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17



Paul Lawrence (Chair)



Jeff Williams



Cyndy Hatfield



Karen Thompson



Larry Wright



Debby Weiser



David Van Bebber



Susan White



Larry Wilkins



Mary McKinney
(Director)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION CHAIR

It is a privilege, to again be serving as the Chair of the FUMC Foundation, and I appreciate the commitment, and dedication, of the other 8 Board Members, as we do the work of the Foundation.

I want to thank Don Harris, and Duane Newman for their great work and dedication as Board Members, as they cycle off of our Board. A big welcome to Susan White, and Larry Wilkins, as they join our Board beginning with the 2019 year.

I am pleased to announce, that with the retirement of Judy Van Hoose as The Director of the FUMC Springdale Foundation, Mary McKinney will assume the role as our Foundation Director. Mary has been a long time member of FUMC, and brings valuable experience to this position.

I can assure you, that each of us on the Board takes gift requests seriously, so that the Foundation monies are used wisely. As non-budgeted needs at FUMC arise, that is where the Foundation can be of assistance. We fund requests off of the earnings of the principal, so that YOUR gifts will remain forever with the principal.

I look forward to a great 2019, and the value that the Foundation can bring to the congregation of FUMC in Springdale, and fulfillment God's vision for this congregation.

Sincerely,

Paul Lawrence
Foundation Chair



A MESSAGE FROM JUDY VAN HOOSE

Being the Director of the First United Methodist Church Foundation has indeed been an honor and a privilege. Because of your generosity, your gifts have helped fund proposals that made a real difference in the life of this congregation. For some, it was a gift of honor. For some, it was a gift in memory of someone. For some, giving was as a result of an outright gift of cash. Some years, the majority of the proposals were funded and other years, not so many. Sometimes, the stock market was good to us and sometimes not so much. But through it all, needs were met and ministry sharing the love of Jesus was done.

I encourage you to consider making the First Church Foundation a part of your estate planning. There are many ways to do that and I know you will want to create a legacy at your beloved First Church.

This is where I exit --- as of March 1, 2019, I am retired from the Foundation. I so appreciate your willingness to share your gifts making a difference for God's people inside these walls and outside in the community. You all are a giving, loving, and faithful congregation and I am grateful.

Thank you all for the opportunity to visit with you to share the love of Jesus Christ through your gifts to the Foundation. You are making a difference.

Blessings,

Rev. Judy Van Hoose



2018 FUNDED PROJECTS

Kitchen Food Processor
Playground Fence
Kimbrough Building Improvements
Communications Camera
Wonderfully Made Egg Hunt
Art Wall Hanging
Sanctuary Camera/Video System

FEATURED FOUNDATION FUNDED PROJECT

2018 Wonderfully Made Egg Hunt

A one of a kind, community event, hosted by First Church for the NWA Communities. Children of all abilities enjoyed games, music and an inclusive egg hunting experience with their families. Colorful eggs of all kinds littered the ground. Eggs that beeped for the visually impaired; magnetic eggs for the physically disabled; eggs for children with specific sensory needs and eggs filled with goodies for all children to hunt. An event remembered by All God's Children who participated.





2018 DONORS & GIFTS

ANNUAL GIFTS

Avis and Bill Bailey

David and Sue Van Bebber

Braswell Family

Zach and Tabitha Elmore

Janet Huntsman

Dan and Dolores Lewis

Beverly and Steve Loomis

Donna Morris

Bob and Barbara Reynolds

Russell and Betty Rhodes

Jerre and Judy Van Hoose

Chris Weiser



2018 DONORS & GIFTS

GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY

Andy Breuer

Bonnie June Brooks

Clayton Brunson

Foy Coker

Maurice Larry Colpitts

Norm and Carol Conrad

Herschel Duncan

James Irwin

Alice Jones

Patricia Kus

Carl Martin

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Pete Netzel

Judy Overton

Zack Parks

Jayne Pruden

Susan Rhodes

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Tanner Thompson Shuck

Wilma Stockton

Father of Bonnie Lagrone

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Sam and Elizabeth Weathers, Ann Webb

Arnold and Bette Williams

Bill, Karin and Family

Nita Colpitts

Jeff and Christine Williams

Cheryl Duncan

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David and Sue Van Bebber

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Marty Rhodes

Tom and Susan Schallhorn, Karen Shank, David and Sue Van Bebber

Cheryl Duncan, Nita Story, Karen Thompson,

Dwain and Glenda Newman, David and Sue Van Bebber

Jerry Stockton

Beverly Loomis



2018 DONORS & GIFTS

GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR

Church Staff

Creative School and Childrens World

Anita Costner

Mary Cotton

Lucas Timothy Alan Davis

Friends at Christmas

Cyndy and Ken Hatfield

Earlene Henry

Luann Lawrence

Pastors Judy Van Hoose and

Jen Ryerson

Russ and Bett Rhodes

Seekers Class

Nita Story

Marsha Jones

Luann Lawrence

Avis Bailey

Bob and Kathi Ickes

Tim and Joanna Davis

Tom and Susan Schallhorn

Laura Collins

Mary McKinney

Paul Lawrence

Marsha Jones

Mary Cotton

Bob and Diane Shaw

Lynn Carver

Mary McKinney



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2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year To Date	Book Value	Market Value
Beginning of Year Balance	\$ 621,009.29	\$ 845,035.60
Deposits to Account	60,927.91	
Current Year Income	11,132.11	
Realized Gains/Losses	23,271.00	
Disbursements	0.00	
Transfers	-100,417.12	
Current Balance	\$ 615,923.19	\$ 755,364.07

The Current Balance consists of:

Invested Principal	570,898.48
Available Income	45,024.71
Current Balance	\$ 615,923.19



WILLING FRIENDS

Faithful servants, who have committed to invest in the long-term future of First Church Springdale now and/or after they are no longer living.

Holly Childs
Earlene Henry
Betty Hinshaw
Phyllis and Richard Kuehl
Mary McKinney
Mary Lou Miller
Bob and Barbara Reynolds
Jerre and Judy Van Hoose
Bill Walker
Christine and Jeff Williams

The First Church Foundation exists to glorify God and to expand the ministries of the church by endowing and supporting the future needs of its ministry and mission. Planned gifts can be made now or they can take effect in the future as a final way to leave your legacy. You may designate where you want the earnings from your gift to be used or you may leave that decision to the Foundation Board of Directors.

First Church Foundation funds are placed with the Arkansas United Methodist Foundation in Little Rock, AR.

If you would like to learn more about the different ways you can support First Church Foundation, now, indefinitely &/or you have already included First Church Foundation in your estate planning (and are comfortable in our knowing) please contact Mary McKinney, the Foundation Director at 479-236-4593 or mmckinney@firstchurchspringdale.org

I laid a foundation and someone else is building it.
1 Corinthians 3:10



I am so excited about both the *present* and the *future* of the First Church Foundation. The growth we have seen in the size of our endowment over the Foundation's first ten years has been truly impressive. We already have a solid foundation to our Foundation. Now it is time to build it even higher!

One of the keys to building a strong endowment is having the patience and fortitude to persevere through the inevitable turbulence that the market experiences. This past year in 2018 was certainly an exercise in that, as we witnessed a nosedive during the last few weeks of the year that more than wiped out all the market's 2018 gains up to that point. That can be deflating, particularly since over the past decade we have become so accustomed to living in the midst of one of the longest-running bull markets in history. Market fluctuations are inevitable, though, and it is natural that downturns are going to happen. As I have heard more than one investment advisor say, "The long-term trend of the stock market over American history has always been up and to the right." In other words, if we have the willingness to stick to a patient and conservative investing approach, we can trust that our endowment will grow over time.

In 2019, we will see a "first" for the Foundation as leadership of the Foundation's staff director will change. Rev. Judy Van Hoose is stepping down after expertly leading the administration of the Foundation since its creation, and we are welcoming Ms. Mary McKinney as our new staff director. I have had the honor of working with Judy in two different capacities over the past few years—as Associate Pastor of Congregational Care until her retirement from that role in 2017, and as Director of the Foundation up until now. She is a kind and caring person, with a deep love for the church. I have been so grateful to know her as both colleague and friend.

As Mary steps into her new role as Director of the Foundation, I am confident that she will take the baton from Judy and do a fantastic job. I'm excited to see where she leads us in terms of vision, strategy, and execution. I believe she is exactly the right person for "just such a time as this," and I believe the Foundation's best days are ahead of us!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew C. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Andrew C. Thompson
Senior Pastor



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