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A Celebration of Community



Emma's Hour

A Confirmation of Community Relationships

In February and March, United Methodist Communities at The Wesleyan was blessed with a very special volunteer.

Emma, an eighth grader, is finishing up her confirmation class at St. George's by the River. As part of her confirmation preparation, Emma was tasked with carrying out a volunteer project that would give back and build relationships in her community. She enjoys spending time with seniors, so her mom, Laura, searched online for volunteer opportunities and discovered The Wesleyan.

Emma has many hobbies and loves to teach others about them, and The Wesleyan has many intelligent residents who love learning new things. It was a perfect match! Emma worked with Pamela Joyce, The Wesleyan's social service coordinator, to plan four visits to the community.

Each "Emma's Hour" focused on a different activity, but the sessions were tied together by a common theme—self-care and wellness. In one session, residents learned about the positive benefits of essential oils and how different aromas can be energizing, calming, or help relieve stress. At another Emma's Hour, the activity was watercolor painting. Emma led the group in recreating a beach scene she

Painted in primary school. As she guided the seniors through each step, she shared fun facts about how relaxing painting can be.

Banana bread recipe: Emma provided a healthy snack for each session. The recipe for her favorite healthy banana bread, made with maple syrup instead of sugar is available online at <https://chocolatecoveredkatie.com/2015/04/06/dark-chocolate-banana-bread/>

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When Emma was in third grade, her original watercolor painting (left) was selected to be put on display at the Livingston Mall.

At the final "Emma's Hour," Housing Administrator Gertrude Kehleay presented Emma with a certificate of appreciation and thank you gift. "We can't thank Emma enough," Gertrude said.

"She is so enthusiastic and prepared. She planned all her lessons and brought all of her own supplies. Our residents have loved it!"

Before packing up, Emma asked a resident named Dolores what her favorite activity had been. "Everything!" Dolores replied. "I enjoyed all of your visits." Everyone at The Wesleyan has appreciated Emma's positivity and the time she spent at the community.

Congratulations on your confirmation, Emma, and we hope to see you again soon!

Participate, Celebrate, Appreciate

Between Thanksgiving and the beginning of February, **241 people** and groups responded to the Year End appeal, generating **\$79,627.48** for our mission! This total surpassed our appeal goal of \$75,000. To all those who participated, thank you for making a difference in the lives of our UMC residents!



LOOK FOR A LIST OF TRIBUTE GIFTS AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER!



in celebration of MOMMS

Mothers' Day falls on Sunday, May 12 this year! An important day for mothers and mother figures all across America, this holiday is also an important time for United Methodist Communities. If your church will be participating in the conference's traditional Mother's Day Offering, please visit foundation.umcommunities.org/church-resources for bulletin inserts, reference material, and more. Please contact the Foundation at 732-922-9800 or foundation@umcommunities.org with any questions or special requests.



For Sanford D. Brown, service—and United Methodist Communities—is in his blood.

Sandy was named after his grandfather, Sanford C. Flint. Flint lived in Ocean Grove, NJ, the home of United Methodist Communities' humble beginnings. This gentleman was president of the Board of Trustees when construction began on The Methodist Home, and he spent a great deal of time at the community.

In that building, Sandy learned from his grandfather by example, impressing

to work with countless churches and nonprofit organizations.

At United Methodist Communities, we count ourselves incredibly blessed to have had Sandy Brown as our General Corporate Counsel for over 25 years. The organization has benefited not only from Sandy's diligence and expertise, but also his genuine commitment to our mission. In fact, Sandy says he considers UMC to be his "favorite client" because of our mission: *compassionately serving in community so that all are free to choose abundant life.*

I Give Because...

upon young Sandy the importance of serving his community, philanthropic giving, and caring for his elders.

Sandy absorbed these lessons and put them into practice in his own life. He has volunteered with numerous community groups, such as the Asbury Park Rotary Club and Boy Scouts of America, for decades. His volunteerism also reflects the important role his faith plays in his life. An involved member of Oakhurst United Methodist Church, Sandy has also given his time to Asbury Park Grand Avenue UMC and the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference.

Sandy's professional life consistently reflects the personal values instilled by his grandfather's legacy. In his forty years practicing law, Sandy has chosen

Sandy's law firm has provided considerable pro bono services to UMC, but his generosity and desire to give back doesn't end there. Sandy continues to be a regular donor to the United Methodist Communities Foundation, supporting UMC's benevolent care fund in every iteration and form it has taken over the years. To express our organization's heartfelt appreciation, UMC's Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, and leadership staff honored Sandy at their February retreat.

If you are looking for a living example of John Wesley's famous quote, "do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can" look no further than Sandy Brown.

Thank you, Sandy!

To learn more about Sandy and his involvement with UMC, visit umcommunities.org/blog

Strategies Worth Celebrating

Throughout your life, you've worked hard and also received God's abundant blessings. As a faithful steward of the finances which God has entrusted you, you have endeavored to make the best decisions possible regarding your budget, investing for your future, and blessing your family. Meanwhile, when you've seen a need, you've also made it a priority to respond generously—changing lives through donations that have benefited people in all walks of life. You've also made a commitment to compassionately serving in community so that all are free to choose abundant life through your kingdom investment in United Methodist Communities Foundation.

The Ideal Personal Giving Strategy

United Methodist Communities Foundation has partnered with Ambassador Advisors to provide planned giving guidance and estate services for our supporters. By taking the time to plan for giving the right asset at the right time, Ambassador Advisors

can help you balance your personal giving goals, while increasing your tax benefits for the maximum use of your dollars. The result is that your gift is implemented at the most opportune time, enabling United Methodist Communities Foundation to also

Do More® compassionately serving in community so that all are free to choose abundant life... for many years to come!



Legacy Planning Options

The federal government has offered incentives for charitable giving through income tax deductions, capital gains reduction, and estate tax minimization. Because of this, giving can be maximized through proper planning and solutions designed with each person's unique situation in mind. There are many legacy planning options available, each providing unique tax advantages and benefits to both the donor and United Methodist Communities Foundation.

In addition to giving cash, here are just a few options:

Giving While Living

Type of Gift	Taxation of Income	Benefits
Gift of Life Insurance Policy	None	Tax deduction on lesser of policy cash value or tax basis. Charity takes control of policy.
Donor Advised Fund	None	Tax deduction on gift, not given directly to charity, but is directed as donor sees fit over time.
Charitable Lead Trust	None	Remainder of trust to children, grandchildren. Reduces annual income tax. Deduction allowed on creation.
Gifts of Stock	None	Tax deduction up to 30% AGI; carries forward for five additional years.

Estate Planning

Type of Gift	Taxation of Income	Benefits
Gifts of Real Estate with Life Interest	None unless rental income, then taxable	Retains life estate in property. Initial tax deduction on fair market value. Avoids capital gains tax.
Deferred Payment Gift Annuity	Portion of income reportable	Receives tax deduction now. Defers income to later date. Substantial tax exemption on income paid. Reduction of capital gains tax.
Charitable Remainder Unitrust	Income and capital gains reportable	Initial tax deduction on value of charitable remainder interest. No initial capital gains tax.
Bequest in Will	None	Escapes estate and inheritance taxes. Provides for your chosen ministries at death.

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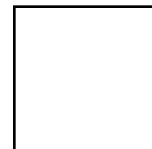
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Luckily, the answer is simple! The United Methodist Communities Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization, established in 1985 with the sole purpose of supporting the mission, philosophy, and ministry of United Methodist Communities. To make a tax-deductible charitable contribution, your check must be made payable to and processed through the UMC Foundation.

We have three funds that benefit our residents throughout the state: Gift of Care Circle, Tapestries Memory Care, and Senior Wellness. We are also equipped to restrict a donation to a specific community, upon special request. If you would like more information, please call 732-922-9802 ext. 2121 or email Rebecca at rroe@umcommunities.org.



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