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## Scholarship Winners—Where Are They Now?

*By Lana Lodge*

In this newsletter we are highlighting two past recipients of various St. Paul's UMC Foundation scholarships. We asked each one to tell us about their St. Paul's memories, how the scholarships impacted their lives and where they are now.

Jamin Nollsch, son of John and Melanie Nollsch and grandson of Wava Nollsch, was the 2006 recipient of the St. Paul's Scholarship.

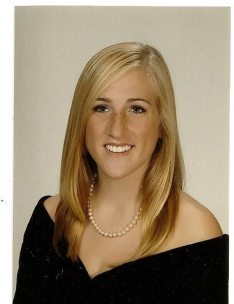


Jamin Nollsch

"Some of my favorite St. Paul's memories would be choir with Mark Babcock, goofing around with friends during lock-ins and getting to go up into the bell tower a couple different times. The St. Paul's scholarship helped me be more financially independent while in school, and helped me graduate with less debt. Right now I'm in that transition phase that lots of people can probably identify with. I graduated from Iowa State May 7th, my wedding is May 21st, and I'm having a second interview for an architecture job in San Francisco the week after my honeymoon. Life is full of excitement right now, and full of waiting."

Pam Schroeder, daughter of Steve and Janet Schroeder, was the recipient of the St. Paul's UMC Foundation St. Paul's Scholarship in both 2007 and 2008 and also a Leola Z. Clark scholarship in 2007.

"Some of my favorite St. Paul's memories are from the mission trips. I had a great time going to New Mexico and Mississippi twice. In all three trips I was able to work and create stronger, positive relationships with the other youth and members of the church, help persons in need of our assistance, and to show God's love to many people. The St. Paul's scholarships helped me to worry less about having to pay for my education. It has allowed me to take more time for studying and activities offered at The University of Iowa instead of having to work to help pay for schooling. Next year I will be student teaching band in Arlington Heights, IL at Hersey HS and at a middle school that hasn't been decided yet. Until then, I will be working in Iowa City and taking a class."



Pam Schroeder

We have had the pleasure of worshipping with both of these students over the past several years as they were home on breaks and we wish them both many blessings and God's peace and guidance as they continue to serve God in their chosen professions and everyday lives.

## Foundation Contribution In Memory of Dr. Mary Wilson

By Cheryl Krewer

Dr. Mary Wilson was a long time member of St. Paul's, participating in many activities ranging from serving communion at the 8:15 a.m. chapel service, working at Thrift Mart, and helping in *Stitching for Missions*.



Dr. Mary Wilson

After her death in 2009 her two sons, Alan and Fred, donated to scholarships at St. Paul's Foundation in her memory.

Mary attended AIB, a business college in Des Moines, for an associate degree, and while there played on the basketball team though she was quite petite. During WWII Mary worked in a munitions plant and earned a Civil Air Patrol card.

After the war she married a former Army colonel and the two owned and operated motels in Iowa; Mary did the cleaning and bookkeeping for their businesses. After her husband was diagnosed with a debilitating disease, they traveled often to the Mayo clinic. When he died, the boys were young, 4 and 6.

To support her family, Mary returned to school earning a bachelor's degree in English at Mt. Mercy and a master's at the University of Iowa. She worked full time at Kirkwood Community College teaching business communications. Mary's son Fred related that his mother played the dual role of mother and breadwinner well.

"She was a great cook and prepared our breakfasts every morning, and delicious dinners. She sacrificed for us and provided piano and swimming lessons. She was totally committed to our dad, never remarried, and then was totally committed to us. She didn't like idle time.

"Mom loved the academic environment and was very involved at Kirkwood. Via telecast, she taught students at the Anamosa Men's Reformatory. One summer in the late 1970's, through a Kirkwood teacher exchange, she traveled to Taipei, Taiwan, to teach English. She never quit on education: her own, or that of others. She

was on me to finish my college degree, and I did, a degree in business at Iowa State. She also talked to my friends about education. I have a friend that lives in Ankeny now who went to college because of her. Nobody in the family had ever gone to college, and she convinced him that he should be educated, so he was the first in the family to attend college. Even my cousins—she assisted them monetarily so they could stay in college."

Mary's son Alan told about his mother enjoying education and continuing her own. "Mother got her Ph.D. from the University of Iowa at age 68 and continued to teach full time at Kirkwood until retiring at age 78. She always encouraged me to take as many English courses as I could. I always had a really good proofreader in my mother; she was like a walking Thesaurus. I would call her to check on grammar and phrasing in my law writing. She supported me all the way through law school. Mother had her hand in everything. She pursued her own education doggedly. Sitting around was not on the top of her list. After retirement she continued to take courses—she enjoyed cooking courses and took one at Kirkwood on beautiful presentation of food. She also loved crossword puzzles. After her retirement we traveled together to England and France. She especially enjoyed the Louvre."

Mary was devoted to *Stitching for Missions* where she organized the fabric collection by color. She lent a personal touch to the quilts and sleeping bags by selecting colorful fabrics and hand embroidering images of animals onto quilt blocks. Mary preferred that the sewn items go to children, particularly those at Polk, Taylor, and Harrison elementary schools. Joanne Kimber worked with Mary in the stitching ministry, and reported that Mary was *always* the teacher, but she tried hard not to correct the grammar of others while they met for sewing. "Mary is the one who encouraged me to read the Koran," recounted Bertha Tribuno. "It was not easy reading."

During her life Mary Wilson valued education, encouraged others and used her own financial resources toward that goal. Now, through a scholarship at St. Paul's Foundation, her wishes are continued.

# Planning Matters

*Support St. Paul's and Receive Iowa Tax Credit*  
By Connie Richardson, Executive Director

As a service to donors, St. Paul's Foundation has established an agency fund with the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation. By making a gift for endowment at St. Paul's agency fund, donors can claim state income tax credits worth twenty-five percent of the amount of their gift through the **Endow Iowa** program. This is in addition to federal charitable deductions.



Connie Richardson

A program of the Iowa Department of Economic Development, established in 2003, **Endow Iowa** encourages individuals, businesses and organizations to make lasting investments in their communities by establishing permanent, endowed funds during their lifetime. It was initiated to capture some of the intergenerational transfer of wealth that is occurring now and into the next several decades.

Here are some guidelines to consider when making an **Endow Iowa** gift to support St. Paul's:

The tax credit is 25% of the gift amount and is limited to \$100,000 per taxpayer, which would be the maximum credit on a \$400,000 gift.

You may make a gift of any size.

You may contribute to the St. Paul's fund at any time throughout the year and in multiple years. Each year contributions are made you are eligible to receive **Endow Iowa** tax credits. Because of paperwork lags at the state level, making a gift earlier in the year ensures that all forms are complete in good time for income tax filing. Any excess **Endow Iowa** tax credits you do not use in the authorized tax year may be carried forward for up to five years. For 2011 there are approximately \$3.7 million available in total tax credits.

The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation will notify St. Paul's Foundation of your gift, unless you request anonymity.

You may restrict your gift within the fund, but please discuss your restriction with the staff at the Community Foundation or with me or Clarence Burton, to ensure that your purpose can be fulfilled.

The Iowa Department of Revenue issues the tax credit letters to taxpayers.

For additional information, please visit [www.gcrcf.org](http://www.gcrcf.org) or, for more information about **Endow Iowa**, including the tax credit application form and updated information on the status of available tax credits, visit the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) at [www.iowalifechanging.com/endowiowa](http://www.iowalifechanging.com/endowiowa).

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## Foundation Money Providing Help To Campers

The Foundation provides funding to Church Work Areas for worthwhile projects that help the Church and its members. The Christian Education Work Area has long fostered Christian camping as an important part of faith development for children and youth, that also provides them a chance to develop new relationships and have safe fun in a Christian environment.

This year Pastor Allison Warren, Minister of Christian Education and Spiritual Development, is using Foundation funds to provide \$100 to every St. Paul's child or youth as partial payment for a camping registration. Money is also available for camperships.

Pastor Allison gives these instructions to apply: On the registration form under "Balance due from church or agency," fill in \$100 and inform Allison by e-mail ([Allison@stpaulsumc.org](mailto:Allison@stpaulsumc.org)), or call 363-2058.

Provisions can also be made to coordinate going to camp with another child by contacting Wendy Morton (310-4600).

Additional information is available from Allison, the brochures given to the children, welcome center posting, the church office, or from [www.iaumc.org/camps](http://www.iaumc.org/camps).

## ***2011 Scholarship Recipients***

The St. Paul's UMC Foundation has awarded scholarships this year to the following individuals:

*St. Paul's Scholarship - \$750 each*

Adam Nollsch

Alissa Schmuecker

Emily Wridler

*Fran & Stan Richardson Scholarship - \$1,000*

Ashley Kupka

*R. J. & Grace Noonan Scholarship - \$500*

Wesley Carlson

*St. Paul's Seminary Scholarship - \$2,500 each*

Rev. Harlan Gillespie

Matt German

Kevin Moore

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## ***Fulfilling Our Purpose and Mission***

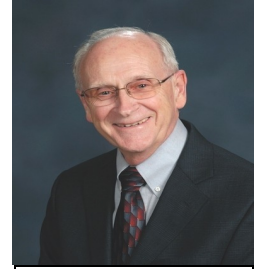
The sole purpose of St. Paul's Foundation is to support activities of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, as stated in its mission statement: "To foster a vibrant spirit of Christian stewardship and generosity to create a perpetual source of earnings, which strengthens the financial capabilities of St. Paul's UMC and assists the Church in fulfilling its stated mission 'To know and follow Christ and to help others know and follow Christ.'"

Through the Foundation's annual distribution, determined at the end of the each fiscal year and following the intent of its donors, funding is provided to the Church to support various activities, many of which have been cited in *The Messenger*. The May, 2011 issue of the Church's "Ministry of Stewardship and Finance" newsletter lists a number of recent projects in which funds provided through the Foundation have been utilized.

## ***Foundation Financial Report***

*By Clarence Burton*

Seven months into the fiscal year, the Foundation's investment portfolio continues to register excellent returns and as of April 30, 2011 had a market value of \$5,156,156, an increase of \$657,513 since the close of its last fiscal year on September 30, 2010. This increase resulted in a 14.63% rate of return, compared to the Benchmark rate of 13.18%. A number of factors will influence market performance during the five remaining months of the fiscal year, but we are optimistic for continuing favorable returns.



Clarence Burton

In the Foundation Investment Committee's April meeting with its portfolio managers from Wells Fargo, several insights concerning the economy were shared. As of the end of March, unemployment appeared to be improving, with the rate in March falling for the fourth month in a row, to 8.8%, the lowest level in two years. Unemployment is anticipated to remain high throughout the year and fluctuate month to month, as evidenced by an increase to 9.0% at the end of April. The housing market remains an obstacle to growth with new home sales at an all time low in February and sales of existing homes continue to register declines in value from one year earlier. Higher gas prices are weighing on consumer confidence and may cause the U.S. economy to lose momentum. The ongoing mid-eastern conflicts and the disasters in Japan are anticipated to have a short-term effect on the international economy.

However, even though the markets will probably remain volatile throughout the year, our portfolio managers anticipate both the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Standard and Poor's Index will close with increases above ten percent for the year. They also continue to feel the Foundation's investment portfolio is well-positioned and will perform well in the improving economy.

For additional information of a financial nature, please contact me through the Church office or by email at [clarence@stpaulsumc.org](mailto:clarence@stpaulsumc.org).