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Rosewood United Methodist Church Creates Endowed Scholarship at MSCC

Rosewood United Methodist Church ceased operations in July, but congregation members are continuing to exert a positive influence on the community through an endowed scholarship at Mid-South Community College.

The church has given \$25,000 to the MSCC Foundation to fund a \$250 scholarship during the fall and spring semesters at the college. Award criteria include financial need and documentation of community service.

“When the decision was made by the Rosewood congregation to disband effective July 18, the district superintendent suggested that we establish some legacy for the church in recognition of its faithful members over its 54-year history,” said Rev. David Moose, who pastored the church for its final 15 years.

“Fortunately we had some funds available to do that, and one of the decisions was to establish a scholarship at MSCC. Since it is endowed, it will continue indefinitely, so it will be a lasting legacy for all of the people who have been a part of Rosewood and all that the congregation has meant to this community and beyond.”

Moose, an adjunct faculty member at the College for nine years, said his idea to establish a scholarship at MSCC met with universal approval.



Jim Dilling, left, a trustee for Rosewood United Methodist Church, and Rev. David Moose, pastor of the congregation for its final 15 years, were instrumental in the creation of the an endowed scholarship at Mid-South Community College.

He said Jim Dilling, one of Rosewood’s trustees, “was particularly insistent that we use some of that money in education, and the people were very receptive. MSCC is such a critical part of our community that the membership gladly responded.”

“Hopefully some former members of Rosewood or their children or grandchildren will benefit from the scholarship, but we expect it to benefit many people beyond the congregation. Obviously many of us are sad about the closing of the church, but without it, there wouldn’t be a Rosewood scholarship at MSCC.”

While he never taught any of his church members in Philosophy, Leadership Skills, or Service Learning classes at the College, Moose said he watched some of Rosewood’s members “take advantage of what the college has to offer to advance themselves, and I am very pleased with that.” Moose and his wife, Judy, have also taken classes at MSCC.



Rev. David Moose presents the scholarship check to Patti Coleman

The Rosewood United Methodist Church Scholarship requires applicants to have a minimum cumulative high school or college grade-point average of 2.75 and enrollment in at least six credit hours. To be eligible, students must also provide documentation of community service through church, school, or other civic organizations.

To contribute to the Rosewood United Methodist Church Scholarship or to establish a named scholarship, call MSCC Director of Advancement Patti Coleman at (870) 733-6764 or email her at pdcoleman@midsouthcc.edu. The Foundation is also offering direct on-line giving through the College’s website, www.midsouthcc.edu (point to the MSCC Foundation link, and click on Give Now).

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