

## The Mother's Day Offering 1955 - 2023



Since 1955, the Mother's Day Offering has been a sanctioned offering for United Methodist Churches in the North Carolina Conference. Funds raised from this offering support residents in **The United Methodist Retirement Homes** communities who have, through no fault of their own, outlived their resources. This offering supports their care and provides a continued quality of life for them. We are asking you, as a friend, resident or a family member to help us provide continued care for these residents at Croasdaile Village, Cypress Glen, and Wesley Pines. To give some insight, we have provided two stories about residents who have benefited from this fund. **Please feel free to share these stories with your friends and your church community.** Gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law.



### UMRH BENEVOLENCE - OUR STORIES

UMRH provides financial aid to residents who no longer have the resources to fully pay for the services and care provided to them. In order to gain a better understanding of this ministry, consider one resident recipient of benevolence support whom we will call Mary Jane.

*Mary Jane has a medical condition that has made her disabled and unable to care for herself. She lived in a room at one of the UMRH healthcare centers for more than twenty-three years. Although Mary Jane has no biological family, she does have a very close family who love her dearly. That family is the staff of the healthcare center. Her small income and UMRH benevolence support cover the cost of her care.*

*The following words from the daughter of a United Methodist Pastor help to emphasize the importance of benevolence support provided by UMRH:*

*"My parents gave their lives to the United Methodist Church, but my father never made a salary of more than five thousand dollars a year (plus travel and housing allowance). They lived their lives in homes that belonged to other people and never had a home of their own. They helped to build new churches and parsonages, but they never owned so much as a square inch of property themselves. They never had the resources to invest for a comfortable retirement and the infirmities of old age. So, I thank God for those people in the United Methodist Church who have given their monetary gifts so that my mother, and others like her, can live their final days in comfort and dignity, surrounded by people they know and love."*

*"This is the kind of work our benevolent funds do. They work for people and causes beyond the local church. I am proud to be a United Methodist, and one of the reasons is that we care for those persons whose faces we cannot always see but whom we know God loves."*