

Mary Evelyn Cross Hayes Endowment for Haymount United Methodist Church

Held at the Cumberland Community Foundation, **The Mary Evelyn Cross Hayes Endowment for HUMC** was created in loving memory of Mary Evelyn Hayes , a longtime and dedicated member of HUMC. This designated fund was developed by her family to provide support for our church, with priority given to the following programs:

- Sanctuary Flower Fund. At least one floral arrangement is to be placed in the Sanctuary annually, on or near Mary Evelyn's birthday on April 18.
- United Women of Faith (UWF) local projects and programs.
- Children and Youth Programs.

Mary Evelyn loved the beauty of the outdoors. She was a supportive participant in all things United Women of Faith, who, by pledge and promise, provide for women and children in many ways. The receptions, teas, bazaars, outings, mission programs 'of old' continue to be visions of joy and fellowship for those who knew her. The generosity of she and her husband, Dr. Ben Hayes, for many years provided great support for HUMC and now continues through this endowment fund.

Distributions from this endowment have funded many items and programs such as scholarship funds for HUMC Preschool, youth mission projects, Sanctuary flowers, flowers for Moravian Lovefeast and Contemporary Christmas services, assistance with Preschool teachers' wages to keep them competitive, chairs for the Children's Ministries classrooms that moved to the 2nd floor, and more.