

**GARY SHAWN BIAS and FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
118 BETHESDA DRIVE
ONA, WV 25545**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 15, 2015

The *Gary Shawn Bias and Family Endowment Fund* was established July 2011 to provide the Bethesda United Methodist Church of Ona, West Virginia, with a perpetual financial resource to provide educational, recreational, and spiritual programming for youth ministries. These Gifts can be utilized for, but not limited to, young people in need, financial aid for higher education, preschool tuition assistance, boy/girl scout activities and other youth fellowship programs.

This endowment was established through the generous donation of William “Bill” Heffner and the Heffner Fund of Grove City, Ohio. Through this gift, the creative and artistic life of Gary S. Bias is recognized both for what he meant to this congregation and for what he will continue to mean in the life of this church.

During his youth and as a young adult, Gary was very active in youth programs at Bethesda, singing in the choir and scouting. Gary was also instrumental in the design of the new sanctuary, built in 1982. This fund will serve to enrich the lives of young people, just as Gary’s life was enriched by his love for Bethesda United Methodist Church.

Individuals and ministries of Bethesda may request funds from the Endowment Committee by application (attached). Individuals and ministries demonstrating need and potential as well as consistency with the mission and goals of Bethesda are eligible to receive funds; however, all eligible requests may not be funded.

Gift requests should range from \$250.00 - \$5,000.00. Depending on the applications received, several gifts may be awarded or a single gift for the full amount available. Those requests demonstrating the greatest need will be given priority consideration.

Note: This endowment fund comes from a perpetual gift. While the principal remains intact, the income from this fund is used to provide these annual Gifts for youth and youth programs. Due to the fluctuation in the economic market, it is unknown how much will be available from one year to the next.