

The Rev. Dr. Paul Stanley Wilcox Memorial Scholarship

The Rev. Dr. Paul Stanley Wilcox Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a deserving youth or young adult from Fishing Creek Salem UMC who has been accepted to their first year of postsecondary education.

Dr. Wilcox was a pastor for nearly 40 years in the former Central PA Conference, then the Susquehanna Conference. He served as a pastor, district superintendent and missionary. Among Dr. Paul's loves, were missions, the outdoors, preaching and the written word. He participated in, or directed 24 work camps, both local and in Alaska. Numerous Conference youth shared in his love of the outdoors through the 28 backpacking camps he led for the conference. These included youth and adult camps, both summer and winter. He hiked over 3500 miles in his lifetime. In addition to nearly 300 weddings and countless baptisms during these years of ministry, he served as a trainer for Prepare/Enrich Marriage Counseling and trained about 500 pastors toward certification in Prepare/Enrich. He served many years on the Board of Global Ministries, several of those years as chair. He received the Brinton award for Mission at Annual Conference in 2010.

Those that knew and loved Paul will never forget his cheerful greeting at any time of the day: "Good morning! How are you this bright, sunny, wonderful morning?" Paul's determined optimism and committed faith throughout a lengthy fight with cancer were an inspiration to many. He lived victoriously.

This scholarship is established in honor of his love for youth and education and to support and encourage the ministry and calling of all persons.

Application may be made through the Fishing Creek Salem UMC. Youth and Young Adults may apply who:

- a. Have been active in the life of Fishing Creek Salem UMC for at least two years
- b. Will be enrolled full-time in a program of higher education in the Fall of the year of the award.
- c. Are able to articulate an understanding of the ministry and calling of all Christians, evidenced in an essay attached to the application.

For details and an application, contact the church office 717 938 1928 or office@fcsalem.org