

The Visser Family Emerging Ministries Fund

Request for Project Proposals

First Round of Applications Due: April 30, 2022 (Future quarterly deadlines March 30, June 30, September 30 and December 31)

Submit to Milwood United Methodist Church
3919 Portage St., Kalamazoo, MI, 49001 attn: Jenna Gasidlo

Questions Contact:

Chairperson, Jenna Gasidlo, jennagasidlo@gmail.com

Overview of Purpose of the Fund

The Visser Family Emerging Ministry Fund exists to launch new ministry projects that help create bridges between the church and the community.

Short History of the Fund

Upon Mel Visser's death in 2021, Mel left a bequest for Milwood United Methodist Church. A team from the church met with the Visser family to determine how to faithfully employ this gift. Through ongoing conversation, the team and family decided to pay off the outstanding mortgage debt and to use the balance of the gift to support emerging ministries that bridge the community and congregation.

Grant Application Criteria

- The proposed project aligns with and/or supports the mission and vision of the congregation of Milwood UMC.
 - Mission: Connecting through Christ: Learning, Serving, Witnessing, Worshiping
 - 2022-2023 Vision
 - Love Kids and Their Families
 - Build Relationships
- The proposed project will bridge the congregation of Milwood UMC with the community.
- The proposed project is recognized as an “emerging ministry” of Milwood UMC, meaning that it is either new within the last 5 years or a new trajectory for an existing ministry.
- Project applications may be submitted by members and constituents of Milwood UMC. Consideration will also be given to project proposals submitted by residents of the Milwood Neighborhood.
- The proposed project will include a component to evaluate and measure outcome and success.
- The Fund is not intended to provide for local church general operating expenses.
- The Visser Family Emerging Ministries Fund was established with the intent that at least half of the fund be granted for new ministry projects by or before December 31, 2025. The opportunity to apply for project grants will end when the Fund has been entirely spent.

Application Process

- Project applicants may submit the project application form at any time; However, the Emerging Ministries team will provide recommendations for project grants for approval by Milwood UMC’s Operations Team quarterly.
- Applications will be considered in the order they are received.
- The Emerging Ministries Team will provide its response within 30 days of the quarterly deadline.
- Any project that is awarded a grant will be required to submit a report annually and at the end of the project.

For questions concerning the application process, contact:
Emerging Ministries Team Chairperson
Jenna Gasidlo, 269-720-4542, jennagasidlo@gmail.com

Grant Application

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Milwood United Methodist Church, Kalamazoo

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Who are the two project leads who will be responsible for this project?

Name 1:	Name 2:
Phone:	Phone:
Email:	Email:

Project Name:

Project Description:

Describe the ministry need that will be met by this project and how that need was determined (i.e. focus groups, surveys, data study).

Describe how this project furthers the mission and vision of Milwood UMC.

Describe how this project bridges the congregation and community.

List the goals of the project, benchmarks, and how they will be evaluated/assessed.

Project Timeline:

Project Budget

Use the budget form below to provide anticipated financial information about the project. Provide a brief explanation for the items in expenses and sources of funds for the project.

Expense Category (Description)	Total Expense	Emerging Ministries Fund Request	Other Revenue

Totals:

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