

Grant Application: John and Helen Barnes Community Fund

Grant applications for up to \$7500 will be received between August 1st and November 1st. Applications are available on the Mound City United Methodist Church Facebook Page, at all Linn County Public Libraries, or by emailing kmorrell@sekmhc.org. Grantees will be notified after December 15th and awards will be disbursed by December 31st. Grant applications may be mailed to Mound City United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 176 Mound City, KS. 66056 or emailed to kmorrell@sekmhc.org. If you do not receive confirmation of your postal submission in 10 days and your email submission in 7 days, please call Sharon Barnes at 620 224 6237. Questions may be addressed to Kerry Morrell by email at kmorrell@sekmhc.org or by phone 402 318 2234.

What is the John and Helen Barnes Community Fund?

John Barnes (1927-2010), a 5th generation member of Linn County, married Helen Hendrix (1927-2019) July 23, 1950. Together they served the Wesley Chapel and Mound City Communities throughout their 59 years of marriage. John was initially a farmer and eventually transitioned to owning a lime and fertilizer hauling business, serving farmers throughout the county. Helen, as the Linn County Extension Home Economist, worked with women and families through the extension service, schools, and 4-H programs. Upon retirement, they both served their community through active membership at the United Methodist Church, community organizations such as the Mound City Historical Society and the Arts and Craft Festival, and through private donations to individuals in need. Upon death, it was their desire that funds be available to organizations to support activities that would improve or enrich Linn County Residents' lives. To satisfy this desire, a one-time donation to the United Methodist Church Foundation will provide grant opportunities that will span over the next 20 years. All nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply. The only restriction is that the funds cannot be used to pay operational expenses for organizational facilities.