

**Western Kentucky United Methodist Family Services (WKUMFS)**  
**Timm Fair, Chair**

**Who We Are**

Our ministry to foster children, foster parents, and social workers in the Purchase District of the TWK Conference is based on The Book of Discipline Social Principles of Nurturing and Advocating for The Family, ¶ 161 II. A. Our work affirms the importance of loving parents for all children. It encourages social, economic, and religious efforts to maintain and strengthen family relationships so that every member, especially children, may be assisted toward complete personhood.

**What We Do**

Foster children are deprived of a typical, healthy family environment. They have often undergone physical or emotional injury, neglect, sexual abuse, exploitation, or abandonment. Through the generosity of our donors, WKUMFS offers foster children some everyday experiences of a healthy family. We also help foster parents enhance foster children's safety, health, and development upon immediate placement in a foster home.

Local churches can support this ministry by becoming foster or adoptive parents or respite foster parents. They can sponsor foster care events, start a prayer ministry for foster children, join our board, and donate.

More information about WKUMFS is available on our website,  
<https://sites.google.com/wkumfs.org/www-wkumfs-org/home>.

**Fruitfulness**

Jesus says in Matthew 12:33a, "A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good." The tree is represented by our generous donors consisting of Purchase District local churches, individual members, Sunday School classes, Women in Faith, Methodist Men, and the TWK Conference who together donated \$19,997 this past year. The tree is good.

The fruit of this ministry is seen in the faces of the children who feel joy at our annual Christmas party, the delight of playing outdoors at Venture River Water Park, and the comfort of a warm bed and new clothes to wear to school. A better future is ahead because they receive needed development services, special education, testing and counseling, self-defense lessons, and school supplies.

We shelter them by enabling their placement in foster homes with working parents by underwriting the cost of daycare or after-school care (50 percent of the cost). We allow teens aging out of foster care into independent living to step out on a firm foundation by helping furnish their new apartments. Their lives are better; the fruit is good.

**Thank You to All Who Support This Ministry!**

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