



March 22, 2023

Hello:

South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, of Middletown is offering a scholarship award of \$1,000 to commemorate the 28 years of pastoral service by the Reverend Dr. Mary D. Klaaren. Her ministry exemplified strong commitment not only to the church but to the Middletown community as well. She helped bring Wesleyan students and community activists together to form a local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Her desire to address hunger issues in our community resulted in an effort that raised \$103,500 for the Amazing Grace Food Pantry in 2007. She encouraged and supported the church to sponsor Cambodian refugees in the 1980s and Croatian refugees in the late 1990s.

Mary Klaaren made a difference because she believed that each one of us can make a difference. We wish to continue her legacy of service with this scholarship.

We hope you will encourage high school seniors who will be continuing their education in the fall of 2023 after their graduation this spring.

The application form here: <https://forms.gle/SzCCkQYJNPwDSign9> and an essay on the topic "One person can make a difference in the world" should be sent to the Executive Committee of South Church via email to office@southchurchofmiddletown.org. The essay may be no longer than two pages, doubled space. **The deadline for receipt of the application and essay is Monday, May 1st, 2023.**

The scholarship winner will be notified in June, and the scholarship will be awarded to the winner during one of South Church's Sunday services in the early summer.

On behalf of South Church and sincerely yours,

Dawn Landolina

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South Church President