

Donald Day
2012 Man of the Year
Little Utica United Methodist Church

The men of Little Utica United Methodist Church are pleased to honor and recognize Donald Day, Sr. as our 2012 Man of the Year. As a good friend and member of the UMM, it is my great pleasure to present this long overdue award to someone who is so deserving of our recognition. Don was a key person in the reestablishment of the EJ Thomas Cluster United Methodist Men and was its president for five years. The group started with just a handful of guys from three churches and grew to five churches. Thanks to Don's leadership, meeting attendance is sometimes as high as thirty men and women! Every church has people who work hard for the benefit of others, but not all are as fortunate to have someone like Don as one of its leaders. Don has been integral in seeing many projects through to their completion. When one project is done, he is always rallying support for the next one.

When it comes to fundraising skills, it would be difficult to find someone who can match Don's abilities. His years of experience as a merchant in the community, his many contacts and his sales skills are unrivaled in my opinion. He has worked on mission trips and helped raise funds to send others. It was Don's inspiration that enabled us to raise funds to send Pastor Caroline and Paul Thompson to the Holy Land, a trip that was life changing for both of them. Out of that trip, Don became the Lord's travel agent, helping to energize dozens of people to make the pilgrimage.

Don is a devoted husband, a father of two daughters and a son and is a doting grandfather. He has also been a good friend to many and a mentor to several young men in our congregation. Don is quick to praise others for their work, but most often, it is his ideas and his critical involvement that make positive things happen. We are truly blessed to have Don as a part of our church family. We are very grateful for all he has done in God's name and ours.

With God's Blessings,

Doug MacEwen
Board Chairman

"Glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good." - Romans 2:10

"As Iron sharpens Iron, so one man sharpens another."- Proverbs 27:17