

SPECIAL SUNDAYS

Church wide Special Sundays with offerings enable United Methodists like you to offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships and student loans, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere.

Seven times throughout the year, United Methodist congregations celebrate Church wide Special Sundays with offerings. All churches receive promotional materials for the Sundays.

World Communion Sunday – October

The World Communion Sunday offering provides Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduate students like Ashley Tyler, Crusade Scholarship for international and U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority graduate students, and scholarships for racial- and ethnic-minority persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations. The World Communion Sunday gifts enable persons to “press on toward the goal” of serving God in life-changing ministries.

United Methodist Student Day – November

The United Methodist Student Day offering nurtures men and women to serve their churches and their communities:

- Undergraduates attending United Methodist-related schools receive scholarships.
- Undergraduates and graduates benefit from the student loans.
- Each year \$50,000 is returned to annual conferences for merit scholarship awards to students of their choosing.

Human Relations Day – January

The offering on Human Relations Day provides a secure foundation for God’s children of all ages. More than 30 church-based community developers work in racial- and ethnic-minority communities in the United States and Puerto Rico. A multiracial network of grassroots social justice organizations related to United Methodist Voluntary Service provides vital outreach. Christ-centered Youth Offender Rehabilitation projects give teenagers a chance to succeed.

One Great Hour of Sharing – March

UMCOR brings relief when a catastrophe strikes. We rush to disaster areas all over the world with aid. But, along with food, clothing, shelter and medical help, we stay to assist survivors rebuild lives. That’s what United Methodists do in response to God’s love. From re-educating soldiers to feeding schoolchildren to establishing medical clinics in remote villages, we are hope for millions in nearly 100 of the poorest countries in the world. Once a year, during One Great Hour of Sharing, you can join United Methodists worldwide by making a special offering to support this humanitarian aid.

Native American Ministries Sunday – April

The offering on Native American Ministries Sunday enriches The United Methodist Church in many ways. Native Americans attending United Methodist and other approved seminaries receive scholarships. Across the United States, urban ministries reach out to Native Americans and others. Mission with Native Americans in your annual conference and across the connection is developed and nurtured.

Peace with Justice Sunday – May

The offering on Peace with Justice Sunday helps the children of God everywhere to live lovingly and peacefully. Half of the offering supports peace with justice ministries globally through the General Board of Church and Society, and half assists annual conference-related work such as Faith Communities Uniting for Peace in West Ohio.

Golden Cross Sunday – September

The church responds to the special needs of all persons. Our conference is active in raising awareness on behalf of persons who are mentally and physically challenged. Golden Cross Sunday offers Christians an opportunity to help friends through emergency aid funds, seed money grants and other Health and Wholeness Ministries.