



# 2020

# SPECIAL SUNDAYS PLANNING CALENDAR



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.  
**The people of The United Methodist Church®**

The United Methodist Church Liturgical calendar includes six Special Sundays. These are days set aside to give generously to support and celebrate the work of the local, national, and global church. These Special Sundays provide an opportunity for your church to come together and make a wide impact across the world.

This calendar consolidates the tasks, opportunities, publicity ideas, and celebratory events for each of the Special Sundays. This resource is a continuation of the 2020 calendar based on Ordinary Time.

We encourage you to utilize this calendar for the 2020 season and mobilize your community to learn, serve, and give generously.



# DID YOU KNOW?

*Giving on Human Relations Day has supported the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission program since 1976?*

*It is organized by jurisdiction and by annual conference and is managed through General Board of Global Ministries networks.*

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# JAN 2020

# DID YOU KNOW?

*We offer Human Resources Day worship resources, age-level discussion questions, music, videos, and social content. Additionally, we have handpicked for you a list of ten books to read in preparation for the HRD celebration. Visit our website [umcsgiving.org/HRD](http://umcsgiving.org/HRD).*

## WEEK 1

1/3

HRD

Write an email or letter, or make team calls to your congregation to remind them about this Special Sunday!

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HRD

Make your youth team aware of the youth resource guide, mobile wallpapers, social media graphics, and videos.

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HRD

Announce it again at church. Use the offering slides during service. Keep posting once a day on social channels. Don't forget to download the offering talk script!

## WEEK 2

1/8

HRD

Post several times on social media.

Send one more email to your congregation. Include a donation link if they won't be able to attend a service.

1/9

HRD

[Download](#) your Human Relations Day bulletin inserts and litany to include into your bulletins.

[Download your Human Relations Day resources today.](#)

# DID YOU KNOW?

*UMCOR's work touched 425,046 lives in more than 30 countries in recent years. UMCOR worked with partners in more than 30 countries that touched 425,045 lives through disaster response, humanitarian relief, sustainable development and migration programs. This would not be possible without the generosity of those who give to UMCOR.*

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# FEB 2020

# DID YOU KNOW?

*We offer Human Resources Day worship resources, age-level discussion questions, music, videos, and social content - including nine "Human Kind" podcast episodes. Visit our website [umcgiving.org/HRD](http://umcgiving.org/HRD).*

# WEEK 3

2/10

UMCOR

It's time to order your UMCOR envelopes! Call 1-800-991-6011 or [click here](#) to order online.

2/10

UMCOR

[Download](#) your UMCOR posters and post them in highlight trafficked areas.

2/11

UMCOR

Email to your leadership team and be sure to include a link to the podcasts and videos.

Discuss with your team members ideas on how to personalize the messaging.

2/14

UMCOR

Encourage your team to learn about UMCOR so they can help promote and discuss the Special Sunday.

Consider watching one video a week together and answering questions that might arise after the viewing.

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UMCOR

Send out an email, letter or make a call to members of your congregation to announce the upcoming Special Sunday.

[Download your UMCOR Sunday resources today.](#)

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# FEB 2020

## DID YOU KNOW?

*We offer UMCOR Sunday worship resources, age-level discussion questions, music, videos, and social content.*

Visit our website  
[umcgiving.org/UMCOR](http://umcgiving.org/UMCOR)

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# MAR 2020

## WEEK 4

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UMCOR

Consider hosting an event for small-group leaders to inform them further about this Special Sunday. Make sure they are aware of the resource guide, reading list, podcasts, videos, discussion questions, and worship playlist so they can use them in their groups.

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UMCOR

Print some of your favorites and post them around the church in highly trafficked areas.

2/23

HRD

Make sure the worship leader has access to all available sermon starters, litanies and other resources.

**CELEBRATE Human Relations Day!** Set aside time to announce how much was given on the previous Special Sunday and show people where it's headed. This is a time to concentrate on how generosity impacts and changes lives.

## WEEK 5

2/28

UMCOR

Begin posting some social media images or [Did You Know](#) facts on all social feeds two or three times per week. If you don't have social media accounts, select a few of your favorites from our prewritten emails or images and share them in your newsletter or weekly worship bulletins.

## WEEK 1

3/1

UMCOR

Make an announcement before service and use [offering slides](#) during service.

Begin posting a social image once a day to make sure everyone knows the celebration is coming.

[Download your UMCOR Sunday resources today.](#)

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Your donations allow UMCOR to respond to local as well as global relief efforts? In the short term, UMCOR provides financial assistance and in the long term, UMCOR works with local partners toward recovery and reconstruction. Together, we are rebuilding hope in the lives of those in need all over the world.*

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# MAR 2020

## DID YOU KNOW?

*UMCOR volunteers stay until the work is done? When a natural or human-caused disaster strikes inside or outside the U.S. your gift helps UMCOR stay until recovery is complete, which establishes hope.*

## WEEK 2

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UMCOR

Distribute the children's sermon starters, activities, bulletins to your children's teaching team.

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UMCOR

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to advertise the Special Sunday.

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UMCOR

Write an email or letter, or make team calls to your congregation to remind them about this Special Sunday!

3/6

UMCOR

Make your youth team aware of the youth resource guide, mobile wallpapers, social media graphics, and videos.

3/8

UMCOR

Announce it again at church. Use the offering slides during service. Keep posting once a day on social channels. Don't forget to download the offering talk script!

## WEEK 3

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UMCOR

Post several times on social media.

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UMCOR

Send one more email to your congregation. Include a donation link if they won't be able to attend a service.

[Download](#) your UMCOR bulletin inserts and litany to include into your bulletins.

[Download your UMCOR Sunday resources today.](#)

# DID YOU KNOW?

*Thanks to your gifts on Native American Ministry Sunday, we have consistently collected over \$500,000 for the last four years for scholarships for Native Americans attending seminary and ministries in participating annual conferences. (link to graph: <http://www.umcgiving.org/question-articles/native-american-ministries-sunday-conference-remittance>)*

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# MAR2020

## WEEK 4

3/16 **NAMS**

It's time to order your Native American Ministries Sunday envelopes! Call 1-800-991-6011 or [click here](#) to order online.

3/16 **NAMS**

[Download](#) your Native American Ministries Sunday posters and post them in highlight trafficked areas.

3/17 **NAMS**

Email to your leadership team and be sure to include a link to the podcasts and videos. Discuss with your team members ideas on how to personalize the messaging.

3/20 **NAMS**

Encourage your team to learn about Native American Ministries Sunday so they can help promote and discuss the Special Sunday.

Consider watching one video a week together and answering questions that might arise after the viewing.

3/20 **NAMS**

Send out an email, letter or make a call to members of your congregation to announce the upcoming Special Sunday.

# DID YOU KNOW?

*We offer Native American Ministries Sunday worship resources, age-level discussion questions, music, videos, and social content. Visit [umcgiving.org/NAMS](http://umcgiving.org/NAMS)*

## WEEK 5

3/27 **NAMS**

Consider hosting an event for small-group leaders to inform them further about this Special Sunday. Make sure they are aware of the resource guide, reading list, podcasts, videos, discussion questions, and worship playlist so they can use them in their groups.

[Download your Native American Ministries Sunday resources today.](#)

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# MAR 2020

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Did you know that Native American Ministry Sunday offering has been around since 1988?*

*[Click here](#) to learn about the history.*

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# APR 2020

## WEEK 5

3/27 **NAMS**

Print some of your favorites and post them around the church in highly trafficked areas.

Make sure the worship leader has access to all available sermon starters, litanies and other resources.

3/31 **NAMS**

Send out another email or letter to your congregation. This time, be sure to include some testimonials about the life-change that has happened as a result of UMC generosity.

## WEEK 1

4/3 **NAMS**

Begin posting some social media images or [Did You Know](#) facts on all social feeds two or three times per week. If you don't have social media accounts, select a few of your favorites from our prewritten emails or images and share them in your newsletter or weekly worship bulletins.

4/5 **NAMS**

Make an announcement before service and use [offering slides](#) during service.

Begin posting a social image once a day to make sure everyone knows the celebration is coming.

## WEEK 2

4/6 **NAMS**

Distribute the children's sermon starters, activities, bulletins to your children's teaching team.

## DID YOU KNOW?

*We have a resource that gives you reasons why we celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday. These are just a few ideas for your congregation to help bring awareness to this important Sunday. [Click here.](#)*

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# APR 2020

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Many annual conference have a Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM) which seeks to advocate for ministry with and by Native Americans and to share the diverse culture, history and traditions of Native peoples.*

# WEEK 2

4/7

NAMS

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to advertise the Special Sunday.

4/10

NAMS

Write an email or letter, or make team calls to your congregation to remind them about this Special Sunday!

4/10

NAMS

Make your youth team aware of the youth resource guide, mobile wallpapers, social media graphics, and videos.

4/12

NAMS

Announce it again at church.  
Use the offering slides during service.  
Keep posting once a day on social channels. Don't forget to download the offering talk script!

# WEEK 3

4/15

NAMS

Post several times on social media.

4/16

NAMS

Send one more email to your congregation. Include a donation link if they won't be able to attend a service.

[Download](#) your Native American Ministries Sunday bulletin inserts and litany to include into your bulletins.

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# APR 2020

## WEEK 4

4/26

**NAMS**

**CELEBRATE Native American Ministries Sunday!**  
Set aside time to announce how much was given on the previous Special Sunday and show people where it's headed. This is a time to concentrate on how generosity impacts and changes lives.

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# MAY 2020

## WEEK 2

5/8

**PWJS**

It's time to order your Peace with Justice Sunday envelopes! Call 1-800-991-6011 or [click here](#) to order online.

[Download](#) your Peace with Justice Sunday posters and post them in high traffic areas.

## DID YOU KNOW?

*We offer Peace with Justice Sunday worship resources, age-level discussion questions, music, videos, and social content. Visit us at [umcsgiving.org/PWJS](http://umcsgiving.org/PWJS)*

## WEEK 3

5/11

**PWJS**

Email to your leadership team and be sure to include a link to the podcasts and videos. Discuss with your team members ideas on how to personalize the messaging.

5/13

**PWJS**

Encourage your team to learn about Peace with Justice Sunday so they can help promote and discuss the Special Sunday. Consider watching one video a week together and answering questions that might arise after the viewing.

5/14

**PWJS**

Send out an email, letter or make a call to members of your congregation to announce the upcoming Special Sunday.

[Download your Peace With Justice Sunday resources today.](#)

# DID YOU KNOW?

Each Annual Conference has a Peace with Justice Coordinator. Find your conference's coordinator at the link below. <https://www.umcjustice.org/who-we-are/annual-conference-connections>).

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# MAY 2020

# DID YOU KNOW?

Peace with Justice Sunday has been around since the '80s. This Special Sunday is allows witness "to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world." The United Methodist Church, with its historic commitment to peace and justice, provide leadership to this social transformation.

## 5/15 PWJS

Consider hosting an event for small-group leaders to inform them further about this Special Sunday. Make sure they are aware of the resource guide, reading list, podcasts, videos, discussion questions, and worship playlist so they can use them in their groups.

# WEEK 4

## 5/18 PWJS

Print some of your favorites and post them around the church in highly trafficked areas.

Make sure the worship leader has access to all available sermon starters, litanies and other resources.

# WEEK 5

## 5/20 PWJS

Send out another email or letter to your congregation. This time, be sure to include some testimonials about the life-change that has happened as a result of UMC generosity.

## 5/21 PWJS

Begin posting some social media images or [Did You Know](#) facts on all social feeds two or three times per week. If you don't have social media accounts, select a few of your favorites from our prewritten articles or images and share them in your newsletter or weekly worship bulletins.

## 5/24 PWJS

Make an announcement before service and use [offering slides](#) during service. Begin posting a social image once a day to make sure everyone knows the celebration is coming.

[Download your Peace with Justice Sunday resources today.](#)

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# MAY 2020

## DID YOU KNOW?

*This Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost and collect a special offering to change lives in places where the joy of knowing Christ is mixed with the tragedy of violence.*

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# JUN 2020

## WEEK 5

5/25 **PWJS**

Distribute the children's sermon starters, activities, bulletins to your children's teaching team.

5/26 **PWJS**

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to advertise the Special Sunday.

5/29 **PWJS**

Write an email or letter, or make team calls to your congregation to remind them about this Special Sunday!

5/29 **PWJS**

Make your youth team aware of the youth resource guide, mobile wallpapers, social media graphics, and videos.

5/31 **PWJS**

Announce it again at church. Use the offering slides during service. Keep posting once a day on social channels. Don't forget to download the offering talk script!

## WEEK 1

6/3 **PWJS**

Post several times on social media this week. Send one more email to your congregation. Include a donation link if they won't be able to attend a service.

6/4 **PWJS**

[Download](#) your Peace with Justice Sunday bulletin inserts and litany to include into your bulletins.

6/7 **PWJS**

**CELEBRATE Peace with Justice Sunday!** Set aside time to announce how much was given on the previous Special Sunday and show people where it's headed. This is a time to concentrate on how generosity impacts and changes lives.

[Download your Peace with Justice Sunday resources today.](#)

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# AUG 2020

## DID YOU KNOW?

*25% of the World Communion offering funds ministries outside of the U.S. – A World Communion Scholarships will receive 25% of the funds collected on World Communion Sunday. These funds will be designated for ministries beyond the United States.*

# WEEK 5

8/24 **WCS**

It's time to order your World Communion Sunday envelopes! Call 1-800-991-6011 or [click here](#) to order online.

8/24 **WCS**

[Download](#) your World Communion Sunday posters and post them in highly trafficked areas.

8/25 **WCS**

Email to your leadership team and be sure to include a link to the podcasts and videos. Discuss with your team members ideas on how to personalize the messaging.

8/28 **WCS**

Encourage your team to learn about World Communion Sunday so they can help promote and discuss the Special Sunday.

Consider watching one video a week together and answering questions that might arise after the viewing.

8/28 **WCS**

Send out an email, letter or make a call to members of your congregation to announce the upcoming Special Sunday.

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# SEPT 2020

9/4 **WCS**

Consider hosting an event for small-group leaders to inform them further about this Special Sunday. Make sure they are aware of the resource guide, reading list, podcasts, videos, discussion questions, and worship playlist so they can use them in their groups.

9/6 **WCS**

Print some of your favorites and post them around the church in highly trafficked areas. Make sure the worship leader has access to all available sermon starters, litanies and other resources.

[Download your World Communion Sunday resources today.](#)

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# SEPT 2020

## WEEK 2

9/8 **WCS**

Send out another email or letter to your congregation. This time, be sure to include some testimonials about the life-change that has happened as a result of UMC generosity.

9/11 **WCS**

Begin posting some social media images or [Did You Know](#) facts on all social feeds two or three times per week. If you don't have social media accounts, select a few of your favorites from our prewritten articles or images and share them in your newsletter or weekly worship bulletins.

9/13 **WCS**

Make an announcement before service and use [offering slides](#) during service. Begin posting a social image once a day to make sure everyone knows the celebration is coming.

## WEEK 3

9/14 **WCS**

Distribute the children's sermon starters, activities, bulletins to your children's teaching team.

9/15 **WCS**

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to advertise the Special Sunday.

9/18 **WCS**

Write an email or letter, or make team calls to your congregation to remind them about this Special Sunday!

9/20 **WCS**

Make your youth team aware of the youth resource guide, mobile wallpapers, social media graphics, and videos. Announce it again at church. Use the offering slides during service. Keep posting once a day on social channels.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

*United Methodist churches observe World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday in October. The observance focuses the attention of United Methodists on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. Offerings collected in United Methodist churches on World Communion Sunday equip racial and ethnic-minority students in the United States and international students to transform the church and communities.*

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# SEPT 2020

## DID YOU KNOW?

*25% of the World Communion offering funds ministries outside of the U.S. – A World Communion Scholarships will receive 25% of the funds collected on World Communion Sunday. These funds will be designated for ministries beyond the United States.*

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# OCT 2020

## WEEK 4

9/25 **WCS**

Post several times on social media.

Send one more email to your congregation. Include a donation link if they won't be able to attend a service.

9/26 **WCS**

Download your World Communion Sunday bulletin inserts and litany to include into your bulletins. Don't forget to download the offering talk script!

## WEEK 1

10/4 **WCS**

**CELEBRATE World Communion Sunday!** Set aside time to announce how much was given on the previous Special Sunday and show people where it's headed. This is a time to concentrate on how generosity impacts and changes lives.

## WEEK 3

10/12 **UMSD**

It's time to order your United Methodist Student Day envelopes! Call 1-800-991-6011 or [click here](#) to order online.

10/12 **UMSD**

Download your United Methodist Student Day posters and post them in high-traffic areas.

10/13 **UMSD**

Email to your leadership team and be sure to include a link to the podcasts and videos. Discuss with your team members ideas on how to personalize the messaging.

[Download your World Communion Sunday resources today.](#)

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Did you know United Methodist Student Day was the original Special Sunday?*

[Click here](#) to learn more.

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# OCT 2020

## DID YOU KNOW?

*We offer United Methodist Student Day worship resources, age-level discussion questions, music, videos, and social content. Visit [umciving.org/UMSD](http://umciving.org/UMSD)*

# WEEK 3

## 10/15 UMSD

Encourage your team to learn about United Methodist Student Day so they can help promote and discuss the Special Sunday.

Consider watching one video a week together and answering questions that might arise after the viewing.

## 10/15 UMSD

Send out an email, letter or make a call to members of your congregation to announce the upcoming Special Sunday.

# WEEK 4

## 10/22 UMSD

Consider hosting an event for small-group leaders to inform them further about this Special Sunday.

Make sure they are aware of the resource guide, reading list, podcasts, videos, discussion questions, and worship playlist so they can use them in their groups.

## 10/22 UMSD

Print some of your favorites and post them around the church in highly trafficked areas.

Make sure the worship leader has access to all available sermon starters, litanies and other resources.

[Download your United Methodist Student Day resources today.](#)

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# OCT 2020

## DID YOU KNOW?

*100% of your United Methodist Student Day donation goes to scholarships and loans for students.*

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# NOV 2020

## DID YOU KNOW?

*We offer United Methodist Student Day worship resources, age-level discussion questions, music, videos, and social content - including nine devotional podcast episodes. Visit our website [umcgiving.org/UMSD](http://umcgiving.org/UMSD).*

# WEEK 5

10/27 **UMSD**

Send out another email or letter to your congregation. This time, be sure to include some testimonials about the life-change that has happened as a result of UMC generosity.

10/30 **UMSD**

Begin posting some social media images or [Did You Know](#) facts on all social feeds two or three times per week. If you don't have social media accounts, select a few of your favorites from our prewritten emails or images and share them in your newsletter or weekly worship bulletins.

# WEEK 1

11/2 **UMSD**

Make an announcement before service and use [offering slides](#) during service. Begin posting a social image once a day to make sure everyone knows the celebration is coming.

11/2 **UMSD**

Distribute the children's sermon starters, activities, bulletins to your children's teaching team.

11/3 **UMSD**

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to advertise the Special Sunday.

11/6 **UMSD**

Write an email or letter, or make team calls to your congregation to remind them about this Special Sunday!

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**NOV 2020**

# WEEK 1

11/8 **UMSD**

Make your youth team aware of the youth resource guide, mobile wallpapers, social media graphics, and videos.

11/8 **UMSD**

Announce it again at church. Use the offering slides during service. Keep posting once a day on social channels. Don't forget to download the offering talk script!

## DID YOU KNOW?

*There are over 70 scholarship programs available for United Methodist Students. Funding for these scholarships and loans are provided through offerings, wills, annuities, and other designated gifts. All donations received empower and encourage our students that we are investing in them and our future.*

# WEEK 2

11/11 **UMSD**

Post several times on social media.

Send one more email to your congregation. Include a donation link if they won't be able to attend a service.

11/12 **UMSD**

[Download](#) your United Methodist Student Day bulletin inserts and litany to include into your bulletins.

# WEEK 4

11/29 **UMSD**

**CELEBRATE United Methodist Student Day!** Set aside time to announce how much was given on the previous Special Sunday and show people where it's headed. This is a time to concentrate on how generosity impacts and changes lives.

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# DEC 2020

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12/7 **HRD**

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12/7 **HRD**

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12/8 **HRD**

Email to your leadership team and be sure to include a link to the podcasts and videos. Discuss with your team members ideas on how to personalize the messaging.

12/11 **HRD**

Encourage your team to learn about Human Relations Day so they can help promote and discuss the Special Sunday. Consider watching one video a week together and answering questions that might arise after the viewing.

12/13 **HRD**

Send out an email, letter or make a call to members of your congregation to announce the upcoming Special Sunday.

## WEEK 3

12/18 **HRD**

Consider hosting an event for small-group leaders to inform them further about this Special Sunday. Make sure they are aware of the resource guide, reading list, podcasts, videos, discussion questions, and worship playlist so they can use them in their groups.

12/20 **HRD**

Print some of your favorites and post them around the church in highly trafficked areas. Make sure the worship leader has access to all available sermon starters, litanies and other resources.

### DID YOU KNOW?

*We offer Human Relations Day worship resources, age-level discussion questions, music, videos, and social content.*

*This kit has everything you need to empower your congregation to give generously - we even have a downloadable poster and a bulletin insert you can print out and insert in your church bulletin the week prior to this Special Sunday.*

Visit [umcsgiving.org/HRD](http://umcsgiving.org/HRD)

[Download your Human Relations Day resources today.](#)

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## DID YOU KNOW?

*The United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) movement began in 1976 and is organized by jurisdiction. General Board of Global Ministries networks with the jurisdictional UMVIM offices, which in turn coordinate with annual conference offices. It is a grassroots movement designed to provide an official channel whereby Christians, both lay and clergy, may offer their skills and talents for Christian service at home and around the world on short term assignments.*

## WEEK 4

12/22 **HRD**

Send out another email or letter to your congregation. This time, be sure to include some testimonials about the life-change that has happened as a result of UMC generosity.

12/26 **HRD**

Begin posting some social media images or [Did You Know facts](#) on all social feeds two or three times per week. If you don't have social media accounts, select a few of your favorites from our prewritten emails or images and share them in your newsletter or weekly worship bulletins.

12/27 **HRD**

Make an announcement before service and use [offering slides](#) during service.

Begin posting a social image once a day to make sure everyone knows the celebration is coming.

## WEEK 5

12/30 **HRD**

Distribute the children's sermon starters, activities, bulletins to your children's teaching team.

12/31 **HRD**

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to advertise the Special Sunday.

Keep an eye on and share the gift status with your congregation. We update it every year at <http://www.umcgiving.org/your-impact>.



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