

THE UNITED METHODIST SPECIAL SUNDAYS PLANNING CALENDAR 2024



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IDEAS, TIPS AND PLANS TO INCLUDE THE SPECIAL SUNDAYS

The United Methodist Church sets aside a number of Special Sundays every year to recognize specific ministries we support as a denomination. We celebrate and identify these as Special Sundays. We encourage you to take the time to educate and prepare your congregation to charitably give and learn to participate more fully in the United Methodist connection.

The planning calendar is designed to clarify and simplify tasks, opportunities, publicity, and celebrations for each Special Sunday. It also includes hyperlinks to reduce your search time. Use this calendar as a guide to help you plan through the year.

We are in prayer with you as you organize your community to learn, serve, and give generously.



DEC 2023

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DID YOU KNOW?

57% of your gifts on Human Relations Day Sunday help support Community Developer's Program (CDP). They are recruited locally and serve on the staff of traditionally Black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American congregations. The CDP is dedicated to building, maintaining, promoting, and strengthening racial ethnic minority congregations of the United Methodist Church and advancing the church's capacity to be in mission through local congregations. [Learn more about the program.](#)

JAN 2024

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DECEMBER

WEEK 5

12/27 HRD

It's time to order some [Human Relations Day pew cards](#) and the [Special Sunday envelope](#). Human Relations Day is January 14. Call 1-800-991-6011 or [order online here](#).

12/28 HRD

Connect with leaders and volunteers to prepare for Human Relations Day. Provide links to the [podcast](#), [videos](#) and [pewritten content](#) to learn more. Discuss how to personalize the messaging for your church to explore this ministry.

DECEMBER

WEEK 6

12/31 HRD

Announce the Special Sunday during worship and use the graphics that work best for your congregation. It is 3 weeks until we celebrate this Special Sunday. Place the pew cards in high-traffic areas, in the pew racks or include them in visitor/new member packets.

JANUARY

WEEK 1

1/1 HRD

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to promote Human Relations Day. Select from the assorted social graphics available at [ResourceUMC.org/HRD](#).

1/4 HRD

Publicize the upcoming Special Sunday to your congregation using the format that works best for your members. Consider sharing an [impact article](#) to raise awareness on how your church is changing the world!

1/5 HRD

Download the [poster](#) or print some of your favorite [social graphics](#) and display them this week in high traffic areas to raise awareness. Ask leaders and volunteers to share [mobile wallpapers](#) and social graphics with members.

[DOWNLOAD HUMAN RELATIONS DAY RESOURCES](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

33% of donations received on Human Relations Day help support United Methodist Voluntary (UMVS) Services.

It serves as a resource to congregations, volunteer-based groups and programs that challenge unjust political, social and economic systems. Global Ministries awards UMVS grants up to \$10,000 to be used for short-term (less than 1 year) community-based outreach programs and events.

JAN 2024

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RESOURCES
AVAILABLE
IN MULTIPLE
LANGUAGES

WEEK 2

JANUARY

1/7
HRD

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship again. Place the pew cards in the pew racks or in high-traffic areas. Share how and why we support this Special Sunday to gain interest and understanding.

1/8
HRD

Inform your staff and volunteers about the age level resources that can be incorporated into classes or groups. Offer them links to the [youth resource guide](#), adult [discussion questions](#) and [children's resources](#). Also let them know the [mobile wallpapers](#), [social graphics](#), [videos](#) and devotional [podcast](#) are available.

1/9
HRD

Post several times on social media and include the Human Relations Day [Give Now ads](#) or the [infographic](#) in newsletters and on your website. Don't forget to include a donation link for your church if they will not be able to attend a service. Consider mailing the Special Sunday envelope for them to mail a donation to the church.

1/10
HRD

Download the [offering talk](#) and [liturgy](#) and print the bulletin [insert](#) or bulletin [cover](#) to use in worship. Remind your volunteers to incorporate the age level material in classes. Involve your children in the Special Sunday by using the children's [message](#) and children's bulletin.

WEEK 3

JANUARY

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY SUNDAY

1/14
HRD

CELEBRATE Human Relations Day! Incorporate worship materials, bulletins, children's messages, offering prayers, liturgy and more during worship. Celebrate how we are connected through giving, praying and changing lives. Remind them they are making an impact in their local community and global communities! Consider having a local Community Developer speak during worship if available – check with your Annual Conference for details.

[DOWNLOAD HUMAN RELATIONS DAY RESOURCES](#)

JAN 2024

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IDEAS & TIPS



Use the [Did You Know questions and answers](#) about UMCOR Sunday to educate everyone in your congregation. Post one question a day and link to the answer online. Use videos and bulletin insert support material.

FEB 2024

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EXPLORE THESE RESOURCES

Scouting Sunday is February 4. Find [resources](#) to explore why and how UM churches are involved in this ministry.

WEEK 4

JANUARY

1/21 HRD

Take time to share the giving totals from last week's offering with your congregation. Remind them it is never too late to give to Human Relations Day as donations are accepted all year long for any Special Sunday. Thank them for participating and supporting this ministry. Use this opportunity to share how generosity is impacting the world locally and globally through our connectional system.

WEEK 5

JANUARY

1/29 UMCOR

It's time to [order UMCOR Sunday pew cards](#) and the [Special Sunday envelope](#). UMCOR Sunday is March 10. Call 1-800-991-6011 or [order online here](#).

WEEK 1

FEBRUARY

2/1 UMCOR

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to promote UMCOR Sunday. Select from the assorted social graphics available at ResourceUMC.org/UMCOR.

WEEK 2

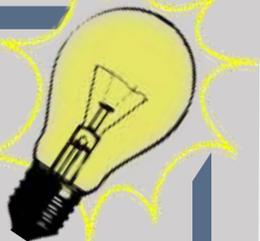
FEBRUARY

2/7 UMCOR

Connect with leaders and volunteers to prepare for UMCOR Sunday. Provide links to the [podcast](#), [videos](#) and [prewritten content](#) to learn more. Discuss how to personalize the messaging for your church to explore this ministry.

[DOWNLOAD UMCOR SUNDAY RESOURCES](#)

IDEAS & TIPS



February is Black History Month. Use this time to celebrate the ministries The United Methodist Church supports – like the [Black College Fund](#) and [Africa University](#). Click the links to find resource material. Consider supporting one of these ministries as a Lent project.

FEB 2024

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DID YOU KNOW?

Donations on UMCOR Sunday underwrite the costs of doing business, allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project or missionary will go toward that project - not administrative costs.

WEEK 3

FEBRUARY

2/15 UMCOR

Publicize the upcoming Special Sunday to your congregation using the format that works best for your members. Consider sharing an [impact article](#) to raise awareness on how your church is changing the world!

2/16 UMCOR

Inform your staff and volunteers about the age level resources that can be incorporated into classes or groups. Offer them links to the [youth resource guide](#), [adult discussion questions](#) and [children's resources](#). Also let them know the mobile wallpapers, social graphics, videos and devotional podcast are available online at: ResourceUMC.org/UMCOR.

WEEK 4

FEBRUARY

2/18 UMCOR

Announce the Special Sunday during worship and use the graphics that work best for your congregation. There are 4 weeks until we celebrate this Special Sunday. Place the pew cards in high-traffic areas, in the pew racks or include them in visitor/new member packets.

Download the [poster](#) or print some of your favorite [social graphics](#) and display them this week to raise awareness.

2/21 UMCOR

Post several times on social media and include the UMCOR Sunday [Give Now ads](#) or the [infographic](#) in newsletters and on your website. Don't forget to include a donation link for your church if they will not be able to attend a service. Consider mailing the Special Sunday envelope, so they can mail a donation to the church.

2/23 UMCOR

Begin posting some social media images or [UMCOR Sunday Did You Know facts](#) on all social feeds two or three times per week. If you don't have social media accounts, include the [graphics](#) or content in your newsletter, weekly worship bulletins or post them in your church. Don't forget to use the [prewritten content](#)!

IDEAS & TIPS



March is Women's History Month. One of the Awareness Sundays United Methodists recognize is Women's Ministry Sunday. This is an opportunity to celebrate the women in your community by recognizing the achievements and ministry they provide. Download this [pew card](#) and share why and how we celebrate women.

MAR 2024

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IDEAS & TIPS



March is National Disabilities Awareness Month. United Methodists are called to celebrate the gifts and graces of people with disabilities and include them fully in the congregation and community. Download this [pew card](#) to celebrate this Awareness Sunday.

WEEK 5

FEBRUARY

2/25 UMCOR

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship again. Place the pew cards in the pew racks or in high-traffic areas. Share how and why we support this Special Sunday to gain interest and understanding.

WEEK 2

MARCH

3/4 UMCOR

Download the [offering talk](#) and [liturgy](#) and print the bulletin [insert](#) or bulletin [cover](#) to use in worship. Remind your volunteers to incorporate the age level material in classes. Involve your children in the Special Sunday by using the children's [message](#) and children's [bulletin](#).

WEEK 3

MARCH

UMCOR SUNDAY

3/10 UMCOR

CELEBRATE UMCOR Sunday! Incorporate worship materials, bulletins, children's messages, offering prayers, liturgy and more during worship. Celebrate how we are connected through giving, praying and changing lives. Consider having your Annual Conference Disaster Response team lead speak to offer opportunities and achievements.

WEEK 4

MARCH

3/17 UMCOR

Take time to share the giving totals from last week's offering with your congregation. Remind them it is never too late to give to UMCOR Sunday as donations are accepted all year long for any Special Sunday. Thank them for participating and supporting this ministry. Use this opportunity to share how generosity is impacting the world locally and globally through our connectional system.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Half of the donations collected on Native American Ministries Sunday remain within the Annual Conference to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in your conference. Visit your Annual Conference website to find out more about your local Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM).

APR 2024

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WEEK 4

MARCH

3/20 NAMS

It's time to [order your Native American Ministries Sunday pew cards](#) and the [Special Sunday envelope](#). Native American Ministries Sunday is April 14. Call 1-800-991-6011 or [order online here](#).

WEEK 5

MARCH

3/25

MARCH 25 – 30 HOLY WEEK

WEEK 1

APRIL

4/1 NAMS

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to promote Native American Ministries Sunday. Select from the assorted social graphics available at ResourceUMC.org/NAMS.

4/3 NAMS

Connect with leaders and volunteers to prepare for Native American Ministries Sunday. Provide links to the [podcast](#), [videos](#) and [prewritten content](#) to learn more. Discuss ideas with your team on how to personalize church messaging.

4/4 NAMS

Begin posting some social media images or [Native American Ministries Sunday Did You Know facts](#) on all social feeds two or three times per week. If you don't have social media accounts, include the [graphics](#) or [content](#) in your newsletter, weekly worship bulletins or post them in your church. Don't forget to use the [infographic!](#)

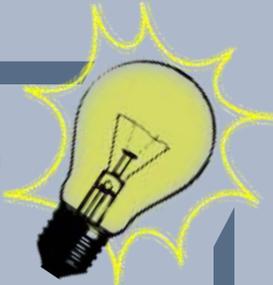
4/5 NAMS

Download the [poster](#) or print some of your favorite [social graphics](#) and display them this week to raise awareness.

Distribute the age level resources for [children](#), [youth](#) and [adults](#). Encourage your team to use them in class or worship.

[DOWNLOAD NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY RESOURCES](#)

IDEAS & TIPS



April is National Volunteer Month. In a typical year, more than 125,000 UM volunteers offer their skills for short-term missions locally, nationally and globally. Consider recognizing your volunteers this month. On Volunteers in Mission Awareness Sunday, we celebrate those who serve in short-term missions throughout the world. [Download this pew card](#) and share to raise awareness in your church.

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EXPLORE THESE RESOURCES

Are you aware of Mission Moments & More resources? They offer a devotion for every Sunday of the week that includes a moment about mission in the UMC; an offertory prayer and bite-sized newsletter copy to be used in your bulletin or weekly emails. [Learn more!](#)

WEEK 2

APRIL

4/7 NAMS

Announce the Special Sunday during worship and use the graphics that work best for your congregation. There is only 1 week until we celebrate this Special Sunday. Place the pew cards in high-traffic areas, in the pew racks or include them in visitor/new member packets.

4/8 NAMS

Post several times on social media and include the Native American Ministries Sunday [Give Now ads](#) or the [infographic](#) in newsletters and on your website. Don't forget to include a donation link for your church if they will not be able to attend a service. Consider mailing the Special Sunday envelope for them to mail a donation to the church.

4/10 NAMS

Download the [offering talk](#) and [liturgy](#) and print the bulletin [insert](#) or bulletin [cover](#) to use in worship. Remind your volunteers to incorporate the age level material in classes. Involve your children in the Special Sunday by using the [children's](#) message and children's bulletin.

WEEK 3

APRIL

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

4/14 NAMS

CELEBRATE Native American Ministries Sunday! Incorporate worship materials, bulletins, children's messages, offering prayers, liturgy and more during worship. Celebrate how we are connected through giving, praying and changing lives. Remind the church that their gifts are making an impact in their local community and nationwide through the connectional system.

WEEK 4

APRIL

4/21 NAMS

Take time to share the giving totals from last week's offering with your congregation. Remind them it is never too late to give to Native American Ministries Sunday as donations are accepted all year long for any Special Sunday. Thank them for participating and supporting this ministry. Consider inviting a CONAM representative to speak and share how donations build up the Native American programs in their Annual Conference.



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RESOURCES TO EXPLORE

Heritage Sunday is observed on May 19. [Download this pew card](#) and share with your congregation to explore the rich history of United Methodists.

MAY 2024

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IDEAS & TIPS



Incorporate the [Faith & Fact cards](#) into your promotion plan for Peace with Justice. Church & Society designed these cards to build awareness with facts on issues and action steps you can take to help address the issues. Make sure your team shares these with their classes or groups!

WEEK 1

MAY

5/1
PWJS

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to promote Peace with Justice Sunday. Select from the assorted social graphics available at ResourceUMC.org/PWJS.

5/2
PWJS

It's time to [order Peace with Justice Sunday pew cards](#) and the [Special Sunday envelope](#). Peace with Justice Sunday is May 26. Call 1-800-991-6011 or [order online here](#).

5/3
PWJS

Connect with leaders and volunteers to prepare for Peace with Justice Sunday. Provide links to the [podcast](#), [videos](#) and [pewritten content](#) to learn more. Discuss ideas with your team on how to personalize church messaging for this Special Sunday.

WEEK 2

MAY

5/5
PWJS

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship. There are 4 weeks until we celebrate this Special Sunday. Place the pew cards in the pew racks or in high-traffic areas. Share how and why we support this Special Sunday from the [pew card](#) to gain interest.

5/8
PWJS

Begin posting some social media images or [Peace with Justice Sunday Did You Know facts](#) on all social feeds two or three times per week. If you don't have social media accounts, include the [graphics](#) or content in your newsletter, weekly worship bulletins or post them in your church. Don't forget to use the [infographic](#)!

WEEK 3

MAY

5/13
PWJS

Publicize the upcoming Special Sunday to your congregation using the format that works best for your members. Consider sharing an [impact article](#) to raise awareness on how your church is changing the world!

[DOWNLOAD PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY RESOURCES](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Half of the donations collected on Peace with Justice Sunday remain within the Annual Conference to create, educate and support peace-related ministries and efforts with the conference. The remaining half funds grants and peace-making ministries around the world through the UMC agency [Church & Society](#).

MAY 2024

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IDEAS & TIPS



The UMC recognizes the witness of men's ministry within and outside the church. As we celebrate the father figures in June, consider honoring the men in your church. Download this [pew card](#) to raise awareness in your congregation.

WEEK 4

MAY

HERITAGE SUNDAY

5/19 PWJS

Today is Heritage Sunday. Download and use this [pew card](#) to raise awareness. In addition to celebrating Heritage Sunday, remind your members that Peace with Justice Sunday is next Sunday. Place the pew cards in the pew racks or in high-traffic areas. Share how and why we support this Special Sunday.

5/20 PWJS

Download the [offering talk](#) and [liturgy](#) and print the bulletin [insert](#) or bulletin [cover](#) to use in worship. Remind your volunteers to incorporate the age level material in classes. Involve your children in the Special Sunday by using the [children's](#) message and children's bulletin.

5/22 PWJS

Post several times on social media and include the Peace with Justice Sunday [Give Now ads](#) or the [infographic](#) in newsletters and on your website. Don't forget to include a donation link for your church if they will not be able to attend a service. Consider mailing the Special Sunday envelope for them to mail a donation.

WEEK 5

MAY

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

5/26 PWJS

CELEBRATE Peace with Justice Sunday! Incorporate worship materials, bulletins, children's messages, offering prayers, liturgy and more during worship. Celebrate how we are connected through giving, praying and changing lives. Remind your congregation they are making an impact in their local community and global communities through the connectional giving system.

WEEK 1

JUNE

6/2 PWJS

Take time to share the giving totals from last week's offering with your congregation. Remind them it is never too late to give to Peace with Justice Sunday as donations are accepted all year long for any Special Sunday. Thank them for participating and supporting this ministry. Consider inviting your Peace with Justice Coordinator to speak and share how donations build up the peaceful programs within their area.

Take these months to nurture the spirit of generosity and explore UMC outreach opportunities.

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GENEROSITY KITS

MORE THAN THE SUM OF OUR PARTS

Spark new initiatives that reflect gratitude and generosity. Learn how together we are more than just the sum of our parts. [Explore the kit.](#)

SELAH GENEROSITY KIT

Explore how to PAUSE and REFLECT on God's presence and the connection we share in The United Methodist Church. [Explore the kit.](#)

IGIVEUMC GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN

A campaign to support local United Methodist Church ministry. Donors are inspired to give to their local church in honor or memory of someone who made a difference in their life. [Explore the campaign.](#)

UMC OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

EARLY RESPONSE DISASTER TEAM TRAINING

Every year a disaster occurs, but this year you can be prepared. Early response disaster team members fill a specific need in the days after a disaster to clean out flood-damaged homes, remove debris, place tarps on homes and otherwise help to prevent further damage, while providing a caring Christian presence. Reach out to your Annual Conference Office Disaster Response Ministry to find out more.

VOLUNTEER AT SAGER-BROWN DEPOT

Relief supplies provide care for the most vulnerable following a disaster or during times of crisis. [Donations](#) and supplies are always in need OR you can take a group to volunteer at the UMCOR Sager-Brown supply depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. [LEARN MORE](#)

UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION (UMVIM)

UMVIM is a grassroots movement within The United Methodist Church designed to provide an official channel for volunteer service. Mission Volunteer opportunities are diverse and range from working with refugees, children and youth to serving as a teacher, pastor, camp director or health care professional. The UMVIM movement is organized by United Methodist jurisdictions. [LEARN MORE](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

World Communion Sunday supports racial and ethnic students with scholarships, grants, mentoring and training. Half of the donations collected fund scholarships and the rest supports grants, mentoring, and leadership development training.

SEP 2024

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IDEAS & TIPS



September is Environment Awareness Month. We recognize the global need to protect and conserve the environment. On Rural Life Sunday, United Methodists celebrate people and communities who work with and on the land as well as the ongoing crisis occurring in rural areas. [Download this pew card](#) and share to raise awareness.

WEEK 1

SEPTEMBER

9/1
WCS

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to promote World Communion Sunday. Select from the assorted social graphics available at ResourceUMC.org/WCS.

9/2
WCS

It's time to [order World Communion Sunday pew cards](#) and the [Special Sunday envelope](#). World Communion Sunday is October 6. Call 1-800-991-6011 or [order online here](#).

WEEK 2

SEPTEMBER

9/8
WCS

Connect with leaders and volunteers to prepare for World Communion Sunday. Provide links to the [podcast](#), [videos](#) and [prewritten content](#) to learn more. Discuss ideas with your team on how to personalize church messaging for this ministry.

9/9
WCS

Begin posting some social media images or [World Communion Sunday Did You Know facts](#) on all social feeds two or three times per week. If you don't have social media accounts, include the [graphics](#) or [content](#) in your newsletter or weekly worship bulletins or post in your church. Use the [infographic](#)!

WEEK 3

SEPTEMBER

9/15
WCS

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship. There are 4 weeks until we celebrate this Special Sunday. Place the pew cards in the pew racks or in high-traffic areas. Share the how and why we support this Special Sunday from the pew card to gain interest.

9/17
WCS

Post several times on social media and include the World Communion Sunday [Learn More ads](#) or the [infographic](#) in newsletters and on your website. Link your ads to umc.org/wcs for members to learn more about why and how we support this Special Sunday.

IDEAS & TIPS



In every United Methodist Annual Conference, health and welfare ministries are hard at work every day, bringing hope and healing. The Golden Cross Sunday offering assists ministries with older adults, children, and families, as well as hospital pastoral care. Find out about the Golden Cross ministries your conference support. Annual Conferences set the dates for this Sunday. [Download this pew card](#) and raise awareness.

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EXPLORE THESE RESOURCES

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WEEK 4

SEPTEMBER

9/23
WCS

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9/26
WCS

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SEPTEMBER

9/29
WCS

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WCS

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10/1
WCS

Post several times on social media and include the World Communion Sunday [Give Now ads](#) or the [infographic](#) in newsletters and on your website. Don't forget to include a donation link for your church if they will not be able to attend a service.

WEEK 2

OCTOBER

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

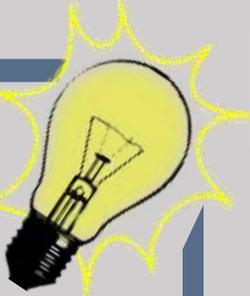
10/6
WCS

CELEBRATE World Communion Sunday! Incorporate worship materials, bulletins, children's messages, offering prayers, liturgy and more during worship. Celebrate how we are connected through giving, praying and changing lives. Consider having a World Communion scholarship recipient speak if you have one in your congregation.

OCT 2024

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IDEAS & TIPS



Laity Awareness Sunday is observed on October 20. We celebrate and recognize the ministry and witness of laypersons in the church. In the early days of American Methodism, the laity served and upheld churches between visits of the circuit riders. Today, they are the front line of daily ministry at the workplace, in the home and within the community. Download and use this [pew card](#) to raise awareness in your church.

NOV 2024

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WEEK 3

OCTOBER

10/13 WCS

Take time to share the giving totals from last week's offering with your congregation. Remind them it is never too late to give to World Communion Sunday as donations are accepted all year long for any Special Sunday. Thank them for participating and supporting this ministry.

WEEK 4

OCTOBER

LAITY AWARENESS SUNDAY

10/20

Today is Laity Awareness Sunday. Take time to recognize the ministry and witness of your laypersons in the church. Download the [pew card](#) to raise awareness with your members.

WEEK 5

OCTOBER

10/28 UMSD

It's time to [order United Methodist Student Day pew cards](#) and the [Special Sunday envelope](#). United Methodist Student Day is November 24. Call 1-800-991-6011 or [order online here](#).

WEEK 1

NOVEMBER

11/1 UMSD

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to promote United Methodist Student Day. Select from the assorted social graphics available at ResourceUMC.org/UMSD.

WEEK 2

NOVEMBER

11/6 UMSD

Connect with leaders and volunteers to prepare for United Methodist Student Day. Provide links to the [podcast](#), [videos](#) and [prewritten content](#) to learn more. Discuss ideas with your team on how to personalize church messaging for this Special Sunday.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students. 100% of the dollars received on the Special Sunday goes towards supporting and educating a new generation of principled Christian leaders. Supporting this Special Sunday is an investment in our future.

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IDEAS & TIPS



United Methodists observe Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday on November 10. The life-giving benefits of a single donor can save the lives of up to eight people. Consider inviting someone from organdonor.gov to speak during worship. We also have a [pew card you can download](#) to raise awareness.

WEEK 2

NOVEMBER

11/8 UMSD

Begin posting some social media images and [United Methodist Student Day Did You Know facts](#) on all social feeds two or three times per week. If you don't have social media accounts, include the [graphics](#) or [content](#) in your newsletter, weekly worship bulletins or post them in your church. Don't forget to use the [infographic](#) to promote this Sunday!

WEEK 3

NOVEMBER

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR SUNDAY

11/10

Today is Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday. United Methodists recognize the life-giving benefits of organ and tissue donation. Download and use this [pew card](#) to raise awareness in church.

11/11 UMSD

Publicize the upcoming Special Sunday to your congregation using the format that works best for your members. Consider sharing an [impact article](#) to raise awareness on how your church is changing the world!

11/13 UMSD

Download the poster or print some of your favorite social [graphics](#) and display them this week to raise awareness.

Distribute the age level resources for [children](#), [youth](#) and [adults](#). Encourage your team to use them in classes or groups.

11/15 UMSD

Download the [offering talk](#) and [liturgy](#) and print the bulletin [insert](#) or bulletin [cover](#) to use in worship. Consider using the [infographic](#) to explain how the dollars are used in supporting students. Involve your children in the Special Sunday by using the [children's](#) message and children's bulletin.

WEEK 4

NOVEMBER

11/17 UMSD

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship again. Make sure the pew cards are in the pew racks or in high-traffic areas. Share how and why we support this Special Sunday from the [pew card](#) to gain interest and understanding.

[DOWNLOAD UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY RESOURCES](#)

IDEAS & TIPS



November is Native American Heritage Month. Some churches celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday this month to coincide with the heritage month. Consider asking a CONAM member from your Annual Conference to speak about the Native American ministry being achieved in your community.

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USE THESE RESOURCES

Some members may be unaware of all the ministries supported by United Methodists. We encourage you to get involved within your Annual Conference to nurture these ministries. Use these bulletin inserts in for [Awareness Special Sundays](#) and the [Annual Conference Special Sundays](#).

WEEK 4

NOVEMBER

11/19
UMSD

Post several times on social media and include the United Methodist Student Day [Give Now ads](#) or the infographic in newsletters and on your website. Don't forget to include a donation link for your church if they will not be able to attend a service.

11/22
UMSD

Inform your staff and volunteers about the age level resources that can be incorporated into classes or groups. Offer them links to the youth [resource guide](#), adult [discussion questions](#) and [children's resources](#). Also let them know the mobile wallpapers, social graphics, videos and devotional podcast are available.

WEEK 5

NOVEMBER

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

11/24
UMSD

CELEBRATE United Methodist Student Day! Incorporate worship materials, bulletins, children's messages, offering prayers and more during worship. Celebrate how we are connected through giving, praying and changing lives. Remind your congregation how they are making an impact in their community!

WEEK 1

DECEMBER

12/1
UMSD

Take time to share with your congregation the giving totals from last week's offering. Remind them it is never too late to give to United Methodist Student Day as donations are accepted all year long for any Special Sunday. Consider having a student who has received a scholarship to speak and share their appreciation for participating and supporting this ministry and fostering education. If you do not have a recipient within your local church – reach out to your annual conference office to find students within your conference.

[DOWNLOAD UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY RESOURCES](#)

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IDEAS & TIPS



Annual Conferences recognize Christian Education Sunday with an offering to nurture growth and learning. Through this offering, we support districts and congregations in providing educational and small-group ministries, teaching individuals of all ages about their Christian faith and motivating service in the church, the community and the world. Consider reaching out to your conference for details about your conference. Use this [pew card](#) to raise awareness.

JAN2025

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WEEK 2

DECEMBER

12/11 HRD

It's time to [order Human Relations Day pew cards](#) and the [Special Sunday envelope](#). Human Relations Day is Sunday, January 19, 2025. Call 1-800-991-6011 or [order online here](#).

WEEK 1

JANUARY

1/1 HRD

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to promote Human Relations Day. Select from the assorted social graphics available at [ResourceUMC.org/HRD](#).

WEEK 2

JANUARY

1/5 HRD

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship. There are 3 weeks until we celebrate this Special Sunday. Place the pew cards in the pew racks or in high-traffic areas. Share how and why we support this Special Sunday from the [pew card](#).

1/7 HRD

Connect with leaders and volunteers to prepare for Human Relations Day. Provide links to the [podcast](#), [videos](#) and [pewritten content](#) to learn more. Discuss ideas with your team on how to personalize church messaging for this Special Sunday.

1/9 HRD

Post several times on social media and include the Human Relations Day [Give Now ads](#) or the [infographic](#) in newsletters and on your website. Don't forget to include a donation link for your church if they will not be able to attend a service. Consider mailing the Special Sunday envelope for them to mail a donation to the church.

WEEK 3

JANUARY

1/12 HRD

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship again. Place the pew cards in the pew racks or in high-traffic areas.

SUPPORTING RESOURCES

ANNUAL CONFERENCE DONATIONS

Keep up with the donation totals and share this information with your congregation. We update the totals monthly. [LEARN MORE](#)

DID YOU KNOW CAMPAIGN

Explore a campaign that simplifies the why and how of each giving opportunity within The United Methodist Church. Find videos, bulletin inserts and more! [EXPLORE THE CAMPAIGN](#)

IGIVEUMC GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN

Campaign to support local United Methodist Church ministries. Donors are inspired to give to a local church in honor or memory of someone who made a difference in their life. [EXPLORE THE CAMPAIGN](#)

IMPACT ARTICLES

Behind each ministry is a story of hope and restoration and the unmeasurable impact of generosity. Share these impact articles with your congregation regarding the ministry happening everywhere. [LEARN MORE](#)

GIVING NOTES NEWSLETTER

A bi-monthly e-newsletter of generosity tips, tools and resources to help you share the connectional giving system. [SUBSCRIBE TODAY](#)

THE ADVANCE

The Advance is an accountable, designated giving arm of The United Methodist Church for voluntary and second-mile giving. It provides a safe channel to send aid to those in need and other displaced and hurting people. The Advance allows United Methodist annual conferences, districts, local churches and organizations, as well as individuals and families, to support specific mission programs or mission personnel through donations. [LEARN MORE](#)