

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

UNITED METHODIST
STUDENT DAY

OFFERING TALK



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While your congregation may observe it at any time, United Methodist Student Day is traditionally celebrated on the fourth Sunday of November. In 2021, the date coincides with the First Sunday of Advent. This offering talk is based on the lectionary readings for November 28, 2021 and can be adapted for any Sunday and to fit your context.

The liturgy, children's message and sermon starter are designed to work together with the offering talk or may stand alone to celebrate United Methodist Student Day in your congregation.

Worrying about college expenses is just one of the anxieties that many young students struggle with. It can take away from their ability to excel in their studies or to immerse themselves in extracurricular activities.

For example, Andreea said that without the scholarship funds she received through United Methodist Student Day offerings, she would be even further in debt or in her words "working myself sick to pay for school." The scholarship relieved some of her financial anxiety and allowed her to focus more on her education.

When you give to the special offering on United Methodist Student Day, you invest in a channel of hope for young leaders who bring their Wesleyan values into their schools and professions.

**"TAKE CARE THAT
YOUR HEARTS
AREN'T DULLED
BY...ANXIETIES OF
DAY-TO-DAY LIFE."**

LUKE 21:34, CEB



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This offering helps students like Mireille, who was raised in The United Methodist Church, where, she says, people helped her through mental health and spiritual struggles. And through the Gift of Hope Scholarship, the larger church invested in her leadership and gave her a sense of confidence.

Right now, there are United Methodist young people who might not have the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all. But because of people like you, they will be sent into the world God loves with gifts made through United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

Supporting United Methodist students gives them a financial boost. It helps them realize their dreams while giving them a spiritual boost. Your contribution is an acknowledgment

that the church has confidence in them and in their abilities.

Please help deserving, young adults continue their education and their faith journeys. United Methodists are striving to make a difference in the world and discerning what God has called them to do.



Like Paul, we might ask, “How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel?”

In response, we present our offerings with steadfast love and we pray:
Teaching God,
bless and multiply these gifts as they join with those across The United Methodist Church

Creating a path of wisdom and opportunity for all of your children and relieving their anxiety. Transform this offering into leadership, confidence and Advent hope.

Amen.



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