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***“I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you.”***

—EPHESIANS 1:17 (CEB)

Through United Methodist Student Day offerings, you engage in building a spirit of wisdom and revelation for young leaders, equipping them to pursue God’s call in their lives.

For many college students, going away to college can be a major life transition as they navigate new environments, relationships and responsibilities. We, as the church, can provide a supportive community for students during this time of transition, helping them feel more connected and grounded.

When young people grow up in the church and leave for college, we can continue to help students feel connected to their faith, their community and their future. And when we have college students among us, we can create space for them to belong. During this important season, we can help students thrive academically, spiritually and personally. Here are some ways to hold students in our care:

- Pray for their well-being in body, mind and spirit.
- Send a card or care package as a sign of encouragement.
- Learn the names of the young people in our congregation.
- Offer an online study group or provide tutoring.
- Help students prepare their résumés and connect them with your network.
- Celebrate accomplishments, no matter how big or small.
- Let them know that you are available to provide mentorship, guidance or simply a listening ear.

Give generously to the United Methodist Student Day Special Sunday offering: [UMC.org/SSGive](https://www.UMC.org/SSGive)



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On United Methodist Student Day, we partner with other congregations in a special offering to support the next generation of young disciples on their educational journeys.

Dating back to 1872, the General Conference established the first special day with offerings with the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School Children's Offering for Education. The United Methodist Church recognizes that educating children was and still is a strong investment in the future of the church. The Special Sunday was established as a Children's Fund and in 1940 was renamed Student Day. Initially, this Sunday was observed in June, but since 1968 it is celebrated on the last Sunday in November.

One of the denomination's six special offerings, United Methodist Student Day celebrates young adults and gives them a financial and spiritual boost. At a time when students are emerging from a pandemic and experiencing the fracturing of their denomination, while preparing themselves to be leaders, we can be a source of encouragement.

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 wisdom and Wesleyan values into their schools and professions. Your contribution is an acknowledgment that the church has confidence in them and in their abilities.

United Methodists are striving to make a difference in the world and discerning what God has called them to do. Gifts to the United Methodist Student Day special offering help send young leaders into the world with the justice-seeking, healing and compassionate values that have been instilled in them over the years.

### PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY:

Write a check to your local church with "UMSD" in the memo line.  
To give online or set up monthly giving, go to [UMC.org/SSGive](https://www.UMC.org/SSGive).



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