

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY
OFFERING TALK



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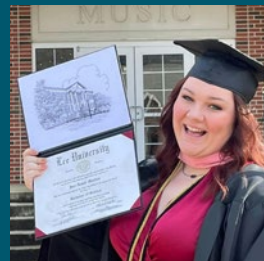


This offering talk is part of the United Methodist Student Day pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme “Restoring a Spirit of Wisdom.” You are encouraged to adapt it for your context.

Today we are receiving a special offering for United Methodist Student Day. One of six denominational Special Sundays, 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.

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For example, Jaci Murden has always viewed higher education as a way to better herself and her future. She is grateful for the scholarships she received from different United Methodist organizations throughout her college career. She says, “These scholarships have helped to provide me with a Christian higher education that has prepared me for a professional career. When a church pours into a student it creates a relationship and makes the student want to pour back into the church. I think that it is very important for the church to foster and develop the next generation to become future leaders of the church. Helping to support the next generation in their education is just one of the ways we can support the future church.”

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 by addressing a check to this church and writing “UM Student Day” in the memo line or place your gift in the special Sunday envelope. To give online or set up monthly giving, go to [UMC.org/SSGive](https://www.UMC.org/SSGive).

PLEASE PRAY WITH ME

Holy one, we present our gifts with thanksgiving for all you have given to us. Bless them and multiply them as they provide opportunities for education. Bless the students as they pursue their dreams. Give them a spirit of wisdom and revelation to grow in understanding of your great love for them. Guide them to use their knowledge and skills to serve others, to work toward justice and equality and to contribute to the common good.

As our gifts come together with those of other United Methodist churches, remind us all of your love and power. Thank you for the communities of faith that offer nourishment and support. Receive these gifts in the name above all names, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



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