## SPECIAL SUNDAY

### UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY Building Hope: Empowering Futures, Shaping Tomorrow

Young United Methodist leaders are striving to make a difference in the world and discern what God has called them to do. Gifts to the United Methodist Student Day 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. Some of the recipients share how these gifts are building hope by empowering futures and shaping tomorrow:

"I am grateful that the church supports the United Methodist Student Day offering because God calls us to bear each other's burdens and encourage one another. By giving on this day, the church is supporting fellow members of the body to grow through education. They are helping to alleviate the financial burden that comes with obtaining a higher education."

—Adazia Mellott

"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."

—Jaci Murden

"This scholarship has made my educational journey easier, and there are so many others out there who need the help to gain the education to make a difference in the world. The United Methodist Church has done so much good for the community, and this is a way to ensure that the young members of our denomination have the resources needed to keep the charitable spirit of our church alive and thriving."

—Ben Rohn

Your gift to the United Methodist Student Day offering supports students like these who desire to be world changers. Thank you for your generous gifts.



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n 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, this fund was first collected in Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday school classes to advance the education of their children. 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.

#### UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY CELEBRATES YOUNG ADULTS AND GIVES THEM A FINANCIAL AND SPIRITUAL BOOST.

One of the denomination's six Special Sundays with offering, United Methodist Student Day celebrates young adults and gives them a financial and spiritual boost.

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.

#### **PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY:**

Write a check to your local church and write "UMSD" in the memo line. To give online or set up monthly giving, go to **UMC.org/SSGive**.



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