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2025

- THE UNITED METHODIST
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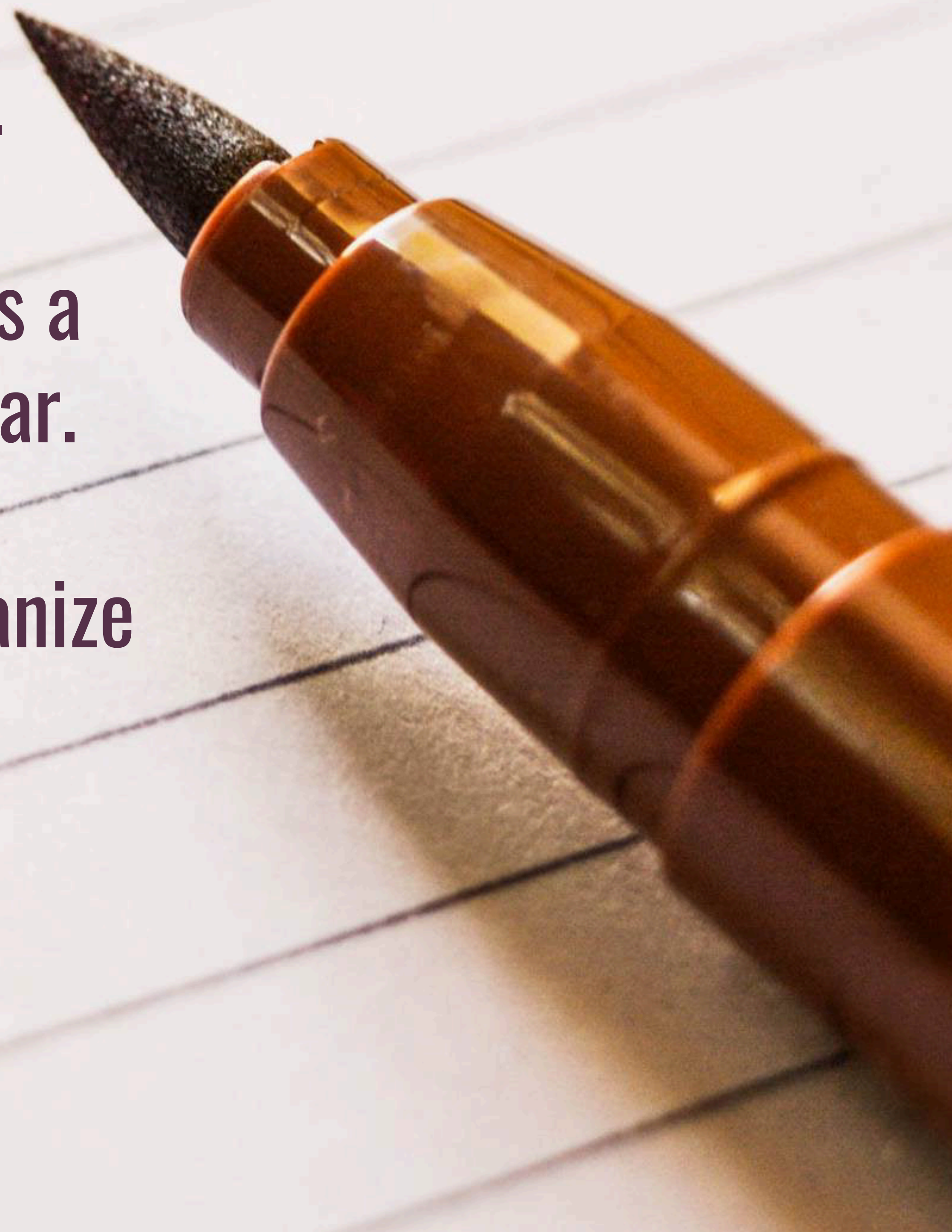


IDEAS, TIPS AND PLANS TO PROMOTE THE SPECIAL SUNDAYS

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 2024

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DID YOU KNOW?

57% of your donation on Human Relations Day Sunday help support Community Developer's Program (CDP). Local recruits serve on the staff of traditionally Black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American congregations. CDP is dedicated to building, maintaining, promoting, and strengthening 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.](#)

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DECEMBER

DEC 29

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Human Relations Day is January 19. It's time to download the [pew card](#) and the envelope template for this Special Sunday.

DEC 30

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Connect with leaders and volunteers to prepare. Share links to the [videos](#) and [infographic](#). Personalize your church's messaging to explore this ministry within your community.

JANUARY

JAN 1

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to promote Human Relations Day using [graphics](#) from ResourceUMC.org/HRD.

JAN 3

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Promote the upcoming Special Sunday to your congregation using the best format for them. Share an [impact article](#) or personal story to show how your church is making a difference.

JAN 4

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

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

JAN 5

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship. Print and place the pew cards in the pew racks or in high-traffic areas. Share how and why we support this Special Sunday.

[DOWNLOAD HUMAN RELATIONS DAY RESOURCES](#)

INSIGHTS & IDEAS

Use the [Did You Know Questions and Answers](#) about Human Relations Day to educate your congregation. Post a question daily and link the answer online. Enhance support and interest with videos and bulletin inserts.

JANUARY

JAN 6

UNITED
METHODIST
VOLUNTEERS IN
MISSION

Consider volunteer service in your community. Contact Global Ministries to apply for the [Community Engagement Grant for United Methodist Voluntary Services \(UMVS\)](#).

JAN 7

HUMAN
RELATIONS DAY

Inform your staff and volunteers about resources that can be used for classes or groups. Provide links to [resources](#) they will use.

JAN 8

HUMAN
RELATIONS DAY

Post Human Relations Day [ads](#) or [infographics](#) on social media, newsletters and your website. Include a donation link. Use templates to create envelopes for worship or mail-in donations.

JAN 10

HUMAN
RELATIONS DAY

Check with your conference office for local [Community Developer's programs](#). Consider inviting them to speak or include program information in your announcements.

JAN 12

HUMAN
RELATIONS DAY

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship again. Make sure the promotional resources are visible in high-traffic areas.

JAN 14

HUMAN
RELATIONS DAY

Post some of your favorite [social graphics](#) on your website or include in your newsletter. Consider linking to the Did You Know facts about Human Relations Day to increase interest.

JAN 2025

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[DOWNLOAD HUMAN RELATIONS DAY RESOURCES](#)

JANUARY

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 2025

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JAN 15
HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Remind your staff and volunteers about resources that can be used for classes or groups. Provide links to [resources](#) they can use.

JAN 17
HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

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

JAN 19
HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Celebrate Human Relations Day! Incorporate worship materials such as bulletins, children's messages offering prayer, and the call to worship in your service. Highlight our connection and the difference we make together on Special Sundays through our gifts, prayers, service, presence, and witness. Remind everyone of their impact around the world.

JAN 26
HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Share last week's offering totals with your congregation, and remind them that donations for Human Relations Day are welcome year-round. Thank them for their support and participation in this Special Sunday. Use this moment to highlight how their generosity is making a difference both locally and worldwide through our connectional system.

[DOWNLOAD HUMAN RELATIONS DAY RESOURCES](#)

INSIGHTS & IDEAS

The United Methodist Church offers scholarships funded by donations, annuities, endowments, and wills to support students at undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels. Applications are now open until March. Encourage your students to [apply!](#)

FEBRUARY

JAN 27

SCOUTING AWARENESS SUNDAY

Scouting Sunday is February 2. Consider inviting a local troop to participate in the service. Find [Scouting resources](#) to explore why and how UM Churches are involved in this ministry.

JAN 29

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month, a perfect time to celebrate the ministries supported by The United Methodist Church, such as [The Black College Fund](#) and [Africa University](#). Explore the links to learn more and consider supporting one of these ministries as a Lent project.

FEB 2

SCOUTING AWARENESS SUNDAY

Celebrate Scouting Sunday and include a troop or the Scouting resources during worship. If you do not have a local troop, consider inviting a representative speak.

FEB 17

UMCOR SUNDAY

UMCOR Sunday is March 30. It's time to download the [pew card](#) and the envelope template for this Special Sunday.

FEB 20

UMCOR SUNDAY

Connect with leaders and volunteers to prepare. Share links to the [video](#) and [infographic](#). Personalize your church's messaging to explore the UMCOR ministry within your community.

MAR 1

UMCOR SUNDAY

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to promote UMCOR Sunday using [graphics](#) found at ResourceUMC.org/UMCOR.

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MARCH

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.

MISSION MOMENTS & MORE

[EXPLORE THE RESOURCES](#)



MAR 2 UMCOR SUNDAY

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship. Print and place the pew cards in the pew racks or in high-traffic areas. Share how and why we support this Special Sunday.

MAR 4 WOMEN'S MINISTRY AWARENESS SUNDAY

March is Women's History Month. Celebrate Women's Ministry Sunday by recognizing the achievements and ministry of women in your community. Download and share this [pew card](#) to explain why and how we honor women.

MAR 6 UMCOR SUNDAY

Promote the upcoming Special Sunday to your congregation using the best format for them. Share an [impact article](#) or personal story to show how your church is making a difference.

MAR 7 DISABILITIES AWARENESS ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUNDAY

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.

MAR 9 UMCOR SUNDAY

Announce UMCOR Sunday before or during worship again. Make sure the promotional resources are visible in high-traffic areas.

MAR 11 UMCOR SUNDAY

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

[DOWNLOAD UMCOR SUNDAY RESOURCES](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) helps United Methodists and churches engage in global ministry to those in need. UMCOR supports victims of natural and human-caused disasters, offering relief and hope. Learn how you can get involved with the [ministry of UMCOR](#) in your community.



MARCH

MAR 14
UMCOR SUNDAY

Post UMCOR Sunday [ads](#) or [infographics](#) on social media, newsletters and your website. Include a donation link. Use envelope templates to include in worship or mail-in donations.

MAR 16
UMCOR SUNDAY

Announce the Special Sunday again during worship, and invite members to learn more.

MAR 18
UMCOR SUNDAY

Contact your conference office to arrange for someone from the disaster response team to provide information or speak at your church.

MAR 20
UMCOR SUNDAY

Post UMCOR Sunday [facts](#) or [images](#) on social media or include the content in your newsletter, bulletins, or around your church. Be sure to use the [prewritten content!](#)

MAR 23
UMCOR SUNDAY

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship once more. Consider inviting a Disaster Response Team representative to speak.

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MAR 30
UMCOR SUNDAY

Celebrate UMCOR Sunday! Incorporate worship materials such as bulletins, children's messages offering prayer, and the call to worship in your service. Highlight our connection and the difference we make together on Special Sundays through our gifts, prayers, service, presence, and witness.

UMCOR SUNDAY

[DOWNLOAD UMCOR SUNDAY RESOURCES](#)

INSIGHTS & IDEAS

The United Methodist Church General Conference moved United Methodist Student Day from November to May to better coincide with graduation celebrations, providing a more meaningful way to honor your students.

APRIL

APR 1

UNITED
METHODIST
VOLUNTEERS IN
MISSION
AWARENESS
SUNDAY

April is National Volunteer Month, a perfect time to recognize your volunteers. On Volunteers in Mission Awareness Sunday, we honor those who serve in short-term missions throughout the world. Download this [pew card](#) to celebrate this Awareness Sunday.

APR 3

UNITED
METHODIST
STUDENT DAY

United Methodist Student Day is observed in the month of May. Celebrate on a date that is most convenient for your congregation. Download the [pew card](#) and the envelope template.

APR 7

UNITED
METHODIST
STUDENT DAY

Connect with leaders and volunteers to prepare for UM Student Day. Share links to the [video](#) and [infographic](#). Personalize the messaging for your church and prepare to celebrate students.

APR 9

UNITED
METHODIST
STUDENT DAY

Decide when you will observe United Methodist Student Day. Use [prewritten content](#) and [graphics](#) in your newsletter, bulletins, or around your church to prepare for the celebration.

APR 21

NATIVE AMERICAN
MINISTRIES
SUNDAY

Native American Ministries Sunday is May 4. It's time to download the [pew card](#) and the envelope template for this Special Sunday.

APR 23

NATIVE AMERICAN
MINISTRIES
SUNDAY

Connect with leaders and volunteers to prepare for Native American Ministries Sunday. Share links to the [video](#) and [infographic](#). Personalize the messaging to explore this ministry.

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APRIL

DID YOU KNOW?

Half of the donations collected on Native American Ministries Sunday remain in your Conference to support and strengthen local Native American ministries. Visit your Conference website to learn more about your local [Committee on Native American Ministries](#) (CONAM). These committees advocate for Native American ministries, manage the distribution of the offering, promote and oversee local Native American programs.

APR 28
NATIVE AMERICAN
MINISTRIES
SUNDAY

Contact your conference Committee on Native American Ministries ([CONAM](#)) for material or request a representative to speak at your church.

APR 29
NATIVE AMERICAN
MINISTRIES
SUNDAY

Use [prewritten content](#) and [graphics](#) in your newsletter, bulletins, or around your church to prepare for the upcoming celebration.

MAY

MAY 1
NATIVE AMERICAN
MINISTRIES
SUNDAY

Promote the upcoming Special Sunday to your congregation using the best format for them. Share an [impact article](#) or personal story to show how your church is making a difference.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

MAY 4
NATIVE AMERICAN
MINISTRIES
SUNDAY

Celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday! Incorporate worship materials such as bulletins, children's messages offering prayer, and the call to worship in your service. Highlight our connection and the difference we make together on Special Sundays through our gifts, prayers, service, presence, and witness. Remind everyone of their impact around the world.

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NATIVE AMERICAN
MINISTRIES
SUNDAY

Share last week's offering totals with your congregation, and remind them that donations for Native American Ministries are welcome year-round. Thank them for their support in this Special Sunday. Use this moment to highlight how their generosity is making a difference through our connectional system.

MAY 13
HERITAGE
AWARENESS
SUNDAY

On May 25, we celebrate Heritage Sunday to honor our past and embrace God's ongoing call. This Awareness Sunday encourages us to reflect on our rich legacy and celebrate how the Church has shaped us and continues to guide us today. Download this [pew card](#) to raise awareness in your church, or visit the General Commission on Archives and History for more about the history of the United Methodist Church.

MAY 15
PEACE WITH
JUSTICE SUNDAY

Peace with Justice Sunday is June 15. It's time to download the [pew card](#) and the envelope template for this Special Sunday.

MAY 18
PEACE WITH
JUSTICE SUNDAY

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship again. Make sure the promotional resources are visible in high-traffic areas. Connect with leaders and volunteers to prepare. Share links to the [videos](#) and [infographic](#). Personalize your church's messaging to explore the Peace with Justice ministry within your conference and community.

INSIGHTS & IDEAS

Each UMC Conference has a Peace with Justice Coordinator who provides educational resources, builds relationships, and mobilizes networks for social advocacy. Contact your coordinator to speak at your church.

[DOWNLOAD PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY RESOURCES](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Half of the donations collected on Peace with Justice Sunday support national and international peacemaking ministries and grants. Three types of grants are available to United Methodist congregations and organizations that support Minority Local Church ministries and Peace with Justice programs. Learn more about the [online grants](#).

MAY

MAY 19

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to promote Peace with Justice Sunday using [graphics](#) from ResourceUMC.org/PWJS.

MAY 21

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Promote the upcoming Special Sunday to your congregation using the best format for them. Share an [impact article](#) or personal story to show how your church is making a difference.

MAY 23

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

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

MAY 25

HERITAGE AWARENESS SUNDAY

Celebrate Heritage Sunday! Encourage your members to reflect on their legacy and consider their own place in the story of The United Methodist Church.

MAY 27

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Post Peace with Justice Sunday [ads](#) or [infographics](#) on social media, newsletters and your website. Include a donation link. Use templates to create envelopes for worship or mail-in donations.

MAY 29

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Post Peace with Justice Sunday Did You Know [facts or images](#) on social media or include the content in your newsletter, bulletins, or around your church. Use the [prewritten content!](#)

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JUN 2025

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JUNE

DID YOU KNOW?

Fifty percent of the funds collected on Peace with Justice Sunday remain in the Annual Conference to support local social justice ministries, including the Peace with Justice Coordinator, who mobilizes networks, builds relationships, and provides educational resources for social advocacy.



JUN 1 PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship. Print and place the [pew cards](#) in the pew racks or in high-traffic areas. Share how and why we support this Special Sunday.

JUN 2 MEN'S MINISTRY AWARENESS SUNDAY

In June, we celebrate the men in our families. It's the perfect time to honor the achievements and ministry men provide in your church and the community. Download and share this [pew card](#) to celebrate Men's Ministry Sunday.

JUN 4 PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Contact your conference Peace with Justice Coordinator for material or request the coordinator to speak at your church.

JUN 8 PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship again. Make sure the promotional resources are visible in high-traffic areas.

JUN 9 GOLDEN CROSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUNDAY

In every United Methodist Conference, health and welfare ministries tirelessly work to bring hope and healing to those in need. The Golden Cross Sunday offering aids ministries dedicated to supporting older adults, children, families, and hospital pastoral care. Discover local health and welfare agencies in your community and learn about Golden Cross ministries by downloading and sharing this [pew card](#).

[DOWNLOAD PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY RESOURCES](#)

INSIGHTS & IDEAS

Ask your team to use the [Faith & Fact cards](#) to raise awareness on social issues. Each card explores what the Bible and The United Methodist Church say, offers key facts on the issue and action steps to address the issue.

JUNE

JUN 10
PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Post Peace with Justice Sunday [ads](#) or infographics on social media, newsletters and your website. Include a donation link.

JUN 11
PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Post some of your favorite social [graphics](#) on your website or include in your newsletter. Consider linking to the Did You Know facts about Peace with Justice Sunday to increase interest.

JUN 13
PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Remind your staff and volunteers about resources that can be used for classes or groups. Provide links to [resources](#) they will use.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

JUN 15
PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Celebrate Peace with Justice Sunday! Incorporate worship materials such as bulletins, children's messages offering prayer, and the call to worship in your service. Highlight our connection and the difference we make together on Special Sundays through our gifts, prayers, service, presence, and witness. Remind everyone of their impact around the world.

JUN 22
PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Share last week's offering totals with your congregation, and remind them that donations for Peace with Justice Sunday are welcome year-round. Thank them for their support!

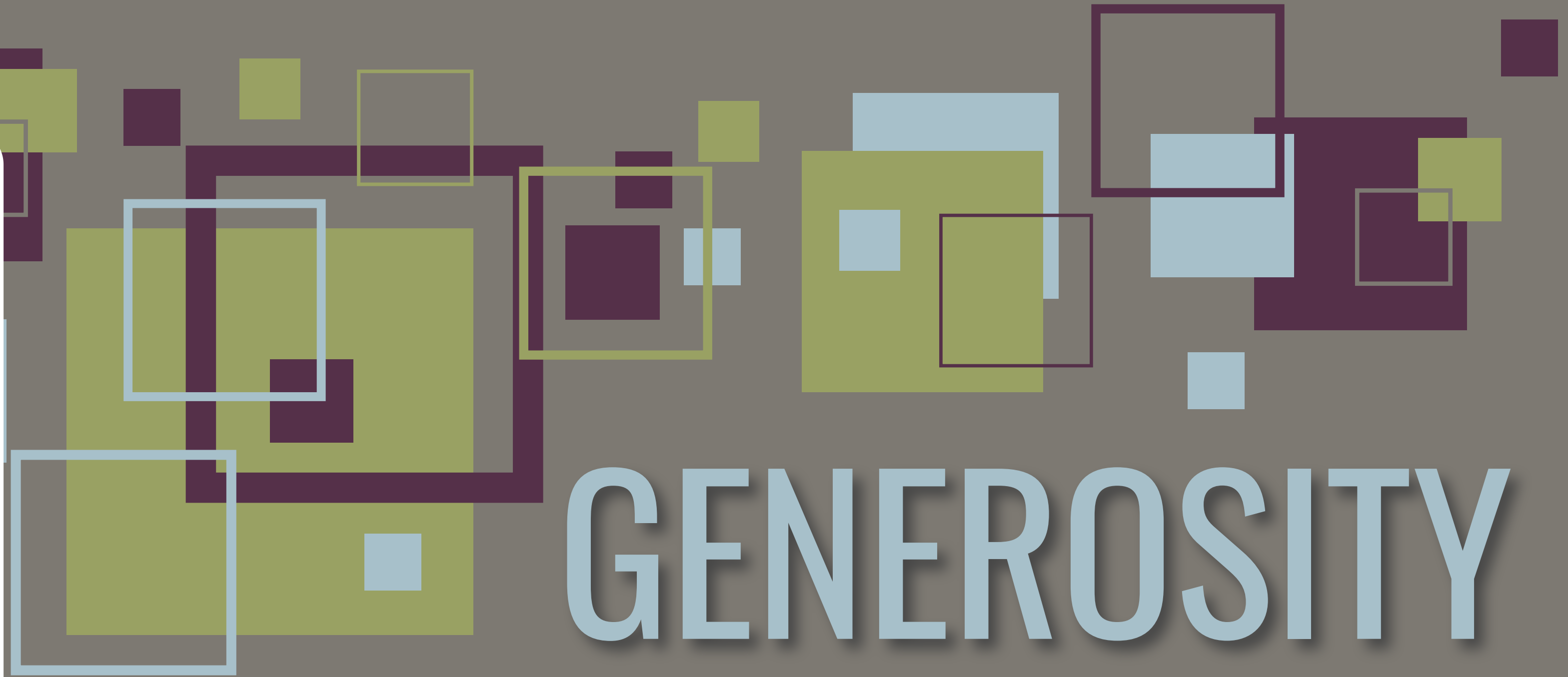
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JUL 2025

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GENEROSITY

SELAH GENEROSITY KIT

Explore how to PAUSE and REFLECT on God's presence and the connection we share in The United Methodist Church.

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.



Use these months to explore United Methodist outreach opportunities and nurture the spirit of generosity

OUTREACH

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 Conference Office Disaster Response Ministry to find out 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

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DID YOU KNOW?

Half of the donations collected on World Communion Sunday are used to fund scholarships that benefit undergraduate or graduate level students of color pursuing ordained ministry. The remainder provides grants to support leadership development and training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access. Learn more about how to [apply or donate](#) to the World Communion Scholarships.

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MISSION MOMENTS & MORE



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RESOURCES

SEPTEMBER

SEP 1

WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is October 5. It's time to download the [pew card](#) and the envelope template for this Special Sunday.

SEP 2

WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY

Change your Facebook/Twitter cover images to promote World Communion Sunday using [graphics](#) from ResourceUMC.org/WCS.

SEP 3

RURAL LIFE
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
SUNDAY

September is Environment Awareness Month, the perfect time to celebrate Rural Life Sunday. On this Awareness 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.

SEP 5

WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY

Promote the upcoming Special Sunday to your congregation using the best format for them. Share an [impact article](#) or personal story to show how your church is making a difference.

SEP 7

WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship. Make sure the promotional resources are visible in high-traffic areas.

SEP 8

WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY

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

[DOWNLOAD WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY RESOURCES](#)

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SEPTEMBER

INSIGHTS & IDEAS

Use the [Did You Know Questions and Answers](#) about World Communion Sunday to educate your congregation. Post a question daily and link the answer online. Enhance support and interest with videos and bulletin inserts.

SEP 10

CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
SUNDAY

Annual Conferences recognize Christian Education Sunday with an offering to support ministries that teach faith and inspire service. Contact your conference for details and use this [pew card](#) to raise awareness

SEP 14

WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship again. Make sure the promotional resources are visible in high-traffic areas.

SEP 17

WORLD
COMMUNION
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Remind your staff and volunteers about resources that can be used for classes or groups. Provide links to resources they will use.

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WORLD
COMMUNION
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Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship again. Make sure the promotional resources are visible in high-traffic areas.

SEP 24

WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY

Post World Communion Sunday [ads](#) or [infographics](#) on social media, newsletters and your website. Include a donation link.

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WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY

Announce the Special Sunday before or during worship again. Make sure to use promotional resources and place them in high-traffic areas.

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OCTOBER

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCT 5
WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY

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OCT 12
WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY

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OCT 14
LAITY
AWARENESS
SUNDAY

Laity Awareness Sunday is observed on the third Sunday in October. 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 for October 19.

DID YOU KNOW?

World Communion Sunday celebrates Christian unity through the act of Communion, reminding us that, despite our differences, we are one in Christ. This special day serves as a reminder that God's grace, extended through the church, embraces people of all ages, nations, and races.



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OCTOBER

INSIGHTS & IDEAS

United Methodists observe Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday on November 9. Consider inviting someone from organdonor.gov to speak during worship.

OCT 19

LAITY AWARENESS SUNDAY

Celebrate Laity Sunday! Recognize the many gifts that lay leaders have for serving the church and community. Remind everyone of their impact in the church and community!

OCT 21

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR AWARENESS SUNDAY

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

NOVEMBER

NOV 3

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

November is Native American Heritage Month. Consider using resources from the Native American Ministries pastor and leader kit to celebrate the rich and diverse culture, traditions, and history of Native people.

NOV 9

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR AWARENESS SUNDAY

Celebrate Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday! United Methodists embrace the life-saving impact of organ and tissue donation and advocate for everyone to consider becoming donors. For many, a transplant represents their only chance for survival. With one donor potentially saving up to eight lives and improving the quality of life for at least seventy-five others, the impact is profound.

[DOWNLOAD NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY RESOURCES](#)

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DECEMBER

DEC 29

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Human Relations Day is January 18, 2026. It's time to download the [pew card](#) and the envelope template for this Special Sunday.

DEC 30

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

On January 18, the United Methodist family unites to foster unity between our church and community through our participation in an offering designated for Human Relations Day. Explore resources for worship and promotion designed to increase understanding and engagement. These ready to use resources are available in multiple languages for effortless planning and implementation.

INSIGHTS & IDEAS

The United Methodist Church offers scholarships funded by donations, annuities, endowments, and wills to support students at undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels. Applications are now open until March.

Encourage your students to [apply!](#)

MORE RESOURCES

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. [Read the stories now.](#)

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 in the campaign. [Discover the campaign now!](#)

[DOWNLOAD HUMAN RELATIONS DAY RESOURCES](#)

CHURCHWIDE SPECIAL SUNDAYS

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

The Sunday before Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday

JAN 19, 2025; JAN 18, 2026;
JAN 17, 2027; JAN 16, 2028

UMCOR SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday in Lent

MAR 30, 2025; MAR 15, 2026;
MAR 7, 2027; MAR 26, 2028

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY SUNDAY

Celebrated any Sunday in May

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Easter

MAY 4, 2025; APR 19, 2026;
APR 11, 2027; APR 30, 2028

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

First Sunday after Pentecost

JUN 15, 2025; MAY 31, 2026;
MAY 23, 2027; JUN 11, 2028

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

First Sunday in October

OCT 5, 2025; OCT 4, 2026;
OCT 3, 2027; OCT 1, 2028

AWARENESS SPECIAL SUNDAYS

SCOUTING SUNDAY

First Sunday in February

FEB 2, 2025; FEB 1, 2026;
FEB 7, 2027; FEB 6, 2028

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY

Church selects the date

MEN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY

Church selects the date

HERITAGE SUNDAY

Aldersgate Day, or the

Sunday preceding May 24

MAY 25, 2025; MAY 24, 2026;
MAY 30, 2027; MAY 28, 2028

LAITY SUNDAY

Third Sunday in October

OCT 19, 2025; OCT 18, 2026;
OCT 17, 2027; OCT 15, 2028

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR SUNDAY

Second Sunday in November

NOV 9, 2025; NOV 8, 2026;
NOV 14, 2027; NOV 12, 2028

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL SUNDAYS

UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION SUNDAY

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GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY

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DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY

Conference selects the date

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

Conference selects the date

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Conference selects the date