SPECIAL SUNDAY

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

Originating in 1872, this fund was the first offering collected in Methodist Sunday school classes to support children's education. Recognizing education as a key investment in the church's future, the initiative began as a children's fund and was renamed Student Day in 1940.

United Methodist churches are encouraged to observe United Methodist Student Day on any Sunday in May to align with graduation ceremonies. Traditionally observed on the last Sunday of November, this Special Sunday was moved to May by action of the General Conference in 2024. However, congregations are welcome to choose a date that best fits their schedule.

Thanks to your generosity, we can support students as they take the next step in their educational journey, opening doors to new opportunities and brighter futures. Every dollar collected on United Methodist Student Day goes directly toward these scholarships. Applications open in January each year, and by completing a general online application, students can be considered for any of the scholarship programs.

HOW TO GIVE

Write a check to your local church and write **"United Methodist Student Day offering"** in the memo line.

To give online or set up monthly giving, go to **donate.gcfa.org/UMSD**.

WORSHIP ENGAGEMENT 11/01/26

Rev 7:9-17; Ps 34:1-10, 22; 1 Jn 3:1-3; (Mt 5:1-12)

"Empty Places at the Table" Pastor Matt Fowler

Use this engagement sheet to note your revelations and observations.

If not an empty chair, what is something that often reminds you of someone missing from your life? What do you do with that space/remembrance?

What are the foods you associate with grief or sadness?

Finish the sentence: Hope is...

What idea or belief brings you hope today?

THRIVING FAITH

Love God. Love Our Neighbors.
Make Disciples of Christ.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

- in celebration of our grandson, Spencer's birthday and Dave & Kim's wedding anniversary, from Dave & Kim Anderson.

Sign up on the chart on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board or call the church office. Each bouquet is $20 and billed by Diva's at Kearney Floral.

There will be a funeral service for Pete Magee on Monday Nov. 2nd at 10:30am with a lunch to follow.

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE

Give Where You Live is coming up. Please write your check to First UMC and write "Give Where You Live" in the memo area of your check. All donations will be split between East Lawn Food Pantry & Pumpkin Patch Daycare.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OUTREACH (EAST LAWN FOOD PANTRY)

The Children's Ministry will be gifting the families of East Lawn with Advent calendars including microwaveable popcorn, Christmas candy and hot cocoa packets. If you would like to donate to these gifts, please bring unopened packages or monetary donations to the Gathering Area or church office by Sunday, Nov. 9th.

HIGHSCHOOL FUNDRAISER - PIE SALES

The High School Youth will be taking pre-orders for pies on Sundays until Thanksgiving. They will be available for pickup on Nov. 22nd.

UWF SCHEDULE- NOVEMBER

Interested in joining a United Women in Faith group, they have group monthly meetings & circle meetings here is the schedule. Nov. 4th at 1:00pm Executive 2:00pm General (Esther Circle Nov. 11th at 2:00pm, Martha Circle Nov. 17th at 2:00pm & Ruth Circle Nov. 18th at 1:30pm.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Through Week 43

Operational Income: $580,090

Operational Expenses: * $706,494

* operational expenses estimated based on 1st, 2nd & 3rd quarters of 2026

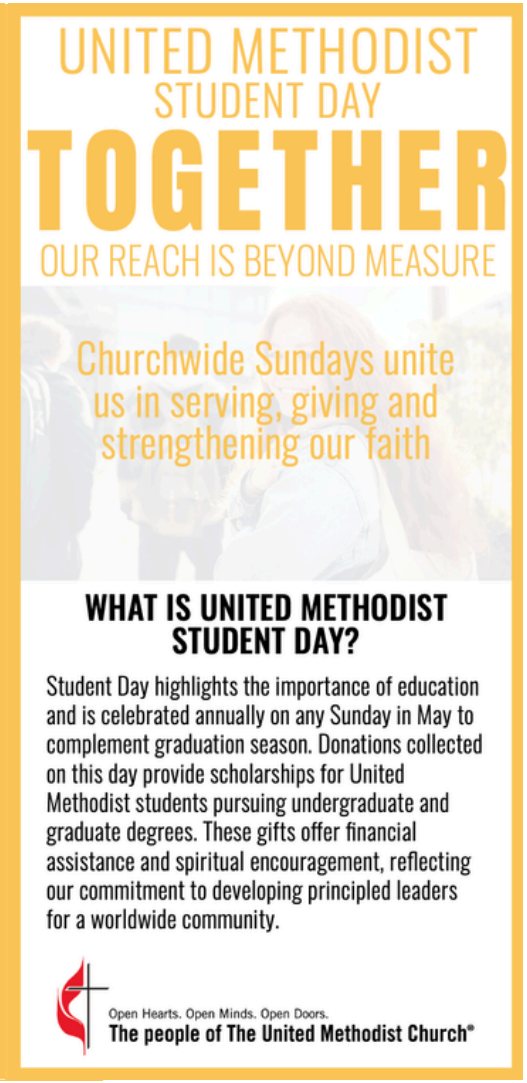
2026 JAN - SEPT FINAL

Actual Operational Income: $543,288

Actual Operational Expenses: $640,773

QR Code for Giving

QR Code to register your attendance



HOW CAN I GIVE IN CHURCH TODAY?

If you feel called to give to this mission today, there are a couple ways you can do so.

- Scan the QR code above to be taken to our giving page
  - Select "One Time Gift"
  - Select "United Methodist Student Day" from the "Fund" drop down selection.
  - Enter the amount you'd like to give.
  - Follow through the given prompts.
- Use the Special Sunday envelopes provided or at the welcome tables in the Narthex.