

## 2021 SPECIAL SUNDAY CHURCHWIDE OFFERINGS

The Six Special Sunday Offerings are designated Sundays throughout the year that provide opportunities for giving. These special offerings are earmarked and support designated ministries.

On these Sundays, we empower our congregations to give toward causes and organizations that promote sustainable life change.

These offerings help offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere.

The Six Sunday Offerings and suggest dates to celebrate are listed below:

- Human Relation Sunday ~ January 17, 2021
- UMCOR Sunday ~ March 14, 2021
- Native American Ministries Sunday ~ April 18, 2021
- Peace with Justice Sunday ~ May 30, 2021
- World Communion Sunday ~ October 3, 2021
- United Methodist Student Sunday ~ November 28, 2021

Local congregations may choose their own date celebrate any of the Sundays.

A brief summary for each Sunday is on the following page.

Offering envelopes, bulletin inserts and leader/Pastor's kit for each Sunday can be found at: [www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/umcgiving/special-sundays](http://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/umcgiving/special-sundays)

**Offering envelopes** can be ordered by telephone. (1-800-991-6011)  
Offering Envelopes are free.

New this year is one offering envelope for ALL Six Special Sunday Offerings.

## **Human Relations Sunday**

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**

Celebrated on the Sunday before the observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr's birthday, Human Relations Day acknowledges the right of all God's children to reach their potential and calls all of our churches to strengthen United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States through supporting social justice and work with at-risk youth.

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## **UMCOR Sunday**

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

The fourth Sunday in Lent; provides major support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR provides immediate assistance in the wake of disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health, and peace. Allows 100 percent of designated gifts to be used for specified disaster response or other ministry.

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## **Native American Ministries Sunday**

**Sunday, April 18, 2021**

Celebrating Native American Sunday reminds United Methodists of the contributions made by Native Americans to our society. The special offering benefits Native American outreach within annual conferences and across the United States and provides seminary scholarships for Native Americans. It helps to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations, and seminary students to authentically worship and serve Jesus as only they can in their communities.

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## **Peace with Justice Sunday**

**Sunday, May 30, 2021**

The first Sunday after Pentecost; supports peace with justice ministries through the General Board of Church and Society and the annual conferences.

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## **World Communion Sunday**

**Sunday, October 3, 2021**

The first Sunday in October; supports World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program, and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.

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## **United Methodist Student Sunday**

**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

The last Sunday of November supports United Methodist scholarships and the United Methodist student loan fund.