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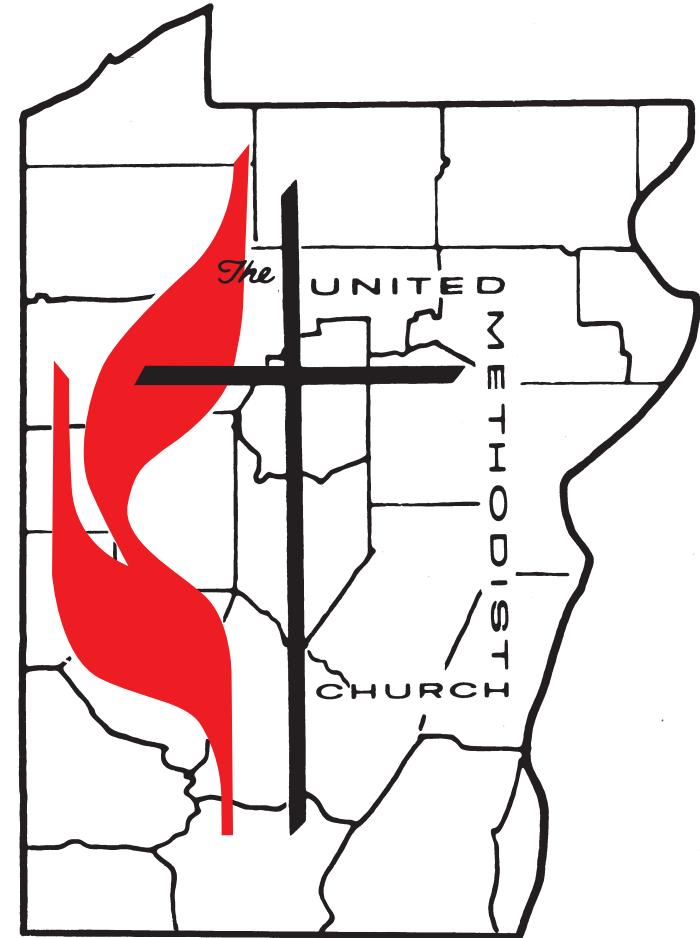
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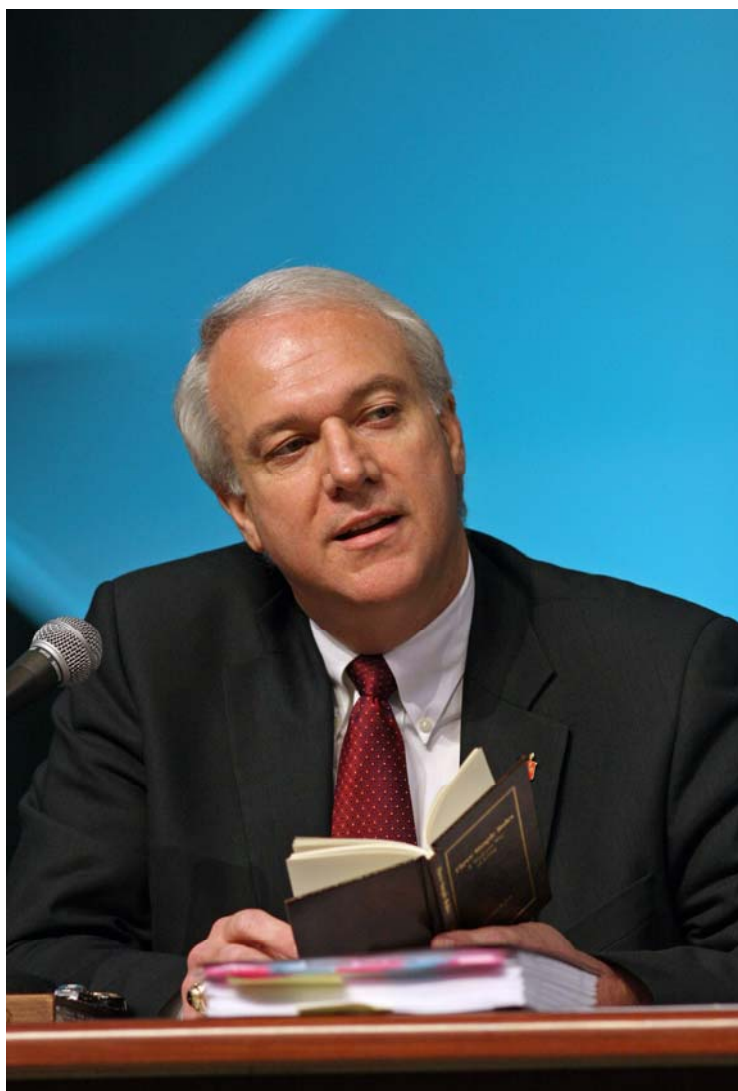
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UNITED METHODIST GIVING PROGRAM

The United Methodist Church has eight apportioned funds, six church wide Special Sundays with offerings and two designated giving programs--all which need your support. In addition, annual conferences take special offerings on Christian Education Sunday, Golden Cross Sunday and Rural Life Sunday. The United Methodist Children's Fund for Christian Mission and the Youth Service Fund provide opportunities for young people to share their resources.

Apportioned Funds

World Service Fund supports outreach through the work of general agencies and other national and international mission programs. It also underwrites a comprehensive television and telecommunications ministry, and pension and salary equalization. 2010 apportionment: \$1,310,412

Ministerial Education Fund provides educational support for ordained elders, ordained deacons and diaconal ministers of the church through funding for theological schools, recruitment, professional development and continuing education. 2010 apportionment: \$336,443

Black College Fund provides operating funds and capital for 11 historically Black colleges including a medical school. 2010 apportionment: \$178,960

Africa University Fund helps support a new university in Africa providing post secondary education for African students. Africa University is partly funded by World Service Special Gifts in addition to the apportionment. 2010 apportionment: \$40,052

Episcopal Fund is for salaries, pensions, office operations, official travel and other expenses for the bishops. 2010 apportionment: \$387,572

General Administrative Fund supports general agencies whose work is administrative in nature, the cost of General Conference and other items essential to the operation of The United Methodist Church. 2010 apportionment: \$141,985

Interdenominational Cooperation Fund supports United Methodist participation in the World and National councils of churches and the Consultation on Church Union. It also pays the travel expenses of United Methodist delegates to those bodies. 2010 apportionment: \$34,913

Jurisdictional Fund supports the collective ministries of the conferences in the northeastern United States, including Western Pennsylvania. 2010 apportionment: \$31,865

Designated Gifts

Advance Specials permit churches and individuals to support mission and relief projects with voluntary gifts. Every dollar given to the Advance goes to the project designated by the donor.

World Service Special Gifts permit churches and individuals to contribute to approved projects of World Service-related agencies. Every dollar goes to the project designated by the donor.

Special Sundays with Offerings

Human Relations Day, the Sunday before Martin Luther King Jr's birthday observance, supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

One Great Hour of Sharing, the fourth Sunday of Lent, provides major support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, which aids in refugee ministries, disaster-response ministries and hunger ministries.

Native American Awareness Sunday, the second Sunday after Easter, funds urban ministries with Native Americans, scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist seminaries and annual conference Native American ministries.

Peace with Justice Sunday, the second Sunday of Pentecost, supports peace with justice ministries through the General Board of Church and Society and the annual conference.

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

United Methodist Student Day, the last Sunday in November, provides loan and scholarship funds for United Methodist college, university, and graduate students.

Other Special Offerings

Christian Education Sunday. The conference determines the date and how the offering is used to strengthen Christian education.

Disability Awareness Sunday, Special offering to promote awareness issues and ministries that provide opportunities for fuller inclusion of people with disabilities.

Golden Cross Sunday (Red Stocking Sunday), The annual conference determines the date and how the offering will be used to support health and welfare ministries.

Rural Life Sunday. The annual conference determines the date and how the offering will be used to strengthen the nurture, outreach, and witness of congregations in town and rural areas.

Other Conference Special Offerings

Camping Sunday supports the summer program in order to reduce registration costs for participants.

Keeping the Doors Open supports mission agencies, mission churches and other outreach ministries within the Conference boundaries who need additional funds to continue their work.

UMVIM Sunday support the Conference and Jurisdictional UMVIM offices and programs, with 90% of funds collected going to the Conference VIMship Advance Special, and a tithe of 10% to the Jurisdictional UMVIM programming efforts.

Youth Service Fund supports projects of mission and ministry by and for youth as well as administration of the fund.

Conference Special Sundays without Offerings

Keystone United Methodist Federal Credit Union Month to promote being good and faithful stewards of God's gifts by learning about the resources and benefits of becoming members of our credit union.

Retired Clergy Sunday to honor retired clergy, spouses or surviving spouses

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday to support our United Methodist beliefs highlighted in our *Social Principles* that celebrate the wondrous gift of life for all and for creation.

Sanctity of Marriage Sunday to strengthen marriages in their ministry in the body of Christ and give prayer and spiritual support for stronger marriages.

Sanctity of Singleness Sunday to honor those who are single and their contributions to their families, congregations and communities and to promote ministries to and with those who are single.

2010 Special Days and Program Calendar

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- Jan 3 **Epiphany** to commemorate the coming of the Magi
- Jan 17 **Human Relations Day** to encourage better human relations; offering funds community developers, voluntary services, and youth offender rehabilitations.
- Jan 18 **Martin Luther King Jr Birthday**
- Jan 18-25 Prayer for Christian Unity Week
- Jan 24 **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday** to emphasize our official United Methodist belief in the sanctity of all human life, particularly for the unborn, the terminally ill, the infirmed, the elderly, people with disabilities
- Feb **Black History Month** to celebrate the historical contributions of African Americans to the worship life, mission and ministry of the church
Keystone United Methodist Federal Credit Union Month to learn about membership benefits.
- Feb 14 **Scouting Sunday** to emphasize scouting as ministry to children
- Feb 17 **Ash Wednesday** to begin Christian self-examination for Lent
- Feb 14 **Disability Awareness Sunday** to promote issues as well as ministries providing opportunities for fuller inclusion of those with disabilities. (or another date chosen by local church)
- March **Women's History Month**
UMVIM Sunday to choose a day for promoting Volunteers in Mission.
- Mar 5 **World Day of Prayer** to link Christian women of the world in prayer.
- Mar 14 **Daylight Savings Time begins** –Spring Forward
- Mar 14 **One Great Hour of Sharing** to share the goodness of life with those who hurt; offering funds, programs of relief, rehabilitation and service
- Mar 28 **Palm Sunday** to commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem
- Apr 1 **Holy Thursday** to celebrate the institution of the Eucharist
- Apr 2 **Good Friday** to commemorate Christ's death
- Apr 4 **Easter Sunday** to celebrate Christ's resurrection
- April 18 **Native American Sunday** to recognize Native Americans in society, offering funds to ministries, urban initiatives and seminary scholarships
- May 3-9 **Christian Family Week** to focus on families in the church & community
- May 9 **Sanctity of Marriage Sunday / Mothers Day**
- May 9 **Golden Cross Sunday** to further the work of health & welfare ministries in the annual conference (or another date chosen by local church)
- May 23 **Heritage Sunday**
- May 23 **Pentecost** to celebrate the birthday of the Church
- May 30 **Peace with Justice Sunday** to call the church to peace with justice, offering funds annual conference and General Board of Church & Society peace with justice ministries
- May 30 **Trinity Sunday**
- June 10-13 **Annual Conference** held at Grove City College
- June 20 **Fathers Day**
- July **Sanctity of Singleness Sunday** choose a Sunday to celebrate ministry of single adults.
- August 8 **Rural Life Sunday** to emphasize the value of rural life & agriculture
- Sept 12 **Christian Education Sunday** to call the church to be open to growth and learning
- Sept 19 **Retired Clergy Sunday** to honor retired clergy, spouses or surviving spouses

Oct 4	World Communion Sunday	
Oct 10	Camping Sunday	
Oct 17	Laity Sunday	to celebrate the ministry of all Christians whose lives are empowered by the Holy Spirit
Nov 1	All Saints Day	to remember departed Saints
Nov 7	Daylight Savings Time ends	clocks fall back
Nov 7	Youth Service Fund Sunday	offering to assist youth programs in our conference, nation, and world
Nov 14	Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday	
Nov 21	Bible Sunday	to acknowledge the place of the Bible in today's world
Nov 25	Thanksgiving Day	to thank God for blessings, commemorating our national heritage
Nov 28	United Methodist Student Day	to call the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge; offering funds scholarships & loans
Advent	Keeping the Doors Open	Appeal for Mission Agencies to support mission agencies, mission churches and other outreach ministries within the Conference boundaries
Dec 24/25	Christmas	to celebrate the birth of Christ
Dec 31	Watch Night	to usher in the New Year with covenant renewal.