

# MISSION MOMENTS & MORE

These mission moments demonstrate the connectional mission of the United Methodist Church. Each one highlights a specific ministry and the real impact it's making in the world. Consider using these in personal prayer time, in small groups or during worship.

**JUNE 7, 2026**

**Second Sunday After Pentecost** – The General Administration Fund and General Commission on Archives and History

## **MISSION MOMENT**

*"The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your land, your family, and your father's household for the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, those who curse you I will curse; all the families of the earth will be blessed because of you. Abram left just as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all of their possessions, and those who became members of their household in Haran; and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, Abram traveled through the land as far as the sacred place at Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. The Canaanites lived in the land at that time. The Lord appeared to Abram and said, 'I give this land to your descendants,' so Abram built an altar there to the Lord who appeared to him. From there he traveled toward the mountains east of Bethel, and pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and worshipped in the Lord's name. Then Abram set out toward the arid southern plain, making and breaking camp as he went. '"—*

**Genesis 12:1–9 (CEB)**

In Genesis 12:1–9 (CEB), God calls Abram to go—to leave what he knows and trust a promise not yet fully seen. As Abram travels, something important happens. He doesn't just move forward—he stops. He builds altars. At Shechem. Between Bethel and Ai. Along the journey.

These altars mark the places where God spoke, where God appeared, where God's promise took root. Abram is not only walking into the future—he is remembering along the way. He is making sure the story of God's faithfulness is not lost.

Because without remembering, the story can fade.

As people of The United Methodist Church, we are living in that same pattern of faith. We follow where God leads, and we tell the story of how God has been with us. But remembering does not happen by accident. It takes intention. It takes care. It takes people committed to preserving what God has done.

Through connectional giving, including gifts shared through The General Administration Fund, we support the [General Commission on Archives and History](#). This ministry helps safeguard the history of The United Methodist Church—preserving records, protecting documents, and ensuring that the witness of generations is not lost.

These are not just old papers or distant memories. They are the stories of God at work—through congregations, through communities, through ordinary people who said yes to God's call, just like Abram.

And just as Abram built altars to mark God's presence, this ministry helps The United Methodist Church hold onto those markers of faith. It keeps the Church's story safe, so it can continue to be told, shared, and lived.

Many may not fully understand how The United Methodist Church works, but at its heart is a covenant to walk together. We are connected so that no congregation carries ministry alone. When we give, our gifts are joined with others across the connection, strengthening ministries that serve people we may never meet, but whom God deeply loves.

Every gift tells a story. And every story can begin with the impact we make through our giving.

On June 9, International Archives Day, we are reminded that remembering is part of faithfulness. Abram did not only go—he remembered. And because he remembered, others could know the story of God.

We give so that story continues.

**Reflection Question:**

Where do you see God's faithfulness in your story, and how might your giving help tell that story for others?

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Title:** Building Memories

**Materials:** Small rocks or building blocks

Good morning, friends! I'm so glad to see you today! In our scripture story for today, we learn about a man named Abram. God told Abram to go to a new place. Abram trusted God and started walking. But Abram did something special along the way. When he saw that God was with him, he stopped and built a little pile of stones. These stones helped Abram remember, "God was here with me." And he didn't do it just once—he did it again in other places, too. Abram wanted to remember every time God was with him.

I brought some blocks with me today so we could do the same. Let's build a little pile together. (Pause to allow the children to stack the blocks). With each stack have the children repeat "God is with me!"

We remember God, too! At church, we tell stories about what God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Why do we tell the same stories again and again? (Pause for answers.) That's right—so we don't forget!

In The United Methodist Church, there are people who help us remember. They take care of our church's stories—stories about how people love God and love others. They are called the General Commission on Archives and History. That's a big name!

They help keep our stories safe—like a special place that saves important memories.

When we give in our church, we help take care of those stories. We help make sure people can remember that God is with us.

So, this week, when you are kind...when you help someone...or when you share God's love... you are like Abram. You are helping others remember: "God is with me."

**Prayer:** Dear God, Thank you for being with us wherever we go. Help us remember your love and help us share your story with others. Amen.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of promise, you led Abram to build altars that remembered your presence along the journey. As we give today, we remember your faithfulness in our lives and in the life of The United Methodist Church. Through our connectional giving, including support for the General Commission on Archives and History through The General Administration Fund, our gifts help preserve the story of your work and protect the witness of your Church. Join our offerings together so that your story continues to be told with faithfulness and hope. In Christ's name, Amen.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER from [Discipleship Ministries](#)**

Calling God, you spoke to Abram and set him on a journey, not with full clarity, but with full trust. You promised blessing—and with it, purpose. We come now as your people, also journeying by faith, offering these gifts not for our greatness, but so that your promise might be fulfilled through us: to bless the world. Use these offerings to build relationships, to mend the broken, and to draw all families of the earth toward your heart. May our giving reflect our trust, and may our trust lead us to go where you send, step by step, stage by stage, into your future. Amen.

**NEWSLETTER NUGGET**

In Genesis 12:1–9, Abram builds altars along his journey to remember where God has been with him. In The United Methodist Church, we continue that practice by sharing and preserving the story of God's work among us. Through connectional giving, including support for the General Commission on Archives and History through The General Administration Fund, we help keep the Church's story safe and ensure it can be told for generations to come. Every gift tells a story of God's faithfulness.

Join us this Sunday for worship as we remember God's presence in our lives and consider how our giving helps preserve and share that story.

## JUNE 14, 2026

Third Sunday After Pentecost – The World Service Fund and United Methodist Communications

### MISSION MOMENT

*"They traveled from Rephidim, came into the Sinai desert, and set up camp there. Israel camped there in front of the mountain while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him from the mountain, 'This is what you should say to Jacob's household and declare to the Israelites: You saw what I did to the Egyptians, and how I lifted you up on eagles' wings and brought you to me. So now, if you faithfully obey me and stay true to my covenant, you will be my most precious possession out of all the peoples, since the whole earth belongs to me. You will be a kingdom of priests for me and a holy nation. These are the words you should say to the Israelites.'" So, Moses came down, called together the people's elders, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. 8 The people all responded with one voice: "Everything that the Lord has said we will do." Moses reported to the Lord what the people said."*— **Exodus 19:2–8a (CEB)**

In Exodus 19:2–8a (CEB), the people of Israel arrive at Mount Sinai. God reminds them, *"You saw what I did to the Egyptians, and how I lifted you up on eagles' wings and brought you to me."* Then God invites them into a covenant: *"If you listen carefully to me and keep my covenant, you will be my treasured possession... a holy nation."*

And the people respond together, "Everything that the Lord has said we will do."

This moment is powerful not only because of what God says, but because of how the people respond—together. The covenant is not individual. It is shared, heard, and lived out in community.

For the people to respond as one, they first had to hear the same message clearly. The covenant depended on it being spoken, shared, and understood among them.

This is part of the foundation of The United Methodist Church. We are connected so that no congregation carries ministry alone. Like the people at Sinai, we listen, we respond, and we live out God's call—together.

That is why communication matters in the life of the Church.

Through connectional giving, including gifts shared through The World Service Fund, we support the ministry of [United Methodist Communications](#). This ministry helps The United Methodist Church share the message of Jesus Christ clearly and faithfully through media, digital resources, and tools that equip congregations and reach new people.

Through websites, storytelling, and resources for local churches, United Methodist Communications helps ensure that people can hear the good news, understand it, and respond. It strengthens how we invite others into discipleship and how we stay connected as one body.

When we give, our gifts are joined with others across the connection. Together, we make it possible for the message of Christ's love to reach beyond what any one congregation could do alone, serving people we may never meet, but whom God deeply loves.

During Effective Communications Month, we are reminded that sharing the message is not separate from the covenant—it is part of it. The people at Sinai heard God's voice and answered together. We continue that pattern today as we share the story of Jesus Christ and invite others to respond.

Through our giving, through our words, and through our shared ministry, we help ensure that God's call is heard—and that we can answer it together.

### Reflection Question:

Where might God be inviting you not only to respond to the covenant, but to help others hear it clearly?

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Title:** Listening and Saying Yes Together

**Materials:** A simple message written on paper: "God loves you!"

Good morning, friends! I'm so glad to see you today!

In our Bible story today, God's people were all together at a mountain. While they were there, God gave them an important message. He said, "If you listen to me and follow me, you will be my people."

The people listened carefully. And do you know what they said? (Pause and let them answer)

They said, "We will do everything God says!"

And guess what? They didn't say it one at a time. They said it together. Let's try that!

When I say, "We will," you say, "follow God!" Ready?

We will... follow God! (Repeat a few times.) Great job!

First, the people had to hear God's message. Then they could say yes.

I have a message here. (Hold up paper.) It says: "God loves you!"

But if I only share this with you and not the rest of the people here then they won't know about it will they? And if I don't use this microphone, can everyone in the back hear me? (Pause for answers) That's right, no they can't.

In The United Methodist Church, there are people who help share God's message so others can hear I just like this microphone helps me. They are called United Methodist Communications. And just like this microphone helps my voice be loud for those in the back, this place helps people around the world hear the message of Jesus Christ.

They help churches share messages about God's love using videos, computers, and other tools so more people can hear about Jesus.

So just like the people in our Bible story listened and said yes together, we can help others hear about God and say yes, too. This week, you can share God's love. You can tell someone: "God loves you!"

**Prayer:** Dear God, Thank you for speaking to us. Help us listen to you and help us share your love with others. Thank you for making groups that can help us share your message in more places. Amen.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of covenant, you called your people to listen and to respond together. As we offer these gifts, we do so as part of that shared calling. Through our connectional giving, including support for United Methodist Communications through The World Service Fund, our offerings help your Church share the good news of Jesus Christ clearly and faithfully. Use these gifts to strengthen our witness, connect us more deeply, and help others hear your call and respond. Join our gifts together in ministry, as you join us together as your people. In Christ's name, Amen.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER from [Discipleship Ministries](#)

Joyful Giver of Miracles, we come to you with hearts open to the unexpected, for you are the God who surprises us with joy, even in seasons of waiting and even through our disbelief. You meet us in the ordinariness of welcome, and you plant seeds of laughter that bloom into life. As Abraham and Sarah offered their hospitality and received the promise of new life, so we offer our gifts in trust and gratitude. Bless these gifts, O God, that they may bear witness to your goodness and extend joy, hope, and welcome to the world you so love. May our giving be a reflection of our faith, and may our faith be full of laughter. In the name of the one who brings life out of impossibility, Amen

## NEWSLETTER NUGGET

In Exodus 19:2–8a, God calls the people into covenant, and they respond together, "We will do everything the Lord has said." For that shared response to happen, the message had to be heard clearly. In The United Methodist Church, we continue that pattern through

connectional ministry. Through giving to United Methodist Communications, funded by The World Service Fund, we help share the message of Jesus Christ through media, digital tools, and resources that equip congregations and reach new people. During Effective Communications Month, we are reminded that how we share matters.

**Join us this Sunday for worship as we listen for God's call and consider how we can help others hear and respond—together.**

## **JUNE 21, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost – Men's Ministry Sunday**

### **MISSION MOMENT**

*"So what are we going to say? Should we continue sinning so grace will multiply? Absolutely not! All of us died to sin. How can we still live in it? Or don't you know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life. If we were united together in a death like his, we will also be united together in a resurrection like his. This is what we know: the person that we used to be was crucified with him in order to get rid of the corpse that had been controlled by sin. That way we wouldn't be slaves to sin anymore, because a person who has died has been freed from sin's power. But if we died with Christ, we have faith that we will also live with him. We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and he will never die again. Death no longer has power over him. He died to sin once and for all with his death, but he lives for God with his life. In the same way, you also should consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus."*— **Romans 6:1b–11 (CEB)**

In Romans 6:1b–11 (CEB), the apostle Paul asks, *"Should we continue sinning so grace will multiply?"* and then answers with clarity: *"Absolutely not!"* Through baptism, we are united with Christ in his death and raised to walk in new life. This new life is not meant to be lived alone—it is lived together, shaped by grace, and expressed through the way we care for one another.

[Men's Ministry Sunday](#) in The United Methodist Church invites us to see that new life in action. It is a reminder that faith is not only personal—it is shared. The men of the Church, through mentorship, service, leadership, and presence, help embody what it means to walk in new life with Christ. Their ministry reflects the truth that we are no longer bound to what was but are called into what God is doing now.

United Methodists observe awareness Sundays like this to lift up ministries that deepen our spiritual lives and strengthen our shared witness. These moments remind us of our blessings and the faith that unites us. They also help us see how each person's role matters in the life of the Church. On this Sunday, we honor the men who show up—in quiet acts of service, in guiding younger generations, and in building communities rooted in Christ's love.

Paul reminds us that *"we know that our old self was crucified with him"* so that we might no longer be controlled by sin but instead live fully for God. That kind of life is not lived in isolation. In The United Methodist Church, we live this out through a connectional way of being. We are connected so that no congregation carries ministry alone. Together, we support and strengthen one another, ensuring that ministry continues in places we may never see, but are still part of.

Every gift tells a story, and every story can begin with the impact we make through our ministry together. At its heart, giving is a covenant—to walk together in faith, to support one another, and to trust that God is working through all of us. Through this shared commitment, the work of ministries like Men's Ministry is sustained and multiplied.

As we reflect on this new life in Christ, we are reminded that our faith calls us into community, into service, and into a shared purpose that is greater than ourselves.

### **Reflection Question:**

Where is God inviting you to live more fully into this shared, new life with others this week?

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Title:** We are made new in Christ

**Materials:** A clear jar with dirt or mud on the outside (or washable marker/paint on it) and a damp cloth, or paper towel and cleaner

Good morning, friends! I'm so glad to see you today! I brought something with me. (Hold up bottle.)

What do you see? It's a bottle—but look closely... is it clean? (Show the dirt or marks.) It's kind of dirty, isn't it?

What should we do with it? Should we throw it away? (Pause for answers.) Yes! We could clean it! Let's try (start wiping the bottle and use the cleaner if needed)

Look what's happening! The dirt is coming off! (Keep wiping.) Now look at it—it's clean again! It looks almost brand new!

Our Bible story today tells us something really important. It says that when we follow Jesus, we are made *new*. That doesn't mean we become a different person—it means God washes away what's old and gives us a fresh, new life. Kind of like this bottle! Now here's the really cool part—God doesn't just make one person new and send them off alone. God brings us together.

Today is Men's Ministry Sunday. That means we are saying "thank you" to the men in our church who help others grow, learn, and follow Jesus. They help people remember that God loves them, forgives them, and makes them new. And in The United Methodist Church, we don't do that by ourselves.

We help each other.

We care for each other.

We remind each other that God makes us new.

So every time you are kind...

Every time you help someone...

Every time you show love...

You are helping someone see that they are made new, too. And together, we share that good news with the whole world.

**Prayer:** Dear God, Dear God,

Thank you for loving us and making us new. Help us remember that you wash away what is old And give us new life in Jesus. Thank you for the men in our church who help others follow you. Help us love and care for one another every day. Amen.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, Through Christ, you have raised us to new life, calling us to live not for ourselves, but for you. On this Men's Ministry Sunday, we give thanks for those who serve, lead, and reflect your love within the Church and beyond. Receive these gifts as signs of our shared covenant to walk together in faith. Through our connectional giving, may these offerings strengthen ministries, deepen relationships, and extend your grace in ways we cannot do alone. Use all we offer to bring life, hope, and witness to your love. Amen.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER from [Discipleship Ministries](#)

Listening God, you hear the cries we whisper and the cries we cannot speak. In a world still marked by fear, abandonment, and unfairness, you remain the one who listens and who hears the voices of the outcast, the wounded, the overlooked. As we bring our offerings today, open our ears as yours are open. Make our giving an act of solidarity with those whose voices rise in need. Use these gifts to reveal your presence, to bring water into desert places, and to remind all your children that they are not alone. Shape us into people who hear because we have been heard. Amen.

### NEWSLETTER NUGGET

Men's Ministry Sunday in The United Methodist Church reminds us that we are raised to new life in Christ—not alone, but together. Rooted in Romans 6:1b–11, we celebrate the men whose faith, service, and leadership strengthen our shared witness. Awareness Sundays like this lift up ministries that deepen our spiritual lives and remind us of the faith that unites us. Through our connectional giving, we support this ministry and ensure no congregation carries the work alone.

Join us this Sunday for worship as we celebrate Men's Ministry and the new life we share in Christ—together.

## JUNE 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost – The World Service Fund and United Methodist Men

### MISSION MOMENT

*"Those who receive you are also receiving me, and those who receive me are receiving the one who sent me. Those who receive a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Those who receive a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded."*— **Matthew 10:40–42 (CEB)**



In Matthew 10:40–42 (CEB), Jesus says, *“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.”* He continues by reminding his followers that even offering a cup of cold water in his name matters. These words show us that small acts of care are never small in God’s kingdom. Every act of welcome, every moment of compassion, becomes part of something greater.

This is the heart of ministry in The United Methodist Church. Through the [General Commission on United Methodist Men](#) (UMMen), supported by the World Service Fund, the Church extends that welcome in tangible ways. UMMen leads scouting ministries like Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Campfire, creating spaces where young people are nurtured, guided, and encouraged. They also support programs for at-risk youth, and advocate for men working to prevent domestic violence—offering care, accountability, and hope.

These ministries may feel far removed from our daily lives, yet they are deeply connected to us. In The United Methodist Church, we are part of a connection—a covenant to walk together in faith. When we give through our apportionments, our gifts join with others across the connection, strengthening ministries that serve people we may never meet, but whom God deeply loves.

Jesus reminds us that welcoming others is the same as welcoming him. Through UMMen, that welcome is lived out in mentoring relationships, safe spaces, and acts of healing. Every gift tells a story, and every story can begin with the impact we make through our giving. What may seem like a simple act becomes part of a much larger witness of love and grace.

For many, understanding how The United Methodist Church works can feel complex. But at its heart, it is simple: we give so that we can serve together. No congregation carries ministry alone. Together, through connectional giving, we ensure that the Church is present wherever there is need—offering welcome, support, and hope.

As we reflect on Jesus’ words, we are reminded that even the smallest act, given in love, matters. And when we act together, those small acts become a powerful expression of Christ’s love in the world.

#### **Reflection Question:**

How might your giving become a way of welcoming others into the love of Christ this week?

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Title:** A cup of kindness

**Materials:** A cup (empty or with a little water)

Good morning, friends! I’m so glad to see you today! Look what I have. (Hold up cup.) What is this? Yes—a cup!

What do we use a cup for? (Pause for answers.) That’s right! We use it to hold something we want to drink—like water, milk, or juice.

Now let me ask you—if someone is really thirsty, and you give them a cup of water, is that a big thing or a small thing? It might seem small, right? In our Bible story today, Jesus says something amazing. He says that even giving a cup of water matters. It matters to God! That means even the smallest kind things we do make God very happy.

So, in a way, we are like this cup. A cup helps in a simple but important way—it makes it easier for someone to drink. And we can help in simple but important ways, too.

When we are kind, when we share, when we help someone—we are making things better for others. And here’s something really special: we don’t do this alone. Our church works together to help people. There are people called United Methodist Men—UMMen—who help others in big and small ways.

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They help kids learn and grow in groups like Scouts.

They help people who need support and care.

They help make sure people feel safe and loved.

It all starts with something simple—just like giving a cup of water.

And when we all give what we can—our kindness, our help, even our gifts—we become part of something bigger.

So when you share your snack...  
When you help a friend...  
When you are kind...  
You are giving your own “cup of water.”  
And that makes Jesus very happy.

**Prayer:** Dear God, Thank you for loving us. Help us be kind and caring to others. Show us how to share what we have. Thank you for people who help others every day. Help us be part of your love in the world. Amen.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Gracious God, You call us to welcome others as we would welcome Christ himself. As we give today, we remember that even the smallest gift can become part of your greater work. Through our connectional giving, we support ministries like the General Commission on United Methodist Men, strengthening efforts that nurture youth, support those in need, and bring healing and hope. Receive these gifts as signs of our covenant to walk together in faith. Use them to extend your love beyond what we can do alone. Amen.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER from [Discipleship Ministries](#)**

Faithful Provider, we bring our gifts with trembling hands and trusting hearts. Like Abraham on the mountain, we don’t always understand the path ahead, but we believe in your promise: that you will provide. We offer these gifts, not as bargains or sacrifices to earn your love, but as signs of our trust in you. Use them, we pray, to bless others—to meet needs, to heal hurts, to build hope. And as you provide for the world through us, keep us faithful to your calling, even when the way is unclear. May our giving be our “Here I am,” ready and willing to serve. In Christ’s name, Amen.

### **NEWSLETTER NUGGET**

In Matthew 10:40–42 (CEB), Jesus reminds us that even the smallest act of kindness matters. Through the General Commission on United Methodist Men (UMMen), supported by the World Service Fund, The United Methodist Church lives out that call—nurturing youth through scouting, supporting at-risk communities, and advocating for healing and hope. Through our connectional giving, our gifts are joined together to strengthen ministries that serve beyond our walls. Every gift tells a story of welcome, care, and Christ’s love.

**Join us this Sunday for worship as we celebrate how our shared giving makes a difference—together.**