"But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!" — 1 Chronicles 29:14, NLT

Dear friends in Christ,

Gift of Hope scholarship recipient Emma Kate Kiely grew up on a small farm in Missouri. She and her two younger sisters were involved in many extracurricular activities – 4-H Club, sports and youth group at Clinton (Missouri) United Methodist Church.  
  
“We were always on the go,” she recalled.  
  
Now attending Missouri State University in Springfield, Emma stumbled upon the Gift of Hope scholarship, supported through the United Methodist Student Day offering. “With the cost of college today,” she admitted, “sometimes paying for it can be overwhelming. “I know that everyone who receives a scholarship is beyond grateful. It is so rewarding to know that our United Methodist family supports our decision to attend college.”  
  
Thanks to your gifts to the United Methodist Student Day offering, Emma is gaining the necessary skills she needs to become a successful educator. “I am getting the education I need to make sure my future students are prepared to face the everyday challenges life throws at us,” said Emma.  
  
United Methodist Student Day is six weeks away! Review your worship service plans and download the resources below to help you with your celebration, whether in-person or online.

* Remind your congregation about the upcoming United Methodist Student Day celebration and encourage them to participate.
* Ask your youth leader to use [youth resources](http://e.umc.org/es1e8Q00000XJT0B522rl0k).
* Encourage your members to download the resources to share with [children at home](http://e.umc.org/p0500J123Q0B09sXkr0leT0) and in [small-group studies](http://e.umc.org/HJ0001B0sl4eTQ50r2X00ak).
* Distribute [children’s resources](http://e.umc.org/p0500J123Q0B09sXkr0leT0) to parents and grandparents and encourage them to use the materials at home. Your Christian education leaders may reinforce the lessons during church school.
* Encourage your speaker to use the [sermon starter](http://e.umc.org/hrl2b5X01J000BkTs000Q5e) to support their message.
* Invite members to [download mobile wallpapers](http://e.umc.org/P010s0kJrX0lc50T0e6Q2B0) to their phones and ask them to encourage their friends and family to use them and to share graphics on their social media pages.
* Share [poster graphic](http://e.umc.org/es1edQ00000XJT0B527rl0k) on social media to remind the congregation about your United Methodist Student Day celebration.
* Use [social media cards](http://e.umc.org/a0010r02BJ0e008QeXsT5lk) **as visuals during your online worship service to engage participants in worship** on your media platforms.
* Remind members to give online at [UMC.org/SSgive](http://e.umc.org/NX00fJBk0002lTQ19s50e0r) or add your church's online giving link in your social media posts and streaming comments if appropriate.

**Pastor and Leader Kit** resources are also available in [Spanish and Korean](http://e.umc.org/TasJT0l02001eXg00r5BkQ0) — including sermon starter, bulletin insert, offering talk, liturgy, poster and social media graphics.   
  
Thank you for your faithful giving to the United Methodist Student Day offering. Your generous gifts support qualified United Methodist students as they prepare for life in uniting their faith with knowledge.