

January 7, 2018

## Mission Moment

**Human Relations Day** is one of our six Special Sundays. These are Sundays when the United Methodist Church takes up a united offering benefitting specific ministries.

This year, **Human Relations Day** will be observed next Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Gifts received from the **Human Relations Day** offering are used to shine light into our neighborhoods and communities by supporting ministries that are doing the work of community advocacy, community development, and reaching at-risk youth.

Over 900,000 youth were arrested in 2015. While the rate of juvenile arrests has been trending down, this is still a large number. Add to this number the families, schools, and communities affected when young people are at-risk to become involved in committing crimes.

Youth-at-risk are in need of strong families and strong communities to lead them towards better paths. Next Sunday, your gifts on **Human Relations Day** support ministries that work to strengthen youth- at-risk through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

Giving on **Human Relations Day** is giving that brings light while also investing in young lives and communities.