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## Mission Moment

From the beginning of the United Methodist movement, education has been an important emphasis. One of John Wesley's aims was to raise the status of the poor from poverty to middle class. The vehicle used to do this was education.

In his lifetime, Wesley urged people to read; he distributed books, published his own teachings, built schools and created education opportunities for adults. Wesley's hope was that education would provide opportunities to improve quality of life and empower those who were educated to give back so that others would have the same opportunities.

Education continues to be the primary vehicle that moves people out of poverty in our society today. The commitment to supporting people in their educational pursuits also remains with United Methodists.

One of the ways we continue our commitment to lifetime learning is by observing ***United Methodist Student Day***, one of our ***six Special Sundays***, when we take up a churchwide offering to provide scholarships to qualified students.

We will celebrate ***United Methodist Student Day***, next Sunday, November 26. Our generous gifts on that day will provide United Methodist students opportunities to further their education and equip them to carry out God's mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world.