

November 5, 2017

Mission Moment

All Saint's Day is November 1 each year and many United Methodist congregations observe All Saint's Day on the first Sunday in November.

While there is not a unified story of the beginnings of this tradition, we know that it was the desire of believers in the early church to honor the martyrs who were persecuted and ultimately died for their faith.

In The United Methodist Church, we consider saints as those believers, past and present, acting in the world in response to the love of God. These faithful believers, whether they are widely known heroes of faith or quiet and humble servants have made ways for those of us still on Earth to witness their faith and experience the love of God through them, and through their witness, we have come to faith.

We celebrate All Saint's Day by giving thanks for all those saints who have gone before us and left this legacy behind them, that others may know and experience the transforming love of Jesus. The work of the saints continues today, in local congregations and on a global scale.

Our gifts to the World Service Fund through our apportionments equip the saints to continue their task of making disciples and carrying on this legacy of the faithful.