

# Special Sundays

## (Oct. 2021 – Dec. 2022)

### OCTOBER, NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2021

**\*\*World Communion Sunday** [OFFERING] October 3, 2021 – Supports scholarships for ethnic students through the General Church Office of Loans and Scholarships.

**Children's Sabbath Sunday** - October 17, 2021 – Celebrates children and encourages everyone to be in prayer for children living in poverty throughout the world.

**Undie Sunday** - October 17, 2021 – Collects new underwear for distribution to clothing closets of our conference mission projects.

**Laity Sunday** - October 17, 2021 – Celebrates and emphasizes the ministry of all baptized persons and lay ministries.

**Ministry Exploration Sunday** - October 24, 2021 – Encourages people to consider full time Christian ministry.

**Day of Remembrance** [OFFERING] – October 31, 2021 – This year the Board of Pensions honors those who have given their lives in service to God's people by designating this offering to support the work of the New Vision Depot in its mission of disaster response recovery.

**Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Sunday** – November 14, 2021 – Informs and educates about the importance of donating organs and tissue.

**\*\*United Methodist Student Day** [OFFERING] November 28, 2021 – Supports scholarships and loans for students administered through the General Church Office of Loans and Scholarships.

**World AIDS Day** – December 1, 2021 – as recommended by Global Ministries Team.

## **JANUARY, FEBRUARY and MARCH 2022**

**\*\*Human Relations Day [OFFERING]** – January 16, 2022 - Supports programs for community developers, voluntary services, and police/community relations.

**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday [OFFERING]** – January 23, 2022 – Supports Burlington Family Services for adoption support services.

**BMCR Sunday [OFFERING]** – February 6, 2022 - Support the vital ministry of Black Methodists for Church Renewal. 50% of the offering goes to the National unit and 50% remains in WV.

**UMVIM Awareness Day** – On or about February 22, 2022 – Informs and educates about Conference Volunteers in Mission.

**Disability Awareness Sunday {OFFERING}** – March 6, 2022 – Supports the work of Disabilities Ministries in the Annual Conference.

**\*\*UMCOR Sunday [OFFERING]** – March 27, 2022 – Supports the work of United Methodist Committee on Relief. This is the only time when offerings are used to support the administrative work of UMCOR.

## **APRIL, MAY and JUNE 2022**

**Golden Cross Sunday [OFFERING]** – April 10, 2022, all fifth Sundays, and any Sunday in Lent– Supports the health and welfare agencies in the Annual Conference

**\*\*Native American Awareness Sunday [OFFERING]** – May 1, 2022 - Supports ministries with Native Americans and provides scholarships for Native Americans attending seminary.

**United Methodist Foundation Sunday** – May 15, 2022 – Informs and educates about the work of the Conference Foundation and opportunities for giving.

**Heritage Sunday** - May 22, 2022 - Celebrates the history of our denomination and brings attention to WV Conference historical sites.

**\*\*Peace with Justice Sunday [OFFERING]** – June 12, 2022 – Supports peace with justice ministries through the General Board of Church and Society and the Annual Conference.

## **JULY, AUGUST and SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Hunger and Poverty in WV Sunday** [OFFERING] – July 10, 2022 – Provide awareness and supports the Hunger Grant program administered through the Global Ministries Team.

**Campus Ministry Sunday** [OFFERING] – August 7, 2022 – Supports the work of the WV Conference Student Movement and campus ministry units.

**Rural Life Sunday** – September 4, 2022 – Informs and educates about the importance of ministry in rural life.

**Christian Education Sunday** [OFFERING] September 11, 2022 - Provides resources for Christian Education Ministries.

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