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Today is United Methodist Student Day. It's an incredible day we've celebrated since 1940.

In just a minute, we are going to take up a special offering, and when the plate comes around, you can drop in your donation.

Before our volunteers pass the plate, though, I wanted to tell you why we're so passionate about this day, and help you understand the incredible impact you are making today.

Because of your generosity, we are able to help 2,300 students a year with scholarships, but there are so many more qualified United Methodist students who need our help.

The truth is college has gotten expensive. Really expensive. When we started celebrating Student Day in 1940, a college education could be attained for \$450 annually. Today, that same education costs an average of \$23,000 each year.

Today, 62 percent of American families say they can't afford to send their children to college. Yet, by 2020, 65 percent of the jobs in the American market will require a college degree! Fewer and fewer students are able to attend college. College enrollment rates have been decreasing the past few years, and seminary enrollment rates are down as well. The financial burden is really taking a toll.

These aren't just statistics about money; these are statistics that are affecting the next generation of leaders!

When we give on this Special Sunday, we are coming alongside our United Methodist students and helping lighten the burden of education.

We are helping United Methodist youth from the next generation become the leaders, pastors, teachers, engineers, doctors and lawyers of tomorrow.

We are empowering the next generation of United Methodist young people.

Let's invest in our students today. Let's give them the gift of hope.

Let's help them discover their purpose.

Will you join me in giving generously today? Together, we can do so much more than we can alone.

Ushers, you may receive the offering now.



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