

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY/LAITY SUNDAY THEMES

Year	Theme	Date
1929	The Benevolences	June, second Sunday
1930	A Man and His Church	June, second Sunday
1931	The Way to Spiritual Power	June, second Sunday
1932	The Ideal Layman	June, second Sunday
1933	This Stewardship Interpretation of Life	June, second Sunday
1934	The Mission of the Christian Church	June, second Sunday
1935	We Are in a Fight for: the Christian Family, a Christian Economic Order, a Sober Nation, a Warless World	June, second Sunday
1936-1939*	*Note: five things were mentioned in a general statement for these years They are: Laymen and Evangelism, Spiritualizing Church Finance, A Fellowship Church, Why Go to Church?, And Adequate Support of the Ministry*	
1940	Christian Stewardship	February, last Sunday
1941	Stewardship in Action	February, last Sunday
1942	Methodist Men And the Mission of the Church	February, last Sunday
1943	Methodist Men In World Reconstruction	February, last Sunday
1944	The Church at Its Best	February, third Sunday
1945	The Church Meeting Its Responsibility: For Ministerial Supply; to the Homeland; to the World	February, fourth Sunday
1946	Our Timeless Mandate to Serve, to Seek, to Save	February, fourth Sunday
1947	Our Accountability to God	February, fourth Sunday
1948	Learning to Live the Christian Life	February, fourth Sunday
1949	I Am a Methodist	February, fourth Sunday

1950	A Layman's Faith	February, fourth Sunday
1951	When A Layman Worships	February, fourth Sunday
1952	Methodist Men As Builders of the Kingdom	October, third Sunday
1953	Christ Calls Men	October, third Sunday
1954	A Time for Decision	October, third Sunday
1955	Be Ye Doers	October, third Sunday
1956	The Truth Shall Make You Free	October, third Sunday
1957	My Father's Business	October, third Sunday
1958	Seek Ye First	October, third Sunday
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1959	You Have Been Called	October, third Sunday
1960	Always Be Prepared	October, third Sunday
1961	You Shall Be My Witness	October, third Sunday
1962	As Good Stewards	October, third Sunday
1963	Your Neighbor As Yourself	October, third Sunday
1964	Able to Stand	October, second Sunday
1965	Go, Inquire Concerning the Book	October, second Sunday
1966	The Servant Hood of the Church	October, second Sunday
1967	Christ's Ambassador	October, second Sunday
1968	The Urgent Fellowship	October, second Sunday
1969	Power by Action	October, second Sunday
1970	Common faith – Common Commitment	October, second Sunday
1971	Unto the Least of These	October, second Sunday
1972	Who? Me?	October, second Sunday
1973	Called – Together	October, second Sunday
1974	What Shall I Do?	October, second Sunday

1975	Shaping Our National Life	October, second Sunday
1976	A Nation Under God	October, second Sunday
1977	God's People	October, second Sunday
1978	God's People: Called to Serve	October, second Sunday
1979	God's People: Called to Witness	October, second Sunday
1980	God's People: Called to Be the Church	October, second Sunday
1981	Laity Leadership Means You	October, second Sunday
1982	Laity In Leadership Means Risking	October, second Sunday
1983	Servants Entrance	October, second Sunday
1984	Ordinary People in Extraordinary Ministry	October, second Sunday
1985	Living As Disciples in Our Homes	October, second Sunday
1986	Living As Disciples in Our Workplaces	October, second Sunday
1987	Living As Disciples in Our Neighborhoods	October, second Sunday
1988	Living As Disciples in Our World	October, second Sunday
1989	We Are Called and Gifted	October, third Sunday
1990	We Are Called to Connect Faith and Action	October, third Sunday
1991	We Are Called to Holy Living	October, third Sunday
1992	We Are Called to Life in God's Service	October, third Sunday
1993	Rejoice! God's People Sing for Joy	October, third Sunday
1994	Rejoice! God's people Serve with Compassion	October, third Sunday
1995	Rejoice! God's People Speak with Conviction	October, third Sunday
1996	Rejoice! God's People Share with Love	October, third Sunday
1997	Partners in Ministry – Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the Church	October, third Sunday
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1998	Partners in Ministry – Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in Daily Life	October, third Sunday
1999	Partners in Ministry – Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the Community	October, third Sunday
2000	Partners in Ministry – Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the World	October, third Sunday
2001	Set the Table	October, third Sunday
2002	Welcome the Stranger	October, third Sunday
2003	Partners in Ministry: All God's People Telling the Story	October, third Sunday
2004	Partners in Ministry: All God's People Singing the Song and Living the Life	October, third Sunday
2005	One in Spirit, All in Ministry: In the Spirit of Discipleship	October, third Sunday
2006	One in Spirit, All in Ministry: In the Spirit of Worship	October, third Sunday
2007	One in Spirit, All in Ministry: In the Spirit of Stewardship	October, third Sunday
2008	One in Spirit, All in Ministry: In the Spirit of Fellowship	October, third Sunday
2009	Disciples Transforming the World: Through Prayers	October, third Sunday
2010	Disciples Transforming the World: Through Presence	October, third Sunday
2011	Disciples Transforming the World: Through Gifts	October, third Sunday
2012	Disciples Transforming the World: Through Service and Witness	October, third Sunday
2013	Disciples Called to Action: Developing Effective Lay Leadership	October, third Sunday
2014	Disciples Called to Action: Engaging Small Groups	October, third Sunday

2015	Disciples Called to Action: Creating Unity in Ministry	October, third Sunday
2016	Disciples Called to Action: Living Vital Worship	October, third Sunday

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