

United Methodists at Work: Changing lives through education

Jenna Childs, a senior majoring in family and youth ministry with a minor in accounting at Kansas Wesleyan University, said she would like to become a youth pastor in a mid-sized United Methodist church. Unlike many college students, Child has known her calling in life since her sophomore year of high school. She felt a need to empower teenagers and young adults to feel the awesome power of God.

"This was something I could see myself doing for the rest of my life," she said. "I was spurred by my peers, because of their assumption that Christianity had to be boring."

Since moving to Clearwater when she was in junior high school, Childs and her family have been members of Clearwater United Methodist Church, where she was involved with the youth group.



Jenna Childs, a senior from Clearwater, confirmed her calling to youth ministry at Kansas Wesleyan University.

*Unite the pair so long disjoined
Knowledge and vital piety
Learning and holiness combined
And truth and love
Let all men see. ~ Charles
Wesley*



Since the earliest days of the Methodist movement, the church has worked to provide training and support for those called to ministry and to provide access to church-related higher education for those who desire it, uniting knowledge and holiness.

In response to the gospel's commission to "go ye therefore and teach," American Methodism has founded more than 1,200 institutions of higher education, among them some of the country's great colleges, universities and theological seminaries.

In the Kansas West Conference, United Methodists are combining knowledge and holiness at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina and Southwestern College in Winfield.

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