**2018 Pastor Appreciation Ideas**

Here are 20 great ways to show appreciation to your pastor(s) for all he or she does—not just in October, but anytime throughout the year!

1. **Send your pastor and spouse to The Gathering 2019**. The Gathering is a once-every-four-year event designed to encourage Wesleyan pastors. It is never too late to begin to plan and to show appreciation! Click here for details and to register.
2. **Enroll with your pastor in the Thrive Financial Initiative**. Thanks to a significant grant from the Lilly Endowment, Education & Clergy Development is able to offer matching grants with local churches and/or districts to help address financial challenges faced by clergy, things such as debt, future pension, health care costs, and more. *Click* [*here*](https://secure.wesleyan.org/tfi) *for detailed information and how to enroll in this significant opportunity for your pastor.*
3. **Buy your Pastor a Wesley Study Bible.** WPH is offering two wonderful deals to assist you in celebrating your Pastor. [Click here](https://finelink.com/wphstoreretail/bbag54.html) to get a Wesley Study Bible for $10 and receive 50% off all promotional items your Pastor will love by logging in to [wphstore.com](https://finelink.com/wphstoreretail/) and using the code PASTORCARE18 at checkout.

4. **Counseling/Coaching & Marriage Check-up.** The Wesleyan Church has a unique relationship with PastorServe and SonScape Retreats. PastorServe offers pastoral counseling and coaching for clergy and spouses, while SonScape offers top-notch retreats for clergy couples. See these links for details and more

options: Pastorserve.net and sonscaperetreats.org

5. **Clergy Care Retreats.** Check out discounted rates for Pastors to get away. <http://www.lawrencewilson.com/free-retreats-vacations-pastors/>

6. **A night out.** Give clergy families a night out to a local restaurant.

7. **Prayer.** Organize a prayer calendar so each pastor is prayed for every day of the month.

8. **Daily Gift for the Month.** Each day one member delivers a gift to the pastor.

Choose something of special interest to the pastor such as a bag of their favorite candy, fishing lure, tickets, etc.

9. **Sabbath Retreat.** 3 days and two nights for the Pastor to attend a spiritual retreat for their own spiritual well-being.

10. **New Equipment.** Some examples include:

■ Ipad

■ Laptop

■ Cell Phone

11. **Dry Cleaning.** Provide a month of dry cleaning service for the pastor and family.

12. **Bonus.** Give them a bonus and present it in church along with words of appreciation.

13. **Offer free sessions with a financial planning consultant**. Provide sessions with a financial advisor who will help them budget, anticipate college education for children, and plan for retirement.

14. **Library Addition.** Provide a gift card for the Pastor to choose what is needed for his/her library.

15. **Make a Video Presentation.** Create a presentation оf photos аnd video оf thе

pastor(s) in action during thе past year. Set it tо music аnd play it аѕ a pre-service video.

16. **Continuing Education.** Offer financial assistance to further the pastor's education.

17. **Gifts for Pastor’s Children.** Present gift certificates for the children of pastors to their favorite store.

18. **Supply Favorite Things.** Think оf оnе small thing уоur pastor enjoys, ѕuсh аѕ M&Ms, fishing lures, coffee, etc. Aѕk еасh member tо bring thаt item оn Sunday, i.e. оnе bag, аnу size, оf M&Ms. Supply extras fоr guests оr forgetful members.

19. **Invite the kids on an outing**. The next time you are going somewhere fun with your family, invite the pastor's children along. They would appreciate this hospitality as much as their children.

20. **Pay for a gym membership.** Gym memberships might be out of the range of many pastors. The gift of a gym membership can lead to greater health, vitality,

and community connection. Fitbit is a great idea for helping your pastor maintain physical health by tracking anything from steps, heart rate, sleep, calories, and more.