

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. **The Gathering.** Begin now to set aside funds to send your pastor and spouse to The Gathering. 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!
2. **Involve Kids.** Show kids how to appreciate their pastor. Get your kids involved and help them model gratitude to the entire pastors family. Here's a helpful list of ideas for kids: <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/holidays/show-kids-how-to-appreciate-their-pastor>
3. **Words of Affirmation.** Use the note card provided to make copies for everyone in the congregation to fill out and present to the pastor, spouse and family.
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.** Help send your pastor(s) on a retreat. Here's a list of great options. <https://resources.wesleyan.org/clergy-care-retreat-centers>.
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: tablet, laptop, cell phone, etc.
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 of photos and video of the pastor(s) in action during the past year. Set it to music and play as 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 of one small thing your pastor enjoys, such as fishing, favorite candy, coffee or tea, etc. Ask each member to bring that item on Sunday. Supply extras for guests or forgetful members. Individually hand to the pastor after the service.
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.