

# 10 Ways to Say "Thank You" to Your Pastor

- 1. Offer to make pastoral care visits and calls for a week.**

Volunteering to help make visits and calls offers your pastor a break to focus on other tasks for the week and helps the people receiving the visits and calls a new face of connection.
- 2. Make a charitable donation.**

Donate to a local charity or one of our [conference supported ministries](#) (like Camp Glisson, Wesley Woods, Wellroot, Aldersgate Homes and Collinswood, Murphy-Harpst, and so many more!) in the clergyperson's name.
- 3. Explore renewal leave and overall wellbeing for clergy.**

Encourage clergy to explore ways to schedule renewal leave each year (and each quadrennium) as referenced in ¶1350 in the Book of Discipline. Also, encourage clergy to make time for counseling and medical appointments as part of their workday.
- 4. Send a personal note of appreciation.**

A "thank you" can be so meaningful. And get the kids involved – have them draw pictures to send to the pastor to say "thank you."
- 5. Support an alternative Sunday worship plan.**

Collaborate with the pastor to identify a few Sundays throughout the year that the pastor doesn't plan worship (i.e., Youth Sunday, Older Adult Sunday, mission Sunday, or a Cantata).
- 6. Take on a chore.**

Offer to hire a lawncare or house cleaning service to help out the pastor.
- 7. Purchase a monthly subscription to ConseCrate.**

This [subscription box](#) is created specifically for clergy! What a great way to send a surprise thank you that centers around clergy wellbeing and self-care.
- 8. Give a simple gift to your pastor.**

Send a gift basket related to your pastor's favorite hobby to help them relax. Don't know what it is? Just ask!
- 9. Give a meal to your pastor.**

Drop off a meal or send an Uber Eats gift card to help, especially on a busy day.
- 10. Volunteer your time at the church.**

Commit to volunteering regularly in some area of ministry. Consistent volunteers reduce stress for the pastor that often has to fill gaps.