

## 2017 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 2019.** Begin now to set aside funds to send your pastor and spouse to The Gathering in 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!
2. **Breakaway.** Provide a scholarship for the Pastors' Spouse to attend this unique event designed just for the spouses of pastors.
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](http://Pastorserve.net) and [sonscaperetreats.org](http://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 of photos and video of the pastor(s) in action during the past year. Set it to music and play it 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 M&Ms, fishing lures, coffee, etc. Ask each member to bring that item on Sunday, i.e. one bag, any size, of M&Ms. Supply extras for guests or 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.



