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## Mission Moment

One Sunday each year we celebrate **Christian Education Sunday** and recognize those who use their gifts of teaching and service within United Methodist congregations.

Some of us had the opportunity to grow up attending Sunday school as children. Whether or not we knew it, people were pouring into us what would become the foundation of our moral and spiritual beliefs.

Others of us had our first experience with Christian education as adults. Whether we are just getting started or we are continuing to mature as disciples, Christian education is a vital part to a deeper knowledge of scripture and a more intimate relationship with God. When we are participating in Christian education in our churches through Bible study, we are able to wrestle with how scripture is calling us to live. These opportunities for growth are possible by those who give their time and talents in teaching.

In our approach to Christian education in the church, it might be tempting to think knowing the content of the Bible is enough. Yet, as disciples, we know that we must apply scripture to our daily lives. Once we understand how scripture and life intersect, we begin to see that it requires our action. Action on beliefs takes courage. We can find that courage through our participation in Christian education among our communities of faith. When we involve others in our spiritual growth we have the opportunity for support and wisdom of sharing life experiences together.

God of Grace, we thank you for all those who have taught us about You and we pray that they will be filled with love and joy. Bless all whose lives are touched by the ministries of this church.