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## Mission Moment

In the United Methodist Church, we believe that the home is the center for faith formation. We carry this tradition forward from the very beginning of Methodism.

This emphasis is no surprise when we look into John Wesley's formative years. His mother put a strong emphasis on educating her children. This education included Scripture reading. Wesley is known for saying "I have learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England."

The faith that is demonstrated by those caring for us at home is the most likely to be carried into adulthood. Family experiences are critical in shaping our faith and determining how we relate to others.

This is why The United Methodist Church celebrates **Christian Home Month**. In adopting **Christian Home Month**, we are supporting families in practicing faith together at home. Teaching faith at home can be intimidating as children ask difficult questions and some of us are inexperienced at leading prayers and Bible studies.

Resources for **Christian Home Month** are available to us through the diligent work of *Discipleship Ministries*. *Discipleship Ministries* provides resources for family prayer, worship and Bible study all with the goal of making disciples who change the world.

We support the work of *Discipleship Ministries* through our giving to **World Service Fund** apportionments.