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## Mission Moment

What are your favorite childhood memories of church?

Wearing your “Sunday best”? ... Learning about Jesus? ... Memorizing the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm?.... Perhaps practicing for a Christmas program or Vacation Bible School?

Church camp was maybe your all-time favorite? First as a participant, living in a rustic cabin, swimming in a beautiful lake, learning stories of the Bible, creating treasures during craft time, eating and singing in the dining hall and making new buddies made lasting memories. Then as you aged, you graduated into one of the camp counselors.

In The United Methodist Church, today we celebrate **Christian Education Sunday**. On this special day, we recall the people who helped with our spiritual formation- Sunday school teachers, pastors who led confirmation classes and church camp counselors. We remember also the people who taught by example- parents, Scout leaders, coaches and many others.

Most important, **Christian Education Sunday** is the perfect time to honor the many people who model God’s love every day as we commit ourselves anew to telling the stories of Jesus in word and action.