

# Joy Connection

Newsletter  
January 2019

TIME FOR  
SOMETHING  
NEW!



So All May  
Know Joy

## Looking Back, Looking Ahead

Now that 2018 is gone, it's natural to look back and reflect on things that went as well as we had hoped, and things that perhaps we'd do differently if given a second chance. Our history is always a mixed bag when seen with hindsight. Some of our regrets may never amount to more than lessons learned, while others of them may be redeemed by God in powerful and grace-filled ways that we have yet to discover. We live in the present, and the great faith adventure we're on is one of expectantly looking for God's presence in each moment and joyfully joining in whatever we see God doing!

On the other hand, this is a good time of the year to look forward- not just to the coming year, but to the end of your life. If you were able to read your obituary, what might it say? Dan Wilt, in *Thirty Stories of Hope*, recounts the story of Alfred Nobel, and how reading his own obituary led to some changes in his life.

*Nobel was a famous Swedish chemist, engineer, innovator, and armaments manufacturer. He was also the inventor of dynamite...One day in the late 1800s, he had the unfortunate experience of seeing his own obituary mistakenly printed in the newspaper. The obituary called him 'the merchant of death,' and Alfred was stopped in his tracks. His life needed a redirection, and he was disappointed with the legacy that he was about to leave. (p. 63).*

We all stand in need of second chances. The good news is that we follow a savior who is the champion of underdogs like us, people who make mistakes and sometimes need to be picked up and pointed in a new direction. Not many of us have the kind of wealth that Alfred Nobel had, but all of us have the chance to rewrite our obituaries. That chance begins today. As long as we have the breath of life in our bodies, there is always hope that the powerful and merciful Spirit of God will melt and refashion our hearts, leading us to turn away from the old habits and attitudes that drag us into the darkness, and turn toward the living light of Jesus Christ.

May God bless you with new beginnings in 2019!

Pastor Bill

8:15 am • Joyful Praise Worship

10:30 am • Celebration Worship

Coffee Fellowship & Education • 9:20-10:20 am



## Worship

### Sunday, January 6

*An Age of High Anxiety*  
Isaiah 41:8-10; 13  
Psalm 56

#### Holy Communion

### Sunday, January 13

*Fear of the Other*  
Psalm 27:1, 5-6; 14  
1 John 4:7-11; 18-21

### Sunday, January 20

*Friendless and Alone?*  
Psalm 139:1-12; 23-24  
Genesis 2:7, 15-23

#### Human Relations Offering

### Sunday, January 27

*Fear of Failure*  
Joshua 1:1-9  
Exodus 3:1-2; 7; 10;  
Exodus 4:10-12

#### 1st Grade Faith Stepping Stone Blessing

#### Human Relations Offering

We will receive the Human Relations special offering on **Sunday, January 20** to support neighborhood community development ministries; provide community advocacy in the United States and Puerto Rico through the United Methodist Voluntary Services; and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. This is one of six annual UM special offerings.

#### Worship Attendance

	Early	Late	Total
Dec. 2	125	67	192
Dec. 9	139	85	224
Dec. 16	148	45	193
Dec. 23	135	66	202
Dec. 24	179	101	280
Dec. 30	96	44	140

## About Buffalo UMC

### Mission Statement

*...serving people for Jesus Christ so that we all may know joy!*

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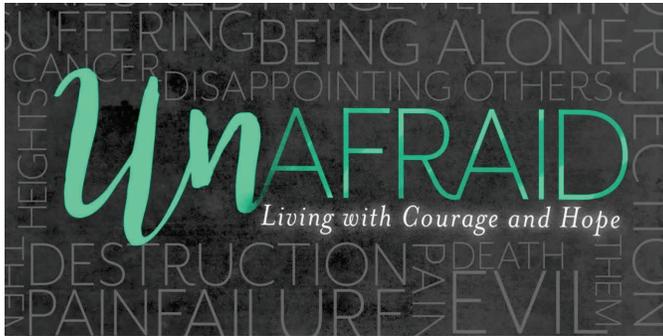
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## Faith Formation—Adults



### “Unafraid” Worship Series Begins Jan. 6

In our new worship series this January, we explore the most common worries and fears experienced by Americans today, consider practical steps for overcoming these fears, and reflect upon fear in the light of scripture and a faith that promises again and again that we don't need to live in fear. Don't we all want to live with courage and hope? Let's learn how to do that together in worship this winter!

### “Unafraid” Companion Book Study

Jesus said, “Do not be afraid.” Easier said than done! To go along with the worship series starting the New Year, a companion book/Bible study will be offered based on Adam Hamilton's book, *Unafraid—Living with Hope and Courage in Uncertain Times*. Hamilton says, “For anyone struggling with fear, worry, or anxiety, or who wonders how families and communities can live as peacemakers in troubled times, *Unafraid* offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions.” The 5-week discussion group will meet **Sundays, January 13-February 10 at 9:20 a.m.** in the adult conference room. The book is required. Please sign up at the bulletin board to take part in this class.

We'd like to offer additional study groups, so if you would consider facilitating one at the time and location of your choice, contact Rita Varner-Otness at 763-682-5256.

### Thursday Night Bible Study

 An ongoing traditional Bible study meets at Paulette Moore's home **weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 pm.** All are welcome to join this study long- or short-term as able. Call Paulette for details at: 763-276-7435. This year we are studying 1st & 2nd Kings, Esther, and Ruth.

### Prayer Journaling January Class

Sheryl Lehman will offer another three session prayer study in January using a free workbook she developed. Join this study on January 10, 17, and 24. There will be a daytime and evening option for the class. Sign up at church.

### Life Happens! A Caring Ministry

Life Happens is a monthly ministry where guest speakers share firsthand experiences on difficult topics, helping us know what to do and what to say to let people know we care. Join us on the 2nd Monday of each month from 7:15-8:15 pm in the fellowship hall for a time of listening, learning, caring and dessert. Come whenever you can. The next one is:

**Monday, January 14, 7:15-8:15 p.m.**

**Family Life after Suicide**

**Doug & Jodi Morey, presenters**

## Faith Formation—Children

### Sunday School Update

**Thank you** to all the parents, teachers, staff, and volunteers for making the Happy Birthday Jesus party, the Christmas program AND the potluck a success! It's been a beautiful few weeks of coming together in many different ways to share the good news of Jesus' birth!



### First Grade Faith Stepping Stone in January

Our first graders will learn about prayer in a Faith Stepping Stones class during Sunday School hour on **Sunday, January 20.** Parents and teachers will receive a letter soon with details. How special that parents and their 1<sup>st</sup> grade children will learn about prayer together. Then on **Sunday, January 27** the children will receive prayer books and a congregational blessing during worship. We ask that parents please make a special effort to attend. Any students in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade who did not attend last year are also invited—please let the church office know.

### Sunday School Calendar

January 6	Sunday School classes resume
January 20	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Prayer Instruction Class (during SS hour)
January 27	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Faith Stepping Stone Blessing in worship

## Faith Formation— Confirmation

### Confirmation Schedule

Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm unless indicated

Jan. 2	No Class, Winter Break
Jan. 9	Focus Night
Jan. 16	Focus Night
Jan. 23	Focus Night
Jan 26-27	Retreat at Camp Koinonia
Jan. 30	Focus Night

### Confirmation Retreat Jan. 26-27

Students, parents and faith partners, please note that the Confirmation Retreat is on **Saturday, January 26**. This is a mandatory event for students. Faith partners spend the entire day with students; youth and chaperones also stay overnight Saturday. If you have not turned in your registration form or payment for this event yet, please get it turned in to the church office ASAP.

## Ministry & Missions

### Christmas Day Dinner Report

We had our biggest crowd ever for the Christmas dinner, serving around 210 guests! Including volunteers, we served around 250 people. Thanks to **everyone** who helped in any way with food donations, decorating, setting up, cooking, serving and clean-up. When you see Gail Hurley, be sure to thank her because this couldn't have happened without her stepping up as head cook! Our guests expressed their appreciation for having a place to go to enjoy a wonderful meal and not be alone. We don't have to go far to serve others in the name of Christ!

### Blankets for Beds

Thank you to all who continue donating blankets and bedding to the Food Shelf. The need is NEVER-ending, so as you find an extra blanket or two in your home, remember we accept any and ALL new OR gently used blankets/linens. Place them in the "Blankets" box outside of the church office or if you need them picked up, call Dianne McLain 763-682-2260.



### Meals on Wheels Coming in February



Don't forget that February is our month to provide drivers for Meals on Wheels delivery in Buffalo! Check your calendar and watch for the sign-up sheets posted this month in the entryway.

### Comfort Choir Available

If you feel it would be appropriate or comforting, a small group of people in our congregation are willing to come to your home or the bedside of your family member or friend who is ill or in hospice. We are willing to come, even on short notice, to quietly sing hymns or praise songs that you feel would connect your loved one to our congregation and the loving arms of God. Call Craig at 763-682-1994 or 763-242-7922 if you ever wish to call upon this ministry, or if you'd like to be part of singing team!

### Frozen Meals Available

Don't forget we have beef stew frozen and available for you to deliver to someone in need of a meal. Who can you think of that would be blessed by a meal?

### Prayer Shawl Ministry



Join this gathering every fourth Monday of the month at Arlene Nelson's home at Park Terrace at 1:00 pm to knit or crochet shawls for people who might be homebound, in the hospital, grieving, or in other challenging situations. Call Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260 with questions. **This month: Monday, January 28 at 1:00 pm.**

### Turn in Your Lydia Project Scarves

If you are making a purple scarf for the Lydia Project, please have them turned in to the church office by January 25. Any questions, please call Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260.

### Short-Term Daily Drivers Sought

While Don Mahler is in hospice at Parkview, the family is looking for additional drivers to bring Lois and her sister from Hanover to visit daily from mid-morning to late afternoon. If you could help, even with one of the daily trips, please call Sue Kiphuth at 612-240-5168. Lois is on wait list for assisted living, so not sure how long the need will be, but all help is appreciated!

## Fellowship & More

### United Methodist Men's Fellowship



The United Methodist Men's Fellowship gathers on **Saturday, January 19 at 7:30 am** for fellowship over a hot breakfast, devotions, discussions, and to look for ways to serve our church family and community.

Newcomers are welcome any time! Contact Ivan Erickson at 763-497-1742 if you have questions.

### United Methodist Women's Fellowship



The UMW meets **Thursday, January 10 at 1:00 pm** with a theme of Pledge Service and preparing Valentines for the homebound. All women of BUMC are welcome!

### Praise and Coffee Gatherings



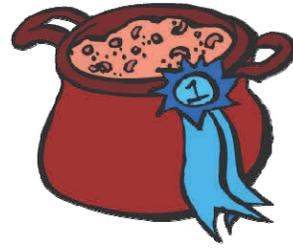
Another Praise and Coffee fellowship takes place on Monday, January 7 at 6 pm with Sheryl Lehman at Perkins. Men, women, young, old - all welcome! Bring a friend. Coffee is optional.

### Thursday Game Gathering

Gather in the fellowship hall at 1:00 pm for a time of fellowship playing games and occasional service project. Bring a favorite game and snacks. All are welcome! Call Esther Kiphuth at 763-477-6221 if you have questions. **This month: Thursday, January 3 at 1:00 pm**



### Chili Cook-Off & Cribbage Tournament



**Sunday, January 27**

**11:30 am - 2:30 am**

Warm up your winter and help raise money for our summer mission events at our annual Cribbage Tournament

and Chili Cook-Off!!

Participate in one or more ways:

- Simply come and eat! Even if you don't enjoy chili, there will be soup and crackers available. Enjoy a meal and some good company.
- Play in the one-day cribbage tournament. No one is eliminated from play and all games will be finished at the same time, with a winner declared by 2:30 pm.
- Enter a pot of your favorite chili in the Chili Cook Off Contest for a chance to win the Golden Ladle Award.
- Vote on the best chili - Come sample the different chili recipes and vote by placing quarters or dollar bills in the bucket next to your favorite. The chili earning the most cash will be declared the winner and All Church Chili Champ.
- Bring your favorite board games for any age and enjoy playing with others.



All proceeds will support this year's summer mission events, including We Can Be the Change and STORM Camp.

*Please pre-register for the cribbage tournament*

## In the Community

### Love INC Volunteers Sought

Love INC-Big Woods has a need for more volunteers in the coming weeks as many faithful helpers leave for the winter. We have a need for people willing to move a family or single client, usually from one apartment to another. This can be done by a small group Bible study, a family with teenagers, an adult Sunday School class, or just a bunch of friends looking for ways to be helpful with a pick-up truck! We can use more

drivers to take clients to their medical appointments, the food shelf, grocery shopping or picking up prescriptions. This can be done in your free time with your own car. Can you work at our Thrift store in Maple Lake, either unpacking donations, checking people out as a cashier or moving displays? This can be done almost any time during the week when the Clearinghouse or Store is open. If any of these opportunities sound like fun to you, call Connie at the Love INC office, or leave a message at 763-682-2550.

# Ministry Team Updates



# Preschool News

## Finance Team Report

By Dexter Lehman

As a finance team member, I can relate to how George Bailey must have felt in *A Wonderful Life* when the people of the town rallied behind him in the final hour of his need. This past month at BUMC, we've all rallied behind the idea that God's work in our community through the ministries of our church matter. Thank you for your faithful giving that has made all of our ministries possible this year. We began December with expenses outpacing giving by almost \$10,000 year-to-date, but your strong December giving to the General Fund and the special Christmas offering for apportionments makes it likely that we will meet our 2018 financial obligations without having to draw on reserves. The Christmas offering as of Christmas Eve was \$7,605. Watch for final 2018 budget numbers in February's newsletter.

## Pledges for 2019

Your annual financial pledge is your commitment to God through the church, so thank you to all who have made giving a spiritual priority for 2019. If you haven't yet completed an estimate of giving card, it's not too late—we will happily accept it!

## Offering Envelopes Available

Offering envelopes for 2019 are in the entryway at church for those who requested them, and others who would like to start using them.

## Celebrating 2018!

Looking back on 2018, it's quite amazing what we as a congregation accomplished! Some projects were in the plans for a long time, while new projects came out of MCCI teams energies:

- Greatly increased adult study options, with many classes, the new Life Happens ministry, the first women's retreat in 10 years
- New church database transition made
- Hosted successful Party in the Park event; expanded the Summer Reading Program and set up our Little Library
- Hosted MCCI training event; formed new MCCI teams; launched the new visual identity
- Sound system upgrade installation
- Parking lot re-surfacing, new hallway signs; carpet replacement and fresh paint in the fellowship hall and other areas; began updating the church entryway
- Strong, ongoing and broad mission support

We had a wonderful December! Our activities centered around the manger and the long-ago birth of Jesus, and we also enjoyed activities in anticipation of Santa, and Christmas. We practiced lots for our program, and the 3 year old class also sang for the UMW brunch on Dec. 13. Both classes ended the month with Christmas programs of singing and jingling and joy-with wonderful attendance by lots of parents, grandparents, and other friends and relatives. Christmas was shining bright on lots of proud, happy faces!



Classes resume January 2 and 3 with the themes "Winter and Under the Sea." We are hoping for snow and nice days, as we love to go outside sliding in the wintery white! We will experiment with freezing and thawing, bring snow into our sand/water table, learn how animals survive the cold, and paint lots of snowmen.

If you know any preschool age child who could benefit from a half-year program, please pass the word that we still have openings. We especially encourage families who may not have the financial means to give their children the advantages of early childhood education, as we could provide tuition assistance. We are currently helping three families with tuition subsidies, and feel this is a valuable outreach, as those children might otherwise miss this early education opportunity, and we also provide them the support of a church family. If you have means to add to this scholarship fund, it would be most appreciated and put to good use! A belated "Christmas Gift" would be wonderful!

The preschool has a Facebook page, so "Like" us at Buffalo United Methodist Preschool and spread the word about our wonderful school and the current openings. Enrollment for the 2019-20 school year begins February 1 for current BUMC and BUMP families for children who will be 3 years old by September 1. Enrollment for the general public begins March 1.

Wishes for a joyous January from the preschool--- where you are always welcome to stop in and take a peek any morning. It will truly lift your spirits!

## This January

### BUMY RETURNS!

**Wednesdays**

**January 9, plus  
January 16, 23 & 30**

#### **PARENT REMINDER:**

Remember to send dinner money with your students when they come on Wednesday evenings.  
Pizza \$1/slice; POP .50 can!



Watch for announcements, information and registrations for our **SUMMER MISSION TRIP!**

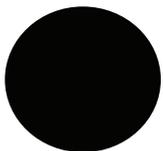


**“Where Everybody Knows Your Name!”**

**CURTIS R. RIECK**  
[Curtis@buffaloumc.com](mailto:Curtis@buffaloumc.com)  
(The guy who should know stuff)

NO DOTS

NO STARS



## Senior High Youth

I recently saw this quote, "No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending" (Unknown). I really began to think about that statement. The conclusion was that we don't start over; but we begin again right where we are, making things better in our lives.

As a believer in Christ, it is not about saying I will do this and I won't do that and then dropping the idea or falling short. It is more about asking the Lord to help us each day, to fall deeper and deeper in love with Him. This way our focus will be set on the things of heaven and not on all this earthly stuff.

If I were to make a New Year resolution, it would be to have a deeper commitment and a deeper love for the Lord. In the beginning of this past year, He spoke to me in that still small voice in prayer and said, "I am more than enough. I am more than enough in every area of your life."

This year I am determined to make Him my all and all. He wants our undivided attention in spite of the distractions and temptations that lie waiting around the corner. He has to be our main focus. How we will end this year will be determined by how we started it.

If you are a Christian and you feel a little "off" in your relationship with the Lord, then now is the time to rekindle the love affair with Him. He calls us to Himself and says, "Come away, my beloved." Can you hear Him?

— Curtis



## Christmas Gift Exchange

Grades 9-12

**SIGN UP on the youth board,  
get dressed up, bring a gift,  
and enjoy the fun!**

**Wed., Jan. 9**

# January Schedules

<b>Scripture Reader Schedule</b> Traditional Celebration Service 10:30	
January 6	Jerry Ford
January 13	Dianne McLain
January 20	Rita Varner Otness
January 27	Mary Johnson
<b>Coffee Server Schedule</b>	
January 6	UEC – Mike & Jana Knutson
January 13	Georgia Pollock & Art Peterson
January 20	Natalie Roeser & Barb Odenthal
January 27	Lisa McConnon & Darla Frink
<b>Usher Schedule</b>	
8:15 am	
January 6	Mike & Barb Sande
January 13	Kathy & Spencer Hanson
January 20	Dave & Pam Sieberg
January 27	Georgia Pollock & Laura Gilson
10:30 am	
January 6	Ivan Erickson & Lester Hamann
January 13	Linda Bostic & Jeremy Carlson
January 20	Mary Johnson & Susan Sorsoleil
January 27	Linda Bostic & Susan Anderson

<b>Looking Ahead...</b> Items to Put on Your Calendar	
February 3	Park View Service
March 6	Ash Wednesday Worship/ Dinner
February 21	Lenten Dinners & Worship Series begin - every Wednesday
March 31	One Great Hour of Sharing/ UMCOR Sunday
March 2	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Communion Class
March 3	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade FSS Blessing
April 14	Palm Sunday
April 18	Holy Thursday Worship
April 21	Easter Sunday
	

## Information

### Devotional Resources

Current issues of the *Upper Room* are available in the entryway for a nominal donation.

### Prayer Requests

Call the office or use the cards available in the pews to make prayer requests. Turn them in to the pastor before services on Sunday morning for inclusion in announcements.

### Prayer Circle

Please call the church office at 763-682-3538 with prayer concerns or to be part of the prayer circle.

### Flowers for the Altar

Do you have a special event or person you want to honor with flowers some Sunday? Sign up on the flower chart posted by the office, and indicate if you will bring your own, or place your check for \$40 in the offering marked “flowers” and we will order.

### Please let the church office know:

- If your telephone number, e-mail address or mailing address change.
- When a member of your family is hospitalized or in need of pastoral care.
- If you would like Holy Communion brought to you at your residence.
- If you know of someone in the congregation that could use a delivered meal.

# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Schedule</b> 8:15 am Joyful Praise Worship 9:20-10:20 am Fellowship & Education 10:30 am Traditional Worship		<b>1</b> New Year's Day Office Closed  10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers	<b>2</b> 8:30 am Weight Watchers 2:00 pm Guest Connections Team Meeting 6:00 pm Property Team Meeting 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Praise Team	<b>3</b> 1:00 pm Thursday Gathering 6:30 pm AA 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30 am Worship Design Team 9:00 am AA
<b>6</b> Holy Communion 7:30 pm AA (FH)	<b>7</b> 10:00 am AA 1:00 pm Commodity Distribution 6:00 pm Praise & Coffee @ Perkins 7:30 pm AA	<b>8</b> 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting 7:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting	<b>9</b> 8:30 am Weight Watchers 5:30 pm Adult Discipleship Meeting 6:00 pm Confirmation - Focus Night 6:00 pm Sr. High Youth 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Praise Team	<b>10</b> Prayer Journaling Class 1:30 pm UMW 6:30 pm AA 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> 9:00 am AA
<b>13</b> 9:20 Unafraid Bible Study 10:30 am Handbells play 7:30 pm AA	<b>14</b> 10:00 am AA 6:30 BeFrienders 7:15 pm Life Happens 7:30 pm AA	<b>15</b> 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting	<b>16</b> 8:30 am Weight Watchers 6:00 pm Confirmation - Focus Night 6:00 pm Sr. High Youth 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Praise Team	<b>17</b> Prayer Journaling Class 6:30 pm AA 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:30 am UMM 9:00 am AA
<b>20</b> Human Relations Day 9:20 am 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Prayer Instruction Class 9:20 am Social Principals Class 9:20 Unafraid Bible Study 12:30 Private Rental 7:30 pm AA	<b>21</b> No Preschool 10:00 am AA 7:30 pm AA	<b>22</b> 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers	<b>23</b> 8:30 am Weight Watchers 6:00 pm Confirmation - Focus Night 6:00 pm Sr. High Youth 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Praise Team	<b>24</b> Prayer Journaling Class 6:30 pm AA 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:45 am Leave for Confirmation Retreat 9:00 am AA
<b>27</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade FSS Blessing 3 yr - 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade sing in Worship Students return from Confirmation Retreat 9:20 Unafraid Bible Study 11:30 am Cribbage & Chili Event 7:30 pm AA	<b>28</b> 10:00 am AA 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl at Arlene's 7:30 pm AA	<b>29</b> 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting	<b>30</b> 8:30 am Weight Watchers 6:00 pm Confirmation - Focus Night 6:00 pm Sr. High Youth 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Praise Team	<b>31</b> 6:30 pm AA 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study		



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## Don't Miss...

Chili Cook-Off and Game Day  
Sunday, January 27, 11:30 – 2:30

A chili cook-off fundraiser will be hosted by our senior high youth and we will present the 2019 Golden Ladle award to the winner! Soup and chili lunch is followed by our annual cribbage tournament and favorite board games for all ages. Don't miss the fun and fellowship. All proceeds will support the youth summer mission trip to St. Louis.



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