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From Our Pastor



A Great Gift

The heirs of John Wesley see the sacrament of Holy Communion as a great gift to Christian people.

Standing in the middle of the historic stream of Christianity, Methodists see the sharing of this sacred meal as a means of grace whereby the believer partakes in the gift of Jesus. The early Christians took Jesus very seriously when he commanded “Do this” regarding the meal. No wonder the earliest Christians received Holy Communion every Lord’s Day (Acts 20.7) as participation in the on-going ministry of Jesus as our High Priest (Hebrews 8.2). Just as Bible reading, prayer, fasting and Christian fellowship nurtures our souls, so does Holy Communion. We should be as anxious to receive Holy Communion as frequently as we are to participate in these other channels of grace. Holy

Communion is a fellowship with the Living Lord who gives us his Spirit. It is a feasting on the presence (i.e., the Body and Blood) of Christ.

Considering the life-giving gift of the Lord’s Supper, it is not surprising that John Wesley preached a sermon on “The Duty of Constant Communion” (Sermon 101). Wesley preached that Holy Communion gives us “the present strengthening and refreshing of our souls.” In this sermon, he said that the word “frequent” was not strong enough, so he chose the word “constant” to encourage us to take the sacrament as often as possible. We should want to commune with the Spirit of Christ at every opportunity. One can never spend too much time in prayer, study or communion. Our spiritual growth depends upon our faithfulness in using the gifts that God has given us to aid our growth. During the months of June – August, we will have a service of Holy Communion and Anointing for the Sick every Wednesday from 6:00 – 6:30 pm in the chapel. This service will also include Scripture and a brief message. It will also be a time when we will learn what our Christian family believes about healing. This will be a casual, simple service of worship to help keep us connected to the life-giving Spirit of Christ and our fellowship. As we travel during the summer, this will be a way to stay connected with the congregation.

With Confidence in Christ,
Pastor Jeff

VESPERS

[noun] an evening prayer service

June . July . August

A midweek service of Holy Communion and Prayers of Healing

Wednesdays, 6:00–6:30 pm (Chapel)

A simple, casual, sacred time to reconnect with God and your church family.

Each week will include music, scripture, devotional thoughts, sharing prayer concerns, prayers for healing and Holy Communion.

Vacation Bible School
is going to be the
BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER!

SHIPWRECKED
RESCUED BY JESUS

New Friends
Amazing Experiments
Creative Games
Tropical Treats
Surprising Adventures
Incredible Music

July 16-19
9:00 am—12:30 pm
for 3 year olds
(must be 4 by August 31, 2018)
thru 5th Grade

Register ON LINE beginning May 14
wesleymemorial.org

Register on line at www.wesleymemorial.org and click the VBS registration



Kim & John Kennett

**Welcome
New
Members**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

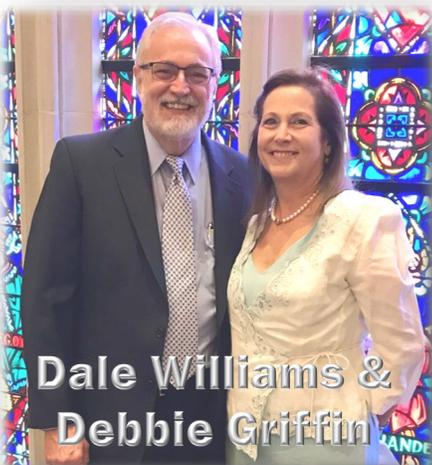
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered over 2000 shawls, blankets, sweaters and other items.

You are invited to join this wonderful group on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. Contact

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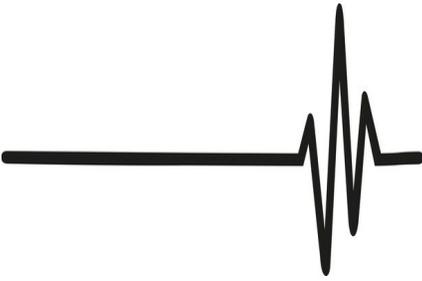
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Dale Williams & Debbie Griffin



**Zach & Emily Jordan
(with daughter Lillian)**



Stories From Our Hearts

Wesley Memorial's purpose is to create and sustain spiritually healthy followers who live in ways that transform the world. **Stories From Our Hearts** is a way for members and friends of Wesley Memorial to share faith stories of transformation in the world.

Recently, Wesley Memorial UMC provided financial support to Pastor Jacques Francois, pastor of The Evangelical Haitian Church, so that he could participate in a "Feeding Your Soul" mission trip to French Guyana. The following is a letter from Pastor Jacques along with photographs from his trip.



From: Pastor Jacques Francois
Feeding Your Soul Ministry
To: Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

4/30/2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Someone said "No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care." All of us have received the great commission after Jesus Christ's resurrection, "as the Father has sent me, I also send you." There were several who wanted to go [serve in the name of Jesus] but could not go because of financial difficulties. I am thankful to Wesley Memorial UMC for showing how much they care about lost people by enabling me to participate in this mission trip.

There is nothing I can give to show how much your support is appreciated. The "Feeding Your Soul" mission trip was awesome. We had two souls come to the Lord and 17 who were discouraged but now, through the Love of God, are restored with joy in their hearts.

I had the privilege to preach in three churches. I prayed through nine houses as well as the pastor's house. The "Feeding Your Soul" ministry is proud to thank you for your support. May the grace of God be upon you all and your ministry for the rest of your life.

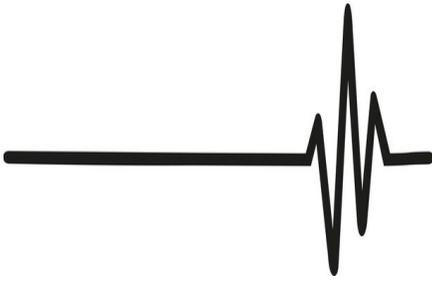
Sincerely



Pastor Jacques Francois

If you've ever wondered what worship might sound like in heaven, you could get a glimpse of it by standing in the Asbury room during the 11:00 hour on Sunday. On communion Sunday in May, I was on my way to the sanctuary when the most glorious sounds caused me to pause in the Asbury Room. At the same time that our congregation was singing the opening hymn, the Haitian congregation was worshipping with full voice as well. I stood there for a moment between our two congregations and listened to a taste of what God must have heard that day. How sweet the sound!

- Meredith Morgan



Wesley Memorial's purpose is "to make and sustain spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ." In order to create an environment conducive to healthy spiritual formation, we are developing standard operating procedures to address emergency and safety issues on our campus. In February, we gathered a team of clergy, staff and lay persons to address this task. Since then, we have been meeting monthly to think through and write procedures for:

- A Medical Emergency;
- A Natural Disaster;
- An Active Disturbance; and
- Other Security Concerns

Our hope is to have a manual completed by the end of the summer and to begin training in the fall. Look to October when there will be basic First Aid, CPR, and WMUMC Safety Training opportunities. In addition, we will conduct our FIRST Sunday morning fire drills.

Safety Quiz

How many AEDs (automated external defibrillators) do we possess at Wesley Memorial?

Where are they?

3; Narthex - outside men's lounge; Front Desk—outside women's restroom; Bridge Cafe - near water fountain

Answers:

Our Safety Team

Meredith Morgan- I am serving as the Lay Leader for Administration and I am a part of the Emergency and Violence Preparedness Team. My role is to support this team as we partner together to create a full plan of preparedness for potential emergency situations that could occur on our campus. The work that this team is doing will provide actual steps and measures that can help us all be prepared and know how to take action if and when something unexpected happens.

JoAnn Clifton, Director Wesley Memorial School –Having seventeen years of experience in managing a school, I understand the magnitude of responsibility for the safety and well-being of all on our campus. I have experience in both evacuation planning and lockdown procedures. Children are my passion; therefore, it was a natural desire for me to be on this committee. I am proud to be a part of this team and am thankful for the talents that each member of this committee brings.

Susan B. Kelley, Associate Director Wesley Memorial School and church member - One of the first things I like to share with new families as they tour Wesley Memorial School is the importance of our security, safety measures and protection for their child. We are a professionally trained staff whose priority is the safety and nurture of the children that are entrusted to our care. As God protects and loves us so we protect and love the children. It is comforting to know that Wesley Memorial makes every effort to be prepared for what "could" happen. We have our faith and prayers, but God has equipped us to be smart and plan accordingly. I am grateful I can help prepare and plan for the unexpected situations. I take this task very seriously and with the support of the entire congregation we will care for one another and our community.

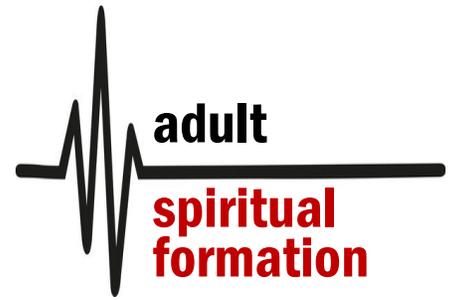
Carolyn Uhlin - My background in nursing combined with my current work in Critical Incident Stress Management heightened my interest in helping Wesley Memorial be prepared for emergencies on our premises. My goal is to assist in implementation of protocol for medical emergencies that may occur at our church.

Roy Shipman has been a member of Wesley Memorial since 1971. He is married to the former Victoria Snider and her family was one of the founding families of Wesley Memorial, dating back to the original church on Washington St. Roy retired in 2015 with over 40 years of police and law enforcement related experience including serving as a High Point Police Officer, an Investigator for Insurance Fraud and 12 years conducting Top Secret background investigations for the former Officer of Federal Investigations. He was one of only a few hundred investigators in the United States credentialed to conduct investigations for the National Geo-Spatial Intelligence Agency.

Also serving on our Safety Team are Cindy Dominick (Manager of Facilities & Hospitality), Scott Howell (Director Administration, Finance & Communications), Jared Stine (Associate Pastor for Congregational Care), and Murray Catton (Facilities Team, Chair).

The Reverend **Erin Beall**

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Summer Book:

The Screwtape Letters

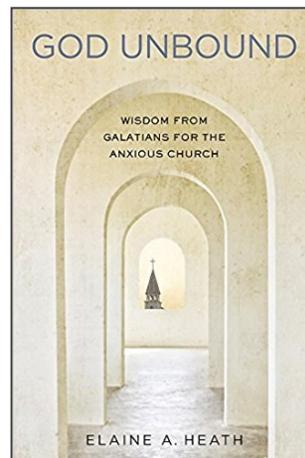
A casual group met to enjoy fellowship, conversation, and fun at Brown Truck Brewing Company and then at the Pattersons' parsonage in May. Though our opinions differ (Do demons exist? And if so, are they assigned to us in the way C.S. Lewis imagines?), we all agree that we're getting a lot of spiritual wisdom out of this book. At times funny, at times a little unnerving, always interesting, *The Screwtape Letters* may be a classic, but it still jumps off the page today. Pick up a copy (or rustle up your old copy from your high school days!) and join us for our last get-together (7:00 pm June 12, location TBD) and then for our final dinner at 6:00 pm on June 26 in the Dining Hall—free, but please call the Front Desk by Monday, 6/25 to let us know you're coming!



wesleymemorialjourneygroups.org

Announcing an “Adult Forum”:

Ancient Wisdom An Anxious Church



In these times of political unrest and social upheaval, even our denomination is not immune. Anxiety, therefore, plagues many people of faith and infects many churches' internal cultures. We are committed to making sure that Wesley Memorial UMC does not become one of these “anxious churches”! So we are turning to our favorite source of guidance: the Bible. Galatians, specifically. This

summer, we'll hear from the book of Galatians from the pulpit, as well as from a new book from Duke Divinity School Dean Elaine Heath, *God Unbound: Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church*. From July 8 through August 19, Pastors Jeff, Jared, and Erin will rotate teaching this book Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45). This seven-week series will culminate with Dean Heath herself coming to preach on August 26 at 9:45 and 11:00 (the 8:30 services are cancelled that day). Join the pastors for this Sunday School hour offering we're calling an “Adult Forum.” Books will be available starting in June from the Front Desk for \$12/each.*



Elaine A. Heath

*PS: This is a great option for Sunday School classes who struggle to find programming or teachers during the summer, for folks whose Sunday School classes don't meet at all in the summer, and folks who are interested in trying out making adult Sunday

School a part of your family's Sunday routine!



Steven Nelson

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Save The Dates

ManTreat (for middle school boys)
Friday, June 1 – Saturday, June 2

Carowinds (for everyone)
Thursday, August 9

Ward Street Outreach (for everyone)
Thursday, August 23

Welcome Lock-In (for 6th graders)
Saturday, August 25 thru
Sunday, August 26

Move-Up Sunday (for everyone)
Sunday, August 26, 9:45am

Family Hour
(for students and parents):
Sunday, August 19, 9:45am

Student Ministry Summer Fun

Summer Bible Studies and Fun Nights for all students and their friends in grades 6-12. Parents check your email with more details about our summer activities and events.

Girls' Bible Study, Tuesdays
10:30am-12noon,
The Underground

Guys' Ball & Bible, Tuesdays
2:00 -4:00 pm, The Gym

Seven Summer Nights, Wednesdays
7-9 pm (various locations)
June 13, 27; July 11, 18, 25;
August 1, 8

VBS

Student Help Needed

We need you the week of July 16-19 (Monday-Thursday) for Vacation Bible School at Wesley Memorial UMC. We need students to come alongside the children's ministry leaders to help serve, play, guide and teach all the awesome children! If your student and their friends are interested, please email Debbie Foust, Director of Children Ministries at dfoust@wesleymemorial.org or text at 336-601-2020 by Wednesday, June 27.

Prayers

Please pray for our 60+ people involved with 2018 Church Camp. Pray for students, leaders, worship, content, fellowship and all the plans that lead up to a great week at Valle Crucis Conference Center June 17-22.



Sydney Brooke James

2018 Student Ministry Summer Intern

We are excited to announce that **Sydney Brooke James** will be our 2018 Summer Intern at Wesley Memorial UMC! Sydney is from Stokesdale, NC and has recently completed her first year at UNC-Chapel Hill. She is double majoring in Media & Journalism and Global Studies. Go Heels! She has been a member of Summit College ministry and is exploring opportunities with College Life (a ministry of Young Life). She also volunteers with a non-profit organization called "TABLE" that helps feed hungry children in the community. Her favorite hobbies include journaling and taking awesome Polaroid pictures. Sydney's hidden talent are her amazing ping pong skills and she loves to chow down on some cheese fries. Her favorite animals are the iguana and giraffe and she loves munching on skittles and sour patch kids. Sydney's favorite scripture is Romans 12:2 and she loves helping empower the next generation of students! We look forward to partnering with Sydney as she walks alongside middle and high school students this summer in the name of Jesus.



**2018 High School Graduates
Alpha & Omega Sunday
May 20, 2018**

Congratulations to our Class of 2018 Senior Graduates. We love you and are praying for the next journeys.

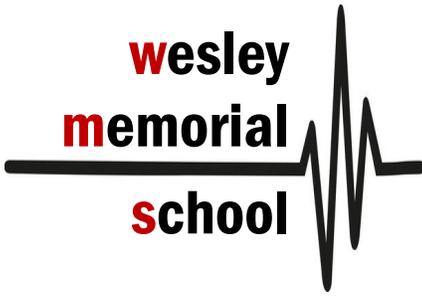


Life Groups



Chicken N Fixins was a huge success. We are grateful for the adult leaders, students and parents that stepped up to make it an awesome night for everyone. We are especially grateful for all the Wesley Memorial men that cooked, prepared and served all the great food! Student Ministry and others really enjoyed this event partnership. See you again next May.





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From Our Director:

JoAnn Clifton

As I reflect on my first year as Director, I am overwhelmed with gratitude and love for this wonderful staff, children, and families. I am grateful for the welcoming smiles and support and most grateful for the friendship, dedication and partnership from **Susan Kelley**. We have had a momentous year. Thank you, church community and church staff, for all you do to support the Wesley Memorial School mission.

One of my highlights to this year has been our mission and outreach projects. Our children and families were involved in many opportunities to give and share. Our first was in September with our mini-crop walk. Then, came our Thanksgiving food collection. In December we shared love through gift bags for the church staff and the Angel tree families. Then in February, it was love shared through care cards for those in hospitals and shut-ins. Finally, our Super Hero Dash. We earned almost \$900.00 for programs for children with cancer through Kisses4Kate. Wow! Way to go students and families of WMS! You really showed others that you care!

Springfest has become a signature event of our Early Childhood Team, a group of parents and grandparents who support and plan for teacher hospitality and fundraising. This dynamic group of ladies are second to none in all that do!



SPRING CARNIVAL

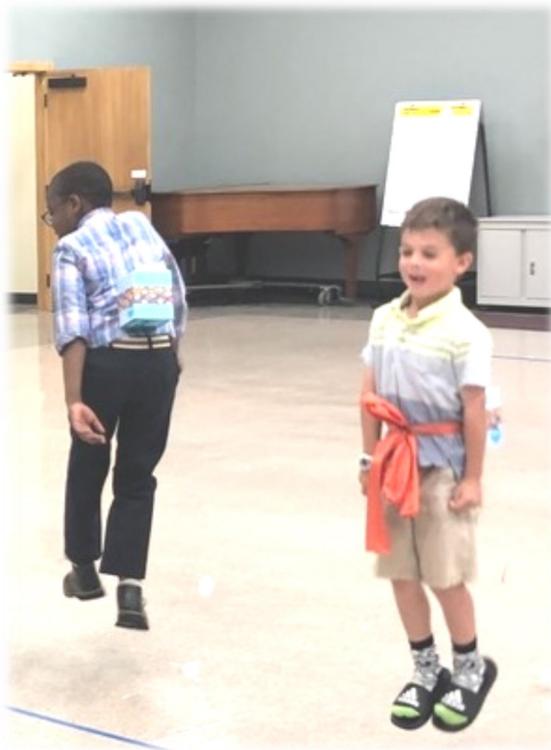


Debbie Foust

Director of Children's Ministries
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**2017 -18 Sunday School Year
CELEBRATION**




SUMMER
Sunday School
Begins June 3

Sunday school will continue for all our children's classes two-year-old through fifth grades. Children are to go to the same class they have been a part of all year.

They will not go to the next class until "Move Up Sunday" on August 26.

Save the Dates:

June 18-21
Music Camp

July 16-19
VBS

July 30-August 2
VBS at Ward St Mission



VBS DONATIONS

- Paper towel tubes
- Large Fabric tubes
- Large carpet tubes
- Painters Tape (green & blue)
- Masking Tape
- Duct Tape
- Resealable plastic bags (quart & gallon size)
- Paper grocery bags

Financial contributions are always welcome to offset the cost of others supplies and snacks for each day.



Dear Wesley Memorial Congregation and UMW Members,

Thank you for your recent donations to the **YWCA Baby Basics Closet** and **Career Closet**. The Tea/Shower hosted by the UMW on May 6 was a great success due to your generous contributions. All the items will be used to help local families and the YWCA was thrilled by your show of support. Women and children are a focus area of the UMW so this event was an ideal partnership for both organizations.

A special note of appreciation to two UMW members. Barbara Strowd co-ordinated the delicious tea and floral decorations and Betsy Hodge collected and delivered the contributions.

Thank you again for your support,

Lucille Duncan

WMUMW President



Congratulations 2018 College Graduates

Matthew Douglas Amos

BS, Cum Laude – Public Relations
Appalachian State University
son of Rick & Chris Amos

Michael Chryl Bateman

BA – Global Environments & Sustainability
University of Virginia
grandson of Mary & Tom Mason

Dr. Caitlyn Byrd

DNP—Anesthesiology
University of Kentucky, Murray School of Nursing
daughter of Jenny Linthicum Fleming

Katie Lynn Catton

MA—Social Work
University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill
daughter of Murray and Debra Catton

William Harrison Frye

BA – Political Science
Guilford College
son of Lyle & Kelly Frye

Brian Thomas Jobe

BA – Economics and Management & Society
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
son of Martha & Dan Jobe

Maeson Alexandria Kelley

Associates – Science Medical Sonography
Forsyth Tech Community College
daughter of Rick & Susan Kelley

Erica Stewart Sawyer

BA—Communication Studies
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
daughter of Rick Sawyer

Alexandra Caroline Walther

BS – Biomedical Engineering
University of Virginia
granddaughter of Jane & Bill Harriss

We Remember and Honor our Loved Ones

Gifts received April 2018

In Memory of:

Margaret and Robert Cain: Lundee Amos, Gaston Penry

William (Bill) Hough Colonna, Jr.: Barbara & Paul Coughlin,
Betty & Harold Martin

Geneva Spratt Craig: Beverly Koontz

Rufus Talmage Fish, Jr.: Joe Gamble

Mary Gwendolyn Jones Gibson: Sallie & Bob Amos, Barbara
& Paul Coughlin, Jennifer & David Covington, Si & Lisa
Davis, Dr. & Mrs. William Farabow, Joe Gamble, Mary
Lyles, George & Laney Morris

Steven Hall: Kenneth & Paige Cochran

Judy Hurst: Lyn Hurst

Tom Johnston Kearns, Jr.: Barbara & Paul Coughlin, Betty &
Harold Martin

Chris Kiziah (Brother of Lisa Hawley): Lyn Hurst

William (Bill) Burke Mewborne, Jr.: Dr. & Mrs. William
Farabow, Billie & Dick Futrell, Kay & Dusty Maynard, Bob
& Kathy Niebauer, Raymond & Liz Rogers

Ellen Rives Millis: Bobby & Debbie Irvin, Dr. & Mrs. Lyle
Smith

Debbie Pedersen: Barbara & Paul Coughlin

Helen Weavil Starnes: Debbie & Tom Smothers

Mary Louise Stone: Joann McCuiston

Paul Walker (Father of Beth Thomas): Bart & Barbara
Lassiter

In Honor of:

Lisa Hawley: Family of Ellen Rives Millis

Tammy Patterson: Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class

Joanne Sechrest: Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class &
Roy Shipman



In Memoriam

Bettye Packer, May 20, 2018

Sympathies

John Rhodenhiser Jr. & Ryan Rhodenhiser upon the
death of their father and grandfather, **John Robert
Rhodenhiser Sr.**, on January 16, 2018

George Morris and family upon the death of his mother;
Jean Stuart Morris, on April 24, 2018

Faison Hawley & Olivia and Sam Hawley upon the death
of his mother and their grandmother, **Martha Davis
(Faison) Hawley**, on May 12, 2018

The family and friends of **Bettye Packer** upon her death on
May 20, 2018

JULY

heart♥beat Deadline

Friday,

June 22, 9:00 am

showell@wesleymemorial.org

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spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ
who live in ways that transform the world.**



United
Methodist
Women

If you are interested in visiting/joining a UMW Circle, you are invited to email **Peggy Holden** at mopeg@northstate.net or **Lucille Duncan** at lbd48nc@triad.rr.com.

2018 Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska, June 15-16, 2018. Featured speaker is the Rev. Dr. Suzanne G. Michael “Glory Gifts” of New Hope UMC, Winston-Salem. Opening session begins at 6:45 pm on Friday, event ends at noon on Saturday. Full details at www.wnccumw.org.

WNCC UMW Mission u, Pfeiffer College, July 19-22. Register by July 5. Areas of study include “Embracing Wholeness”, “What About Our Money? A Faith Response”, and “Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the US”. **Details at www.wnccumw.org.**

**Circles
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in June**

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