



# January 2026

## Carlisle United Methodist Church



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United Methodist Church Mission Statement- *To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.*

As we approach 2026, statistics tell us that almost 50% of U.S. adults will set a New Years resolution. According to research the top three resolutions are:

1. Putting more money into savings (45%)
2. Getting more exercise (45%)
3. Improving overall physical health (41%)

Each of those resolutions are a worthy goal. But what if, when we make those resolutions or set those goals, we are not thinking big enough?

Here is what I mean. What if 50% of the U.S. decided that their goal was to become a true disciple of Jesus Christ? That would mean we would have massive amounts of people growing in our relationship with Jesus, loving like Jesus, helping our neighbors in their time of need like Jesus. In other words, we would prioritize growing our relationship with Jesus, and growing closer in our relationship with others, just like Jesus did.

How would that change us? How would that change the world? As we approach 2026, I want to encourage you to become a closer disciple of Jesus and a stronger lover of your neighbor. Think big!

Imagine how that might change the world!

May you be blessed in 2026!

**Mike**

Kathy and I also want to thank the people of Carlisle UMC for the incredible gift we received for Christmas. Please know that we are thankful for you and the way you support us in our ministry.

Many Blessings for '26!

Mike & Kathy

# FINANCE CORNER

*This information reflects General Account only through September.*

YTD Actual Giving	YTD Budgeted Giving
\$212,557.19	\$211,750.00

Giving for the year is on track – thank you for a good November. We are still showing a negative budget as we have had a number of unexpected expenses that were not reflected in the budget. This has us operating at a significant loss for the year. Budgeted giving for next year will increase noticeably.

Thank you to those that have given a year-end contribution. We hope you will continue your generosity through 2026. We appreciate our congregation and the many ways you give – through time, prayers and funds.

***Please watch for a year-end Financial Summary in January.***

## December Key Finance Meeting Takeaways

- General Account balance was up slightly.
- A draft of Memorial Policy was reviewed and discussed. Several updates were suggested and an updated version will be shared in January for adoption.
- The 2026 budget was discussed in depth. Expenses were reviewed line by line with a few things reduced or pushed back a year. Income was evaluated and expectations were increased. This reduced our deficit to about \$20,000 - assuming Pastor share for the entire year and no contingency funds. Other cost saving items are being investigated, such as refinancing the loan.

### *Our church is our second home -*

*we all want it to have the care and upkeep it should.*

*As we have had several unexpected expenses this year, we thought we would ask for your help.*

*The Home Sweet Home Campaign will be for specific needs items.*

*The first item we would like help with is the HVAC for the basement.*

*This is the 3rd HVAC (for different areas) we have purchased 18 months!*

*Our goal is \$10,600. We have received \$1853 putting us at 17% of goal. Thank you for your support!*



GOAL: \$10,600



# JANUARY VOLUNTEERS



WORSHIP LEADERS	January
1/4	Char Cooper
1/11	Youth
1/18	Darren Sievers
1/25	Karla Voboril

SCREENS	January
1/4	Josh Sytsma
1/11	Deb Smalley
1/18	Vincent Mezger
1/25	Ronda Frost

JANUARY HOSPITALITY
<b>Kent &amp; Lori Candee</b>
Jim & Jonda Berg
Kay Black
Eric & Mandi Shaffer
Alice Gray
Todd & Patty Isley
Donna Candee

Thank you so much for helping! It means a great deal to those that come down after church and take time to visit with one another.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to visit with Nancy Jennings or De Streeter as the Women in Faith are in charge of this list.

# JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

## Continued:



January Greeters	
1/4	Sara & Stella Angus
1/11	Youth
1/18	Dave & Connie Reese
1/25	Mary Conners

### Children's Message

*Those Sharing a Special time during Worship with our children*

Jan 4: Amy & Lacey Beller

Jan 11: Youth

Jan 18: Sue Mooers

Jan 25: Marilyn Goodhue

Feb 1: Kathryn Sinclair

Feb 8: Youth

Feb 15: Tim Crowley

Feb 22: Peggy Fogle

Communion Helpers 1/4
Sara Angus
Stella Angus
Denny Woodruff
Krisit Woodruff

*Thank you to all volunteers!*



# United Women in Faith

Co-Presidents Nancy Jennings & De Streeter  
Secretary Mary Conner Treasurer Robin Merrifield

Our Mission is to seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development. Creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities.

## Who we are:

ALL women and friends are invited to be part of CUMC UWF! Please join us!

## What we do:

We do Bible Study, work on mission projects, provide support to the church, have fun, and lift each other up.

## Want more info?

Contact one of our officers listed above.

## Meetings are held throughout the year—

Our next meeting will be on

March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

Please join us in the Grace Room! (116)

## Monthly Hospitality

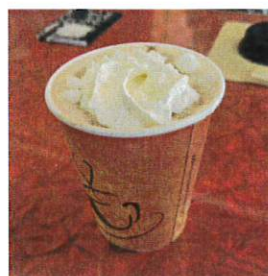
We love our treats and fellowship after church each Sunday. We have a Hospitality Team each month who provide and serve after worship. It's a great time to get to know fellow CUMC members! If you would like to be a part of a monthly Hospitality Team, please contact the office or Nancy.



*Make sure to  
keep your eyes  
open for  
what's coming  
soon!*

### **Ruth Circle:**

Come have a warm drink with some conversation to warm your heart. **Ruth Circle will meet at Smokey Row on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.** This is a time to gather and get to know one another, share stories and laugh! **Everyone is welcome—please join us!**



# Women of Grace

*Carlisle United Methodist Church*

The Women of Grace meet each Wednesday morning at 10:00 in the Grace Room -  
because we all need Grace!

If you are looking for women with whom you can share your Faith, share laughter,  
receive support and learn from great pastors like Max Lucado, Andy Stanley and  
Rick Warren via DVD studies, join us on Wednesdays!



Our WHY CHRISTMAS study with Andy Stanley ended  
with a celebration together including a great brunch.  
Looking forward to our next study together starting  
January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please join us!

The Women of Grace will begin a video study with Max Lucado called:  
"JESUS" THE GOD WHO KNOWS YOUR NAME on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the Grace Room to find  
out how He knows your name. Remember to show Grace...  
because we all need Grace!

For more information, contact Char Cooper 515-556-2789

# MISSIONS

*Working Together to Share God's Love*

Our CUMC Missions Team coordinates ways for our entire congregation to spread God's love to our community and our world.



*God was on the Move During Indiana Flooding and St. Louis Tornadoes.*

*Midwest Mission sent two truckloads of essential supplies after the Missouri UMC Conference reached out for help. The first shipment included 144 Cleaning Kits and 144 Hygiene Kits. The second delivered 216 Cleaning Kits, 216 Hygiene Kits, and 200 Menstrual Hygiene Kits.*

Recent Missions:

"Christmas in July" CCA met to start the plans for our Community Christmas and Thanksgiving for families in the P.E.A.C.H area that might need some support during the holidays.  
More info to come later.

**"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."**

**2 Corinthians 9:8**



*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Thank you for showing God's love through your gift of personal dignity supplies! These simple things are often taken for granted but make a world of difference to those in need.*

*In His Service,  
Midwest Mission Family*



*Thank you to everyone who donated to the personal dignity kits! Let's continue to share God's love.*

## What's Next?

Fall - In Gather Kits  
Winter - Coats & Winter Gear  
Watch more ways to share God's Love!

On Going Local Food Pantry Mission  
Cereal, snacks for lunches, peanut butter and jelly.  
There is also a need for shampoo and conditioner.

Mat Weaving every Wednesday, 9-10 am in the Family Life Center. All are welcome to help us turn plastic bags into sleeping mats & protection from the weather!





A ministry of Carlisle United Methodist Church since 2001

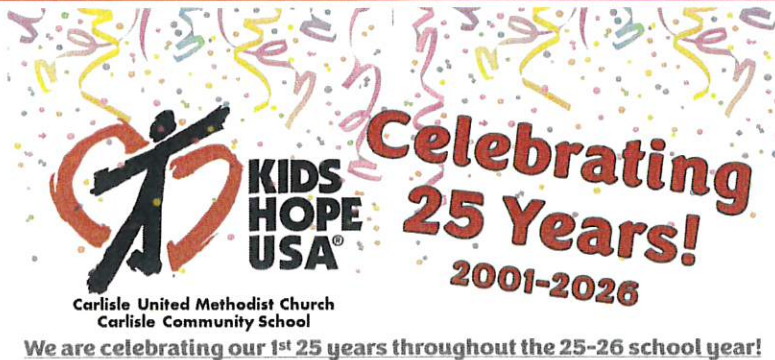
Leadership Team

Sue Mooers & Karla Voboril – Special Events Coordinators

Deb Smalley – Summer Events Coordinator Mary Conner – Communication Coordinator

De Streeter – Prayer Partner Coordinator Pastor Mike Fillmore Lori Candee - Director

**JANUARY**  
**2026**



Please join us as we celebrate all year long! Expect a big National Mentoring Month Celebration in January. Just think of all the lives that have been touched throughout the years thanks to all our amazing volunteers and supportive congregation. ☐



It's here –

### National Mentoring Month!

We are so excited to be celebrating our **First 25 Years** of partnership with Carlisle Community School District! We have witnessed so many lives being changed over those years.

We hope to have many who have been touched by our ministry present

to share. There will be a slide show of our Kids sharing with all Kindergarten-5th Grade classrooms about what mentoring is and what it means to them. Deb Smalley, a member of the 2000 Family Life Center Committee who was researching mentoring programs and Pastor Allen Wiese who found KHUSA on the internet will share how it all started at CUMC. There will be a school representative, as well as Kids, Mentors, and Prayer Partners that will share what KHUSA means to them.

We are excited to have the Kids Hope USA President, Karen Pearson join us to share about KHUSA on the national level.

After the celebration during worship, we will have a meal with a 25th anniversary cake, games, and prizes. Please plan to join us!



For more information, contact KIDS HOPE USA Director, Lori Candee

515-210-8221 [kidshopeusadirector@carlisleiaumc.org](mailto:kidshopeusadirector@carlisleiaumc.org)

*There's a Kid who would love to have a friend like you! Can you spare 1 hour a week?*



## Faith + Friends ♥ Fun

within our church and beyond. There are events for different age groups, families, and everyone throughout the year. Watch for our next event!

Faith, Friends & Fun creates ways for the congregation and the community to live out their faith in fun ways! They host events to encourage building community

### Christmas Extravaganza!



### Carlisle Care Days



### Fall Family Fun Fest



### Kick off Block Party!

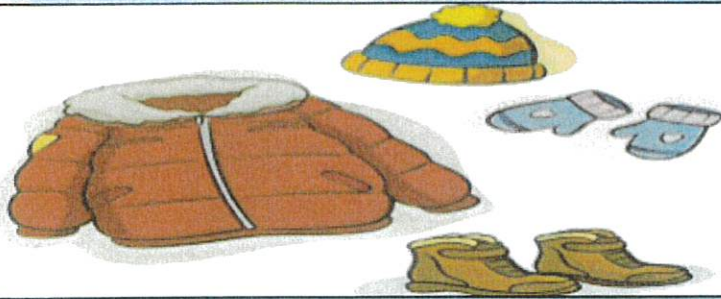
# Wildcat ABC News

January 2026

A Caring Ministry of the Carlisle United Methodist Church

## Brrr it's Cold Out!

Now that we are in our colder months, it's important to remember to bring all your appropriate winter gear for the day. Mornings can be very cold when walking to school. If you need assistance with some winter gear, please feel free to reach out to us or the church!



## Reminders

- Make sure to frequently check your child's cubby and hook. Any unclaimed items (bags, coats, hats, water bottles, etc.) left at the end of the week will be put in our lost and found.
- Our Lost and Found is located in the tote under the coat rack in the entryway.



## Winter Break Fun!

We had a very special guest come and visit us! The one and only Mrs. Claus came and decorated sugar cookies with all the kids! The kids couldn't believe Mrs. Claus took the time out of her busy schedule to come and decorate with us. The kids absolutely loved it, and so many memories were made with lots of frosting and giggles involved!



## We're Hiring!

Are you at least 16 or older? Do you like working with kids? Do we have the place for you! Come join our Wildcat ABC team! We have assistant and lead teacher positions available. Come on in to grab an application from one of our office administrators!



## Wildcat ABC Contact Information

Director: Mandi Shaffer

Email: [wildcatabcdirector@carlisleiaumc.org](mailto:wildcatabcdirector@carlisleiaumc.org)

On-Site Supervisors: Danicka Lathrop & Crystal Kruse

Phone: 515-989-3972



# Girls and FOG

(Favorite Older Guy)

## Nerf Gun Battle

Sunday, January 25th

3 PM - 4:30 PM

Family Life Center

*(405 School Street)*

*(Carlisle United  
Methodist Church)*



Some nerf guns &  
"bullets" will be provided.  
Feel free to bring yours  
from home. 😊

**Girls need to be  
accompanied by their FOG  
(Favorite Older Guy)**





# Open Walk Time

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9AM - 11AM

## Rules and Regulations:



- The Family Life Center will be open for walkers when kids are in school. NO school means NO walking.

→ The Family Life Center is connected to Carlisle United Methodist Church. Please enter through the Family Life Center Doors.

- You must complete & sign a form.
- You must sign in and out each time you come.
- You must stay in the designated walking area.
- Please bring clean shoes to wear.
- We will have coffee available at a designated table. You may also bring your own drink.



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**Starting up again January 7<sup>th</sup>  
(after holiday break)**



*Thank you for your generous donations that enabled us to "adopt" nine local families (32 individuals) for Christmas this year!*

We were able to gift each person a \$25 Target gift card. Also, we gave each family a gift card that equaled \$50 per family member that can be used for groceries, gifts, or whatever they might need.

They also received a box of food from CCA (Christian Community in Action).

## What a blessing to our community!



### Why use Church Center?

**Directory** - if folks opt in to the directory, you will have our church directory in your pocket! Photos, address & phone numbers at your finger tips.

**Giving** - Set up your giving to come from wherever you choose. You can make one time gifts or recurring donations. You can even choose the fund (for example ASP, Operation Backpack, Building Addition, etc.). You can even see your giving history.

**Calendar** - Ever wonder if something is happening at church? You will be able to see the Church calendar at your fingertips.

**Groups** - Belong to a committee or small group? Groups is an easy way to communicate. Committee chairs will love it!

## Ways to Give



Cash, Check or QR Code linked to Church Center



Automatic Withdrawal from bank - ACH forms available



Mail to Carlisle UMC 405 School Street  
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Give in the offering plates as you enter the seating area.

The following pages contain the names of all committee members for 2026. Please read through carefully.  
Thank you!

## **Administrative Council**

Mike Fillmore: Pastor  
Michelle Tish: Finance Chair since 2021  
Jane Hutton: Conference delegate  
Greg Lindaman: Lay Leader since 2007  
Dorothy Lumsden: Memorial Chair since 2022  
Karen Austin: Treasurer since 2023  
Darren Sievers: Assistant Treasurer since 2025  
Kay Black: Recording Secretary since 2020  
Justin Beller: Trustee Chair  
Jake Sinclair: Youth Director  
Amy Beller: Education Chair  
Marne Sievers: Friends, Faith & Fun Chair since 2026  
Marilyn Goodhue: Worship Chair since 2020  
Peggy Fogle: Wildcat ABC Board Chair since 2011  
De Streeter: Women In Faith Co. Chair since 2020  
Nancy Jennings: Women In Faith Co. Chair since 2010  
Marilyn Goodhue: CHS Scholarship Chair since 2010  
Lori Candee: Kids Hope Director  
Susan James: Cyber & Security Chair  
Char Cooper: Facilities Use Manager  
Nancy Jennings: Mission Chair  
Mandi Shaffer: Wildcat ABC Director  
Clint Smalley: Administrative Council Chair

## **Members at Large**

Minnie Argo: Ends 2026  
Deb Smalley: Ends 2028  
Eric Goodhue: Ends 2028  
Cheryl Polley 2029

## **Trustees**

Justin Beller: Chair since 2023  
Mandi Shaffer: Ex Officio as Wildcat ABC Director  
Josh Sytsma: Ends 2026  
Gerald Argo: Ends 2026  
Candy Ludlow: Ends 2028  
Tim Crowley: Ends 2026  
Rhonda Frost: Ends 2028  
Brian Keeney: 2029  
Max McCoy: 2029  
Sue Mooers: 2029

## **Finance, Audit, Counting & Memorial Commitee**

Michelle Tish: Finance Chair  
Clint Smalley: Ex Officio as Administrative Council Chair  
Greg Lindaman: Ex Officio as Lay Leader  
Robin Merrifield: Ex Officio as SPRC Chair  
Andy Green: Ex Officio as Financial Secretary  
Karen Austin: Ex Officio as Treasurer  
Dorothy Lumsden: Ex Officio as Memorial Chair  
John Sinclair: Ends 2028  
Kent Klootwyk: Ends 2026  
Cindy Moorman: Ends 2026  
Jeanne Sigmund: Ends 2026  
Kay Scholl: Ends 2026  
Peggy Fogle: backup for Andy Green  
Darren Sievers: Backup Treasurer  
Karen Crowley: Ends 2029

## **Missions Committee**

Nancy Jennings: Chair  
De Streeter: Ends 2026  
Jane Hutton: Ends 2026  
Dorothy Lumsden: Ends 2026  
Elaine Kerr: Ends 2026  
Ronia Klootwyk: Ends 2026  
Sharon Fitzgerald: Ends 2026  
Mandi Shaffer: Ends 2026  
Mary Conner: Ends 2029  
Janice Parker: Ends 2029  
Connie Reese: Ends 2026

## **Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)**

Robin Merrifield: Chair, Ends 2026  
Dennis Woodruff: Ends 2028  
Kay Black: Ends 2026  
Matt Cope: Ends 2028  
De Streeter: Ends 2029  
Bill Kelley: 2029  
Greg Lindaman: Ex Officio as Lay Leader  
Pastor: Mike Filmore

## **Education Committee**

Amy Beller: Chair since 2025  
Keri Osterhaus: Ends 2026  
Payton Keeney: Ends 2027  
Jake Sinclair: Ends 2027  
Heather Fogle: Ends 2028  
Katie Cope: 2029

## **Wildcat ABC Board**

Peggy Fogle: Chair since 2011  
Mandi Shaffer: Director ABC  
Karen Austin: Ex Officio as Treasurer  
Curt Smejkal: Ends 2026  
Jeanne Sigmund: Ends 2029  
Kelley Kelley: Ends in 2028  
Carrie Mumm: Ends in 2026  
Marsha Mezger: Ends in 2029  
Megan Sievers: Ends in 2029  
Michelle Tish: Ex Officio as Finance

## **Lay Leadership**

Mike Fillmore: Pastor  
Greg Lindaman: Ex Officio as Lay Leader  
Kay Scholl: Ends in 2026  
Minnie Argo: Ends in 2026  
Char Cooper: Ends in 2026

## **Congregational Care Committee**

Pastor Mike Fillmore  
Pastor Connie Markle  
Mary Conner  
Connie Reese  
Nancy Jennings

## **Friends, Faith & Fun Committee**

Marne Sievers: Chair since 2026  
Stephanie Sinclair: Ends 2027  
Lori Candee: Ex Officio Kids Hope USA  
Candi Furnal: Ends 2026  
Amy Ramsey: Ends 2028  
Linda McCoy: Ends 2028  
Nancy Lindaman: Ends 2028  
Sara Angus: Ends 2028  
Alyssa Comito: Ends 2028

## **Facilities Use Committee**

Char Cooper: Chair  
Peggy Fogle  
Lori Candee  
Nancy Jennings  
Sue Mooers

## **Kids Hope USA Leadership Team**

Lori Candee: Kids Hope USA Director  
Mike Fillmore: Pastor  
Mary Conner: Communication  
De Streeter: Prayer Partner  
Karla Voboril: Special Events  
Sue Mooers: Special Events  
Deb Smalley: Summer Events

## **CUMC-CHS Scholarship Committee**

Marilyn Goodhue: Chair since 2010  
Mike Fillmore: Pastor  
Vicky Tugel: Ends 2026  
Karen Crowley: Ends 2026  
Carrie Mumm: Ends 2026  
Eileen Miller: Ends 2028  
Brian Keeney: Ends 2028  
Brandon Eighmy: Ends 2026

## **Worship & Musicians/Directors Committee**

Marilyn Goodhue: Chair since 2020  
Julia Batten: Ex Officio  
Deb Smalley: Ex Officio  
Clint Smalley: Ex Officio  
Mandi Shaffer: Ex Officio  
Eileen Miller: Ex Officio  
Lenny Hudson: Ends 2026  
Darren Sievers: Ends 2026

## **Communion Steward**

Patti Isley (Backups: Karen Crowley & Karla Voboril)

## **Wedding Coordinator**

Lori Candee

## **Cyber & Security Committee**

Mike Fillmore: Pastor  
Susan James: Chair since 2025  
Josh Sytsma: Ends 2027  
Clint Smalley: Ends 2027  
Eric Moorman: Ends 2027  
Eric Shaffer: Ends 2027  
Karen Austin: Ex Officio

## **Welcome Leader**

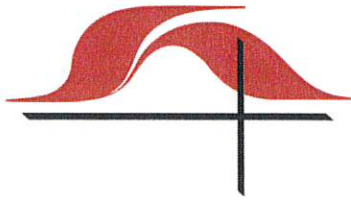
Deb Smalley

Below is the Hospitality List for the year. Your  
hospitality team leaders for the month will be in bold.  
Helpers should come at 9:15 AM if possible and stay  
after church to help serve and clean up.

***Thank you all!***

## Hospitality List

<b>January</b> <b>Kent &amp; Lori Candee</b> Jim & Jonda Berg Kay Black Eric & Mandi Shaffer Alice Gray Todd & Patty Isley Donna Candee	<b>February</b> <b>De Streeter</b> Howard & Marilyn Goodhue Austin & Kassie Keeney Payton Keeney Lori Beltzer Brian & Vicky Keeney	<b>March</b> <b>Darren &amp; Marne Sievers</b> Steve & Eileen Miller Dan & Ronda Frost Marsha Mezgar Candy Ludlow Carol Caffee	<b>April</b> <b>Clint &amp; Deb Smalley</b> Mallery & Jil Prall Mary Conner Greg & Nancy Lindaman Eric & Cindy Moorman Rick & Carrie Mumm Steve & Linda Wilton
<b>May</b> <b>Nancy Jennings</b> Julie Cermak Tim & Kathy McCoy Dave & Coreen Herring Bill & Karla Voboril Jane Hutton Melissa Johnson	<b>June</b> <b>Kent &amp; Ronia Klootwyk</b> Bruce & Elaine Kerr Corey & Alyssa Comito Brownnie & Cheryl Polley Bill & Kay Scholl Janene Stoner Max & Linda McCoy	<b>July</b> <b>Woody &amp; Peggy Fogle</b> Paul & Sharon Sprague Duane & Susan Johnson Bill & Kelley Kelley Kendall & Heather Fogle Dorothy Lumsden Steve & Donna Westberg	<b>August</b> <b>Drew &amp; Robin Merrifield</b> Karen Austin Char Cooper Kristie & Denny Woodruff Janice Parker Janine Parker Jake & Kathryn Sinclair
<b>September</b> <b>Tim &amp; Karen Crowley</b> Robert & Julia Batten Doris Weber Brandon & Veronica Eighmey John & Shannon Orput Vicky Tugel Marne Sievers	<b>October</b> <b>Denny &amp; Sue Mooers</b> Richard & Rosemary Fee Gerald & Minnie Argo Matt & Katie Cope Justin & Amy Beller Kasey & Lillie Peterson	<b>November</b> <b>John &amp; Stephanie Sinclair</b> Amy Ramsey Ashley Spratt Jeremy & Chezron Hoffman David & Susan James Zac & Sara Angus Josh Systma Eric & Stacy Goodhue	<b>December</b> <b>Ryan &amp; Candi Furnal</b> Tim & Shana Osterhaurs Andy & Abbie Green Terry & Keri Osterhaus David & Jeanne Sigmund Wes & Michelle Tish



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Return Service Requested

