



# The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

## Department of Christian Education

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### Sunday School Lessons Unit Three "One in the Bond of Love" May 2015



We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee.

The Spring Quarter (March-April-May) focuses on The Holy Spirit's role in the Godhead. The second unit is entitled **The Community of Beloved Disciples** and the third unit is entitled **One in the Bond of Love**.

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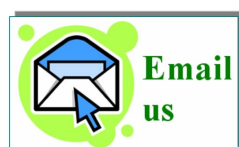
Love is the primary requirement for societies attempting to make a dramatic influence on the world around them. What is it about love that makes it so indispensable? In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul says that love is needed to achieve fully the benefit of all spiritual gifts.

#### Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To explore the meaning of love as seen in 1 Corinthians 13
- ✓ To appreciate one another in love.
- ✓ To find a variety of ways to express love.

#### Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Memorize 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Call these verses to mind whenever you are tempted to lash out at someone. Allow Paul's message to reshape your response.
- Listen to comments in conversations and the media for different ways that the word "love" is used. Which of these uses concerns Christian love, as defined by Paul in 1 Corinthians 13? Such love as Georgia Harkness (1891-1979) reminds us, "links love of God and love of neighbor in a two-fold Great Commandment from which neither element can be dropped, so sin against neighbor lack of human love is sin against God."
- Be alert for someone who needs to see God's love in action. Do whatever you can to demonstrate this love.



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