

# Tidings



A Monthly Publication from Trinity United Methodist Church, Tallahassee, FL

## Meet the Ramazanovs

***A few months ago, we had the opportunity to help a Ukrainian family, friends of Viktor & Yuliia Billa, travel to the United States. They will perform a music service at our church on February 26.***

**T**hanks to the willingness and generous help of the congregation of Trinity United Methodist Church, the Ramazanov family from Ukraine is now settled in America. (Ramazanov family is pictured in the photo above.)

Ruslan is a loving husband and kind father and also a highly professional pianist. After his family, music is the biggest passion in his life. In Ukraine, Ruslan taught piano and played recitals in many concert halls as a soloist and collaborative pianist. He was also a collaborative pianist in the residency of the Chernivtsi State Philharmonic Hall.

Ruslan's wife, Olga, graduated as a social worker. She devoted the last few years to raising her children. Their sons, Vladyslav (11 years old) and Robert (8 years old), are also big music lovers. Both boys studied violin and piano in Ukraine. Vlad won prizes in violin competitions several times. Vlad and Robert also play chess. They took part in chess competitions several times and won. In addition, twice since the beginning of the war, the boys have participated in charity tournaments to raise funds for the Ukrainian army.

During the three months that Ruslan has been in the USA, he has had several concerts in Quincy, and he is delighted with the incredible sounds of grand pianos here in America. The Ramazanov family is very grateful to the McCoy family from Quincy, who offered them a house. They also expressed their incredible gratefulness and thankfulness to Trinity United Methodist Church for providing plane tickets from Ukraine to America and for help in getting a car and covering repairs expenses. Also, Olga is very grateful for the opportunity to have a job here at Trinity Preschool and for the excellent experience

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### Memorials

#### Honorariums:

In honor of **Mart Hill** from Margaret Stalvey.

#### Memorials:

In memory of **Thomas "Tbo" Ott** from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dieterich.

In memory of **Mackenzie Willis** from Margaret Stalvey.

In memory of **Dean Bunch** from Paula and Bill Smith.

of working with a wonderful preschool team. Finally, at this time, Ruslan is so excited to share with you his talent through music. His oldest son, Vlad, will join him on the violin. Please come and join us on Sunday, February 26, for this gratitude service from the Ramazanov family. Service music will include piano solo masterworks by Chopin, Ravel, and other great composers.

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# Music Ministry News

by Yuliia Billa, Director of Music

## Music Ministry Sunday

Feb 19, 2023

Once a year, you can see all the music groups of Trinity in one place and at one time. The 8:30 a.m. service and the SUN service will follow our regular format. It's the 11:00 a.m. service that will be different!

It is a wonderful opportunity to observe all the music groups in one hour and to make a decision if you would like to join one or maybe two of them. Or maybe your child or a friend would be interested. We have groups that require strong commitment, but also groups that meet just two to three times before the performance. For some of them a strong knowledge of music grammar is required, but for others, it is not required. There is a place for everyone.

Special music will be provided by choirs of various ages, handbells, handchimes, steel pans, praise bands, Orff instruments, and an instrumental ensemble. Each group will present a music selection. You will hear music from children as young as two years old through adults in their late 80s. The congregation and all musicians together will sing "The First Song of Isaiah" as a uniting song. Come share this happy day with Trinity's musicians. This is a great opportunity to invite your music friends to attend with you!

## Instrumentalists Needed

If you are an instrumentalist (band or orchestra instruments), Music Ministry Sunday is a rare opportunity to participate here at Trinity. The group plays from our balcony. They lead one of the morning hymns. The music is easy. Let us know if you want to participate ([ybilla@tumct.org](mailto:ybilla@tumct.org)), and we will get you the music. The children who are playing in their school orchestras are welcome as well.

## Orchestra Sunday IS BACK!

After a long break and restrictions, we are planning to have an Orchestra Sunday on April 16<sup>th</sup> after Easter Sunday. Our Chancel Choir is full of enthusiasm and excitement and is working really hard to make this happen. They will perform four or possibly five uplifting songs with a professional orchestra. You will enjoy the return of this exciting event!



# UWF News

by Nancy Bedford,  
UWF Communications Officer

## “Young Hearts Doing the Lord’s Work”

Join UWF in Moor Hall at 11:30 a.m. on February 14<sup>th</sup> as we honor a local high school girl making a huge difference in the lives of young underprivileged women in our community. In addition to fellowship and a delicious lunch, there will be music and door prizes. All Trinity women and friends are invited. The cost of the lunch is \$8 payable at the door and **must be reserved** by Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Nancy Kerce at 850-877-6546 to reserve your lunch!



Back Row (L-R): Nancy Bedford, Susan Jackson, Sandy Frazier. Front Row (L-R): Barbara Ware, Jan Hamilton, Nancy Kerce, Esther Harrison, Kim Simpkins

Forty-seven “Santa Sleighs” filled with small gifts were assembled and delivered to various Trinity members at Christmas. Thank you to the UWF women who generously donated their time and an abundance of items to fill and deliver the sleighs.

## UWF Circles

Joining a UWF Circle is a great way to connect with a smaller group of Trinity women. The circles welcome you to join them. Contact the leaders for more information.

**\*Circle One** at Westminster Oaks, February 13, 10 a.m. Lynn McLarty has been meeting with the circle and talking about the history of Trinity UMC. Contact Cynthia Smith 850-561-1112 or email [cfs1530@aol.com](mailto:cfs1530@aol.com).

**\*Mary Martha Circle** at Julie Pararo's home, monthly at 6-7 p.m. On January 9, members enjoyed getting to know guest, Joy Williams (wife of Trinity lead pastor, mother of Ethan, and career woman!). February 13th will be a discussion of Mitch Albom's book *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*. Contact Julie Pararo 850-385-9791 or email [jpararo@comcast.net](mailto:jpararo@comcast.net).

**\*Dorcas Foster Circle** at Trinity library, monthly at 1 p.m. February 14. Programs are generated using articles in the UWF *Response* magazine. Their Sunshine Fund allows the circle to make various donations, including a December TUMC Angel Tree gift. Phone Pals (PP) keeps circle members informed. Contact Nancy Kerce 850-877-6546.

**\*The Voice** at members' homes, monthly on 2nd Thursday at 7 p.m. This circle makes and sends cards to TUMC members for various occasions. Contact Patti Oakley 850-877-4898 or email [pattikitten16@gmail.com](mailto:pattikitten16@gmail.com).

We look forward to welcoming current members and newcomers at our February 14th luncheon and at circle meetings!



UWF Luncheon, October 2022, at Trinity United Methodist Church

# 2023 Leadership Council

This is a list of newly elected church council members who will be serving in the coming year. These individuals are nominated and confirmed at the annual Charge Conference. Trinity is grateful for the leadership, expertise, and wisdom of our council members!

## Church Council

### Church Council Chairpersons

Chair: Matt Foster  
Vice Chair: Paula Smith

### Church Council Recording Secretary

Cynthia Smith

### Church Treasurer

Robert McDonald

### Financial Secretary

Benson Green

### Business Administrator

Laurie Atteberry

### Lay Leaders & Members to Annual Conference

Jonathan Leach  
Marti Chumbler

Alternate Member to Annual Conference: Dan Drake

### Membership Secretary

Dawn Adams

### Interpreter of Connectional Giving

Laurie Atteberry

### Campus Ministry Representative

Steve Kleuver

### Children's Home Representative

Renee White and Glen Squire

### President, Women In Faith

Sandy Frazier

### Staff Parish Relations Chairperson

Susan Koehler

### Board of Trustees Chairperson

Judy Green

### Nominations and Leadership Chairpersons

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams  
Kathy Drake

## Church Council Leadership Committees

### Committee on Staff Parish Relations

Chair: Susan Koehler

#### 2023

Andy Harrison  
Steve Kleuver

#### 2024

Ruth Ann High  
Cindy McDuffie

#### 2025

Pam Epting  
Holly Hunt  
Eric Hand

### Committee on Finance

Chair: Benson Green  
Ex officio: Robert McDonald

#### 2023

Palmer Williams  
Stephen Shiver  
Lee Nichols  
John Thomas

#### 2024

Danny Blanco  
Brent Chumbler  
Emily Waugh  
John Harris

#### 2025

Benson Green  
Bill Gunter  
Jim Campbell

# Church Council Leadership Committees, continued

## Bicentennial Fund Committee

Chair: John Harris

Susan Thomas  
Edna Bennet  
Russ Morcom

Paula Smith  
Sam Rogers  
Benson Green  
Lawton Langford

Chris Kraft  
Beth Langford  
Bill Gunter

## Stewardship Committee

Chair: John Harris

Ex officio: Robert McDonald

### 2023

John Hamilton  
Jerry Parrish  
Michael Duclos  
Marilyn Duclos

### 2024

Brenda Menendez  
Alli Wagon  
Palmer Williams

### 2025

Garrett Robinson  
Linzy Foster  
Jimmy Richerson

## Investment Subcommittee

Chair: Nan Hillis

Capital City Trust: Seth Clark & Jeremy King

Lawton Langford  
Lee Nichols  
Jim Campbell

Brantley Henderson  
Judy Green

## Board of Trustees

Chair: Judy Green

Ex officio: Robert McDonald

### 2023

Heath Annin  
Chris Duclos  
Lawton Langford

### 2024

Susan Thomas  
Rita May  
Tanya Hollady

### 2025

Judy Green  
Laura Rogers  
Alex Anderson

## Committee on Nominations & Leadership

Chair: Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Vice-Chair: Kathy Drake

### 2023

Cynthia Smith  
Lisa Prasse  
Sally Huggins

### 2024

Cindy Donelan  
Barbara Hynes

### 2025

Jonathan Leach  
Holly Francis  
Candace Duclos

## Additional Ministry Leaders

### Committee for the Preservation of Church History

Chair: Rhonda Work

Committee Recording Secretary: Cecile Baker

Linda Yates

Dot Binger

Pamela Crosby

E. Lynn McLarty

Cecile Baker

Mary Margaret Rogers

### Certified Lay Servants (Charge Conference)

Chairs: Diane and Steve Jacobs

### 2022 Report of Retired Clergy

Rev. Victor Willis

Rev. John Willis

Rev. Dr. Robert M. Gibbs

Rev. Dr. David Hortin

Rev. E. Wayne Curry

Rev. Barbara Hynes

Rev. Jim Mitchell

### Children's Ministry Leader

Candace Duclos

### Youth Ministry Leader

Sofia Fernandez

### Christian Education Leader

Dr. Nick Quinton

### Creation Care Ministry

Arnie and Linda Rogers

### Disability and Accessibility Concerns

Rev. E. Wayne Curry

### Social Justice Ministry

Tisha Keller

### Anti-Racism Representatives

Catherine Altmaier

Marti Chumbler

Rev. Barbara Hynes

## 2023 Advisory Committees

### Preschool Advisory

Chair: Jennifer Kekelis

Melissa Scalzi

Jennifer Kekelis

Jesse Hinojosa

Jessica Field

Kelly Smith

Rodney MacKinnon

Laurel Rigg

Chelsey Falb

Claudia Machado

### Music Committee

Chair: Warren May

Choir President: Jennifer Hopgood

#### 2023

Jennifer Hopgood

Meg Hilaman

#### 2024

Warren May

Carol Marchant

Ann Jenkins

#### 2025

Kathy Drake

Pat Gilleland

Karalee Poschman

### Youth Council/College Age/ Young Adult Ministry

Sofia Fernandez

### 30-40s Ministry

Chair: Brian Durham



## 2023 Advisory Committees, continued

### Adult Ministry

Chair: Marti Chumbler

### Lay Academy Planning

Chair: Jess Cloud

Vice Chair: Sean and Diane Bower

### Worship

Chair: Sally Huggins

### Local Missions

Chair: Pat Bevis

Vice Chair: Lyn Bevis

### World Missions

Chair: Jayne Mittan

Vice Chair: Jaqui Griffith

### Health and Wellness

Chair: Beth Curry

Vice Chair: Amy Leach

### Shepherding/New Members Ministry

Dawn Adams, Dr. Nick Quinton, Amy Leach, and membership sponsors

### Altar Guild

Chair: Mary Ann Moore

### Communion Stewards

Lead: Anne Parker

### Ushers

Chair: Bill Hilaman

Vice Chair: Joe Miller

## February Is American Heart Month! Do You Meet the Weekly Exercise Goal? BFC Ministry Can Help.

by Beth Curry, BFC Team Leader

**D**id you know February is American Heart Month? In order to keep your heart healthy, the American Heart Association recommends getting at least **150 minutes per week of moderate-intensity aerobic activity or 75 minutes per week of vigorous aerobic activity**, or a combination of both, preferably spread throughout the week.

Do you meet this exercise goal, or do you need help? If so, consider joining one of the **BFC (*Becoming Fit at Church*) Ministry** exercise programs. **BFC Exercise** offers six weekly exercise classes, both in person and via Zoom. **BFO (*Becoming Fit Outdoors*)** meets weekly on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. at Cascades Park during the winter for an hour-long walk (or shorter distance if you are just starting out). Taking just one BFC exercise class or walking with BFO once a week will make a big dent toward meeting the recommended AHA goal. And, you'll have fun, fellowship, meet new friends, and get fit! Come give it a try!

All levels are welcome. Please check out the [Trinity website](#) or the bulletin board in the hallway by the Welcome Center for class description and details. **Advanced registration is required for both.** Please email [BFCSeries@yahoo.com](mailto:BFCSeries@yahoo.com) for registration information and forms.

### 2023 BFC Exercise and BFO Schedule -

Tues. – 9:45 a.m. – Staying Strong

Tues. – 11:00 a.m. – Variety Mix

Tues. – 7:30 p.m. – **NEW TIME** – Flexibility for a Better YOU – **Zoom ONLY**

Thurs. – 11:00 a.m. – Variety Mix

Thurs. – 12:15 p.m. – Flexibility for a Better YOU

Thurs. – 1:30 p.m. – Staying Strong

Thurs. – 6:00 p.m. – **BFO** – meets at Cascades Park

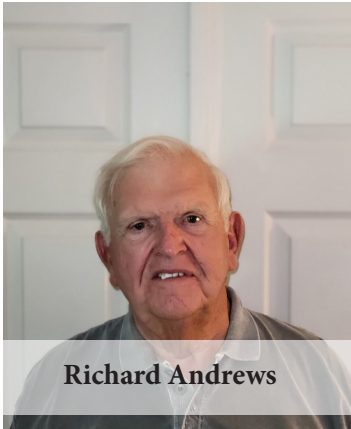
Classes are held in Moor Hall in hybrid format except as noted.

*Staying Strong (gentle seated/standing), Variety Mix (intermediate/advanced with some floor work), Flex (all levels on floor only), BFO (all ages and levels)*

# New Members in 2022

2022 brought many new members to our church! In this issue, we would like to recognize and celebrate them.

*Not pictured:* Bob Higginbotham, Jill Fidrych, Riley Miller, Alicia Jeong



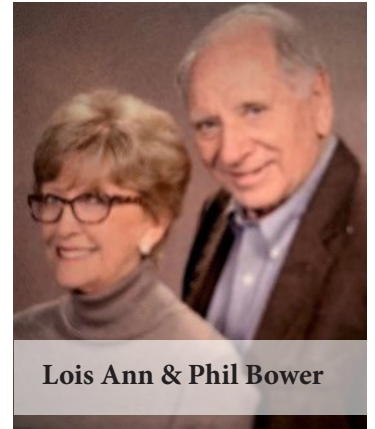
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Lyndsey & Alex Bell



Lyn & Pat Bevis



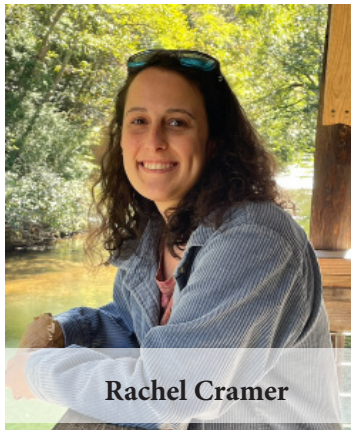
Lois Ann & Phil Bower



Marylyn Berg



Warren Cave



Rachel Cramer



Zach Cramer



Julianna & Mark Davis



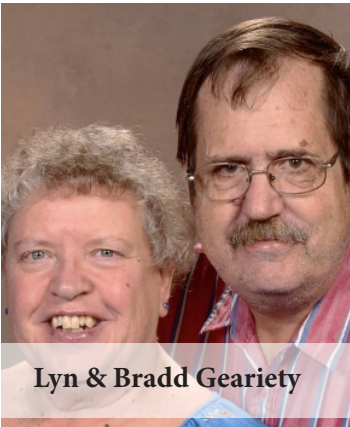
Sofia Fernandez



Stewart & Linda Fleming



Alexis Gaston



Lyn & Bradd Gearity



Diane Higginbotham



Susan & Van Jackson

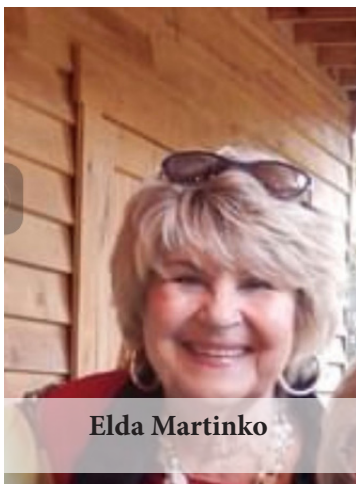


Scott Kell

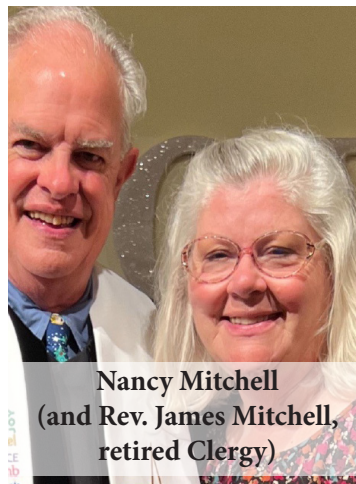




**Allison Manning (and Rev. Bryant Manning, Clergy)**



**Elda Martinko**



**Nancy Mitchell  
(and Rev. James Mitchell,  
retired Clergy)**



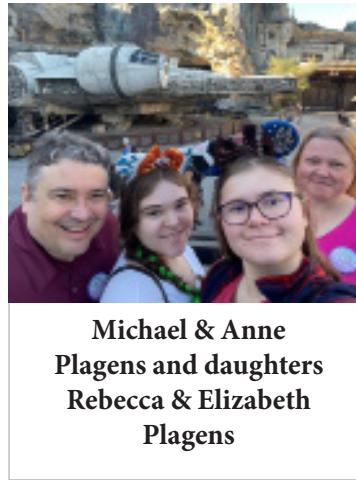
**Jim Mogle**



**Susan & Alan Moreton**



**Beth Perdue**



**Michael & Anne  
Plagens and daughters  
Rebecca & Elizabeth  
Plagens**



**Anthony Quickle & Gail  
London Quickle**



**Gail Quinton  
(and Rev. John Quinton,  
retired Clergy)**



**Donna & Steve Ranner**



**Rowe & Herb Rogero**



**Julie Sherman**



**Jeff Spraggins**



**Linda Stamatoff**



**Zachary Staubit**



**Robert Stuart**



# New Members, cont'd



Gina Whitfield



Alicia & Kevin  
Whittington



Ainsley & Jane-  
Kathryn Whittington



Joy Williams



Richard & Amy Jo  
Wilson

## Local Missions Spotlight

by Pat & Lyn Bevis, Local  
Missions Committee Co-Chairs



The Local Missions Committee (LMC) met in January to review the **Angel Tree** from December and preview the visit of Robin Hassler Thompson from **Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center** on January 15. Committee members then gave presentations on five possible mission projects for the future, and two were selected to move forward now.

Molly Lord, president and CEO of **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend** (BBBS), will address our worship services for a Mission Moment on February 19 about the organization and the current pressing need for men to serve as mentors. BBBS is a well-known organization in this community, and we look forward to working with them in trying to fill this need. We were saddened to hear they have stopped accepting applications from children as they have a large backlog of already interviewed and approved “Littles” waiting for matches. Please be prayerfully considering whether this might be your opportunity to serve in our community.

The committee also decided to move forward in forming a “HOME Team” to work with the local branch of the **International Rescue Committee** (IRC)



in settling refugees in our community. Our team will be made up of 8-15 members who will “adopt” one family and assist in many ways—from helping to furnish their first apartment to tutoring them in English. There will be screening and training, and a six-month commitment will be required. We are excited about this opportunity and encourage you to get in touch with Daniel Diaz, our team leader, if you think this might be a good fit for your service in the community. Daniel can be reached at [dfd09@my.fsu.edu](mailto:dfd09@my.fsu.edu).

February also marks the celebration of **Bear Sunday**. Start purchasing those

darling stuffed bears that counselors and law enforcement officers will use to comfort those in crisis! Bears will be collected on Sunday, February 19, the Sunday after Valentine’s Day. (Maybe there will be a sale on stuffed bears after the holiday!)

The Local Missions Committee is busy and getting busier. Many more missions are being explored. If you have an interest in local missions, please contact Pat at [bevis.pat@gmail.com](mailto:bevis.pat@gmail.com) or Lyn at 352-804-0441. We would love to talk to you about getting involved.



# News from the Children's Ministry

by Candace Duclos, Director of Children's Ministries

Our Children's Ministry continues to grow and be filled with ENERGY! This month we will focus on *respect*. The Bible verse comes from Luke 6:31: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." We will enjoy stories and testaments of faith each week that encourage us to be respectful to everyone. The NETKids will be sharing in song on Sunday, February 19, as a part of Music Ministry Sunday. NETkids are also preparing for their spring performance in April. If you are interested in your child attending any of our classes, please do not hesitate to reach out to Candace Duclos at [cduclos@tumct.org](mailto:cduclos@tumct.org).



## Preschool Enrollment

We are looking forward to enrolling children for the upcoming school year. We are excited as the 2023-2024 school year will be our 50<sup>th</sup> as a school! If you or a family member/friend is looking for a preschool, please give me a call; the direct line to the preschool is 850-224-8992.

The enrollment dates are as follows:

**February 1-3, 2023:** Currently enrolled students may apply  
**February 6, 2023:** Trinity church members may apply  
**February 7, 2023:** Open enrollment begins



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### WORSHIP SERVICES

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Early Service: 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary  
SUN Service (contemporary worship): 9:45 a.m. in Moor Hall  
Liturgical Service: 11 a.m. in the sanctuary

SUN Service and 11 a.m. Liturgical Service are live streamed  
Please visit [www.tumct.org](http://www.tumct.org) for viewing links

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### PASTORAL STAFF

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Rev. Dr. Matthew Williams, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Bryant Manning, *Interim Associate Pastor*  
Dr. Nick Quinton, *Director of Discipleship and Adult Ministries*  
Rev. Wayne Curry, *Minister of Pastoral Care*

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### MINISTRY STAFF

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Dawn Adams, *Congregational Administrator*  
Laurie Atteberry, *Business Administrator*  
Ben Armstead, *Sexton*  
Viktor Billa, *Organist*  
Yuliia Billa, *Director of Music*  
Zachary Cramer, *Technical Director*  
Gabriela Denton, *Communications Coordinator*  
Candace Duclos, *Director of Children's Ministries*  
Stacey Duggar, *Preschool Director*

Sofia Fernandez, *Director of Youth Ministry & Modern Music*  
Melanie Gonzalez, *Office Administrator*  
Patti Groh, *Sexton*  
Brett Ingram, *Facility Director*  
Amy Leach, *Programs Assistant*  
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Katelin McLeod, *Sexton*

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