



Heartbeats along the way: The Heart on Pilgrimage

"Blessed are those whose strength is in You, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage." Psalm 84:5

We, as Carlisle United Methodist Church have been on a journey for nearly six years, beginning with the legendary snowy night in January 2011. Recently, with God's help, we began the last two major activities to finish the trip: raising money for a new church, and actually building it.

During the Capital Campaign, we were challenged to ask ourselves, "Lord, what do You want to do through me?" The focus of this prayer was our willingness to make a financial commitment - a sacrifice of our treasure to build a church and worship center to fulfill God's vision and our mission of inviting all to become disciples of Jesus Christ serving Carlisle and beyond.

Now we need to ask what God wants to do through us for the last part of this pilgrimage. To help us complete the journey to the Spring Garden Campus, CUMC is offering "Heartbeats Along the Way," brief notes for reading, meditating and praying our way to the end of our pilgrimage.

These notes, appearing twice a month, will use the theme of the heart as expressed in the Bible. As one person put it, "The heart of the matter is the matter of the heart."

May these notes comfort, challenge, encourage, and guide us to answer that question, "Lord, what do You want to do through me?" as we make our pilgrimage together to the opening Sunday at Spring Garden Campus.

"O Lord, our strength, show us all what You want to do through us. May we arrive as one body in love and service. Amen."

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