



Heartbeats along the way: The Joyful Heart

*"Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice."
Psalm 105:3*

Next Sunday we'll celebrate the fifth birthday of Carlisle United Methodist Church. It's been an exciting, stressful, trust-building and miracle-filled five years! God has given us countless gifts, including the precious gift of our Christian fellowship as a family. God has also given us the opportunity to welcome new members to our family. We've seen small children grow into wonderful witnesses before our eyes during the weekly Children's Chat time. And we've witnessed sisters and brothers become more deeply involved in Kingdom work through Serve and Connect activities. But wait! There's more!!

We can also celebrate the achievement of a milestone on our pathway to breaking ground later this year. South Middleton Twp. Planning Commission unanimously approved our land development plans for the Spring Garden Campus. We're on track to break ground by early autumn!

We've faced a number of decisions in the past, but in every situation God has led us on the way through. There will be more challenges to come. And God will continue to guide us.

This psalm, copied in part (below), was ascribed to David as a praise psalm when he rescued the Ark of the Covenant and returned it to Israel (See 1 Chronicles 6). It was a time of great excitement for a nation in the making.

There will be more days of celebration ahead, but this one is also important. See you at the birthday party!

"O Lord let us give You the full measure of Glory for all you have done for our church family. May our hearts always seek You and rejoice always. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, Amen."

~ cl reynolds

Psalm 105: 1-6a

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done.