



Heartbeats along the way: The Living Heart

"The poor will see and be glad - you who seek God, may your hearts live! The Lord hears the needy, and does not despise his captive people." Psalm 69:32-33

Recently Kathy Charette circulated a document listing many ways that we can volunteer to be part of one of our four Pillars – Worship, Grow, Connect, and Serve – inside and outside CUMC. The passage from Psalm 69 encourages us to step up as a volunteer.

We are truly a serving church as well as a giving church. Our time in serving others is just as important as our tithes and offerings when it comes to following Christ's call to be disciples and to make disciples. Of course we are not perfect, and sometimes we're accused by others of a sort of hypocrisy. But we mustn't let those criticisms deter us from bearing one another's burden.

The Heartbeats series has two main themes. One is to encourage us in creating the Spring Garden Campus as a place where we may practice the four Pillars. The other theme is to prepare ourselves for performing those services for others. We're building a living heart to serve God and others. We have these remaining months to prepare ourselves for a greater level of service and witness. Otherwise, we're just building a museum for Christian artifacts.

I can't imagine God just wants us to build a building. I believe God is challenging us to fill it with living hearts that seek God and bring hope to the poor, the needy, and the captive. After all, Jesus didn't command us to build the church as a property, but to go and make disciples.

"May our hearts come alive in You, O Savior. May we dedicate our lives to Worshiping, Growing, Connecting, and Serving this broken world as we build our new worship campus. Amen."

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