



Heartbeats along the way: The Abundant Heart

*Luke 6:45. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good...
for it is out of the abundance of the **heart** that the mouth speaks.*

This is the season for gratitude. And our church family can count many blessings this Christmas season. God has blessed us with leadership, serving opportunities, steady progress on our journey to a new location, and the presence of the Holy Spirit in all our doings. All this adds up to a very good treasure in our hearts. And from that treasure we can produce Good.

The Good that Carlisle UMC has produced so far can be measured in many ways: assisting in disaster relief; providing monthly and holiday meals; helping the children of Carlisle with education and opportunities to understand God's love for them; caring for our LAMs and others in our congregation; participating in Samaritan Fellowship; giving overnight shelter to the guests of Carlisle CARES; and the active work of our Children's and Youth ministries in our neighborhood.

God's abundance and the good we create in response to it speaks to our desire to fulfill God's command to be a neighbor. But we need to "stay on top of our game" when we relocate probably in just over a year to the Spring Garden Campus.

Imagine how we can use our new Worship Center for the activities of our four pillars: worship, grow, connect, and serve. May our prayer in this season be to prepare ourselves to receive God's abundance and produce good for all around us.

"O Jesus Christ, as we celebrate the anniversary of Your birth, we thank you for the abundance of Your blessings upon us. We ask that you continue to invest in us so we may produce abundant good for all whom You call us to serve. In Your Holy name we pray. Amen."

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