Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
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Hummelstown
United Church of Christ

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

-John 15:12

Recognizing there are those who have known the pain of discrimination in the church and society, we invite everyone to experience God's love here. The United Church of Christ of Hummelstown affirms all persons are created in the image of God and so welcome the full inclusion of all people in the communion, life, and ministries of this community of faith seekers. We celebrate and embrace diversity of faith journey, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, national origin, age, relationship status, physical or mental ability, and political affiliation. We proclaim this statement of inclusion – no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Welcome

If you are new, we hope you feel connected to the community created here. Each pew holds an information sheet about our congregation, and details on service elements. If you need assistance for any reason, please ask an usher.

Worship online: YouTube.com/@hummelstownucc

Worship in person: Settle in and engage the spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from an usher if you prefer. **Bold Type** indicates you are invited to read, in unison aloud.

Hymns are included at the end of the bulletin, and in the hymnals in the pews.

Offerings & Gifts are always welcome, for your use a plate is placed at either entrance to the sanctuary. A QR code is included if you prefer to give online.

Prayer requests and communication cards are available on the clipboards in the pews. Please place in the offering plates. If you would like your prayer spoken in service, please give to the pastor before worship begins.

Children & Youth Jesus loved kids and loves yours, so we invite kids to be kids, whether they are wiggly, giggly or quiet. A rocking chair and changing table, activity kits, crayons and paper are always available at the back of the sanctuary. Move, groove and be part of the spirit!

Communion is ALWAYS open to all. (Typically offered on the 2nd Sunday monthly) Bread is gluten and main allergen free, and cups are grape juice. If you have allergy concerns please speak with the pastor or ushers. Personal sealed packages are available.

Spirit Stick Our congregation participates in Relay for Life and won the spirit contest so will have the **Big PURPLE stick** you see up front until June 2027. We honor with prayer and thanksgiving those affected by cancer, researchers, medical professionals and caregivers everywhere.

WHO WE ARE & WHO WE ARE STRIVING TO BE:

We are a vibrant and progressive Christian community embracing inclusivity and diversity with all who seek to enrich their spiritual journey. Using the teachings of Jesus Christ & the Still Speaking God, we seek to engage the world through worship, education, ministry, mission and love.

Building Community…

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Steadfast, loving God, in the morning I sing your praise. Give me wisdom for this day and rejoice in me, as I rejoice in you. Amen.

PRELUDE "There's a Spirit of Love in this Place" Arr. E. Schutz

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Set your hope in God, who is worthy of our trust.

Many: We remember the glorious deeds of the Holy One.

One: Set your hope in God, who orders our days and redeems our lives.

Many: We rejoice in the wonders the Holy One has done.

One: Set your hope in God, who leads us.

Many: We recommit to the ways of the Holy One. Our hope is in God!

HYMN "O Day of Radiant Gladness" #66

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

One: Holy one, we come before you with praise and thanksgiving. We invite you to inhabit our praise as we honor your precious name. Bind us together and refresh us as a community with justice and righteousness overflowing like a stream. Open our minds and hearts to be receptive to your still speaking voice. Make yourself known among us. You are our god, and we are your people.

Many: God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us as we become aware of our own failings and seek to grow. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. We seek to live with the certitude that those who are first will be last, and the last will be first. Give us the courage and the hope to live with your words in my mind.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God knows our wants and our needs. Living and active and guiding us along the way, we seek to live knowing that what is impossible for me is possible for god. Thanks be to God, for understanding and for helping all people who, even imperfectly, strive to seek God's face, to follow God's will and to build a more beloved community. Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greet those around you with a hi, hello, wave, hug or greeting as we pass the peace around the church!

HYMN "God is Love"

Praise God, Praise God all you blessed children
God is Love, God is Love
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MESSAGE FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

All families, kids or those young at heart are welcome to come forward for a moment of connection at the altar

HYMN "This is My Commandment"

This is My commandment that you love one another that your joy may be full
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That your joy may be full, That your joy may be full.
This is My commandment that you love one another that your joy may be full

Opening to the Spirit's Call…

PASTORAL PRAYER

Sometimes the troubles of the world seem impossible to address, and the burdens of our lives seem too much for us to bear. Yet we trust that, for God, all things are possible. Therefore we are bold to pray to

Many: God of mercy, be gracious to us.

We pray for peace among the nations, food for the hungry, justice for the poor, and a life of dignity for all people.

Many: God of mercy, be gracious to us.

We pray for new life in the church, fresh energy in mission, faithfulness in ministry, and reconciliation in the body of Christ.

Many: God of mercy, be gracious to us.

We pray for the welfare of this community, safe streets and homes, good schools and jobs, and the spirit of love among neighbors.

Many: God of mercy, be gracious to us.

We pray for the healing of all who suffer, comfort for the afflicted, hope for the despairing, and strength for those who care for them.

Many: God of mercy, be gracious to us.

O God, in whom all things are possible, we commend these prayers to you and commit our lives to seek your will. **Amen**.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We grieve with … Johnny's family and friends at his unexpected death;

LORD'S PRAYER

Many: Our Creator/Mother/Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCING OUR MISSIONS & MINISTRY

CENTERING ON OUR GENEROSITY

One: God has given us good and generous gifts out of abundant love. People do not face need because creation is insufficient. When we share the resources of creation, we proclaim our faith and trust that God provides more than enough for all of us to flourish. Let us give in faith and hope.

MUSICAL REFLECTION Medley: Morning Has Broken/For the Beauty of the Earth/Holy, Holy, Holy Arranged by Marcia Wells

SUNG RESPONSE (Tune #27)

Praise God, the Source who makes us one,
Praise Jesus Christ, beloved One.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Our gifts we give as we've been led,
All bodies, minds, and spirits fed.
Help us show love,
Faithfully loved.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All gifts are welcome.

For online gifts:

Hummelstownucc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Many: Loving God, accept our offerings as a testament to our love, faith, and hope. Magnify them for your glory and to meet the needs of the community. Expand our reach and glorify your name through our giving, O God. Amen.

HYMN "O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder" #35

Discerning through Story…

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Baruch 5

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting, for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven, for God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies, but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from God.

SERMON Prophetic Futures Pastor Beth Rogers

Coming Together at the Table…

HYMN "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" Insert

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

The Bread of Life and the Cup of a New Covenant

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Many: Holy and loving God, we offer thanks for this day—for the beauty of the earth, for your love and care for every creature, for this table that is before us. We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this marvelous mosaic. We offer prayers for those without tables to gather around, without food to eat, without beverage to quench their thirst. Communion and community are for them too. We are humbled by this reality, remind us to be gracious with one another. Meet us in our striving, and hear us as we pray.

Going Forth with God's Love!

CLOSING HYMN "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" #76

BENEDICTION

As you go from this time and gathering, rest in the covenant, choose love every day, sustain hope in action, serve the Holy One with love and honor, and be a witness for the goodness of God in the land of the living. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Psalm of Glory" Lani Smith

Today in worship **Liturgist:** Paul Whitman **Tech:**

Usher: Rich Hebel, Thelma Shumway

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday November 8th & November 15th 9:30 am Building Forward Campaign Information Session. Did you attend the most recent All Gift Team Meeting and need more information on the capital campaign? Have you discerned *an increase* or *new pledge* to the capital campaign to meet our match goal for our grant? Come to this informative session with the Capital Campaign Team to discuss or turn in a pledge card. Thank you to everyone who continues to give and to all who have discerned a new way to give in this moment.

Keystone Budget Meeting on Zoom: Volunteer to attend the Conference Budget Meeting as a representative of our congregation. Talk to Pastor Beth to get the link!

Saturday December 12th Christmas Tea volunteers needed to prepare/do dishes/ or serve tea.

September Financial Update: If you would like a complete picture of the financial statement of the church, please contact the Gift Team Board. Thank you for continuing to share your generosity with us!

September	Actual	Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budgeted
Income	$5,863.40	$ 5,916.66	$ 53,428.20	$ 53,250.02
Payroll	$ 16,100.99	$13,654.08		
Utilities	$ 277.05	$1,270.00		
Building Maint	$ 1,254.50	$1,666.67		

Building Forward Financial Statement

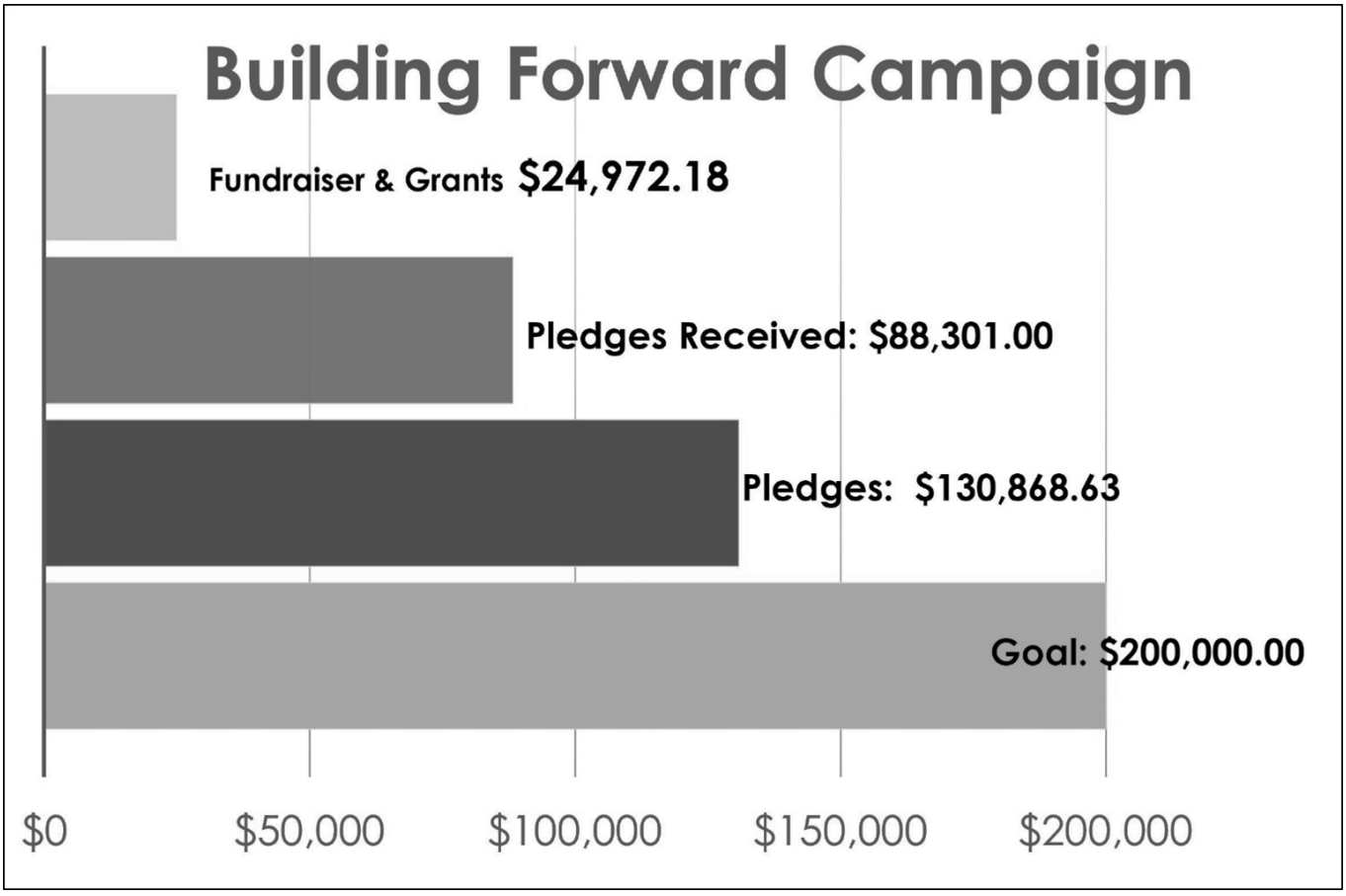
We are grateful to acknowledge that with an invitation for businesses in town to get involved in our capital campaign, we have had six businesses donate so far!

Can you help spread the word on why we want to protect and preserve this space?

Do you know of a business who might be willing to donate? Connect with the capital campaign team to get a letter or materials to invite others to join in this project.

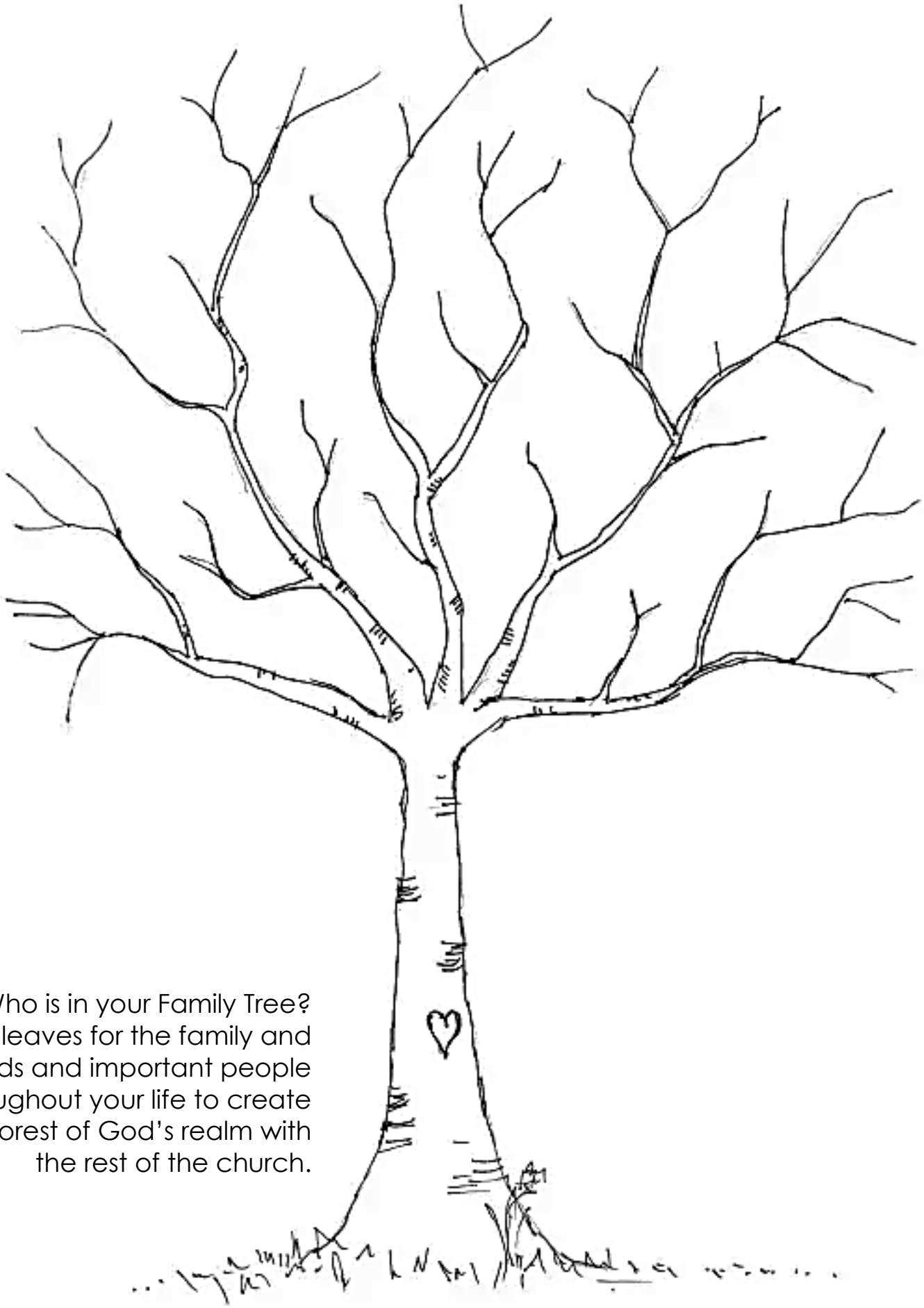
Need to check in on your individual pledge? Talk with the campaign team to find out where you stand.

Need a new pledge card so you can make your giving plans official? Grab a pledge card from the office.



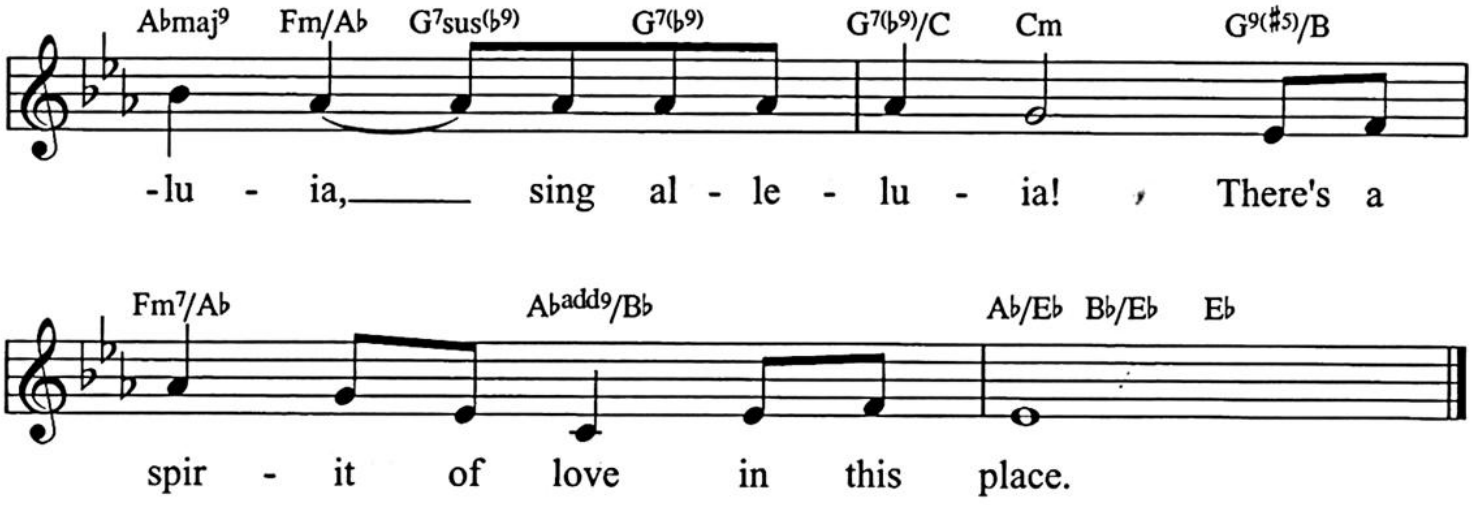
This fall, we will be including a weekly pondering prompt to get everyone thinking about particular ways this place has impacted your life. Take a moment, write down your thoughts and send them into the office by email or mail so we can collect them into our living history!

Pondering Prompt: Can you write a memory of a particularly exciting or entertaining service or event that has happened at this building in your time? What happened? When? Who was there?



Who is in your Family Tree?
Draw leaves for the family and friends and important people throughout your life to create the forest of God's realm with the rest of the church.

33 There's a Spirit of Love in This Place



Love is such a powerful force.
It's there for everyone to embrace—
that kind of unconditional love for all of humankind.

That is the kind of love that impels people to go into
the community and try to change conditions for others,
to take risks for what they believe in.

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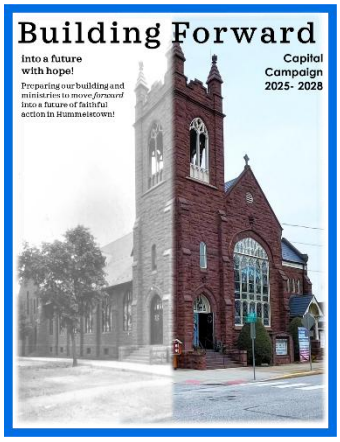
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday November 9th
Wunder Institute
Classrooms

7 pm Community Singers
Sanctuary

7 pm Scouting America
Troops 66 & 6619
Keller Hall & Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Church Breakfast
Soda Jerk Diner



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November 8th & 15th 9:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday November 14th Partners for Sacred Spaces Training, Building Reserved

Sunday November 22nd:
Hanging of the Greens

Saturday December 12th:
Christmas in Paris Tea