



**5 Phases**

An outline of the progression of a series we are doing at Beech Grove in 2023  
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**We Commit**

Please review these commitments before February 26th. We will discuss these each week on Sundays in February  
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**P.U.R.P.O.S.E.**

Continue to pray on P.U.R.P.O.S.E. You can find recordings from throughout January on our church Facebook page.



**BEECH GROVE**  
UNITED METHODIST



# PHASE 2

MONTH 1 OF 2

Greetings Beech Grove United Methodist Church,

We are continuing through our 12-month journey together using resources provided through Cross Vocational. In January, we began with some evaluation of who we are and where we see ourselves heading with a collection of survey questions. We will continue to develop our community life of prayer and compare where we started to where we find ourselves through an end-of-year evaluation at the close of these 12 months.

During this second phase of our journey we will begin by focusing on the renewal of our minds. Be prepared to schedule regular purpose-filled church meetings, guided conversations, and other decision-making practices and processes for engagement at Beech Grove UMC.

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# PASTOR'S NOTE

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Just a brief note to remind those who have not yet taken the survey from January to please do so as soon as possible. It helps ensure that we know where we came from, where we are, and where we are going so that our choices and actions moving forward are intentional as a community of faith. It is ideal that we work, live, and follow Christ in such a way that we are the embodiment of the investment God has made in us through Jesus Christ. Alternatively, we could let the world we live in happen to us, change us, and even be the initiators of an end to our lives together as the church. Yet, I know that God has greater plans in mind. We are called to be the agents of change and transformation in this world rather than letting change happen to us passively.

It is my prayer that whatever the future holds for us, that it is a future that we engage with head first with full faith in God. May our minds be diligent and our focus be full of determination so that each of our futures and our faith community's collective future leads to God being glorified and us being part of God's divine plan with whole hearts at peace.

Amen.



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# THE 5 PHASES



## Body | Hands

January

31-Day Prayer Challenge, Opening Survey, Meditations, Discussions, and Commitment.



## Mind | Head

February and March

Vision, Mission, Values, Effective Meetings, Feedback Process, Meditations, and Discussions.



## Spirit | Heart

March, April, and May

Planning Personal and Church-Wide Spiritual Formation Retreats, Passion Planning, Meditations, and Discussions.



## Self | Within

May, June, July, and August.

Personal Assets Inventory Survey, Church-Life Organization and Planning, Meditations, and Discussions.



## Others | Outward

August, September, October, November, and December.

Community Assets Inventory, Re-Thinking Vacation Bible School, Community Networking, Closing Survey, Meditations, and Discussions

# SUMMARY OF COMMITMENT CONVERSATIONS

Last month we had small discussions during each worship experience. Below are the conversation starters that we based our discussion on.



1. Conversation about why we should avoid words and phrases of doubt as Christians.



2. Conversation about organization and planning, thinking too hard, and taking too long when it comes to our commitments.



3. Conversation about setting goals and living into our purposes individually and as a group.



4. Conversation about letting go so that our feelings and preferences do not determine our future, but a collective mind for Christ does.



5. Conversation about what it means to be enough in what we have, what we do, and who we are as followers of Jesus.

# COMMITMENT SIGNATURE PAGE

I \_\_\_\_\_ respond as follows to the questions provided below in light of how I will participate in the ministries and work of Beech Grove United Methodist Church.



#1 Are you willing to aim to eliminate words and phrases of doubt such as these from your self-talk and the conversations and work of the body/community?

- Can't
- Maybe
- I'll try my best
- Impossible
- Not likely

Yes  No



#2 Can you commit to organized planning that is done with a time limit? In other words, are you willing to not think too hard and take too long to move an idea into a plan that all are willing to commit to?

Yes  No



#3 Can you commit to participating in the development of group and self purposes as well as goals and plans?

Yes  No



#4 Will you let go of personal preferences and focus more on bringing your gifts and graces to the table? Will you also receive the gifts and graces of others, trusting most in the collective mind (which includes that of God with us) as well as the voices and experiences of those in need so that we can achieve our ministry goals?

Yes  No



#5 Will you trust that God will provide every need to achieve whatever we set our hearts and minds to do?

Yes  No

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# PHASE 2 | FEB / MAR

To help us be more faithful in our continued life of worship, discernment, and prayer. I encourage reflection on the following scriptures which will inform our times together in the coming weeks.

LENT	Feb 1-28	2023
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (YEAR A)	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023	ROMANS 12:2
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (YEAR A)	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023	2 CORINTHIANS 10:5
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY (YEAR A)	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023	PROVERBS 2:2
ASH WEDNESDAY (YEAR A)	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023	JOEL 2:12-13
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023	1 CORINTHIANS 2:16
LENT	MAR 1 - 30	2023
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)	SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023	1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - SPRING FORWARD THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)	SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023	MATTHEW 22:37
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)	SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023	DEUTERONOMY 6:5
MARCH 25TH IS ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023	PHILIPPIANS 4:8

## Beech Grove UMC | Birthdays

**Katie Amos - February 29**  
**Emma Furtado - February 26**

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## On Our Calendar

### Weekly Worship and Gathering Times

Sundays (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th)  
11:00 am

### ChurchWide Commitment Signature Forms

Due Feb 26th, Send or bring to church on Sundays

[www.BeechGroveUMC.net](http://www.BeechGroveUMC.net)

## Holidays and Liturgical Dates

- 2/1 First Day of Black History Month
- 2/2 [Revised Common Lectionary]  
Presentation of the Lord (Year A)
- 2/14 Valentines Day
- 2/20 President's Day
- 2/21 Fat Tuesday
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday