

# Reaching FORWARD



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invite. grow. serve.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. ...Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ... I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Philippians 3:7-8,12-14

Welcome to our Fall 2022 (re)Group Reaching Forward experience. We're glad you are here. Our time together will start and end with small group discussion with a video presentation in between. We'll start this week by claiming our missional moment. In Week 2, we'll review the findings of the Congregational Assessment. After Fall Break in our third week together, we'll have a special panel presentation from our community partners and leaders so we can learn about the challenges and opportunities in our city. In Week 4 we will talk about our next steps as a community of faith.

You'll have access to the weekly video and handout as well as to the menu and meal reservation form at [BroadwayUnited.org/ReachingForward](https://BroadwayUnited.org/ReachingForward). You can also use the BUMC app to access the form or make a donation to help cover the costs of meal and childcare.

*Special thanks to*  
Beverly Wright, Cherry Perkins, and  
Becky Wheeler for making and  
serving tonight's meal!

## Week 1 CLAIMING OUR MISSIONAL MOMENT

### GET THROUGH IT TO GET TO IT

*We want to be a...*

**CONTAGIOUS** COMMUNITY OF **HOSPITALITY** WHERE ALL PEOPLE ARE WELCOMED INTO A FAMILY OF FAITH

**LIFE-GIVING** COMMUNITY OF **GROWTH** WHERE HURTS ARE HEALED, FAITH IS RESTORED, AND PEOPLE BECOME FULLY ALIVE

**SELFLESS** COMMUNITY OF **ACTION** THAT EXTENDS HOPE INTO OUR CITY AND WORLD

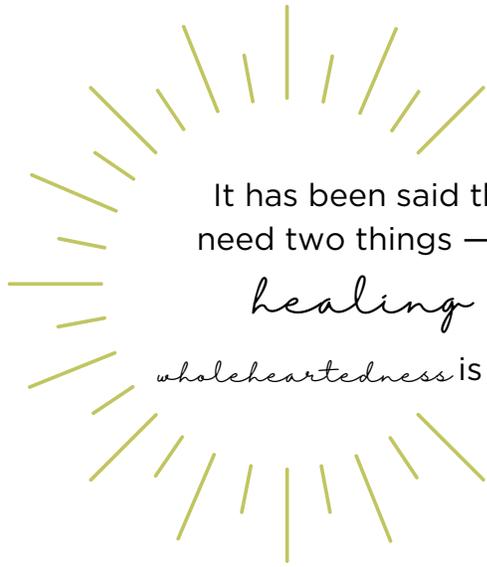
"During challenging times we need two things: healing and wholeheartedness."  
*What does this mean? Why do we need both? Jot a few notes below.*

Getting through it means

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Getting to it means

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It has been said that during challenging times we need two things – healing and wholeheartedness.

*healing* is about navigating life's losses.

*wholeheartedness* is about rising to life's challenges.



*We reach forward by*

**GOING TOGETHER**

**GROWING DEEPER**

**GETTING CLEARER**

## ? **PERSONAL REFLECTION**

How have you “gotten through it” during challenging times? Can you think of personal examples of going together, growing deeper or getting clearer?

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## **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Share your responses to the personal reflection.
2. What are some of the challenges, needs, or hurts you see in our community the church should address?
3. What are some of Broadway's specific gifts or strengths that make us uniquely prepared to “get to it” in meeting those needs?
4. How can your group pray for you to “get through it”?... how can they pray for you to “get to it”?

*Notes*

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*Next Week*

Menu: Pulled pork barbecue, baked beans, mac and cheese, coleslaw, and brownies

Topic: Who are we? What we learn from the Congregational Assessment

Reserve your meal at

[BroadwayUnited.org/ReachingForward](http://BroadwayUnited.org/ReachingForward)