

One of the phrases most closely associated with John Wesley (pictured above), the founder of the Methodist movement, is **“Do all the good you can.”** Wesley believed faith was never meant to stay on Sunday morning. It was meant to show up in the world through lives shaped by love of God and neighbor.

As I look at our two congregations preparing to become one, I find myself wondering: What good might we do together that we cannot do alone? We bring rich histories, deep relationships, and different gifts to this shared journey. I believe we have an opportunity not simply to sustain what has been, but to imagine what God might grow through us next.

This year, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you will offer your time, talents, and financial gifts in the coming year. Every act of generosity helps make ministry possible, from caring for our neighbors to creating a community where everyone can experience God's transforming love. I am excited to see what becomes possible when we bring our gifts together in service of our neighbors and our wider community. Let's do all the good we can, together!



Alongside you,

Rev. Paul Ortiz



“We recognize that church programs and church communities do not function on the grace of God alone. We recognize that it is our collective gifts of our time, our talents, and our financial support that make it happen and we are glad to share in this commitment to be church, to make church, and to build community for the good of the world. Together we can.”

~Dale Hoff and Ann McKee







I am inspired by how our church reflects God’s mercy and grace through its active commitment to serving the community, especially those in need, including the poor, the homeless, and the underprivileged. Even more importantly, I am drawn to our church’s focus on growing in faith and deepening our relationship with God.

For me, supporting our church is an expression of my faith and an acknowledgment that everything, including my life, belongs to God.

~Robert Lee



OUR HUMAN NEEDS APPEAL MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN SO MANY LIVES

For almost 60 years the Human Needs Appeal has distributed funds from our members’ pledges to organizations that work for justice and serve the needs of people in the University District and beyond. In 2026 the Human Needs Appeal has aided the following agencies:

Country Doctor Free Teen Clinic, Elizabeth Gregory Home, Teen Feed, United Churches Emergency Fund, PHRA, and University District Food Bank