Daily Closing Prayer

Gracious God,

All that we have and all that we are come from your abundant grace. Teach us to be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to our care.

Help us recognize the possibilities before us and discern how our building might best serve your mission. Free us from the fears that limit our imagination and the attachments that hinder our faithfulness. Cultivate within us generous hearts, discerning minds, and courageous spirits.

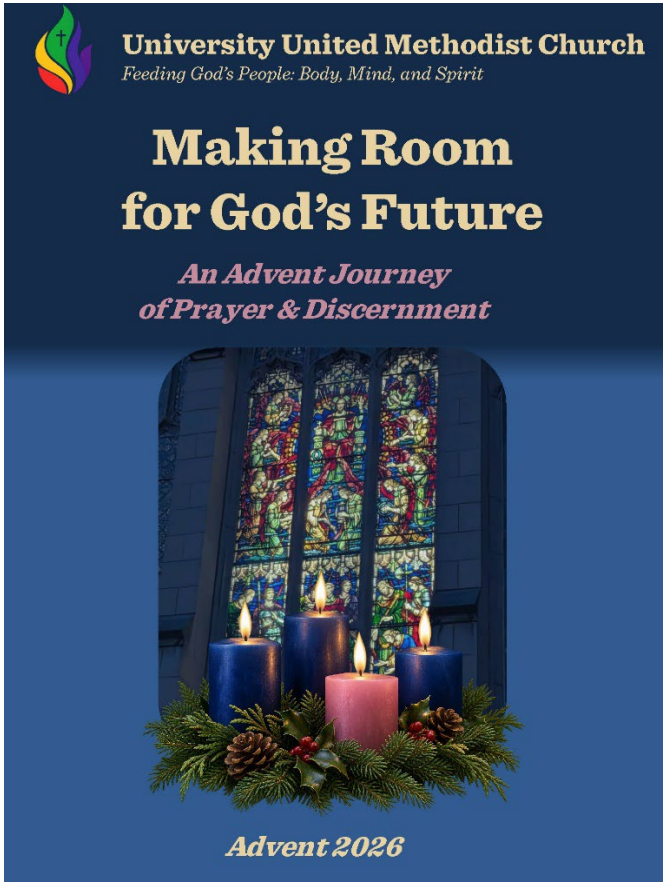
May our stewardship be an expression of our love for you and our commitment to feeding your people in body, mind, and spirit.

Amen.

Communal Advent Prayer Board

Throughout Advent, you are invited to share your reflections, questions, hopes, and insights on our communal Advent prayer board. Each week features a guiding question. Share as often as you feel led.

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Advent is a season of hopeful anticipation and openness to God's leading. As our congregation discerns how best to care for our church building and sustain its ministries for future generations, you are invited to spend time each day in intentional prayer.

May the Holy Spirit open our hearts to generosity, our minds to new possibilities, and our spirits to courageous action.

Pray **Reflect** **Imagine** **Share**

Hope *Imagining What God Might Make Possible* Isaiah 64:1–9	
November 29	Give thanks for the generations who have entrusted this building to our care. What hopes might they have had for us?
November 30	Pray for the people who enter our building each week. Where do you see God at work in their lives?
December 1	Ask God to help you see our building not only as it is, but as it could be.
December 2	What dreams do you have for the future of our congregation? Offer those dreams to God.
December 3	Pray for our neighbors who have yet to enter our doors. What might they need from this sacred space?
December 4	Ask God to reveal possibilities that we may have overlooked.
December 5	Where might God be inviting you to exchange uncertainty for hope?

Peace *Making Room for Faithful Discernment* Isaiah 40:1–11	
December 6	Pray for our Trustees as they prepare to discern the future of our building.
December 7	What fears or uncertainties do you carry about our building's future? Bring them before God.
December 8	Ask God to help us distinguish between our personal preferences and the needs of our shared mission.
December 9	Pray for those whose hopes for our building may differ from your own.
December 10	What might we need to release in order to make room for something new?
December 11	Pray for wisdom as we consider the financial and physical responsibilities of caring for our building.
December 12	Ask God to cultivate within us a spirit of unity, even when we do not agree.

Joy *Celebrating God's Gifts and Imagining Abundance* Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11	
December 13	Recall a moment of joy you experienced within our church building. Give thanks for that memory.
December 14	Pray for the ministries that nourish body, mind, and spirit within our walls.
December 15	What gifts and resources has God already entrusted to our congregation?
December 16	Imagine walking through our building five years from now. What would bring you joy to encounter?
December 17	Pray for opportunities to collaborate with our neighbors and community partners in new ways.
December 18	Ask God to help you approach generosity as an expression of joy rather than obligation.
December 19	What gifts of time, talent, imagination, or financial resources might you offer toward our shared future?

Love *Responding Faithfully to God's Invitation* Luke 1:26–38	
December 20	How might caring for our building be an expression of our love for God and our neighbors?
December 21	Pray that our building may be a place of refuge, comfort, belonging, and healing.
December 22	Ask God to help you consider how you might stretch beyond your current commitments.
December 23	What courageous steps might God be inviting you and our congregation to take?
December 24	As we celebrate God dwelling among us, pray that our building may be a place where others encounter God's transforming love.