



WHAT IS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT?

The process of intentionally building relationships of mutuality with individuals and communities in geographic proximity to a congregation, with a focus on highlighting gifts, strengths, and community investment.



Community engagement is not a recruiting strategy.
 Community engagement is not about figuring out the next service project or ministry program.
 Community engagement is not a seasonal program or project.







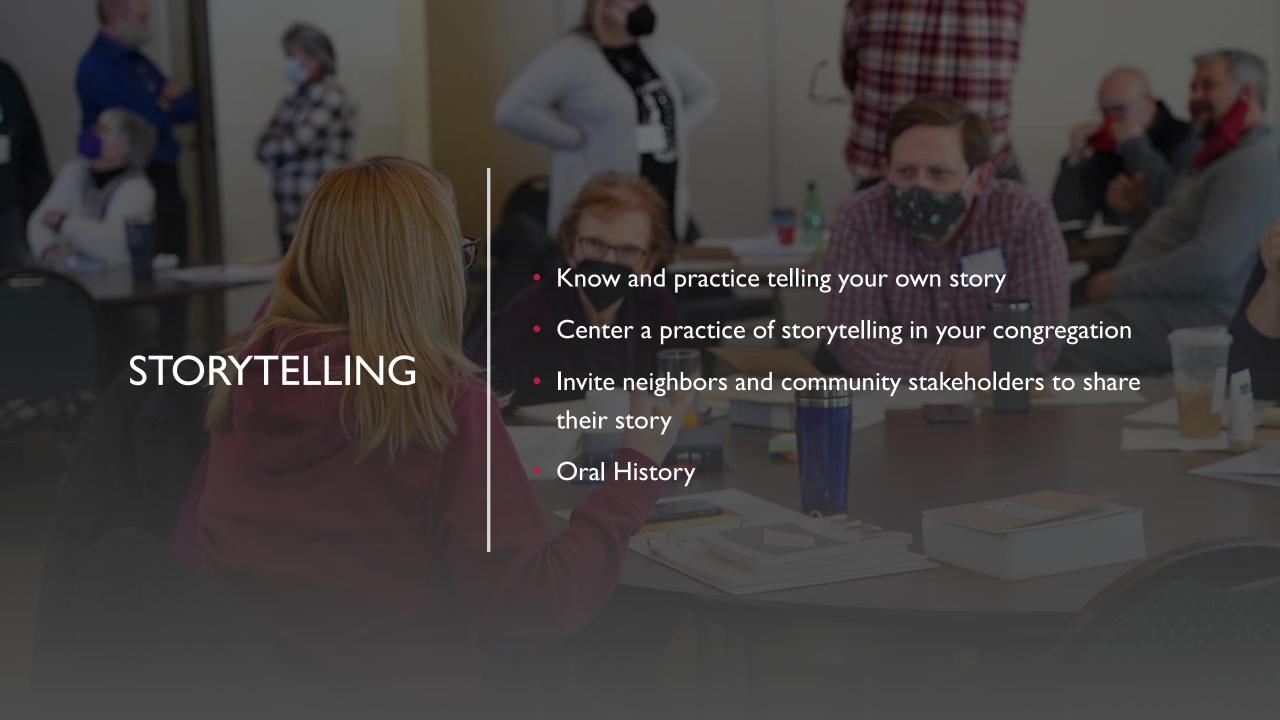
- Map the assets in your congregation.
 - One to ones
 - House meetings
 - Surveys
- Simple questions
 - What is something (or some things) that you know how to do well enough that you could teach someone else?
 - What is something you've always wanted to learn?

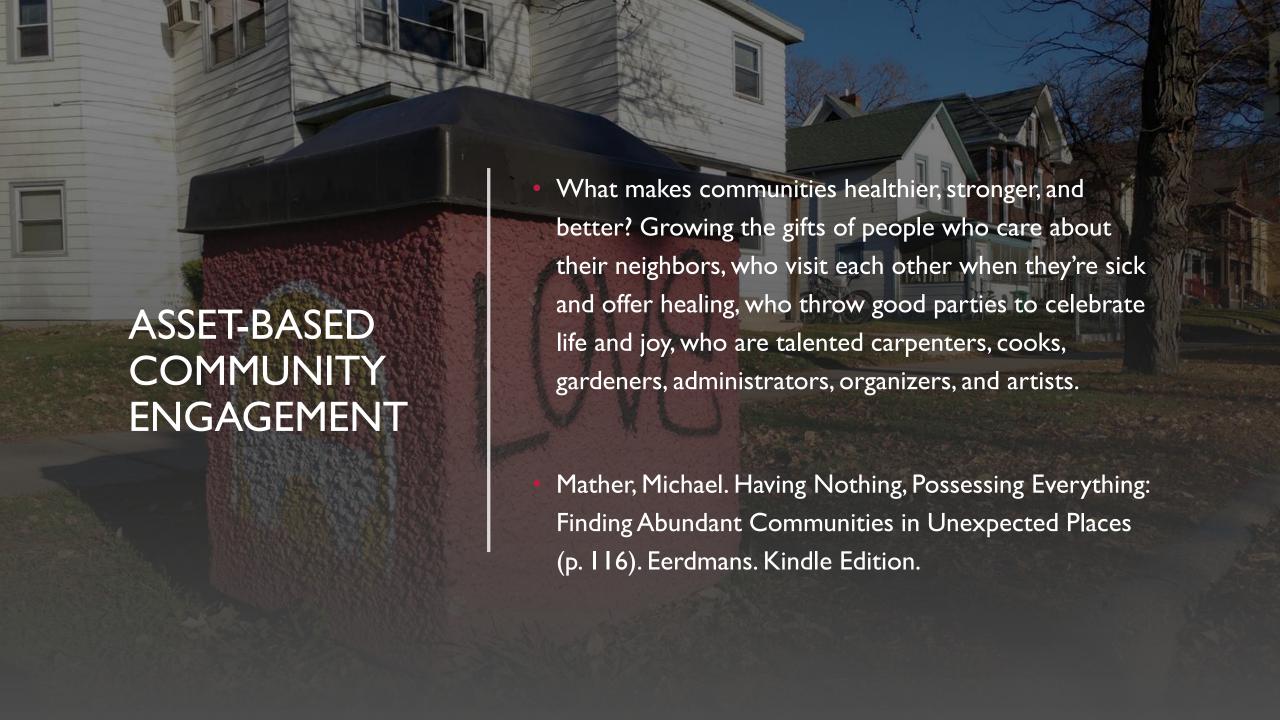












SOME POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS

- Practice one to ones during Lent
- Organize some intentional time for enjoying your neighborhood
- Research your community's history How have culture, race, and class played a role in that history?
- Connect with opportunities from Center for Leadership and Neighborhood Engagement
- Consider applying for Faith Practices & Neighboring
 Practices in Fall of 2022

