

Foundry Weekly Announcements



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FAMILY MINISTRIES

Join Us at the Lemonade Stand!

Throughout the month, we'll host a lemonade stand on the church plaza from **9:30 AM–12:00 PM** as a simple and fun way to connect with our neighbors. Kids, families, and volunteers of all ages are encouraged to sign up, serve some lemonade, and join the summer fun! Sign up at foundryumc.org/foundry-lemonade-stand

Our new Program Year begins September 13!

Sunday School Teacher Training will be held on August 22 and September 12 from 9–11 a.m. Family Ministries is seeking three main teachers, as well as substitute teachers, for the upcoming year. If you're interested, please contact our Sunday School Coordinator Wyatt wyatt.fore@gmail.com or our Director of Family Ministries Natalie nharvey@foundryumc.org. We'd love to have you on the team!

Sunday School Open House – Saturday, September 12!

Is your child/youth attending Sunday School at Foundry for the first time in the 2026-2027 Program year? Join us for our **Sunday School Open House** on **Saturday, September 12, from 11:30 AM–12:30 PM** in the **Education Wing!** This is a great opportunity for families to meet our Sunday School teachers, see their child's classroom, become familiar with Sunday School procedures, and start the program year with confidence.

Be sure to register today—we can't wait to welcome you! Register at foundryumc.org/sunday-school-open-house

Camp Foundry - Day Camp Registrations STILL OPEN!

After the influx of emails this week, we are leaving Saturday Day Camp registration OPEN until Aug. 23rd for those who still want to attend Day Camp Sept. 5th! Tell your family, friends and neighbors, we'd love to have you join in the fun! They can register here: foundryumc.org/camp-foundry

FIND YOUR CIRCLE

The Universal Christ

Beginning September 13 at 10:10 a.m. in Room 203, Chris Van Arsdale will lead a six week course on Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ*. Together, we will explore Rohr's vision of Christ as present in all creation and consider how this expansive understanding of Christ can deepen our faith, reshape our discipleship, and open us to God's presence in the world around us. Register at foundryumc.org/universal-christ

Midweek Bible Studies

Where does the Bible's story meet yours? This fall, Rev. Dr. Yongchi Rhie leads an adult study on discovering scriptural wisdom and activating living faith. Come find your place in the story. We will meet in person in Room 203 or on Zoom on Wednesdays starting September 16 – December 2 (no session November 25, Thanksgiving week) from 6:30-8 P.M. Register at foundryumc.org/midweek-bible-studies

LGBTQ+ Retreat Save the Date

Mark your calendars for the return of Foundry's LGBTQ+ retreat this October 9-11. Come join a wonderful weekend of spiritual reflection, new connections, and the fresh air of Rehoboth Beach. All are invited no matter your gender or sexual orientation. More details and registration to come soon.

August Mahjong Class

Whether you're a seasoned player or brand new to the game, join us for an evening of friendly tiles, good conversation, and community. We'll meet on August 27 (2nd and 4th Thursdays) at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Register here: foundryumc.org/mahjong

Disciple VIII: Isaiah & Matthew

Begins Wednesday, September 16 | 7:00–8:15 p.m. | Zoom. Join us for a new year-long Bible study exploring the hopeful vision of Isaiah 40–66 (a.k.a. Second and Third Isaiah) alongside the Gospel of Matthew. Together we'll discover how these books speak to communities seeking renewal, justice, compassion, and hope in challenging times, and what it means to follow Jesus as disciples today. Each week includes a brief teaching, thoughtful discussion, and time for prayer. This study is open to anyone who has completed Disciple I or a similar in-depth Scripture survey course. If interested, please sign up at foundryumc.org/disciple-8. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Ed Crump at ecrump@foundryumc.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Sacred Pause

Need more peace in your life? Join Foundry's Sacred Pause!

Do you need more grounding and fewer distractions? More community and less isolation? Join Foundry's Sacred Pause group, which gathers every weekday over Zoom from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. to practice meditation and contemplative prayer. It is a beautiful and grounding way to start your day. Register here: foundryumc.org/sacred-pause

Save the Date for these Fall Social Justice Events!

Saturday, October 17th- Great (Green) Day of Service. More information and registration coming soon!

Sunday, November 8th- Foundations of Sacred Resistance: Community Organizing 101. More information and registration coming soon!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

FOUNDRY WELCOME TEAM

One of the simplest ways to live out Foundry's commitment to **Connection and Care** is by helping create a warm, welcoming experience for everyone who walks through our doors. As part of our practice of radical hospitality, we're expanding our Welcome Team to greet people before, between, and after worship and staff our Welcome Table in the main lobby. Whether you can serve regularly or occasionally, we'd love to help you find a schedule that works for you. If you're interested, please register at foundryumc.org/welcome-team. Questions? Contact Ed Crump at ecrump@foundryumc.org.

CARE TEAM QUARTERLY GATHERING

Do you have a heart for caring for others? Our Care Team invites all current members — and anyone interested in joining — to our quarterly face-to-face gathering as we share updates, encourage one another, and prepare for the season ahead. Whether you're already involved or simply curious about serving through prayer, meals, visits, cards, or other acts of compassion, we'd love to welcome you. Come learn more about how together we can help our church family know they are loved and cared for. **We will meet in Room 101 on September 13, 2026 at 10:10 a.m. between services.** If interested, please sign-up at foundryumc.org/care-team-gathering. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ed Crump via email at ecrump@foundryumc.org.

Stephen Ministry Lay Pastoral Care Signup

Interested in helping care for others at Foundry? Stephen Ministry is seeking both Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers for Fall 2026. Stephen Leaders help coordinate, train, and support our lay caregivers, while Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one, confidential Christian care to people facing life's challenges. Training is provided for both roles. To learn more or register, visit foundryumc.org/lay-pastoral-care. Questions? Contact Ed Crump at ecrump@foundryumc.org.

Curious about Stephen Ministry? Join the 50th Anniversary Celebration on August 15 in Gaithersburg, MD—a great opportunity to learn more about the ministry. Visit foundryumc.org/stephen-ministry-50 for event details and registration.

Contemplative Half-Day Retreat: Saturday, October 3

Come ground yourself in sacred community as we get ready to enter the fall season together. **This half-day retreat will include centering prayer, meditation, journaling and more.** Register at foundryumc.org/contemplative-retreat

Pastor's Coffee: September 20

Are you curious about joining Foundry? Our Pastor's Coffee is an opportunity for those who wish to begin the journey toward official membership to meet with our clergy, learn more about our church, and move onto the next steps in our New Members' Class, "A Disciple's Path". **You can join us virtually or in person on September 20 at 10:10 a.m. in room 101.** Register at foundryumc.org/pastors-coffee

Foundry Connections Directory Campaign

We are launching a campaign to help improve the ability of Foundry folks to connect with one another using the Foundry Connections Directory in Church Center. Unfortunately, many of us are not listed or need to update our listing in the current online directory. From August 23–September 30, volunteers will be available at the Welcome Table in the Commons, as well as at potlucks, Foundry Camp, and other events, to help you become part of the connection. Or you can update your Directory profile yourself using instructions [here](#). Questions? Contact Ed Crump (ecrump@foundryumc.org) or [Lynn Smarte](#).

RECOVERY TABLE: A MEAL OF CONNECTION & HOPE

Addiction recovery begins and thrives in community. If you are in recovery, exploring recovery, supporting a loved one, or simply seeking a place of hope and healing, join us for our first Recovery Table meal on September 20 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 203. Enjoy good food, conversation, and connection in a welcoming, grace-filled community—please anonymously RSVP at foundryumc.org/recovery-table to help us plan.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS

Homecoming Sunday

Homecoming Sunday is August 30! We invite you to bring one small object that tells the story of your summer—a stone, a shell, water from a sea or river, a ticket stub, a sticker, a drawing, or a written prayer. During the offertory, you're invited to place it on our Homecoming altar as a sign that God was with you in joy and challenge, rest and change, wherever this summer led you—and has brought you home. If you don't have an object to bring, simply bring a prayer; note cards will be available if you'd like to write it down.

Join us for Foundry's third annual Homecoming Potluck on Sunday, August 30! At 10 a.m., there will be a single worship service. We will gather afterward in the Frances and Norman Prince Fellowship Hall for good food and fellowship. Register at foundryumc.org/homecoming

Intro to Choir

A new music series: **Intro to Choir.** Foundry's Music Ministry will host a series of welcoming gatherings for anyone curious in choir singing, to build confidence, develop practical choral skills and experience the joy of making music together. Consider joining us in the choir room at 11:20 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9. Mark your calendar for future sessions. Register at foundryumc.org/intro-to-choir

Upcoming Sessions:

August 9 at 11:20 a.m. - **Using My Voice** with Angeli Ferrette

September 6 at 12:20 p.m. - **Rudiments of Music** with Francese

September 13 at 12:20 p.m. - **Following the Score** with Robert Baker

September 20 at 12:20 p.m. - **Using My Voice** with Wayne Jennings

September 27 at 12:20 p.m. - **Listening Party** with Kathleen Borqueta

This Week in Foundry's History

August — Week 3

August 18, 1970 — The Rev. Dr. Frederick Brown Harris dies.

On August 18, 1970, the Rev. Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, former senior pastor of Foundry Church and chaplain of the Senate, died at the age of 87. Harris came to Washington, D.C. in 1924 and served as pastor of Foundry for 31½ years, retiring in 1955. As Senate chaplain, he presided over the funerals for President Herbert Hoover, Senator Robert A. Taft, and General Douglas MacArthur. He also led the Christmas Day 1941 service at Foundry attended by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

"This Week in Foundry's History" is produced by Foundry's Archives and History Committee. If you'd like to contribute to the Committee's historical research, please email your favorite historical event from Foundry's past, along with appropriate source citations, to John McCormick, the Committee Chair, at jtmccormick58@gmail.com

WE ARE ON NATIVE LAND:

When we gather for worship and ministry on the corner of 16th and P, we do so upon the sacred, traditional, and unceded lands of the Anacostan, Massawomack, Susquehannock, Piscataway, and Pomunkey peoples, who were forcibly removed from this area to allow for English settlement. As occupiers of their territory, we recognize them as the original and perpetual stewards of this land and gratefully acknowledge our responsibility for a more honest recounting of our history that empowers us to work for the thriving of all people.