



Foundry Weekly Announcements - October 4

Generosity Celebration

Sunday, October 18 | Community Commons | Between Services

Join us in our Community Commons between our two worship services on October 18 as we pause to celebrate what Foundry has accomplished together. Through your faithfulness, we are on track to end our fiscal year on budget, and together we successfully completed Phase I of our Capital Campaign, receiving enough financial commitments to retire the church's mortgage debt. This is simply a time to give thanks, recognize one another, and celebrate what your generosity has made possible. All are welcome; no sign-up needed.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

A Special invitation for Foundry Families with Children:

Our sister congregation Asbury UMC has invited all Foundry Children and families to a [Painting Party](#)! On October 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., come paint reusable tote bags donated to Asbury's food pantry! For more information, please contact Ms. Vanessa at williford_v@hotmail.com.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH UPDATE

Foundry offers a variety of childcare and worship options for our youngest congregants through youth every Sunday! Children of all ages are welcome to join their families in the Sanctuary at both the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship services. Before the sermon, a servant leader will invite children (pre-K through 5th grade) to attend a special Children's Worship. They will rejoin their families in the Sanctuary during the Offertory/Last Hymn.

Sunday School for pre-K through 6th grade: Sunday School starts at 10:10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. (pick up between 10:55 - 11:05 a.m.), in the following classrooms located in the upstairs Education Wing:

- 204 - 1st & 2nd Grade • 206 - PreK3-Kindergarten • 208 - Fire-walker Kids
- 205 - 3rd & 4th Grade • 207 - 5th & 6th Grade

Sunday School for youth:

Youth Sunday School - located in the Youth Room each Sunday, is offered to our Jr. High (7th-9th) and Upperclassmen (10th-12th) with breakfast, lesson, discussion groups and games

Nursery care is available for infants up to 2 years old from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers near the Community Commons will help you find the Child Care Center or your child's Sunday School class.

LITTLE GOBLINS PARADE 10/24

Each year, Foundry Family Ministries partners with the Friends of Stead Park for the **The Little Goblins Parade!!** Held on **Saturday, October 24th, 12:30-3:00 PM, in or near Stead Park (1625 P Street NW)**. There is a costume trick-or-treat parade that will start at Ross Elementary, walking down 17th Street, and ending at Stead Park where the halloween party has begun!

FOUNDRY ATTENDEES: Families Registering for this FREE event, register with Friends of Stead Park [here](#).

FOUNDRY VOLUNTEERS: This event is FREE, open to the community, and typically draws 800 people, and Foundry Family Ministries volunteers help make their experience an incredible one!

Register here to Help with:

- Set up (arrive at 11:30)
- Registration table/Counting attendees
- Snack & beverage distribution
- Craft table
- Clean up (between 3-3:30)

Register to volunteer at: foundryumc.org/goblins-parade

FIND YOUR CIRCLE

Young Adult Fellowship October 4

Join the Foundry Young Adult Fellowship Group at 12:30 pm, October 4, in Room 203, to connect with others in their 20s and 30s. Those who join will have the opportunity to help us plan the year of spiritual formation and community building ahead. Interested but not able to attend? Join our WhatsApp group at bit.ly/4dLK8N8.

LGBTQ+ Retreat Next Weekend!

Our LGBTQ+ Retreat takes place October 9-11 in Rehoboth Beach, with guest speaker Jan Lawrence. Registration is now closed, but we invite you to hold our retreat participants in prayer. Please pray for safe travels and a meaningful, restorative time together.

Her Faith Still Speaks: Hub Bible Study

Join the Capital Connection Hub for this amazing study. It features 14 short, but powerful chapters written by 14 anointed United Methodist women theologians. Rev. Dr. Yongchi Rhie will lead two sessions on October 8. All are welcome to attend! Thursdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom:

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7052965264>

September Mahjong Class

Welcome to the Mahjong Group! Whether you're a seasoned player or totally new to the game, this group will offer a space for connection, learning, and community-building through friendly tiles and conversation. We'll meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month (Sep 24; Oct 8, 22) at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Register here:

foundryumc.org/mahjong

Foundry Young Adults Spirit Game

Join Foundry Young Adults on Saturday, October 17 at 12:30 P.M. for a Spirit Game against Gotham FC! Please fill out the Google Form: foundryumc.org/spirit-game-form so that we can coordinate tickets, with options for standing in the fan section or getting a seat. Please sign up by September 20th to secure our seats and plan the pre-game social! Questions? Email Catherine at catherine.stallsmith@gmail.com.

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

Register for Foundry's Fall Great (Green) Day of Service

This past summer Foundry received a small grant for our collaboration with Langdon Park Forest Patch from Casey Trees as part of their support of the project. Because of the grant, we will focus our Green Day of Service on this particular site this year.

Join Foundry's Eco Service Team in October to celebrate Green Day of Service with two complimentary events:

· **Sunday, October 4** (12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.): Film screening and discussion

After the service on October 4, we will screen a short film about the [Langdon Park Forest Patch](#) in Northeast DC, a community-led project to regenerate a historic woodland through partnership, science, and stewardship. Foundry is proud to have supported this project the past couple years. Following the film, we will discuss the intersection of faith and the natural world. Lunch will be provided.

Saturday, October 17 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.): Volunteer at Langdon Park Forest Patch

On October 17, we will volunteer at Langdon Park to continue to support the project and the restoration of the Forest Patch by removing invasive plant species and picking up trash. All ages are welcome! Breakfast will be provided and carpooling from Brookland metro can be arranged.

Please join us for one or both events. Questions? Contact Emily Kane-Lee at ekanelee@yahoo.com.

Register here: foundryumc.org/gdos

Sousa Middle School Supply Drive

Too much clutter? Unused items that need a home? Please support Sousa Middle School's (Ward 7) recurring needs through donations of toiletries, clothing, and school supplies throughout the year. Bring your donations to the Welcome Desk anytime during normal operating hours.

Please contact Rachel (Sousa teacher) at rcvenator@gmail.com with any specific questions about donations.

Community Organizing 101- Sunday, November 8 at 12:30 p.m.

Please join Pastor Ben and members of the Sacred Resistance team to train on the basics of community organizing. Together we will discuss our potential and roles as organizers, and work to build a toolbox of organizing skills. Lunch will be provided. Register here: foundryumc.org/community-organizing-101

Email Jackie Wright at jackie@foundryumc.org with questions!

Migrant Solidarity Mutual Aid

After a very successful first round, Foundry is once again exploring ways to partner with Mutual Aid to support migrant families. An information session will be held at Foundry on Sunday, October 25 at 10 a.m. in B2. Register here: foundryumc.org/mutual-aid-info. If you are interested in being a part of a Foundry team that would be matched with a local family, please email Jackie Wright at jwright@foundryumc.org

Watch Party: What Do Women Do with Christianity? Recorded event from the Center for Action and Contemplation

What Do Women Do with Christianity? invites us to explore how women navigate faith amid structures that have often marginalized their voices and what more expansive expressions of faith might look like today.

Carmen Acevedo Butcher, Ph.D., will explore empowerment and spiritual renewal within the Christian tradition. Guest teachers Christine Valters Paintner, Ph. D., and Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows will join Carmen for this **90-minute online gathering**. Together, they will discuss how mutual listening and embodied spirituality can help empower us in a faith whose structures have caused so much harm. Join us for a watch party on October 18 at 12:30 p.m. in B2. Register here: foundryumc.org/what-do-women-watchparty. Questions? Email Jackie Wright at jwright@foundryumc.org

CONNECTION AND CARE

Blessing of the Pets | Sunday, October 4 at 2 p.m. | Foundry Plaza

Our animal companions bring joy, comfort, laughter, and love into our lives. Bring yours to the Foundry Plaza for a brief service celebrating the creatures who share our lives and homes. We'll gather for scripture and prayer, light a memorial candle for beloved pets who have died, and offer an individual blessing for each pet.

All pets—and their people—are welcome! If you are remembering a pet who has died, you are invited to bring a photo to bring forward during the service.

Workshop on Aging: Financial Guide for Family Caregiving

Join us for a 90-minute workshop with Iona Senior Services and Judith Kozlowski, JD, a nationally recognized Elder Justice expert, on navigating the financial realities of family caregiving. Learn practical strategies for financial planning, protecting older adults from exploitation, and preparing for the costs of caregiving. All are welcome!

Sunday, October 25, 12:30 - 2 p.m. in Room 203, register at foundryumc.org/workshop-on-aging

Foundry Men's Group

Looking for a chance to connect with other men at Foundry? Join us each month for lunch, fellowship, conversation, and a time of prayer and reflection. Together, we'll explore a focused topic of faith and life, share our joys and concerns, and create space to listen, encourage, and support one another. Come for the food, stay for the fellowship! All men are welcome. **Sunday October 18th 12:30-2pm in Room 203**, register at foundryumc.org/mens-group

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.

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. We will have an **Interest Meeting on Sunday October 4 at 10:10 a.m. in B2**, if interested register at foundryumc.org/stephen-ministry-interest; or contact Ed Crump at ecrump@foundryumc.org.

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

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](#).

FEDERAL WORKERS SUPPORT GROUP

If you are a current or former federal employee, contractor, or retiree feeling stress or uncertainty in this season, you are not alone. We invite you to a monthly support gathering—a space for listening, encouragement, and community. Come as you are and find support among others who understand. Our next meeting will be on Sunday October 4, 2026 at 12:30 p.m., lunch will be provided. If interested sign up [here](#).

This Week in Foundry's History

October — Week 1

October 4, 1942 — Foundry's carillonic chimes are dedicated

Foundry dedicated its new carillonic chimes on October 4, 1942. Installed in the church tower by the Schulmerich Company, the chimes were presented by Lewis T. Breuninger as a memorial to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Breuninger, who had been active at Foundry for fifty years. Mr. Breuninger's favorite hymn, 'The Old Rugged Cross,' was among the selections played that first day. At the close of the evening service, a large crowd gathered in front of the church. Led by the choir, and with the chimes ringing from the tower above, they sang "The Church's One Foundation," "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and "God Bless America."

"This Week in Foundry's History" is produced by Foundry's Archives and History Committee (AHC). If you'd like more information about the work of the AHC or would like to get involved, please email John McCormick, the Committee Chair, at jtmccormick58@gmail.com.