



Celebrating the Foundry Spirit



A retrospective celebration of our Fall-Winter 2025 - 2026 Ministry



Open Hearts * Open Minds * Open Doors

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Look forward to God's Surprises

We have prayed our Breakthrough Prayer for three and half years. God has answered our prayers. As chair of our mission team says, we are small but mighty. We have served our community tirelessly. Foundry Food Pantry has provided food for average 160 people every Thursday. We served 145 church-kitchen-made hot meals for homeless neighbors with our partnership with JCOC every other month. We participated in JCOC's Welcome Home Baskets for those who have a transition from homelessness into their private home. The church have also supported those families through Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets and Angel Tree missions. Foundry United Methodist Men has helped tens of non-profit organizations through Christmas Tree Sale. Our Fall Apple Sale has supported Wings of Caring Mission in Congo. Of course, we have faced challenges, but we overcome them over and again with prayer and sacrificial commitment to God's mission.

The following are our ministerial highlights in the past year.

1. Children's Ministry: Three years ago when I began my ministry at Foundry, we had no child. Now we have 5 regular children. We created Education Mission Team and nominated two members as co-chair. We offer children's events on a monthly basis such as movie, painting, game nights, Easter egg decoration and hunt, and Christmas cookie and decoration with Santa. We offered a second year VBS this summer. It was successful and one family is going to join the church soon.

2. Evangelism Tree



We installed our evangelism tree in February this year. The congregation is encouraged to pray, connect, and invite a person to the church in a year. The fruits on the tree are increasing. Worship attendance is average 55-60 now.

3. Partnership with Lynnhaven Elementary School

UWF established our partnership with Lynnhaven Elementary School three years ago. We have provide school supplies, back-packs, and fund to the students who are not afford to paying their social group activities.

4. Partnership with Lynnhaven River Now

We started a rain garden and a natural habitat project with the support of Lynnhaven River to provide a space for rest and meditation for the local community. We joined Pearl Faith Communities and have made an effort not to use the disposable products.

5. Prayer Station at Foundry Food Pantry

We installed a prayer station at our Food Pantry under a qualified volunteer's leadership.

She listens to our Food Pantry customers who need emotional help and pray for them. Since we added a prayer station, we feel connected more intimately with them and vice versa. Children and families began to join our children's events. Some of them come and worship with us on Sundays. The numbers of prayer request each Thursday have increased.

We will continue to pray our Breakthrough Prayer and follow the will of God bringing our fives loaves and two fishes. We look forward to God's surprises to our church in 2026.

All God has done, Thanks. All God will be done, Yes!

A Message from Your Pastor

Celebrating Foundry's New Members



Reflecting on Our Children's Ministry



Children's Ministry Highlights & Upcoming Events 🌟 😊

Our Children's Ministry has enjoyed an exciting season filled with fellowship, learning, and celebration. On December 7th, families gathered for a festive cookie decorating event, made even more memorable by a surprise visit from a very special someone from the North Pole. The children were full of excitement and joy during this holiday celebration. 🍪 🍪 🍪



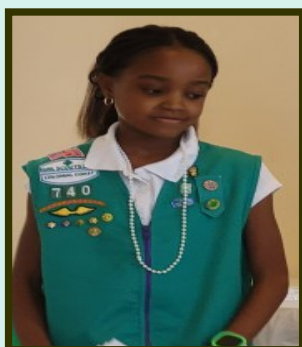
On February 8th, we also held our **first CPR class**, training six members of the congregation, including two of our youth and our youth Sunday School Teacher, Miss Emily. This was a valuable opportunity to build life-saving skills within our church community. ❤️ 🙏



On February 21st, we hosted a wonderful **Family Valentine's Day Dance** with 25 children and their families participating in an evening of music, laughter, and fellowship. 🎵 ❤️



Our **Homeschool Science Fair**, on February 25th, featured 12 participants from elementary through middle school, with students presenting creative projects and demonstrating excellent scientific inquiry. 🧪 ✨



Our **Celebrating Children's Achievement Initiative** was launched to recognize outstanding accomplishments among our children. Deborah was our first featured honoree and received a Barnes & Noble gift card in recognition of her recent achievement. Deborah competed February 20-22 at the Harrison Opera House in Norfolk, participating in group jazz, hip hop, contemporary, and lyrical dances. She also performed her solo to Clearly by Grace VanderWaal and earned **3rd overall in the regional competition**. We are so proud of her! 🏆 🌟



As part of our community outreach and Celebration of Reading Across America, on March 2nd, we volunteered to read to preschoolers and kindergarteners at our sponsor school, Lynnhaven Elementary School. This special visit gave our children an opportunity to encourage younger students through reading, connection, and positive example. What a special blessing for all involved!

2026 Children's Ministry Events (All are open to the community):

March

- **Family Movie Night (Saturday, 3/21 from 5PM-7PM, Youth Building)** (wear pajamas, bring a blanket, and your favorite stuffy) 🧸 🧸

April

- **Easter Egg Hunt (Sunday, 4/5 from 12:30PM-1:30PM, Youth Building & Outdoors)**

May

- **Mother's Day Tea (Sunday, 5/10 from 12:30PM-1:30PM, Ebert Hall)**

June

- **Father's Day Ice Cream Social (Sunday, 6/21 from 12:30PM-1:30PM, Ebert Hall)**

July

- **One-Day Vacation Bible School (Saturday, 7/18 from 8AM-2PM, Sunday Worship 11AM-12PM, Church & Ebert Hall)**
Saturday VBS (5-6 hours) with stations, lunch, closing program
Sunday Worship Service will showcase VBS Activities

August

- **Family Movie Night (Saturday, 8/1 from 5PM-7PM, Youth Building)**
- **School Supply Drive to help FUMC and Children of Food Pantry**
Backpack/supply drive + blessing of students for new school year

September

- **Family Pizza & Popcorn Bingo Night (Saturday, 9/12 from 5PM-7PM, Youth Building)** Pizza, popcorn, bingo prizes

October

- **Homeschool Costume Party (Saturday, 10/24 from 5PM-8PM, Ebert Hall)**
Not-So-Spooky Costume Dance Party

November

- **Veteran's Day Tribute Luncheon (Sunday, 11/8 from 12:30PM-1:30PM, Ebert Hall)**

December

- **Christmas Cookie Decoration (Sunday, 12/6 from 12:30PM-1:30PM, Ebert Hall)**



Looking Back on Missions in 2025

2025 could be characterized as a year when Foundry stepped up to increasing challenges in meeting the needs of our neighbors - with every JCOC dinner we were asked to provide more meals than the one before; the Food Pantry is serving growing numbers of families; and the Apple Sale met an all-time sales record of \$2272 to contribute to the

Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry. We provided 2 full Welcome Home baskets and were able to engage The Original Mattress Factory in donating full mattress sets to that cause (more on Welcome Home later). The Pastor's Discretionary Fund was able to answer requests for emergency needs including rent assistance and utility payments for many families. We insured that 10 families would be able to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with delicious holiday meals in addition to donations of regular pantry staples, and we saw to it that the children in those families were able to say that Santa had indeed made their Christmas wishes come true.

Sometimes, when I am told that we need to do more, that people out there are counting on us, I have a brief moment of anxiety that we may have reached our limit, that we can't do any more. That moment is fortunately brief, because I know that Foundry always comes through and finds a way. I am convinced this is because this church family deeply believes in its commission to serve mankind as Christ taught us to do. When asked if we can help, Foundry's answer is, **"Yes, we can!"**

2026 will surely match or exceed the challenges of 2025. Never doubt that we will look them in the eye and meet them head on.

Welcome Home Baskets 2026

You may be thinking, "Didn't we just do Welcome Home Baskets? Why is there a collection spot in the Narthex in March?"

Yes, that is true. To relieve the burden of so many outreach projects crammed into the second half of the year, we have moved the Welcome Home Baskets collection to spring, spreading your generosity over a longer period. We plan to contribute 2 baskets (possibly 3 if we have adequate financial contributions). This is a rewarding and much-appreciated ministry. JCOC personnel are always impressed by the quality of the items provided by Foundry, and the recipients are thrilled to start life in their new homes with such nice things.

Our Clothes Closet Needs Volunteers!

Assist with inventory management in our Clothes Closet. Helen and Ginnie would appreciate your help! Contact Chris Work for details cwork@cox.net



2026 Operation Blessing & JCOC Dinners
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Many hands make the work load lighter

OPERATION BLESSING Blitz	JCOC DINNERS
April 7th	April 3rd
May 5th	
June 9th	June 2nd
July 7th	
August 4th	August 14th
September 8th	
October 6th	October 30th
November 3rd	
December 1st	December 4th



*In Memory of
 Jean Walmsley*





A Message from your Lay Leader & Finance Chair

United Methodist Men:

The Men's group was blessed with a very successful 2025 Christmas tree season with the help of many individuals. We sold **270** trees within one week and had a profit of approximately **\$13,000**. We made donations throughout the year to various charitable organizations, ministry areas, specific projects, and the Church. All men are welcome to join the group as we meet the first Saturday of each month.

Montessori School Coming:

God has opened a new window for our church! Foundry has been blessed with the wonderful opportunity and arrival of the *Coastal Montessori School*. The school will occupy our children's wing and use other areas as needed. Staff arrive in June and children will **arrive in August**. We welcome our new neighbors and invite them to join our family and participate in our ministries.

Finance update:

Welcome to 2026 and thank you for your ongoing support of the life and ministry of our church. We support many wonderful missions throughout the year of which many of you participate. However, a separate and important part is the general operations of our church. Like the increases we have all seen in our personal lives this past year, operating expenses have also increased for our church this year. So, it's important to continue your financial support and prayerfully consider increasing the level of your support.

New Capital Improvement Campaign:

With the coming of the new Coastal Montessori School in June, building improvements have begun in our Children's wing. The largest is a new roof along with some internal changes. The costs of these improvements will be approximately \$125,000. We expect to initially borrow funds from our Bank but we also plan to begin a formal Capital Campaign this year to help pay the loan. Expected lease payments from the school will also help pay the loan. Please plan on supporting this campaign when it begins.

Food Pantry Update:

You can see by the numbers below how important it is to keep our pantry well stocked. Thank you for your support!

4th QTR	Total	New	# Family	0 - 4	5 - 17	18 - 64	65+
Month	# Families	Families	Members	Years Old	Years Old	Years Old	Years Old
October	214	26	758	45	221	428	64
November	173	28	613	60	159	345	49
December	144	15	504	36	142	288	38
Totals	531	69	1,875	141	522	1,061	151

Increase vs Q1	87	332	80	101	230	(79)
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Rev. Dr. JaeHaeng Choi

A Message from your Finance Chairperson:

January 2026

Dear Foundry Family and Friends,

Welcome to 2026! First, I want to sincerely thank you for the giving of your time, talents, prayers and finances this past year. All were vital to the many ministries and missions we supported throughout the year. Second, enclosed is your financial statement of giving for 2025. It includes a comparison to your original financial pledge if you provided one the end of 2024. Third, also enclosed is a summary of our General Fund operating budget for 2026.

Below is a summary of our overall finances for 2025. We were blessed with some year-end giving. Our General Fund covers the normal operations and commitments of our church. Our Dedicated Funds support the ministries and missions of our church. Both are explained further on the enclosed page.

	2025
Finance Update - Jan thru Dec 2025:	Actual
General Fund Offerings & Receipts	\$306,265
General Fund Expenditures	\$265,104
Current Excess	\$41,161
Dedicated Fund Offerings	\$47,113

Our General Fund operating budget for 2026 is \$301,034. Like the increases we have all seen in our personal lives this past year, operating expenses have also increased for our church. So, it's important that each of us prayerfully consider our level of support of our church. This is separate from the various Missions we support throughout the year. I have included a list of different ways to give financially to our church. Remember, God always blesses our faithfulness to Him and to the ministry He has called us to share with others.

Again, thank you for your support and being a part of our Foundry church family. We are a small church family but we are very supportive of various ministries and missions. The giving of your time, talents, prayers and finances are all vital as we work together in ministry sharing the good news of Christ and our faith with others.

Watkins Bracey
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watkins.bracey@gmail.com

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH, 11:00 AM

THE FOUNDRY CHOIR
JOIN US FOR AFTER SERVICE
FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE

Maundy Thursday

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND

Soup Supper 5:45 pm

Services 6:30 pm

THE FOUNDRY CHOIR & SPECIAL MUSIC BY
ERICKA IGNACIO, SOLO CELLIST
KAREN RENO COBB & SCOTT STRICKLAND
PIANO DUET

Easter Sunday Traditional Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH, 11:00 AM

FOUNDRY CHOIR & SPECIAL MUSIC BY
LAWSON BURROUGHS, GUEST TRUMPET
BRING FLOWERS TO FLOWER THE CROSS
JOIN US FOR AFTER SERVICE



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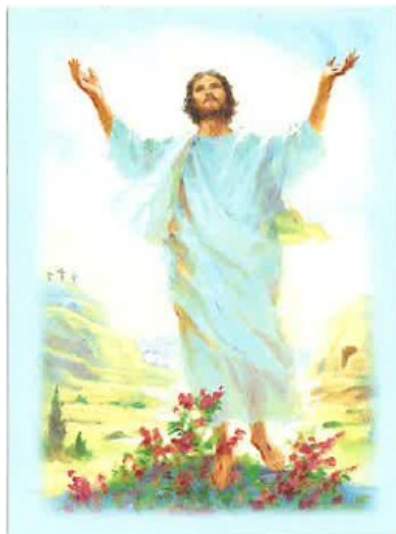
Special Easter Offering

Easter is that very special time when we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and love. That sacrifice and love is for each one of us. His resurrection and victory over sin and death gives each of us hope of new life – both in this world and for eternity!

As we celebrate the joy of Easter and the gift Jesus gives each one of us, we are invited to offer our gifts to Him. We invite you to participate in our annual **Easter Offering**. We are using these special offerings to assist with current expenses at this time.

Thank you for your support and may the Easter season be a time of renewal of your spirit!

Watkins Bracey
Lay Leader



EASTER Offering

NAME

ADDRESS

NO. AMOUNT \$



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FOUNDRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Family Movie NIGHT

SATURDAY



The Secret Life of Pets

Please RSVP by Oct 8th:
CHURCH OFFICE TELEPHONE: 757-340-0595
OR EMAIL: FoundryUMC@foundryumcvb.org

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Foundry UMC
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Elementary



YOU ARE INVITED TO A
Spectacular
**HOMESCHOOL
COSTUME PARTY**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025
5PM - 7PM**

FOUNDRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**2801 VIRGINIA BEACH BOULEVARD
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23452
EBERT HALL**

TO RSVP TEXT 757-618-1585 BY 10/29

WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUME!

*PLEASE BRING A NONPERISHABLE DONATION
FOR THE FOOD PANTRY*



Foundry United Women in Faith

Pie Auction

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Sunday
Nov 23rd
After
Service

BAKE - BUY - ENJOY

All proceeds will go to benefit
UWF Mission Projects

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"THE GOAL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SHOULD BE TO ACTIVATE THE CHILD'S OWN NATURAL DESIRE TO LEARN"

-MARIA MONTESSORI

ABOUT US

Our mission is to nurture curious, confident, and compassionate learners by providing an authentic Montessori education from toddlerhood through the elementary years. We empower children to become self-directed learners and creative problem solvers, and we prepare students to thrive in a changing world while remaining deeply connected to their natural sense of wonder.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE



PROGRAMS OFFERED

- ✔ TODDLER (18 MONTHS - 3YEARS)
- ✔ PRIMARY (3 & 4 YEARS + K)
- ✔ LOWER ELEMENTARY (GRADES 1-3)
- ✔ UPPER ELEMENTARY (GRADES 4-6)
- ✔ HALF DAY & FULL DAY OPTIONS
- ✔ AFTER CARE (3:00-5:30)

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FOUNDRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

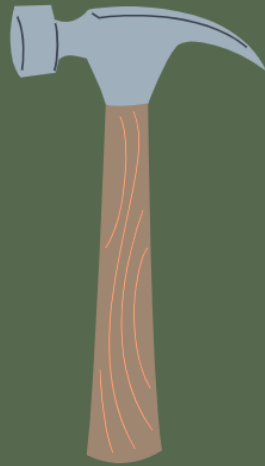
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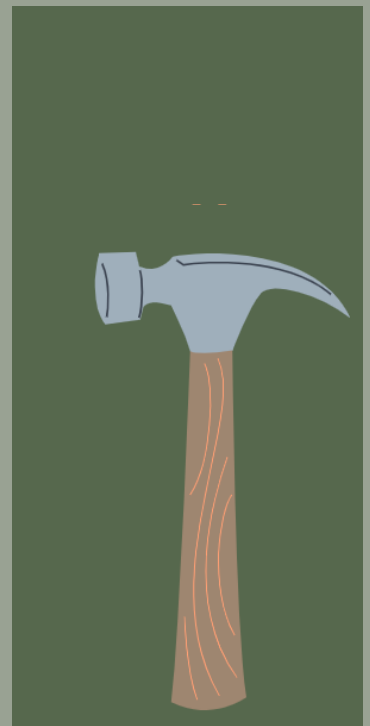


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**United
Methodist
Men**

Blessers In Action!



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Dear Santa,



In Memoriam



Celestino Gabriel
August 29, 2025

June Leach
October 3, 2025

Kenny Krampen
September 21, 2025

Sylvia Brewington
September 24, 2025

Virginia Tyler
November 22, 2025

Gladys Lingoni
December 19, 2025

Jean Walmsley
January 25, 2026

Foundry Breakthrough Prayer

Please join us as we pray the Foundry Breakthrough Prayer three times a day at 8:28 a.m., noon, and 8:28 p.m. Please set the alarm, pause for a minute, and pray.

Wondering why we are praying at 8:28 in the morning & evening?
The special meaning of these times are based on Romans 8:28.

“We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

Our Prayer:

Dear God of Power,

✠ Fill the pastor, leaders, staff, and the congregation with the Holy Spirit.

✠ Show us Your vision to revive and revitalize the church.

✠ Send children, youth, and young leaders.

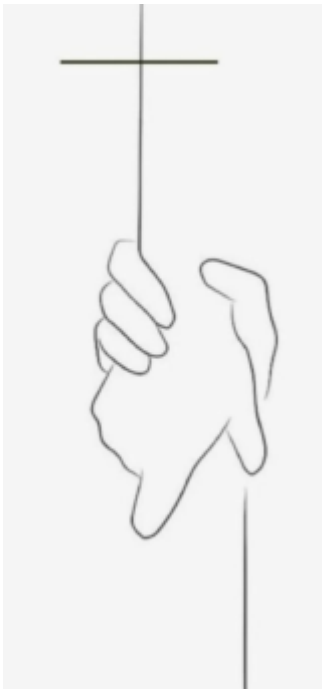
✠ Bless our current and new ministries.

✠ Strengthen our finances.

✠ Help us to be more serving and make more disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

✠ Use us as a channel for Your peace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





2026 Leadership

FOUNDRY LEADERSH

Pastor	Rev. Dr. JaeHaeng Choi
Lay Leader	Watkins Bracey
Church Council Chairperson	Mary Leeds
Finance Chair	Watkins Bracey
Board of Trustee Chair	Byron Work
Staff Parish Chair	Nancy Norman
Treasurer	Gary Melander
Secretary, Church Council	Katie Mahrenholz
Lay Member, Annual Conference	Mary Leeds
Alt. Lay Member, Annual Conference	Watkins Bracey
At-Large Member, Church Council	Scott Mahrenholz Sarah Kyler
UMM President Elected	William Crosby
UMW President Elected	Judy Mitchell
Children's Ministry & Christian Education	Nancy Norman Colleen Ignacio
Recording Secretary, Charge Conference	Nancy Norman

FOUNDRY WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Worship Chair	Nancy Norman, Chair
Choir-Music Director	Meg Dornbrock
Organist-Pianist	Karen Reno-Cobb
Members: Doug Hudson, Judy Mitchell, Helen Smith, Mary Leeds AV: Watkins Bracey, Gary Melander, Beverly Hills Communion Steward: Emily Norman, David Way	

FOUNDRY CHURCH MISSION TEAM

Mission Chair	Chris Work
Food Pantry: Jean Walmsley, Tom Brabrand, Scott Mahrenholz, Watkins Bracey Clothing Closet: Helen Smith, Ginny Lewis Holiday Baskets & Angel Tree: Nancy Norman	

FOUNDRY HOSPITALITY TEAM

Hospitality	Sandy Grover, Donna Athanasatos
Liaisons	Mary Leeds, Judy Mitchell
Members: Terry Huling, Katie & Scott Mahrenholz, Ken & Judy Krampen, Eliot Perrien	

FOUNDRY PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

Ministry Chair	Rev. Dr. JaeHaeng Choi
Members: Doug & Elaine Hudson, Judy Mitchell, Mary Leeds, Scott Mahrenholz, Watkins Bracey, Kevin Townsend	

FOUNDRY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY-CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Education Co-Chairs	Colleen Ignacio, Nancy Norman
Members: Donna Athanasatos, Judy Brabrand, Cameron Melander, Eric Ignacio, Gary Melander	

COMMITTEES

Lay Leadership & Nominations

Lay Leadership Chair	Rev. Dr. JaeHaeng Choi	
Lay Leader	Watkins Bracey	
<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Mary Leeds	Scott Mahrenholz	Nancy Norman
Carleen Huling	Bill Crosby	Doug Hudson

FOUNDRY STAFF PARISH RELATIONS

SPRC Chair	Nancy Norman	
Lay Leader	Watkins Bracey	
Lay Member – Annual Conference	Mary Leeds	
<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Doug Hudson	Bill Crosby	Nancy Norman
Mary Leeds	Sarah Kyler	Scott Mahrenholz
Gary Melander		Eric Ignacio

FOUNDRY TRUSTEES

Trustee Chair	Byron Work	
Pastor	Rev. Dr. JaeHaeng Choi	
Conference Delegate	Mary Leeds	
<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Art Oman	David Gillum	Byron Work
Scott Mahrenholz	Gary Melander	Tom Brabrand
David Way	Vicki Bracey	Bill Crosby

FOUNDRY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair	Watkins Bracey
Treasurer	Gary Melander
Finance Secretary	Katherine Levy
Audit	Martha Watson
Church Council Chair	Mary Leeds
SPRC Chair	Nancy Norman
Trustee Chair	Byron Work
Lay Leader	Watkins Bracey
At Large Member	Bill Crosby Page Cockrell
Annual Conf Rep	Mary Leeds
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Jaehaeng Choi

FOUNDRY STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair	Watkins Bracey
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FOUNDRY CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson	Mary Leeds
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Jaehaeng Choi
Recording Secretary	Katie Mahrenholz
Trustee Chair	Byron Work
Finance Chair	Watkins Bracy
Treasurer	Gary Melander
Lay Leader	Watkins Bracey
SPRC Chair	Nancy Norman
Mission Chair	Chris Work
Worship Chair	Nancy Norman
Education Co-Chairs	Colleen Ignacio, Nancy Norman
Disaster Coordinator	Scott Strickland
At-Large Members	Scott Mahrenholz Sarah Kyler
UMM President	Bill Crosby
UMW President	Judy Mitchell

FOUNDRY CHURCH CONFERENCE & DISTRICT

Lay Member of Annual Conference	Mary Leeds
Alt. Laity member of Annual Conference	Watkins Bracey
Delegates to District Conference	Mary Leeds
Alt. Delegate to District Conference	Watkins Bracey
District Steward	Gary Melander

MISCELLANEOUS

SS Superintendent	Bill Crosby
Scholarship Team	Byron Work, Carleen Huling
Disaster Coordinator	Scott Strickland

SAVE

MAY

7th

National Day of Prayer

10th

**Foundry Charter
Anniversary**

**Mother's Day
Tea Fellowship**

JUNE

14th

UWF Dessert Auction

17th

Red Cross Blood Drive

21st

**Father's Day
Ice Cream Fellowship**

THE

JULY

4th-5th

**250 Years!
Independence Day**

**18th-
19th**

Vacation Bible School

DATE

2026