



FOUNDRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Hearts * Open Minds * Open Doors

Spring 2025

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He Is Risen
He Is Risen Indeed!





A Message from Your Pastor

Pray-Connect-Invite

We have walked with Jesus during Lent and Easter. Some of you experienced the risen Christ theologically and others encountered him spiritually while meditating on Jesus' life and ministry in John's gospel. Before Jesus was ascended to God the Father in heaven, Jesus commissioned the disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20)."

Making disciples of Jesus Christ is the risen Christ's commandment to those who follow him. Last February, we installed an Evangelism Tree at the narthex. We are asked to pray, connect, and invite one person in a year. On Easter morning, we experienced the fruit of the evangelism tree. Ericka invited her friend Deborah and Fiona. Deborah invited her mom and brother. Fiona came to church with her little brother. Katherine invited her three grandchildren. They experienced Jesus and asked their parents: "Why don't we go to church? Why don't we pray?" On Easter, they asked their parents to come and worship with them. Their parents came to worship with their children.

Donna and Dan invited Nolan to the children's events for the last two years. On Easter morning, Nolan and his grandmother came to worship. His grandmother was touched by the Holy Spirit while listening to the sermon. She realized that both Nolan and she need Jesus and she decided to raise Nolan in a church. She promised that she would come to church on a regular basis.

Trig came to church for the first time with his grandparents who were visiting his family in Virginia Beach. I have sent a card and the flyers for children's events. Trig and his mother Lea came to worship a couple of times and on Easter morning his daddy and grandparents worshipped with us. In addition, a new family with two children came to church on Easter. They saw our Egg Hunt flyer through Lynnhaven Elementary School which is our partnership school in the city.

We have prayed our Breakthrough Prayer for about three years: "...Send children, youth, and young families..." We have made an effort to make disciples of Jesus Christ through prayers and outreach missions. God is doing something new for our church. Jesus promised in Matthew's gospel that he would be with us to the end of the world in our missional works to make disciples of Jesus Christ. I encourage my beloved Foundry family to continue to pray, connect, and invite one person to our church in 2025.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor JaeHaeng



A Message from your Lay Leader

Food Pantry Update

Greetings to all. I'm grateful and happy to hear about so many activities around the church and the participation of many of you! Some include the Food Pantry, Children's ministry, Lent prayer time, JCOC meals, Men and Women's groups, Bible study, and more. A sincere thank you for your support and being a vital part of our Foundry church family.

I wanted to share some details around the one ministry I became involved with about three years ago – the Food Pantry. We have a wonderful and committed group of volunteers who gather each week to prepare for and participate in providing a basic need to anyone who comes every Thursday mornings – various foods/groceries, clothes and now personal prayer.

Our patrons are various and numerous. Every week, we have single adults of all ages, couples, small and large families with children of all ages. Some children accompany their parents. Most people drive their own vehicles, some drive work vehicles and some get rides to our pantry. A few ride bikes or walk. We average 10 – 20 new families each month. And it's a very wide mix of personalities. All a welcome and are greeted with friendly smiles and words. We've also been blessed with having some of our patrons visit our church on Sunday mornings and others participate in our children's programs.

You can see by the numbers below how important it is to keep our pantry well stocked.

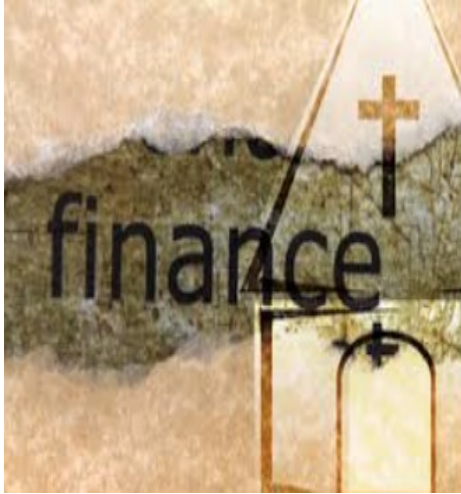
		# Family	0 - 4	5 - 17	18 - 64	65+
Month	# Families	Members	Years Old	Years Old	Years Old	Years Old
January	190	666	26	177	372	91
February	90	307	7	85	174	41
March	164	570	28	159	285	98

We purchase food each month at very reasonable costs from Operation Blessing in Chesapeake and from the regional Food Bank in Norfolk. And we receive food and monetary donations from our church family and other groups. Every dollar donated is wisely used to purchase the appropriate items needed by our patrons.

This is only a brief summary of what this important ministry is doing for our community. And again I thank you for your support and involvement in any of our church's ministries.

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A Message from your Finance Chairperson



Dear Foundry Family and Friends,

I wanted to provide a brief update on our financial position for the first quarter of 2025. You may recall we had a formal Stewardship campaign last fall and received a total of 29 financial pledges totaling \$163,024. In addition, we historically had another 28 families who provided \$81,825 in financial support in 2024. This support, along with other expected receipts and God's help, will allow us to meet of our planned ministry budget for 2025.

As shown below, we have received actual offerings and other receipts of \$61,063 as compared to our expected offerings and receipts of \$69,212. Our shortfall of \$8,149 is most likely timing or some other temporary situation. It's important that each of us stays current with our planned support so that our church operations and ministry areas continue to thrive and help others.

		Jan - Mar
Actual Offerings & Receipts		\$61,063
Expected Offerings & Receipts		\$69,212
Shortfall		(\$8,149)

Most importantly, thank you for your support and being a part of our Foundry church family. The giving of your time, talents, prayers and finances is vital as we work together in ministry sharing the good news of our faith with others.

Watkins Bracey

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Missions News Spring 2025

After the long winter, spring is always welcome for warmer days, sunshine, the riotous beauty of the blooming azaleas and dogwoods, and for renewed energy in tackling our ministry tasks. Foundry has certainly not been in a state of hibernation as we perform our year-round ministries of the Food Pantry, Clothes Closet and JCOC dinners. But look what's coming up for the spring and summer!

The Food Pantry has been seeing increased numbers of families, and it is very likely that this trend will continue. We have reliable sources of food from Operation Blessing, Food Bank, and your generous donations of cash and food. We are also part of an informal consortium with other food ministries who give us their overflow or to whom we give ours - Community UMC has given us loads of food; we give our overflow to Thalia UMC or to The Gathering; we give our overabundance of bread and pizza to firefighters. What a great circle of giving and reciprocity in our larger community!

Sometimes, when we get a large food shipment in, it takes a lot of Tetris-like problem-solving to figure out just where we're going to put it all! Just ask Tom Brabrand, who put out a plea for the donation of a freezer, new or used, to safely store our bounty. Enter Diana Fay Boyce, who approached East Coast Appliance for a donated freezer, and sure enough, they gave her one! The new chest freezer is a beauty - stop by and see it once it is installed in the Food Pantry space. Many thanks to Diana Fay and to Walt Hansbarger of the Military Highway branch of East Coast Appliance.



Also mark your calendars for these upcoming outreach events:

May 6 - Operation Blessing Blitz

June 8 - Creation Care presentation by Lynnhaven River Now following potluck luncheon after service

July 9 - JCOC Dinner

Month of July - Collection of items for Welcome Home Baskets

August 29 - JCOC Dinner

I'll save the rest of the year for the next newsletter! Thank you, Foundry, for all you do to serve God through our Missions and Outreach ministries.

Chris Work

Missions News Spring 2025



Have you ever heard of the concept of “Creation Care?” This is an initiative being promoted by the Virginia Conference. It is an attitude and a concentrated effort to focus upon environmentally friendly practices in order to care for God’s Creation wherever and whenever we can.

Foundry has made a start toward becoming a Pearl Faith Community by eliminating the use of styrofoam products in our kitchen and for JCOC dinners, replacing all of our light bulbs with LED bulbs,

promoting the use of reusable shopping bags in our Food Pantry, and replacing our heating system with more fuel-efficient heat pumps. In the fall, *Lynnhaven River Now* provided native trees and shrubs which make the best use of the wetlands on the western edge of our property.

Another step we are taking toward our goal is to host an educational session provided by *Lynnhaven River Now* which will inform us as to how we can increase these efforts both at Foundry and in our homes. The presentation will be made following a potluck luncheon following 11:00 service on **JUNE 8**. Mark your calendars and Prepare to Care!



Thanks from Wings of Caring



Our faithfulness to our overseas mission, Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry, is reaping rewards in providing not only medical evacuation for patients in remote areas, but is also a tool for evangelization by moving church leaders, medical teams, and seminary and college professors to higher education institutions in Democratic Republic of Congo. Read the letter of thanks written by our missionary, Jacques Umembudi, in a separate article and see how vital our support is to our overseas neighbors. Please continue to remember them with donations to the Missions Fund (please indicate Wings of Caring on your check).

The following letter was forwarded to us by Rev. Rob Vaughn, who was instrumental in transporting our missionary, Jacques Umembudi, to us for an impromptu visit last fall. Jacques wrote this letter of appreciation:

Friends - the follow note is forwarded on behalf of Jacques Umembudi Akasa

Dear brothers and sisters of Foundry UMC.

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and I trust that this email finds you all in good health. I am also seizing this opportunity to express my best wishes for this new year 2025. May the Lord be glorified and His Love be shared among us as we celebrate different blessings set aside for us for this year.

My Bishop, Dr. Daniel Lunge Onashuyaka and the entire Central Congo Conference along with myself, would like through this email, to express our deep gratitude for your support to the Central Congo Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry. We acknowledge with great appreciation your financial contribution to the Wings of Caring for the amount of \$8,909.24 (\$5300.00 and \$3,609.24) during this last year 2024 and we do sincerely thank you.

Dear brothers and sisters of Foundry UMC. This program, Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry, is not only to provide a fast or quick transportation means for patients/medical emergency cases but, it is also a vital tool for evangelization. The roads conditions here are very degraded and their improvements are not for tomorrow. The mission plane does then facilitate to move church leaders, medical teams, seminary and college professors to our higher education institutions and so on. It makes a real positive impact to the lives of the entire community especially to those living in remote areas. So, your support (prayers and finances) is greatly appreciated and in many cases, it contributes to saving lives. THANK YOU.

Our hope is that we continue to walk side by side to MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD. We need you. "TOGETHER WE CAN ACCOMPLISH A LOT"

In Christ yours,
Pilot Jacques UMEMBUDI AKASA
Retiree GBGM missionary
Central Congo Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry.

Celebrating The Foundry Spirit

FOUNDRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY JANUARY 25th 5PM-8PM

100% FREE Admission

Pizza, popcorn, and drinks will be served!

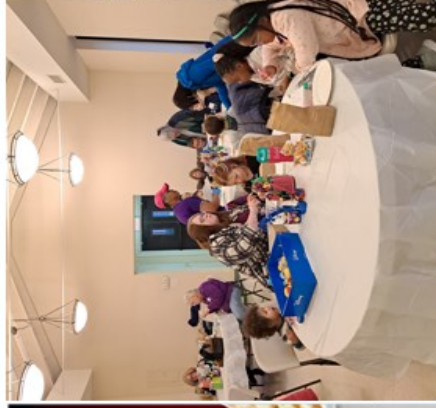
FEATURED MOVIE
Will be Rated PG or Rated G
Appropriate for young audiences
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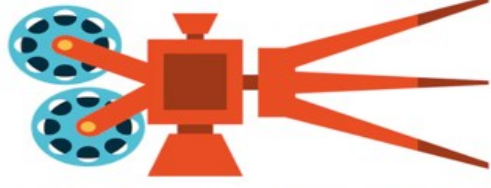
This is a drop-off event held in the Youth Building.
Bring a warm snuggly blanket!
Grown ups are welcome to stay with their child.

Please RSVP by January 22nd:
CHURCH OFFICE TELEPHONE: 757-340-0595
OR EMAIL: FoundryUMC@foundryumcva.org

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January Movie Night



Celebrating The Foundry Spirit

Foundry United Methodist Church
Youth Ministry
Invites you to

The Children's Valentine's Day Paint and Sip Event

Children will have fun, fellowship, and create an amazing Valentine's Day themed painting keepsake

Light snacks and drinks will be provided

SATURDAY

**FEBRUARY 8, 2025
10:00AM-11:30AM**

Please RSVP by February 5th:
CHURCH OFFICE TELEPHONE: 757-340-0595
OR EMAIL: FoundryUMC@foundryumcvb.org
Event will be held in the Youth Building.
Please wear clothes you don't mind getting a bit of paint on.

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By participating in this event, you agree that participation in painting is for fun and fellowship only. No cash prizes will be awarded. All fees are for the event only. No refunds will be given. Please call for more information.



March Movie Night

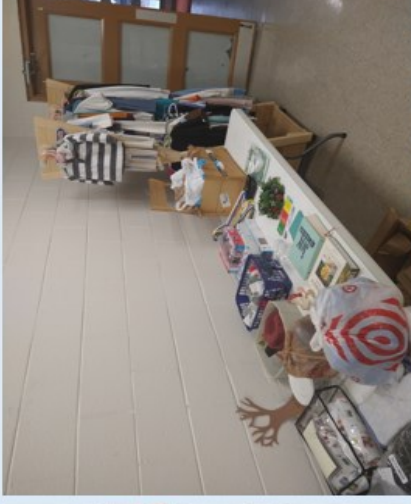
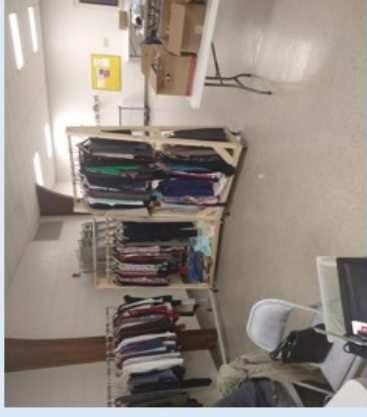


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Our Food Pantry & Clothes Closet



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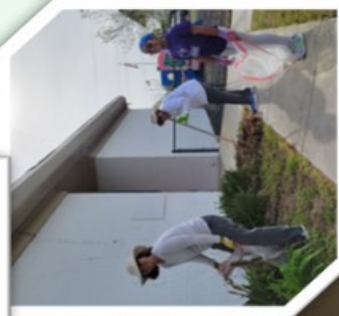


Church Work Day
The United Methodist Men
The Trustees

Invite You To
Grounds and Church
Spring Cleaning

Saturday | April 5th | 9:00 am

(Valid date April 12th)
Please Bring Your Gloves
and Favorite Garden Tools



UWM In Service



UWIF In Service



Celebrating The Foundry Spirit



Thank You Foundry Choir!



**We Are Grateful for
Our Foundry Choir!**





In Memoriam

Stephen Boyce
March 14, 2025

Bryan Thacker (Kimberly Moore Son-in-Law)
March 19, 2025

Burl Self
March 22, 2025

Mary Key
April 20, 2025

Bob Channon
April 21, 2025



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.



May

1st	National Day of Prayer
4th	Jean Walmsley's 90th Birthday Luncheon
9th	UWF Hosts Family Game Night
11th	Foundry Charter Anniversary Mother's Day

June

1st	UWF Dessert Auction
8th	Missions Hosted Pearl Faith Presentation Pot Luck Luncheon
11th	UMM Annual Tides Game
18th	Red Cross Blood Drive

July

9th	JCOC Dinner
26th	Vacation Bible School