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Celebrating the Spirit of Foundry



A Retrospective Summer 2025

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A Message from Your Pastor

Perseverance in Prayer

Jesus in Luke's gospel teaches the disciples to pray persistently (11:5-13). He tells a story. Someone had a friend visiting at midnight, but he did not have anything to offer his friend. He went to a friend next door and asked him to lend him some bread. His friend replied inside: "Do not bother me. The door has already locked. My children are in bed with me. I cannot get up and give you anything." However, the friend who had a visiting friend never gave up and kept knocking on the door. Finally, his neighbor friend got up and gave him what he wanted because of his perseverance. Then Jesus told the disciples to pray in perseverance until they receive what they ask for.

We have prayed with our Breakthrough Prayer for three years without ceasing. We have prayed for "sending children, youth, and young leaders." Three years ago we had no child but now have 7 regular children. We have seen them grow in faith in Jesus Christ. It is a joy to see them pray beautifully during a children's time at Sunday Worship. We have offered VBS for the last two years. We served nearly twenty children each year. Many volunteers participated in teaching children about Jesus and his love with their hearts full of love and joy. We have interacted with children and their parents/guardians intimately. We have built a loving relationship with children and their families.

Through last year's VBS, God blessed us by bringing the Ignacio family-Ericka, Eric, and Colleen. They immediately offered a children's monthly program. This year God sent another family with kids-the Wright family. They are going to join the church very soon. God has heard our persistent prayer. Please continue to pray our Breakthrough Prayer three times a day: 8:28 a.m.; at noon; and 8:28 p.m. so that we receive whatever we ask for from Jesus:

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.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor JaeHaeng*

A Message from your Lay Leader



Dear Foundry Family and Friends,

What a wonderful Sunday morning our church experienced on July 27. It was the day after Vacation Bible School on Saturday. 18 kids shared (and celebrated) their VBS activities during the worship service that Sunday. What a sight! And what a sound! The decorations, the activities, the stories, the music – all brought excitement and celebration to the hour and those in attendance! It will be remembered by all!

We are a small church family but we are very supportive of various ministries. Vacation Bible School is a wonderful and important ministry. One that touches kid's lives in a spiritual way and one that also touches the many leaders and volunteer's lives. The fun and excitement created memories for all involved!

Some of the other ministries we support include our Food Pantry, Children's Ministries, JCOC Dinners, Welcome Home Baskets, Backpack and School Supplies, Disaster Relief, Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets, and other items.

All the ministries supported by our church involve the giving of yourself in some way – your time, talents, prayers and financial support. Each gift is vitally important to bringing and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and our faith to others. Be sure to find a way you can give of yourself and see what God might share with you.

Most importantly, thank you for your support and being a part of our Foundry church family.

Watkins Bracey

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A Message from your Finance Chairperson

Dear Foundry Family and Friends,

I wanted to provide an update on our church's financial position for the first half of this year. As shown below, we have received actual General Fund offerings and other receipts of \$127,332 through June 30, as compared to actual expenditures of \$133,694. We have used funds from our savings account to cover the shortfall in offerings of (\$6,362). Our General Fund covers expenditures for our: 1) Church Facility (insurance, maintenance, utilities), 2) Administration, 3) Staff Salaries, 4) Worship Services, 5) Education, and 6) Virginia Methodist Conference.

Dedicated Fund offerings received through June 30 were \$11,504. Ministries we support throughout the year include our Food Pantry, Vacation Bible School, Children's Ministry, JCOC Dinners, Welcome Home Baskets, Backpack and School Supplies, Disaster Relief, Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets, and other items.

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Finance Update - Jan thru June 2025:	Actual
General Fund Offerings & Receipts	\$127,332
General Fund Expenditures	\$133,694
Current Shortfall	(\$6,362)
Dedicated Fund Offerings	\$11,504

We are a small church family but we are very supportive of the above ministries. All involve the giving of our time, talents, prayers and financial support. And these personal gifts are vitally important to bringing our faith and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to others.

Yet, just as important as all our ministries is also supporting our church operations and church facility. So, thank you for being a part of the Foundry church family and for your past and continued support of our ministries.

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Missions News Summer 2025



Creation Care - We kicked off the summer with a Sunday luncheon featuring a presentation by Emily Lomauro of Lynnhaven River Now. She explained the significance of the Lynnhaven in the ecosystem of the Chesapeake Bay and the importance of eco-friendly and sustainable practices in our homes and at Foundry.



Last fall, we conducted a major project on the church property which established a rain garden to manage the flooding in our Prayer Garden area; graded the Virginia Beach Blvd portion of the property to regain proper drainage of stormwater; and planted a beautiful collection of native trees which will support local wildlife and also drink a bunch of that stormwater.



Inside, we have discontinued the use of styrofoam products in the kitchen and are using LED lightbulbs, and recycling everything we can. These practices are earning us the designation of Pearl Faith Community - a symbol of Foundry's commitment to Creation Care.

Missions News Summer 2025

Food Pantry continues to operate weekly and to provide food to ever-growing numbers of families. From an average of 25 families per week a year ago, we are now serving an average of 35 families per week. This is an essential service to the public and Foundry's commitment through food and monetary donations and hours of person-power dedicated to picking up food from Operation Blessing, Food Bank, and other sources, unloading and repackaging food, and staffing the Food Pantry speaks to this church's dedication to our neighbors in need.



July was Welcome Home Baskets Month, when we collected household goods to provide formerly homeless people who have newly qualified for permanent housing with a nice start in equipping and furnishing their new homes. This ministry is especially appreciated by the recipients!

Enjoy the rest of your summer, but get ready for **The Great Foundry Apple Sale** beginning at the end of September. Make a personal effort to not only purchase apples for yourself, but to spread the word and sell apples to your friends, relatives, and neighbors. This is our annual fundraiser to raise money to support **Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry** in Democratic Republic of Congo. We help to provide lifesaving medical evacuation services in a Texas-sized country with poor infrastructure and few paved roads. Financial donations to this ministry are always welcome and appreciated!

~Chris Work - Mission Chair



Children-Youth Ministry News Summer 2025

Dear Foundry Family,



Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our Children's Ministry. We are grateful to partner with you in building strong foundations of faith for our children.



Our Movie Night – A Great Success!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Family Movie Nights. We have had fantastic turnout, and it's such a joy to see families gathered together enjoying a fun, faith-filled evening. Special thanks to Mr. Gary, as he set up our Youth Building Wi-Fi and it is running flawlessly - we couldn't have done it without him!



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Our VBS will take place July 26th from 9AM-2:00 pm and this year's theme "The Fruit of the Spirit". It was an unforgettable day of worship, crafts, games, and learning about God's love. Many thanks to all the staff and volunteers in making this year's VBS a HUGE success! We had 18 children and their families, and the love of the LORD was felt throughout the experience! Thank you all! A HUGE blessing!



School Supply Drive – Blessing Our Community

As the new school year approaches, we launched our annual **School Supply Drive** to support Lynnhaven Elementary School and students in need who are served by our food pantry. Working in conjunction with the United Women of Faith we collected backpacks, notebooks, pencils, crayons, and other essential supplies. Together we ensure every child starts the school year well-equipped and encouraged! ~ Colleen Ignacio - Children's Ministry Co-Chair

Upcoming Events:

Children's Fall Fashion Show: 9/21, 3-5 pm Movie Night: 9/13 from 5-7:30 pm, Movie Penguins of Madagascar Movie Night: 10/11 from 5-7:30 pm, Movie TBD	Homeschool Costume Dance Party 11/1 from 5-7:00 pm in Ebert Hall Cookie Decorating 12/7 from 1230-2:00pm, pictures with Santa
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July 26, 2025



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Teachers
&
Volunteers!



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FOUNDRY PIZZARIA CHEFS

VBS July 26, 2025

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VBS JULY 26, 2025

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Richmond, Virginia 23294
804-780-2250
www.redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive of the Week

June 16 – 22, 2025

Boulevard Churches, Foundry United Methodist Church
Attn: Scott Mahrenholz
2801 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Dear Scott,

We are pleased to announce that Boulevard Churches, Foundry United Methodist Church drive held on June 18th, has been selected as an American Red Cross **Blood Drive of the Week**. This honor recognizes a group that exemplifies outstanding dedication to the community blood program.

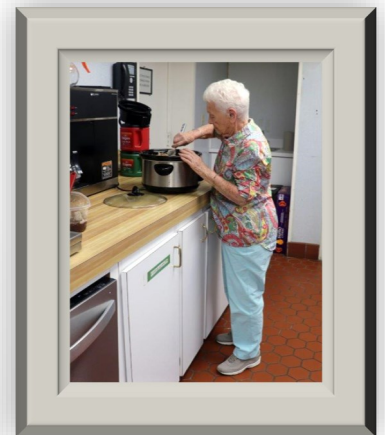
Your drive was selected because it is a terrific example of the blueprint of what makes a drive successful. For starters, it takes a dedicated Blood Program Leader like you. Our Account Manager, Kelsey Rosecrans, tells me that your blood drive answered the call during a critical time of need when it is hard to get donors. This drive also had impressive results in seeing 30 donors, four of which were Power Red donors. Overall, this drive collected 32 lifesaving units on a goal of 25!

On behalf of the hospitals we service, thank you for your contribution to the community blood supply and we acknowledge that such successes would not be possible without your support. We look forward to our continued collaboration in supporting the blood supply.

Thank you for being such a dedicated coordinator with American Red Cross.

Sincerely,


Todd Cahill
Regional Donor Services Executive



This year's Spring blood drive was very successful.

Our goal was 25 productive units but we got 33!!

Thanks to all you donated!!!

People are coming to enjoy Judy Brabrand's delicious assortment of desserts.
Special thanks to Helen Smith, Katie Mahrenholz and Judy Brabrand for their help in the canteen and making donors feel welcome.

Our next blood drive will be in January; watch for details.

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LOVE
BOLDLY
SERVE
JOYFULLY
LEAD
COURAGEOUSLY



Dear Foundry United Methodist Church,
On behalf of the Girl Scouts, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity & support. We are so grateful for the opportunity to use your beautiful Youth Building—it provided a welcoming and safe environment for our meetings and activities.

Thank You for believing in the mission of Girl Scouts and for being a part of nurturing our next generation of leaders!



With sincere appreciation,
Jenna Brock

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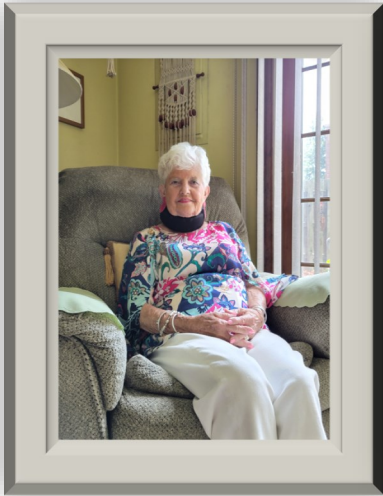
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August 10, 2025

*Family & Friends Summer
Visits with Pastor JaeHaeng*



Elaine Hudson is now recovering at home after her stay in physical therapy rehab from her fall .



June Leach and Betty McGraw sing hymns with Pastor JaeHaeng during her visitation.



Judy Krampen continues her heart transplant rehabilitation at Norfolk Heart Hospital with Kenny by her side.

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.

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In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

