

CONNECTING MINISTRIES

Connecting

Connect. Call. Include. Create.

At Foundry Church we strive to be a people who “love God, love each other, and change the world” through all that we do. This includes calling, equipping, and sending spiritual leaders for the church and world. Said a different way, we want to help form and equip faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. By discipleship we mean: the ongoing process, initiated and guided by the Holy Spirit, in which we are living into God’s love for us and the world. Discipleship is lived out in covenant relationships that help cultivate in us the things Jesus embodied—love of God, love of one another, and transformational witness and service in the world.

Discipleship begins in the covenant of baptism, our promise to live and grow as a follower of Jesus, and continues as we engage our faith critically and creatively. No matter where you are on your journey, we have opportunities for you to do that here at Foundry.

In this catalogue is an incomplete and ever increasing list of ways to:

get your feet wet by exploring what a relationship with God looks like for you.

wade out into the waters of your baptism to find easy-to-engage opportunities for learning, growing, and building relationships.

go deep as a disciple of Jesus Christ, embracing vows of baptism, engaging in long-term and ongoing ways to stay committed and critically engaged as disciples at all ages and stages.

and stay tuned! Discipleship is something that is always changing, we are always looking for new ways to increase our capacity to learn and grow.

Get Connected!

Schedule a one-on-one with pastors & program directors

Our clergy team is here to help you learn, grow, and engage life at Foundry Church. Contact the church office by calling 202.332.4010 or email one of the pastors if you'd like to find a time to sit down with them and learn more about life and ministry at Foundry.

Connect on-line

Visit us on the web at www.foundryumc.org for a full listing of the ways to engage, grow, serve, and learn at Foundry Church. For even more ways to connect, download the ChurchLife app from the Google Play or Apple iTunes stores and log-in to register for classes, donate online, and view the Foundry's calendar. Need help logging in? Contact the Church Office at 202.332.4010

Register for classes & events

To register for any of our on-going classes or small groups, or to contact leaders of our fellowship groups, you can contact Pastor Will at wgreen@foundryumc.org or use our online portal, found at www.foundryumc.org. Online registration is available via our website through the 'Calendar' link on the homepage.

Sign up for weekly & monthly newsletters

Registration for our regular e-newsletters will soon be available via www.foundryumc.org. Until then, call the Church Office at 202.332.4010 or email Pastor Will for more information.

Membership & Baptism at Foundry Church

New Member Orientation & Classes

Connecting your life to others through membership in a congregation is a serious decision. To join the life of the church means taking vows of prayer, physical presence and participation, financial support through giving, active service in the community and the world, and witness to one's faith in Jesus Christ. Those interested in joining the church are invited to join us in a Pastor's Coffee (dates listed below). If membership still feels right, those interested are required to participate in a six-week, pastor-facilitated study. These classes provide an opportunity to learn more, to engage the theological and historical backgrounds of membership vows, and to build relationship and fellowship with one another. Those who complete the course will be received into membership at the dates listed below at either the 9 or 11:15am worship celebrations. For more information about joining the church, please contact Pastor Will at wgreen@foundryumc.org.

Pastor's Coffee (considering membership)

- Sunday, Apr. 23rd at 10:10 and 12:45
- Sunday, Jul. 23rd at 10:10 and 12:45
- Sunday Sept. 24th at 10:10 and 12:45

A Disciple's Path (membership classes)

- Sunday, Apr. 30th—Jun. 11th (10:10-11:05, 12:45-2pm), joining on June 11th
- Sunday, Jul. 30th—Sept. 10th (10:10-11:05, 12:45-2pm), joining on September 10th
- Sunday, Oct. 1st—Nov. 12th (10:10-11:05, 12:45-2pm), joining on November 12th

Baptism Orientation

Preparation is required for anyone who wishes to join the church through baptism or who wishes to have children baptized at Foundry. Baptism Orientation helps parents and candidates learn about historical and theological foundations of baptism, as well as practical information for baptism at Foundry. Pre-registration is encouraged and can be done online at www.foundryumc.org or by calling the church office at 202-332-4010.

Sunday Mornings, 12:45-2pm

- April 23 for baptism on April 30
- May 21 for baptism on May 28
- June 18 for baptism on June 25
- July 23 for baptism on July 30
- August 20 for baptism on August 27
- October 22 for baptism on October 29
- November 19 for baptism on November 26

Sunday Adult Learning Opportunities

Practicing Spirituality

An open adult class, PS meets year-round on Sunday mornings to explore spiritual formation through practices for everyday living. During the season leading into Lent, Practicing Spirituality will be helping to write and steward our Lenten Devotional. All members are invited to participate in this collaborative process.

Sundays -- 10:10-11:05

The Maker's Circle

This new group invites participants to a time of fellowship, prayer, and reflection while crafting and creating items for ministry in and through Foundry Church. Led by Kerry Kidwell-Slak and Nancy Groth, this group is for anyone with any interest and inclination to use their hands and creative skills. Bring your own project or come learn something new.

Sundays -- 10:10-11:05

Kaleidoscope

Foundry's new, forum-style class is discussion-based and focused on providing an community in which members can explore the diversity of ways faith and life intersect. Members together identify quarterly topics and schedules. Check out our schedule below for more information about the upcoming classes.

Sundays -- 10:10-11:05

(April 9 & 16): Great Day of Service & Easter—No Class

(April 23-May 28): To Be Determined

(June 4): Annual Conference Report-back

Join Foundry's clergy and lay delegates to Annual Conference for a report back on the business covered and the ways that we as a faith community can connect.

(June 5-July 24): Summer Break

Sunday Adult Learning Opportunities

Good Christian Sex

Enter into a positive and healthy conversation about sex that treats what is often a cultural taboo as something that is holy and human. This class will explore the Biblical foundations of this God-given part of our lives, aided by insights from theology, ethics, and psychology. Topics include desire, mutuality, singleness, fidelity, spiritual intimacy, and much more -- punctuated by thought-provoking questions and laced with love. Third class (May 7) will offer a lecture by "Good Christian Sex" author Rev. Bromleigh McCleneghan. Book available for \$10.

April 23-June 25th -- 10:10-11:05am

Serving God, Saving the Planet: A Call to Care for Creation & Your Soul

Serving God, Saving the Planet: A Call to Care for Creation and Your Soul will be the basis of a 6-week study led by Jill Barker and Martha Lyle Ford, beginning Sunday, April 30. The book and video series are appropriate and accessible for anyone interested in moving toward greater environmental stewardship from a Christian perspective. The first three sessions will explore the love story God tells in Genesis by considering each of the created elements -- light, water, soil, heavens, animals, humans -- in light of the God-given command to "tend and protect the planet." The remaining sessions, will examine how this original command extends into the actions and activities -- rest, work, giving, sharing, teaching and hope -- of every Christian's daily life.

April 30th - June 4th -- 10:10-11:05am

How to Talk So Kids will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk

Would you like to really hear what your children are saying? and have them really listen to you? If so, join this supportive environment with other Foundry families as we learn techniques to grow closer to our children while giving them the guidance and boundaries they need. The approach is drawn from Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish's book, "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk." There is a corresponding book for teens, and we encourage parents with children of all ages to participate to gain skills in more effective parenting. Sessions will include prayer and community building activities, Led by Patricia Bravo and Camilla Hicks.

April 23rd - June 4th -- 10:10-11:05am

Week Day Adult Learning Opportunities

Take Charge, Age Well Academy- March 29th - May 24th, 2017

Join Foundry Church, in Partnership with Iona Community Services, for a bi-weekly program to assist people of all ages, stages, & experiences explore critical concerns for aging well in the world today.

The Academy is comprised of two components:

- A bi-weekly information and discussion gathering starting March 29th at 5:15-7pm with topics to include: Retirement, Planning for Aging, Building Community, Financial Planning, and Legal Planning.
- A bi-weekly facilitated conversation starting April 5th at 5:15-6:15pm.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, & participants may register for the entire series (\$50) or pay per-session (\$15). Registration will be available in person in the main-level Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, February 12th and is available online at www.foundryumc.org/calendar.

Week Day Adult Learning Opportunities

Divinum

Community-oriented, broad based conversations, in partnership with David Gregory and Diana Butler-Bass, which engage our neighbors in conversations about faith and spirit in a post-Christian world. Topics for individual Divinum conversations will be posted on our website and through social media prior to each date.

Bi-monthly from 7-9pm at Foundry United Methodist Church

Scholar-In Residence:

As a community engaged at the intersections of “knowledge and vital piety,” our Scholar-in-Residence program brings together the giftedness of academic world with the practical realities of ministry in the modern era. Our 2017 Scholar-in-Residence will be announced soon!

Self Investigation Using Art Therapy

This brief introduction to using Art Therapy techniques in self investigation. This class, taught by Dick Munn, begins with using non-representational color and shape in expressing emotions. Students will each create a mandala as a mirror for our frustrations, irritations, angers and resentments. We will inspect these works to find patterns for further investigation. In a second session we will create a new mandala focusing on restructuring patterns to achieve a more balanced and pleasing presentation. For required pre-registration by emailing Pastor Will Green at wgreen@foundryumc.org. Limited to 20 people.

April 8th, 15th, and 22nd -- 10-11:30am

Looking for Ways to Serve or Connect as a Family? Check out our ministry catalogues for Social Justice and Family Ministries, or contact Thom Dumas (Director of Family Ministries) at tdumas@foundryumc.org or Rev. Ben Roberts (Associate Pastor & Director of Social Justice Ministries) at broberts@foundryumc.org.

Discipleship Ministries FAQs

How are Sunday and on-going learning opportunities identified?

Staff, working with the Senior Pastor's vision for worship and faith formation, and the Discipleship Ministries Team, work together to create learning opportunities. Some are on-going Sunday morning classes, others one-time trainings and lectures, others still multi-week, topical classes. Do you have ideas for learning opportunities or interest in teaching a class? Contact Pastor Will at wgreen@foundryumc.org for more information.

Do you have to be a member of Foundry, or a Christian, to participate in these learning opportunities?

Absolutely not! We are all on a journey, together with one another and God, to ask deep questions, to explore worlds inside and around us, and to grow into who we have been created to be. All people are welcome to participate in the wide variety of offerings listed here.

Why "Discipleship" and not "Spiritual Formation" or "Christian Education"?

The work of the Church is so comprehensive that words and categories fail to capture it all. However, we chose to use the word "Discipleship" because it best captures how we're called to walk, every day of our lives, as followers of Jesus. Unlike education or formation, often defined by measurable outcomes or a sense of completion, the work we do to learn and grow as people of faith is part of a life-long, ever-expanding love of God, love of one another, and a commitment to being a witness of God's love in the world.

How do I engage in opportunities to grow or learn with others?

You can connect to on-going groups and opportunities in a number of ways. All items which require pre-registration are marked as such in this document. You can also request more information about groups by using the contact information included, by visiting us on the web at www.foundryumc.org or by contacting Pastor Will at wgreen@foundryumc.org.

Opportunities for Fellowship & Connection

LGBTQ+ Young Adult Fellowship

A safe and inclusive space for LGBTQ+ individuals to make new friends, discuss the intersection of sexuality and faith, and have fun together. Regularly scheduled meetings coordinated through email. To join this email list, please contact Chet Jechura at lgbtqYA@foundryumc.org

Foundry Women 20's – 50's

Foundry women 20s-50s actively includes women of all ages. We meet regularly for fellowship, mutual prayer and support, book study and sermon discussion, and occasional service/mission activity. Temperance optional. We have been meeting since 2007 with members leaving and joining, and sometimes refer to ourselves as "Sex in the City, but with value-priced shoes." Regularly scheduled meetings happen in member's homes and in the community on the 4th Monday of every month. To join this group, please email Nancy Groth at women2050@foundryumc.org

Foundry Women's Breakfast

The Woman's Breakfast Group has been meeting near Logan Circle for over 7 years. When two women met for breakfast about 2 times a month to share their "Life Stresses", they found that the hour of sharing offered a sounding board for ideas and a chance to check their progress on problem solving. People signed up and continue to meet to support one another. The group helps and supports church members in driving to appointments, aiding sick family members, and providing encouragement through difficult times. Participants also celebrate many triumphs! All conversations are kept confidential. Regularly scheduled gatherings at The Commissary restaurant (1443 P St. NW) on the 4th Thursday of every month at 8am. For more information, please email at womensbreakfast@foundryumc.org.

Opportunities for Fellowship & Connection

Common Ground Fellowship Group

This group facilitates Foundry's young couples in growing in their relationships with one another. Semi-regular gatherings, organized by group emails or Doodle polls, are held for folks with a wide variety of interests. To learn more, please contact Amanda Beadle at commonground@foundryumc.org

LGBTQ+ Potlucks

An opportunity for LGBTQ+ persons to gather in fellowship in the homes of Foundry members and friends. Participants are asked to bring a drink or dish to share. Regularly scheduled gatherings in the DC Metro area are typically held on the second Sundays of every month in people's homes from 6-8pm. Potlucks are announced in the bulletin, on Foundry's website, and on the Church Calendar. For more information, please email lgbtqpotlucks@foundryumc.org.

Next Steps Fellowship Group

A fellowship group for those nearing or entering retirement. Next Steps will launch this Summer. For more information, or to indicate interest, please email Pastor Will Green at wgreen@foundryumc.org

Opportunities to grow and build fellowship with one another abound, & these are just some of the ways that you can do that here at Foundry Church. If you have ideas about how to continue creating those spaces, or would like to help start a new fellowship group, we want to help you do it. Contact us at connectingministries@foundryumc.org so that we can continue being a space where all people experience the joy of being known by name and loved by God.

Community Support Groups

Living With Cancer

Foundry members who are cancer survivors form a quiet supportive network to pray for and share the experience with any member of the congregation dealing with a diagnosis of cancer. For more information, please contact Leigh Carter at lifewcancer@foundryumc.org.

Dealing With Loss & Transition

This group supports anyone who has experienced loss through death, divorce, or other life transition. This group meets every other Sunday at 12:45pm at Foundry United Methodist Church. For more information, dealingwithloss@foundryumc.org.

Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance

A peer support group for those living with mental health diagnoses. This group meets every Thursday from 6:30 – 8:45pm at Foundry United Methodist Church. For more information, please contact the Church Office at foundry@foundryumc.org or by calling 202-332-4010

SMART Recovery

SMART Recovery is a support group for people who want to abstain from any type of addictive behavior. In the meetings, people learn how to use tools to build motivation, cope with urges, solve other problems in their lives and achieve lifestyle balance to prevent relapse and maintain sobriety. This group meets every Thursday at Foundry United Methodist Church from 6:30-8pm. For more information, please contact Laura Bullen at smartlaura4@gmail.com.

Are you looking for communities of support and care that you don't see listed here?

Do you have ideas for ways that Foundry Church can grow into the work of radical hospitality and extending relationship to all people?

Share your ideas with us through Pastor Will Green, wgreen@foundryumc.org.

Small Groups

Christ Care Group (DuPont Circle)

More information about this community of caring and support coming soon.

This group meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 6:30 – 8:30pm. For more information, please email Sujatha Blackstone or Peggy Simpson at christcare@foundryumc.org.

NoVA West Small Group

The NoVA West small group was formed to extend the spirit of Foundry beyond Sunday and beyond the beltway. The group combines discussion and prayer, focusing on the past Sunday's message or a meaningful spiritual passage provided by a member. Members share and pray about our concerns together. Typically meetings happen during a weekday evening meal. Each month's date is set by a poll to allow accommodating as many schedules as possible. This group meets once a month and is organized by email. For more information, please contact Tara Holeman at novawest@foundryumc.org.

Silver Spring Small Group

This group will launch in late April (after Easter). For more information, contact Facilitators Jessica Meixner or Britta Peery at silverspring@foundryumc.org

Dupont Circle Small Group

This group will launch in late April (after Easter). For more information, contact facilitator Suzanne Anthony at dupont@foundryumc.org.

Adams Morgan Small Group

This group will launch in late April (after Easter). For more information, contact facilitator Lorea Stallard at adamsmorgan@foundryumc.org.

Retreat Ministries

Foundry Women's Retreat

The women of Foundry gather annually (third weekend in February) for a retreat that includes speaker-led discussion, small group activities, a service project, and fellowship. It's a great way to meet women of all ages and to nurture new friendships. The retreat provides the opportunity to build a connection with others to share life's joys and challenges. Transportation, meals and lodging are included in the retreat fee. Fees based on housing options and range from \$199 to \$300. Scholarships are available to make the retreat feasible for everyone. For further information contact Sharon O'Donoghue at skodonoghue@gmail.com. This year's retreat is Friday, February 17 through noon Sunday, February 19 at PriestField Pastoral Center, Kearneysville, West Virginia and will be led by Rev. Gina Campbell.

Foundry LGBTQ+ Retreat

Focused on the theme "Strength for the Journey," Foundry's LGBTQ+ retreat provides an opportunity for persons who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, and Queer to fellowship, study, and grow in faith together. Facilitated by Will Green and members of the retreat planning team, participants will explore how we can build relationships of support and strength through worship, study, and small and large group reflection. Registration costs \$125 and covers the cost of two shared meals. A limited number of rooms are available at the Atlantic Sands (800-422-0600) at the group rate of \$130 plus taxes, per night. Attendees may not be able to get that rate once the block of rooms have been sold or after the deadline. When booking use ID8321 Foundry United Methodist Church. Carpooling and scholarships are available as part of the registration process online. For more information, please email Bill Gluth at lgbtqretreat@foundryumc.org or call the Church Office at 202-332-4010.

Foundry Family Camp

An opportunity for people of every age, stage, and family configuration to join together in a relaxing weekend of relationship building and fun. Next year's Family Camp is scheduled for Labor Day weekend 2017. For more information, please email familyministries@foundryumc.org

Leadership Formation Opportunities

Ongoing opportunities to grow as a faithful leader in the church AND in the world will be offered throughout the program year. These include specialized ministry team training (for instance, persons interested in serving as Communion Stewards), lectures, facilitated conversations, and classes designed to help you critically and creatively think about what it means to live and lead as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

ID (Imago Dei) Ministry On-Boarding

A training designed to help persons interested in engaging as part of Foundry's ID Ministry. *Imago Dei* is Latin for image of God. We believe all persons are created in God's image, the *Imago Dei*, a part of our common identity. In a society with systems that often distort and devalue the identities of our neighbors, one such system is the need to carry identification documents. Foundry's I.D. & Walk-in Ministry seeks to restore to our low-income and homelessness neighbors the documents they need to obtain jobs, housing, education, or services in the community.

Training Schedule

April 30th: 12:45 - 2pm

August 27th: 12:45 - 2pm

November 12th: 12:45 - 2pm

Upcoming Events at Foundry Church

April

- 1-2nd: Confirmation Retreat
- 9th: Palm Sunday Worship Celebration
- 9th: Great Day of Service (10:10-11:05 and 12:30-2:30)
- 13th: Maundy Thursday Worship Celebration (7pm)
- 14th: Good Friday Worship Celebrations (Noon and 7pm)
- 15th: Community Easter Egg Hunt (Stead Park)
- 16th: Easter Sunday Celebration
- 21-23rd: LGBTQ+ Retreat (The Sands Resort, Rehoboth Beach, DE)
- 23rd: Baptism Orientation & Pastor's Coffee
- 30th: Reception of Baptismal Candidates (both worship celebrations)

May

- 20th: Confirmation Dinner
- 21st: Mission Possible II Consecration
- 21st: Baptismal Orientation
- 28th: Reception of Baptismal Candidates (both worship services)
- 31-June 2nd: Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference

June

- 1-2nd: Baltimore-Washington Annual Conferences
- 4th: Confirmation Sunday
- 4th: Decorating for PRIDE
- 10th: PRIDE Parade Lemonade Stand
- 11th: PRIDE Sunday
- 18th: Graduation Sunday
- 18th: Baptismal Orientation
- 25th: Reception of Baptismal Candidates (both worship celebrations)

July

- 18th: Baptismal Orientation
- 25th: Reception of Baptismal Candidates (both worship celebrations)

August

- 19th: Ministry Team Leader Training and Ministry Fair Set-up
- 20th: Foundry Ministry Fair
- 20th: Baptismal Orientation
- 27th: Reception of Baptismal Candidates (both worship celebrations)
- 27th: ID Ministry On-Boarding (required training for ID Servant Leaders)

September

- 1-3rd: Foundry Family Camp
- 3rd: Labor Day Sunday
- 10th: Adult and Children's Sunday School Starts
- 10th: Blessing of the Backpacks

October

- 7th: Great Day of Service
- 15th: Children's Bible Sunday
- 14th: Great Day of Service
- 15th: Poinsettia Orders begin
- 22nd: Stewardship Consecration Sunday
- 22nd: Baptismal Orientation
- 28th: Community Halloween Festival
- 29th: Reception of Baptismal Candidates (both worship celebrations)

November

- 5th: All Saint's Sunday Special Music (both worship celebrations)
- 5th: Poinsettia Sales end
- 12th: ID Ministry On-Boarding (required training for ID Servant Leaders)
- 19th: Baptismal Orientation
- 26th: First Sunday in Advent
- 26th: Reception of Baptismal Candidates (both worship celebrations)



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