

FOUNDRY FORGE

Inspiration and Information for the Weeks Ahead



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Mission Possible Update

Giving Back for Foundry's Future

TRACEY WEBB



Even in this time of anxiety and uncertainty, there is much at Foundry to feel good about. Near the top of that list is the success of Mission Possible, our multi-year effort to enhance our capability to extend radical hospitality to all. Thanks to your sacrifice, generosity and commitment, Foundry has received just over \$2 million of the \$2.5 million pledged for the project, which began in 2017.

With those funds, we have been able to:

- Fully renovate our sanctuary's historic Casavant pipe organ, enabling this extraordinary instrument to function at maximum capacity to further enhance Foundry's music ministry.
- Install new environmentally friendly air handlers in the sanctuary, making the space more comfortable throughout the year.
- Install new humidifiers in Community Commons.
- Refurbish the skylight over the Columbarium to better protect the space honoring deceased members of the Foundry family.
- Restore our handsome and historic exterior doors.
- Create a rain garden that will reduce the flow of stormwater into storm drains.
- Repay funds borrowed to finance the new main floor restrooms, reception area and Community Commons which so enhance our ability to welcome and connect with one another.

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Another goal of Mission Possible II -- establishing a coffeehouse to better connect with Foundry's surrounding community -- has been tabled in order to focus human and financial resources on other pressing issues, chief among them Foundry's leadership toward full inclusion of LGBTQ persons in the UMC.

Thank you for your gifts and commitments, all of which need to be paid by year's end. We also welcome additional contributions and pledges, which you can make online at foundryumc.churchcenter.com/giving and clicking down to "Mission Possible II".

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Tracey Webb serves as co-chair of Mission Possible II along with Paul Hazen and Brian Walker. She came to Foundry in 2015 and enjoys reading, sports and is fascinated by the animal world.

Did You Know?

Help Our Neighbors

Foundry's Social Justice/Sacred Resistance team has put together a good list of opportunities to be of help: foundryumc.org/covidaction

Foundry Scholarships

Now's the time to apply for Foundry Scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year.

Deadline: **Monday, June 1**

Questions? Email: scholarships@foundryumc.org

Application forms: foundryumc.org/scholarships

Annual Conference

The UMC Annual Conference, scheduled for May, has been postponed.

Remember Gratitude

REV. GINGER E. GAINES-CIRELLI



“ Remember your gratitude
Even when the beasts are at the door.

*Do not hold it hostage to your
Happiness.*

*It is embedded in your heart.
Let it out,
Even while you're weeping.*

- Robert Pynn

I remember a time when I was feeling the weight of grief. My father was nearing the end of his life and other loved ones were also suffering. Furthermore, strife and injustice seemed to be exponentially increasing in the world. One day, taking a contemplative walk, I felt again the familiar ache of sadness, as though I was drowning, deep under water.

But, suddenly, something emerged from the deep, like an inner memory reel, flash after flash of faces, voices, and encounters that filled my heart with joy. It was a moment of pure grace. There is no way I could have consciously drawn up such a series of clear visions from across all the years of my life with such speed. The memories of tenderness, generosity, forgiveness, hilarity, friendship, loyalty, and love were overwhelming.

I realized then that I had begun to believe that the deepest well within me was the well of grief and despair for the world. But I was wrong. The deepest well within me is the well of gratitude — overwhelming thankfulness for the tender mercies, grace, and love extended to me throughout my life by friends, congregants, family, colleagues, strangers, and God.

As we continue to receive reports of suffering and lives lost in the wake of COVID-19 and to journey through these long days of isolation, I encourage you to intentionally call to mind all for which you give thanks. Ask God to reveal memories hidden to time, dwelling deep within you, a source of joy even in the midst of struggle and grief. You may make a daily practice of recording them in a journal or adding them to your home altar or worshipful space.

Experience teaches me that joy can break through tears as we remember where divine love has been made real in our lives. May it be so for you.

Drawing from the well, I am,

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli
Senior Pastor

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MAY ACTION ITEMS

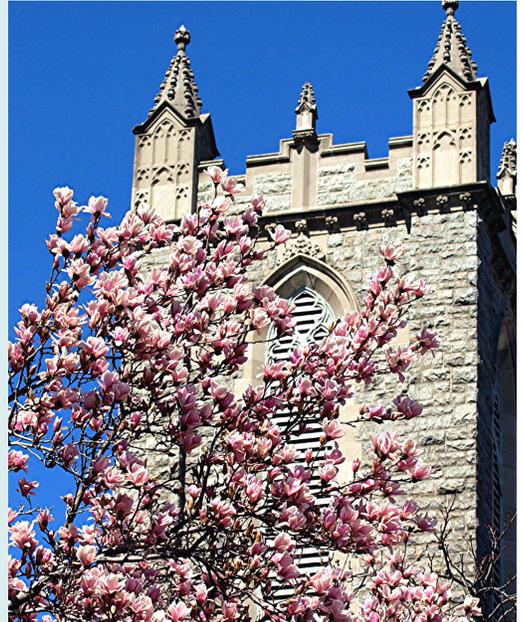
Foundry will continue holding one **online worship service at 11:15 am each Sunday through June 10**. Our building will remain closed.

You can participate in most – and perhaps all – of the worship services listed below. Links are available at foundryumc.org:

- Facebook Live
- Foundry website
- Foundry Vimeo Channel
- Foundry YouTube Channel

As noted below, you can take part in many other events using Zoom.

Because plans continue to evolve, it is important that you check the Foundry website foundryumc.org frequently for the most up-to-date information.



SUNDAYS, MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Tuning into Worship

Don't miss our Sunday morning worship service at 11:15 am today and every Sunday. Check out your options for connecting above – and if you wish, join a breakout room via Zoom for coffee hour after the service. It's a great way to visit with Foundry friends!

Practicing Spirituality

You are invited to come together every Sunday at 10:10 am with members of Practicing Spirituality for a check-in, shared prayer, and a lesson led by a class member. Together, you will reflect on the blessings of the day and look at ways we can be Christ for those in need. For information on how to “attend,” visit foundryumc.org/event/calendar/1926.

Know Yourself: Who Are We?

Join us today and the next two Sundays at 10:10 am to explore the history of American Methodism from its birth in Baltimore, how it has shaped our nation and what we might learn from it as we seek to shape the world today. For information on how to “attend,” visit foundryumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/342691

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A Disciple's Path

Whether you attended our first session April 27 or not, come today and Sundays through June 7 from 10:10 to 11:15 am to this class which is required for membership at Foundry. We will discuss the vows of membership and how we live them out as United Methodists and members of the Foundry community. Register at foundryumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/375458 to receive the link enabling you to "attend" via Zoom.

WEDNESDAYS, MAY 6, 13, 20, 27

Morning Prayer

Start your day at 7:30 am with prayers with Pastor Kelly and members of the Care Ministry Team. Join us: foundryumc.org/event/calendar/2001

Waypoint

Gather with us via Zoom at zoom.us/j/94321117517 from 6:15 -7 pm for prayer, song, and intentional conversation about scripture, a time to rest and from which to draw new strength for the discipleship journey.



THURSDAYS, MAY 7, 14, 21, 28

Senior Pastor's Bible Study

Join Pastor Ginger at 6 pm for a bible study session in which she will explore the history and context of the scripture she'll be preaching on each week. Register at: zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYscOugqzkqGNUT67wVuIy34lgPZhc6yEWH.



TUESDAY, MAY 26

Foundry Board Meeting

The Foundry Board will meet virtually at 7 p.m. for its regular monthly meeting. Members of the congregation interested in observing the meeting can email Amanda Beadle at amandabeadle1@gmail.com for details on how to do so.

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WEDNESDAYS, MAY 27-JULY 1

Invitation to the Psalms

Psalms has been called the “prayer book of the Bible,” the voice of God’s people as they experience pain, sorrow, uncertainty, faith, joy, hope and thanksgiving. Study of these ancient texts can still enrich our prayer and worship today. Class will meet via Zoom for its first two classes, and more if needed. No prior in-depth knowledge of the Bible required. Learn more at:

foundryumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/414103



SUNDAY, MAY 31

Meet the Confirmands

This is your chance to get to know the young people who will soon be confirmed as Foundry’s newest members. Today’s service will include a video introducing each of them to all of us. Don’t miss it!

ASP Update

Due to the pandemic, Appalachia Service Project has canceled its summer program, including Foundry’s team’s planned June trip. ASP is still working to make houses warmer, safer and drier, using staff and subcontractors.

To help ASP and those they serve, our youth ask the Foundry community to support ASP by contributing at foundryumc.churchcenter.com/giving until May 31. Be sure to choose "Youth Missions" from the drop-down menu; all contributions so designated during the month of May will go to ASP.



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Share your thoughts with ForgeNewsletter@foundryumc.org.