

FOUNDRY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
WASHINGTON, DC

Friends,

As we see signs of hope spring up around us, we would like to provide you with an update regarding Foundry's plan to gradually return to in-person activities and services. While we are receiving guidance from local leaders and health officials, it is important to us that you be a part of this process.

The Foundry Board, with guidance from the existing science- and public health-focused Re-Entry Ministry Team, has worked with staff to set target dates for a phased return to regular, in-person, indoor events and services in our building on 16th Street. These dates are as follows:

- June 1, 2021: Staff will begin returning to the building for work.
- July 15, 2021: Ministry teams and small groups, working with staff, will begin meeting in the building.
- Sept. 5, 2021: The latest possible date we will resume full-capacity in-person Sunday worship services. Smaller in-person worship services may resume prior to Sept. 5 and other in-person events are scheduled throughout the summer.

The newly formed Re-Entry Implementation Task Force will be working with staff and lay leadership to meet these target dates set by the Board in a way that is deliberate, thoughtful, and sensitive to your concerns.

To help us better understand your thoughts on the return to in-person Sunday worship and other activities at Foundry, [we are asking that you complete our Congregational Survey by Friday, June 4.](#)

The survey responses will be anonymous, and all data will be used exclusively by the Board and the Re-Entry Implementation Task Force. If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Kaylon Rutledge at [kaylon@foundryumc.org](mailto:kaylon@foundryumc.org).

As we continue to prepare for our return to regular in-person Sunday worship, we hope that you will join us for some of our upcoming in-person events such as , [Communion on the Plaza](#) and [Pastor on the Plaza](#) beginning next week. We will let you know as other in-person opportunities become available.

We want to thank you for your patience, your fellowship, and your financial support that has enabled us to adapt and continue Foundry's vital ministry in the face of so much change. We can't wait to worship with you all again.

With gratitude,

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Senior Pastor

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Board President