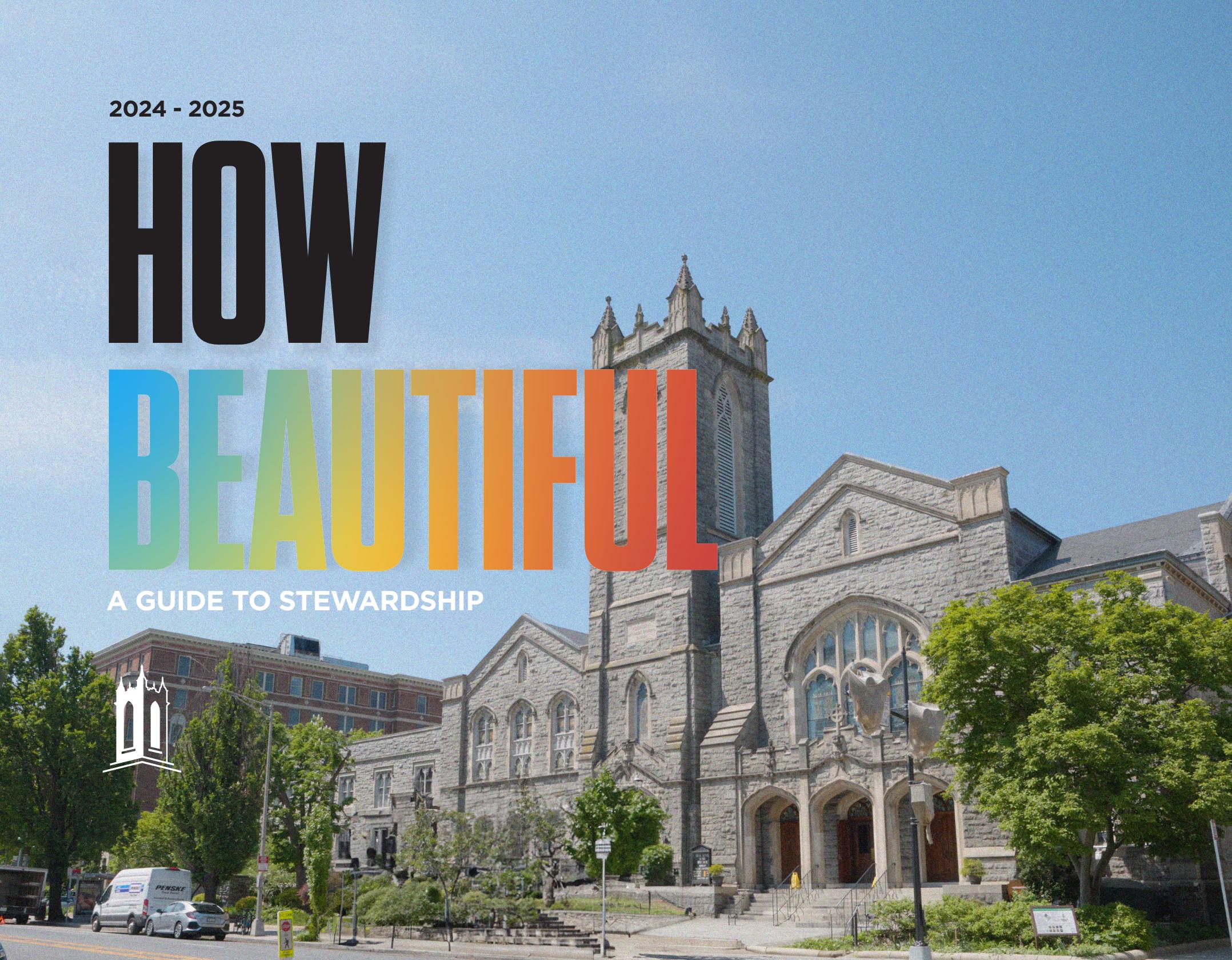
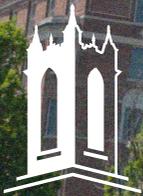


2024 - 2025

HOW BEAUTIFUL

A GUIDE TO STEWARDSHIP





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How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring
good news, who proclaim
peace, who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation, who
say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Isaiah 52:7



At Foundry, beauty is a deeply personal and multifaceted concept. Foundry folks find the beauty of God in worship gatherings, spiritual and artistic expression, family and other human connections, acts of kindness and justice, discipleship, and the natural world.

How Beautiful!

A NOTE FROM _____ PASTOR GINGER



From my privileged vantage point in Sunday worship and the Board and Staff tables at which I sit, I often think, "What a beautiful congregation!" Indeed, Foundry Church, you are beautiful and beloved, committed and called, thoughtful and generous. It is a

profound honor to serve as your Senior Pastor for these past ten years and to look ahead toward the next decade of mission together.

The prophet Isaiah once wrote: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says, "Your God reigns." Beloved of Foundry, our shared life, our mission, our advocacy, our worship, our teaching, our witness—all of it—is meant to be that messenger of God's peace, the freedom, and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression, of the good news of God's love and saving grace.



How Beautiful!



- Experiencing life-giving online community.
- Thriving as a big church made up of small communities.
- Fully living out our Baptismal promise to children and families.
- Providing ways to “be the change” we want to see in the world.
- Inviting others to experience the good news of God’s love and justice.
- Extending radical hospitality and intentional companionship.



Our future continues to be grounded in our mission to deepen faith through transcendent worship and challenging study, to create engaged community through inclusion and caring, and to transform the world through direct service and prophetic leadership. Also known as ***Love God. Love each other. Change the World.*** Exciting new vision, developed through a year-long congregation-wide process, will animate our mission and guide priorities in the coming year and beyond. We’re casting a vision of Foundry:

In a world that is hungering and thirsting for meaning, connection, purpose, and peace with justice, our ministry and mission are needed more than ever.

When we support Foundry through financial gifts, we fuel the beautiful message of God’s love and justice and strengthen our beloved church to concretely share God’s love and justice with people near and far. Your support is what makes literally everything we do and all that we are possible.



Our goal this year is to receive \$2.4M to support the big vision that we have discerned together. Thank you in advance for the blessing of your gifts! Together, we can get this done!

May God bless all of us so that others will see our individual lives and our shared life as Foundry Church and be led to say...
“How beautiful!”

In peace,

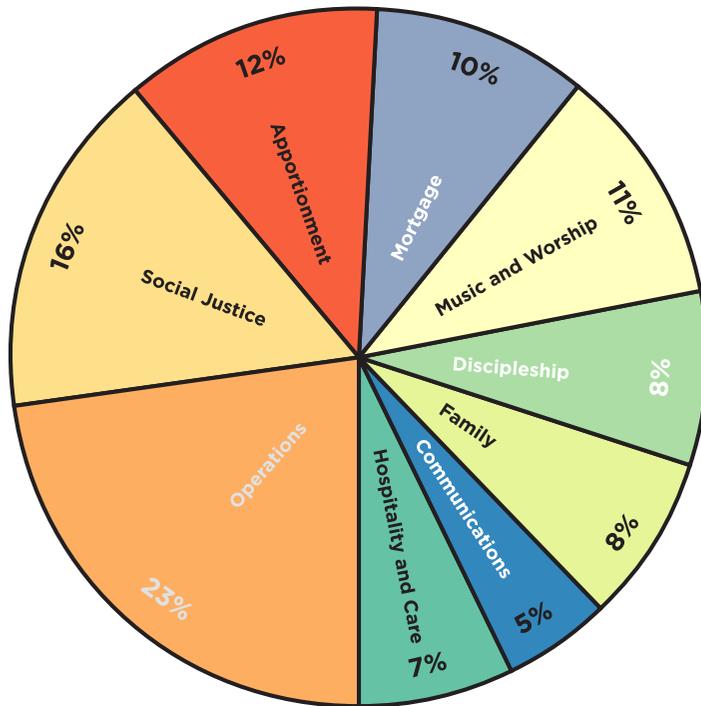
Rev. Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli
Senior Pastor

COMMUNITY

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2024 IMPACT SUMMARY



- Communications \$150,699
- Hospitality and Care \$222,398
- Discipleship \$244,496
- Family \$247,463
- Music and Worship \$335,898
- Social Justice \$480,958
- Operations \$673,805
- Apportionment \$347,506
- Mortgage \$282,932

TOTAL **\$2,986,156**

YEAR-ROUND

GIVING PREVIEW

As shown in the Impact Summary and in the following pages, your gifts are essential to Foundry's mission to love God, love each other, and change the world.



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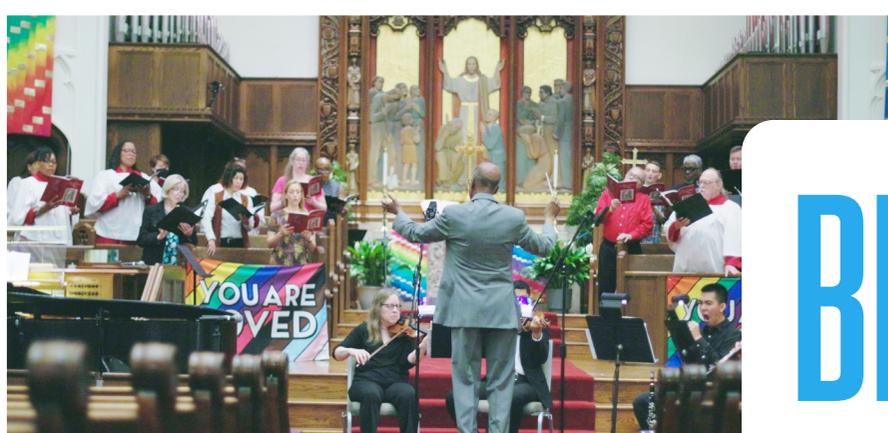
Foundry's Board and Stewardship Committee are excited to introduce a new, year-round approach to generosity. To meet both current and future financial needs, we're embracing new giving opportunities alongside our traditional fall campaign.

Events like our One-Worship Service Sundays and Potlucks, where we come together in song and shared meals, foster a vibrant and connected community. We're excited to introduce a range of passive and non-cash giving programs, making it easier for you to contribute in ways that fit your lifestyle. Additionally, we're expanding our facility's sponsorship and service programs, allowing your support to leave a lasting impact on our spaces and services.

By participating in these new opportunities, you not only address Foundry's immediate needs but also help build a stronger, more engaged community. Let's embrace these innovative ways of giving and continue to steward our blessings with joy and purpose.

"We are deeply grateful for the unwavering generosity of our community. Every gift entrusted to us is valued and respected as we recognize the profound trust it reflects. We are dedicated to upholding that trust with the highest integrity. Seeing how God works when we practice generosity and unite as one is beautiful and awe-inspiring."

Rev. Kealani Nunes Willbanks
*Associate Pastor and
Executive Director of Operations
and Impact*



BEAUTIFUL WORSHIP,

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC & ARTS! _____

At Foundry, we offer a transcendent worship experience that welcomes everyone, whether attending in person or online. Our rituals blend tradition with innovation, aiming to connect with worshipers both near and far and enhance everyone's spiritual journey. Your generous support enables us to benefit from our Senior Pastor's inspiring preaching and leadership, the dedicated efforts of our clergy and staff, and a variety of exceptional guest preachers. We are fortunate to enjoy glorious special music events and weekly performances by our choir, soloists, and orchestra, all guided by our talented maestro.



“Beautiful music pervades our Sanctuary each Sunday, offered up by dedicated and talented choir singers, instrumentalists, and congregants, raising our voices and hearts to God together.”

Stanley Thurston
Director of Music and Worship Arts

WORSHIP

How Beautiful!



“O Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the Earth. We give thanks for the bounty of Your beauty and glory in our midst. Music is a blessed gift.”

**Stanley Thurston,
*Director of Music & Worship Arts***

Foundry folks feel that Sundays at Foundry resound with the beauty of God.

**“Music at Foundry lifts the spirit!”
*Audrey MillerHallet***

**“Art and music can bring people together.”
*Jay Wright***

**“Music lifts the spirit and is joyful!”
*Mike Lawson***

We continue to offer American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation during the 11:15 a.m. service.

Your gifts allow these powerful experiences to occur. Isn't that beautiful?!





BEAUTIFUL FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND YOUTH!

At Foundry, we create a nurturing and loving environment that fosters the spiritual growth of families, children, and youth. Our worship services feature a special children’s message and a dedicated experiential space designed to engage and inspire young minds, helping them deepen their understanding and faith in God.

“To me, beauty is the perfect balance of delight and wonder—the joy that fills our hearts and the curiosity that asks, ‘How can this be?’”

When I see our kids forming genuine friendships in Sunday School, our teens inviting friends to ASP or a movie night, or a once-quiet child confidently sharing a thought during a children’s sermon, I’m reminded that beauty is blossoming throughout Family Ministries. And we’re just getting started!”

Natalie Harvey
Director of Family Ministries



We are dedicated to nurturing our children from birth through every milestone—baptism, confirmation, and beyond—right up to college. We celebrate each step of their journey with thoughtful gestures, like sending them cookies on Valentine’s Day, showing our ongoing care and commitment.



- Foundry’s Youth Ministry provides opportunities for youth in grades 6-12 to have fun, grow in their faith, serve their community, and be invited into leadership.
- Foundry Parents Ministries offers enriching spaces for small group gatherings, learning opportunities, and the sharing of valuable resources, all while fostering a supportive community.



At Foundry, many of our cherished traditions celebrate the beauty of family life. These events, from the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) and Family Camp to the Easter Egg Hunt at Stead Park and Youth Local Missions, highlight the joy and love shared among family members. Our community finds God's beauty in these familial connections, whether it's the delight of children playing together, the warmth of family dinners, or the joy of shared moments like a mother enjoying her child's singing.

"We see beauty when we watch children play on playgrounds."
*Rev. Jim and Susan McCarthy,
Grandparents of Ollie*



"When I think of the word beautiful, I think of my family, sunsets, and video games."
Amy and Keira Pierce

Your gifts allow Foundry to nurture and support the spiritual growth of families, children, and youth. Isn't that beautiful?!

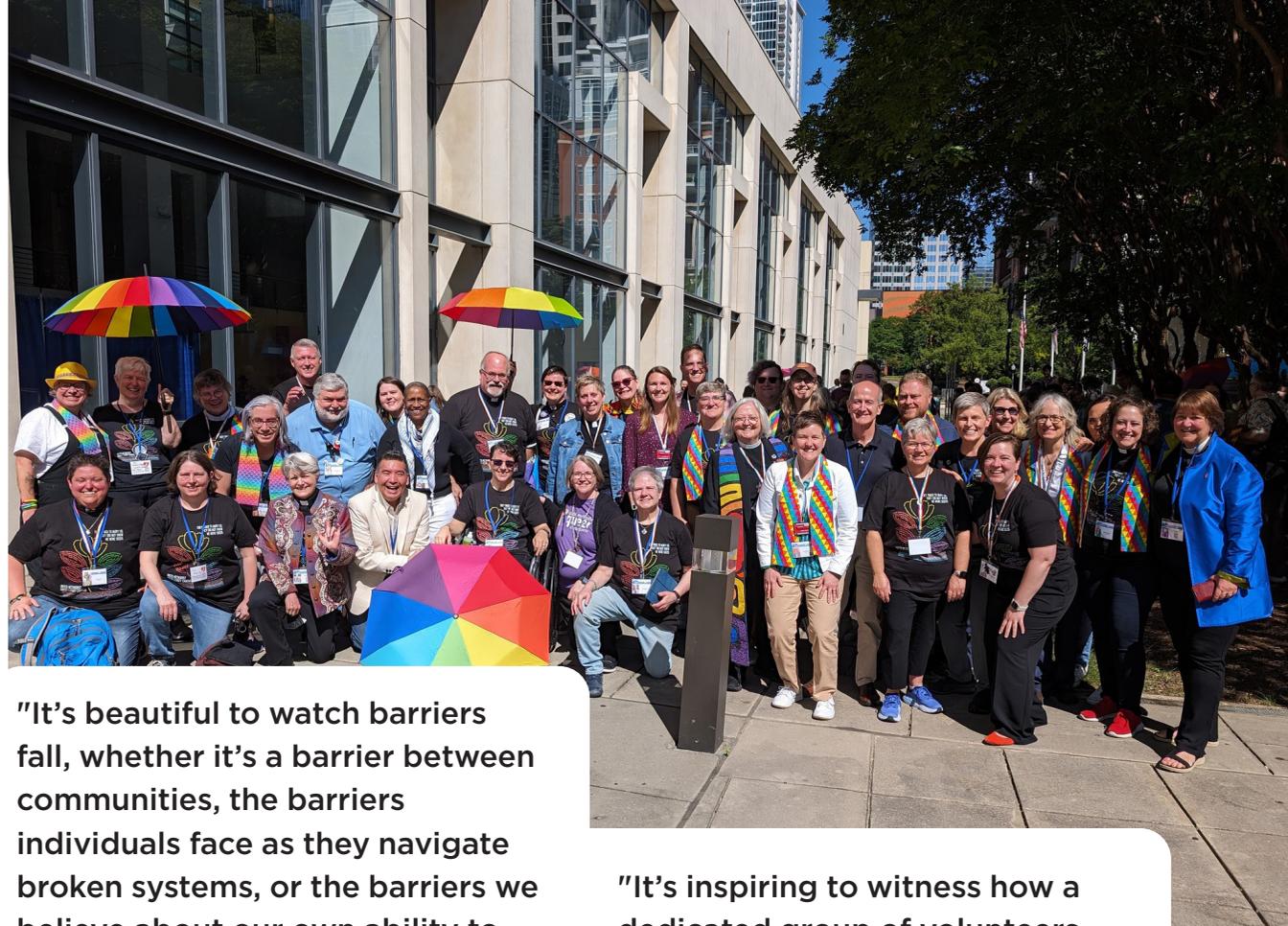
"When we think of beautiful, it's our family coming home for dinner together."
Nick and Karissa Minnich

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SOCIAL JUSTICE!

Foundry's Social Justice ministries are focused on both meeting the immediate physical needs of our neighbors and community and justice—organizing, advocating, and providing education that affects systematic change.

With the support of your gifts, Foundry can engage directly with community partners and initiatives here in Washington and worldwide.



"It's beautiful to watch barriers fall, whether it's a barrier between communities, the barriers individuals face as they navigate broken systems, or the barriers we believe about our own ability to make a difference."

Rev. Ben Roberts,
Associate Pastor
Executive Director of Programs and Justice Ministries

"It's inspiring to witness how a dedicated group of volunteers can use their gifts to make a powerful difference in the lives of individuals and in our community. And beautiful to see the effect of that work on their own hearts."

Jackie Wright,
Social Justice Programs Manager



- We put our mission into action by showing up and advocating for justice for God's kin-dom.
- Significant progress was made at the General Conference in May 2024, where 94% of delegates in attendance approved a consent calendar to remove discriminatory language from the Book of Discipline. This change lifts the ban on ordaining LGBTQIA+ clergy and eliminates penalties for clergy and churches that host same-sex weddings.
- We are also always a presence at DC Pride, with our famous lemonade stand at 16th and P.

“Foundry members have been leaders in the push for removing discriminatory anti-LGBTQIA+ wording from the United Methodist’s rules. As rules have changed on paper, now we look forward to working for inclusion and affirmation across the Church.”

**Rev. T.C. Morrow,
Pastor for Public Witness and
Ecumenical Connections**

**Your gifts helped change the UMC’s
official policy related to LGBTQ+
equality. Isn’t that beautiful?!**





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SOCIAL JUSTICE!



Our Racial Justice Ministry Team works to support and help equip the Foundry community to build awareness around racial inequalities and opt into active dialogue and action towards racial justice.

- Our Sacred Resistance Team educates, organizes, and empowers the Foundry community for advocacy and public witness addressing various social justice issues we are facing at both the local and national levels.
- Foundry offers volunteer-led English as a Second Language (ESL) classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:45-8:30 p.m. These classes are free and open to students 17 years and older.
- Founded in 1999, DC Books to Prisons is a volunteer-run 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides free books to individual prisoners and supports prison libraries.
- For over 20 years, ID Ministry has been helping people acquire social security cards, birth certificates, and photo identification. The team serves over 1,500 people per year.
- We have Cooking Ministry Teams that work both at Foundry and in the community to prepare meals for neighbors in need.

How Beautiful!





- In the spring, we work with Rise Against Hunger to pack thousands of meals for communities in need across the globe.
- In the fall, we engage in a Green Day of Service, partnering in the past with Casey Trees, Rock Creek Conservancy and the Potomac

Conservancy to help remove invasive plants, plant native ones, and clean up the Potomac River.

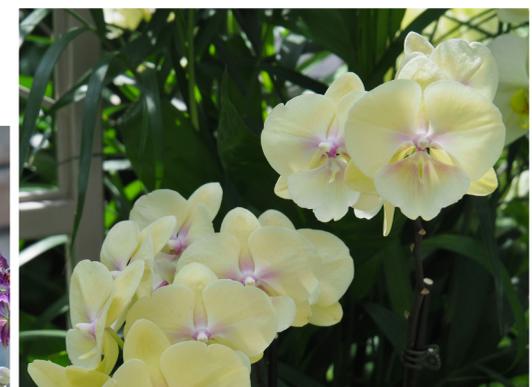
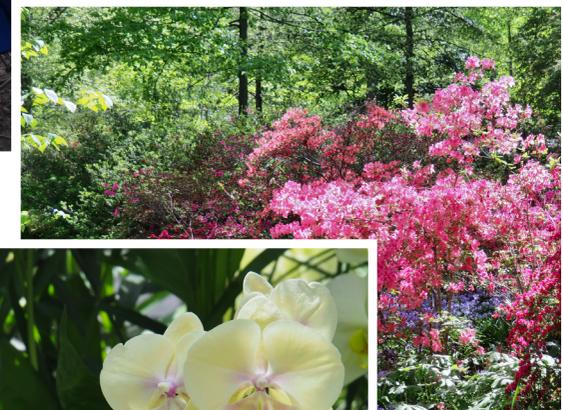
“Beautiful skies, God’s creation, nature and the calmness of the water, the whole earth is beautiful.”
Benjamin Musasizi

“The flowers, the trees, birds and the sun shining, all that is around us in nature is beautiful!”
Greg McGruder

“The beauty of a garden, especially when a forest backs it, that’s beautiful!”

Joanne Garlow

Your gifts support Foundry’s acts of service for those in need and the natural environment. Isn’t that beautiful?!



- Foundry works with Literacy Programs through Project Transformation. Our community partners include Washington Interfaith Network, The Way Home Campaign, and Congregation Action Network.

Your gifts support all of these vital social justice programs. Isn’t that beautiful?!

Twice a year, Foundry engages in a congregation-wide Great Day of Service.

How Beautiful!



BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY, CARE AND PRAYER!

How Beautiful!

At Foundry, we believe that loving one another is one of the highest expressions of our love for God. We honor both humanity and divinity by actively addressing the needs within our congregation.

From our dedicated Care and Prayer Teams to the Stephen Ministry, we are committed to meaningful connections at every stage of life.



Our Care Team works closely with our clergy to support those in need, whether they are battling illness, requiring meals, needing visits, or facing transitions. The Prayer Team provides ongoing prayer support both throughout the week and during our Sunday services.

- Our Care Team keeps contact with home-bound members, assists in times of need, and extends compassion throughout the Foundry Family.

“Beauty is when a community comes together to just encircle someone who is hurting or struggling.”

Mary Small

“It is beautiful seeing a community of people serving others together.”

Josianne Blackman

“I think of the beautiful smiles of people that I love. I think of the smiles we give to people when they don’t want to smile. When you look at them and smile at just the right time, and they smile back at you, that’s beautiful!”

Lynn Smarte

Your gifts support the care and sustenance of our community. Isn’t that beautiful?!



- Stephen Ministers offers one-on-one, Christ-centered care to those facing life challenges. Four new Stephen Ministers were commissioned in 2024.
- Foundry hosts a Smart Recovery meeting and support groups for those dealing with depression, loss, and transition.

Discipleship at Foundry offers a rich journey of spiritual growth, inviting you to deepen your faith, build lasting connections, and experience transformation. With a wide range of both short-term and long-term classes, we explore topics from in-depth Bible studies to contemporary issues. This season, join us for engaging classes like *Revelations*, *Star Wars and Theology*, *Comics and Religion*, *Mark as Story*, *The Church and AI*, and an insightful journey through *The Screwtape Letters*.

“Our discipleship opportunities offer a journey of spiritual growth, where faith deepens, connections strengthen, and lives are transformed. Through thoughtful teaching, innovative programming, and genuine community, each class invites participants to explore their faith and discover a deeper relationship with God and others.”

Rev. Jonathan Brown,
Associate Pastor
Director of Discipleship

BEAUTIFUL DISCIPLESHIP! —





- Small groups organized by location or topic meet regularly for theological reflection, prayer, service, and fellowship. Whether engaging in deep discussions or supporting one another through life's challenges, these groups offer a space for spiritual connection and growth.
- Fellowship activities such as our Potluck Dinners, Chili Cookoff, and Foundry Arcade bring our community together both in person and online, fostering relationships through shared meals, friendly competition, and fun. Our retreat opportunities, ranging from half-day to weekend-long events, provide the time and space to dive deeper into your spiritual journey.
- We also offer numerous opportunities to serve our congregation, community, and the world. Whether through volunteering or participating in various initiatives, your contributions make a real, tangible difference.

We invite you to take our Congregational Engagement Survey online at foundryumc.org/survey and let us know how you'd like to get involved.

"I think of beautiful as people gathering together and celebrating the Word of God."

Tom Murphy

"To me, beautiful is something meaningful, something I want to learn from, something that I hope sustains me over time."

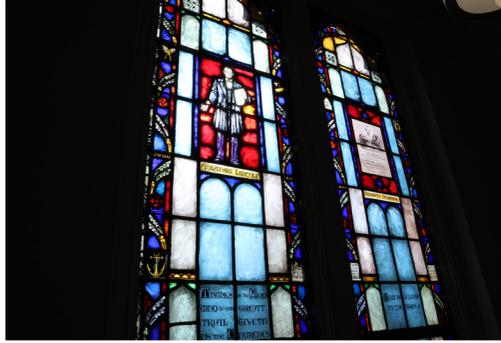
Barbara Cambridge

"How beautiful it is to watch people transform and grow, to watch them overcome their own fears, trauma, pain, and pride."

Jackie Wright



YOU were
NEVER
incompatible.



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WHY MAKE AN ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTION FOR 2025?

At Foundry, our single most important source of funding for our ministries comes from the estimated giving contributions during our annual stewardship campaign. Unlike some churches, we receive virtually no funds from an endowment. We are deeply grateful for the faithfulness of our congregation, as we have consistently received, at a minimum — a 90 percent fulfillment rate for all promised commitments. These commitments provide us with a forecast on which we can build our expense budget for the coming year. We acknowledge each gift to be as unique as the individual giver, and we strive to be exceptional stewards of the resources entrusted to us. This year, help us create and sustain community by estimating an annual gift that is both responsible and significant based on what God is calling you to give.

YEARLY INCOME	AMOUNT GIVEN	15%	10%(TITHING)	8%	5%	2%
\$10,000	WEEK	\$29	\$19	\$15	\$10	\$4
	MONTH	\$125	\$83	\$67	\$42	\$17
	YEAR	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$800	\$500	\$200
\$20,000	WEEK	\$58	\$38	\$31	\$19	\$8
	MONTH	\$250	\$167	\$133	\$83	\$33
	YEAR	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,600	\$1,000	\$400
\$40,000	WEEK	\$115	\$77	\$62	\$38	\$15
	MONTH	\$500	\$333	\$267	\$167	\$67
	YEAR	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$3,200	\$2,000	\$800
\$60,000	WEEK	\$173	\$115	\$92	\$58	\$23
	MONTH	\$750	\$500	\$400	\$250	\$100
	YEAR	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$4,800	\$3,000	\$1,200
\$80,000	WEEK	\$231	\$154	\$123	\$77	\$31
	MONTH	\$1,000	\$667	\$533	\$333	\$133
	YEAR	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$6,400	\$4,000	\$1,600
\$100,000	WEEK	\$288	\$192	\$154	\$66	\$38
	MONTH	\$1,250	\$833	\$607	\$417	\$167
	YEAR	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$2,000
\$150,000	WEEK	\$433	\$288	\$231	\$144	\$58
	MONTH	\$1,875	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$625	\$250
	YEAR	\$22,500	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$7,500	\$3,000
\$200,000	WEEK	\$577	\$385	\$308	\$192	\$77
	MONTH	\$2,500	\$1,667	\$1,333	\$833	\$333
	YEAR	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$16,000	\$10,000	\$4,000

Join our Foxall Society

To learn more about including Foundry in your estate planning, email foxallsociety@foundryumc.org.



In 2025, I/we pledge to support Foundry UMC with prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness and will support God's work through Foundry UMC with my/our financial pledge as follows:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

The Bible guides us to tithe (10 percent of income) or move toward tithing as we give to God's ongoing work. I/we, therefore, make my/our commitment to Foundry's 2025 General Fund operating budget for mission and ministries. Please count on my/our commitment in the following manner:

TOTAL COMMITMENT IS \$ _____

Contribution Schedule:

\$ _____ one time	\$ _____ yearly
\$ _____ per week	\$ _____ bi-weekly
\$ _____ per month	\$ _____ semi-monthly
\$ _____ quarterly	\$ _____ semi-annually

Electronic Giving & E-Statements

If you would like to go paperless and utilize online giving, visit foundryumc.churchcenter.com/giving to sign up for recurring contributions and electronic statements.

- I/we would like to be contacted to learn more about estate planning options through the Foxall Society.
- I/we have included Foundry in our estate planning.



Submit your 2025 Estimate of Giving by tearing off the card on the right or by using the QR code above to submit it online.



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