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# Foundry

United Methodist Church

## Blood DRIVE

Mark your Calendars!!!!  
The next Foundry Blood Drive  
will be on Wednesday, July  
28th from 2 - 7 p.m.

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Thank you to the Square  
Dancers who dropped off a  
donation to the church even  
though they are not meeting  
here at the moment because of  
the pandemic.



### *Those On Our Prayer List for This Month*

#### In the Hospital or Home Recuperating

Linda Way 322 Tomahawk Trail Virginia Beach, VA 23454  
Fran and Roger Clarke 633 West Lynn Shores Circle Va Beach, VA 23452  
Burgess Allison 3210 Dunnbury Court Virginia Beach, VA 23453  
Mary Anne Gillum 729 Prince Phillip Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23452

#### On our Continuing Care List

Bernice Day 426 Little Neck Road Virginia Beach, VA 23452

#### In Our Military or Away

CDR John Oman 15319 Red Oak Lane Mineral, VA 23117  
Andrew VanVleet #1428524 Lawrenceville Correctional Center  
1607 Planters Road Lawrenceville, VA 23868

#### Sympathy to:

Joyce Stott (in loss of her brother, Fred Snody)  
440 North Lynnhaven Road, Room #259, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

## Foundry United Methodist Church

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### *General Fund Offerings since the first of the year:*

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Actual         | \$82,412.00 |
| Revised Budget | \$87,962.00 |

### *People helped from the Food Bank for the last 4 weeks:*

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Number of Families Helped: | 67  |
| Number of People Helped:   | 265 |

## Congratulations *Graduate Recognition and Scholarships*



We will be celebrating Graduate Recognition on Sunday, June 13th at the 11 am worship service. Please let us know by June 1st if you have a high school or college graduate to be recognized.

Students looking for undergraduate scholarships, the forms are in the brochure rack in the narthex. Deadline for entry is May 31st.



Dear Foundry Family,

First, It's with mixed feelings and emotions that we inform you of Kathy Dziagwa's retirement from her position as Foundry's administrative and financial secretary. Her last day will be Thursday, May 27. Kathy has been in her role for 30 years, working with eight pastors and many other staff members, and is certainly Foundry's "go-to" person for most everything. She has served us very well over the years, but we're happy for her to leave us and spend much more time with her husband Greg.

She will joining us on Sunday, May 23rd for her farewell. Join us that day to say goodbye.

We have finalized an offer for her replacement, Stefanie Jimenez.

Thank you,

Nancy Norman - Chairperson, Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations

Watkins Bracey - Chairperson, Finance

Mary Leeds - Chairperson, Church Council



Dear Foundry Family,

By now you may have heard that Kathy Dziagwa has announced her intention to retire at the end of May 2021. Words cannot express our gratitude for her service to God through Foundry United Methodist Church over the course of a generation. In fact, Kathy has served as secretary under the leadership of eight pastors! After thirty years, Kathy leaves a legacy of wholehearted dedication that we will seek to honor in the coming days. I hope that you will take a moment to express your gratitude to Kathy for her committed service and wish her well as she spends more time with Greg and the rest of her family. Please join me in offering prayers of gratitude to God for Kathy and the impact her gifts have made on the fruitful mission and ministry of Foundry United Methodist Church.



In Christ,

Pastor Matt

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## **From Your Foundry Finance Chairperson**

Foundry Family and Friends,

Further below is the financial update for our church the first three months of this year. Thank you for your continued financial support of our ministry, especially during this past year. As with many organizations, we too have been impacted by all the changes the virus pandemic has placed on our activities and behaviors. We have seen both positive/successful things take place (or continuing to occur) at Foundry, as well as, challenges/struggles with financial giving (and yet, opportunities).

### **On a positive/successful note:**

Our Food Pantry has been very active every week and supporting many individuals and/or families. Another church, in addition to several individuals, have provided considerable financial support of this ministry.

We have received \$4,218 in donations to this fund this year.

Our Women's group was acknowledged earlier this year by the Virginia Beach Education Foundation for their donations to the Beach Bag program last year. This program provides food and nourishment items to certain students throughout the year and is coordinated by the Virginia Beach City Public Schools system.

Our Men's group provided financial donations of \$10,875 to 12 charitable organizations, the church, one family and several individuals. These gifts are made possible from our annual Christmas tree sales.

We sent \$8,988 to our Methodist Conference and District in support of different ministry areas. As a connectional church system, this amount was part of our allocated support request for the first quarter.

The church was successful in receiving a 2<sup>nd</sup> PPP Loan (Federal Stimulus, payroll protection plan) of \$28,180 during the first quarter. The loan is used to pay payroll costs and is expected to be forgiven in the same manner a similar loan was handled in 2020.

### **On a challenge/struggle/opportunity note:**

Our offerings have been down during the entire virus pandemic, especially when we were no longer enjoying in-person worship.

2020 annual decrease vs 2019 – (\$37,301)

2021 first quarter decrease vs 2020 – (\$12,840)

The virus pandemic resulted in us losing some staff last year (nursery/childcare, music director) and forced us to revisit our operating budget for this year.

Our 2021 operating budget was revised and is lower by approximately \$31,000.

Some current opportunities for your financial gifts include recent repairs to our sanctuary organ (\$2,200), replacement of two computers (\$550) and paying a second salary for our new office secretary while in training for one month (\$1,400).

### **First quarter financial results (Jan 1 – Mar 31):**

Actual Offerings: \$67,738 (includes \$20,000 from PPP Loan)

Revised Budget: \$69,333

Offering Shortfall: (\$1,595)

I remain positive for 2021 as many folks are receiving vaccines and becoming more comfortable being out in public again. And best of all, we are now having in-person worship again! Praise God! I ask (and pray) that you continue to remain faithful to our church, in the giving of your time, your talents, your prayers and your financial gifts, in the best way you can. God will always respond to our faithfulness!



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# Worship Committee Wants To Know ~ Have you ever wondered.....

## Why is the Easter season 50 days long?



United Methodist founder Charles Wesley's Easter hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" is a celebration of resurrection and new life. Image by Kathryn Price, United Methodist Communications.

Easter for Christians is not just one day - it's a 50-day period. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

Easter season is more than just an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season for new converts to learn about the faith and prepare for baptism on Easter Sunday. The initial purpose of the 50-day Easter season was to continue the faith formation of these new Christians.

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what it means when we say Christ is risen. It's the season when we remember our baptisms and how, through this sacrament, we are "incorporated into Christ's mighty acts of salvation." As "Easter people," we celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost), and how we are to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

Many churches use these weeks to teach the theology of the sacraments and help people discern their spiritual gifts and callings. Congregations may have a service of commissioning laypersons into ministry as part of their Pentecost celebration.

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## VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

### USHERS

|     |                                                                                          |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1st | <b>Head Usher: Terry Huling</b><br>Doug and Elaine Hudson, David Way, Beth Workman       |
| 2nd | <b>Head Usher: Jim VanArnam</b><br>Bill and Jamie Shedlock, Nelson Gabriel, David Gillum |
| 3rd | <b>Head Usher: Doug Hudson</b><br>Gary and Sandy Grover, Watkins Bracey                  |
| 4th | <b>Head Usher: Bill Crosby</b><br>Martha Watson, Doug and Elaine Hudson, David Gillum    |

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There will be a UMM Meeting on Saturday,  
May 8th at 8:30 a.m. in the Youth Building.



**"A day without prayer is a day  
without blessing, and a life  
without prayer is a life without  
power." - Edwin Harvey**

**"The Lord is near to all who call on Him." Psalm 145**

### DAILY ZOOM PRAYER - DID YOU KNOW?

Pastor Matt hosts a daily Zoom prayer time at 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You are invited to submit prayer requests to him whether you are able to participate or not. Prayer requests should be designated "please share" or "private" so he knows how to treat them during prayer time with the Zoom participants. Please contact Pastor Matt at 757.374.2244 (cell) by call or text, or by email to [mattpotter@vaumc.org](mailto:mattpotter@vaumc.org) to submit your requests and/or for more information about how to obtain the Zoom meeting login and password information.

### ***May Birthdays***

01	Danny Hewitt Claudia Moorad
02	Kenneth Lawyer Lydia Melander
04	James Blalock Katy McLaughlin Joe Richardson
05	Emily Castle Mallory McKown Leslie Reed
08	Kayla Mahrenholz
09	Carol Crosby
10	Gabriel Oman Jean Walmsley
11	Ellis Jackson Pat Kirkpatrick
12	Kathy Bagwell Heather Kirby Judy Krampen Elizabeth Major
14	Candice Gilman Elijah McCue Amber Whitney
15	Chris Bender Jennifer Dell
16	Alana Heath Wendi John Liz McEwan Rhannon VanVleet
17	Daniel Athanasatos Blake Noll Brent Noll Cheryl Woods
19	Charlie Harris III Ryan Kim Linda Way
20	John H Brewington, Sr. Myra Davis
22	Kathy Angelo Jenny Campos Eli Huling
23	Jessica Griffin Amanda McClellan Sharon Meyer Jane Precythe
24	James Bracey Teagan Grady
25	Bernice Day
26	Zoe McLaughlin Chip Owens Sam Scherck
27	Deryn Woods
28	Ashley Powell
30	Kate Gerbus
31	Ian Clevenger