



Open Hearts \* Open Minds \* Open Doors

# Foundry

United Methodist Church

## Notes from the Music Room:

Music is alive and well at Foundry, just in a different tone:

Singers are OUT

Ringers are IN

Our Foundry Ringers are Byron, Carleen, Carol and Tom.

We rehearse weekly and are steadily improving, learning new skills like how to dampen the bell sound, even swinging and shaking.

Hopefully you were able to enjoy the two solo bell tree performances during Christmas Tide presented by Carleen and Byron.



## 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

Martha Self 114 Cromwell Parkway, #B326 Norfolk, VA 23505

### In Our Military or Away

Flavio Gabriel 1612 Illinois Avenue Killeen, TX 76541-9065

Andrew VanVleet #1428524 Lawrenceville Correctional Center  
1607 Planters Road Lawrenceville, VA 23868

### Sympathy to

Allan Richardson (on loss of his mother)

309 Lillian Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Byron has been hard at work designing and building two handbell trees, using wood from the old prayer rail, which makes them very special.

The Works also snuck in some vocal duets during Advent. We appreciate all sharing of musical gifts!

"Do you hear what I hear?" Have you heard the piano duets played by Scott and Claudia? The recorded five duets for Christmas and three so far this year.

A little challenge for all: on Facebook you can listen to 'Old Time Religion,' and medley of five different gospel tunes. See if you recognize them.

Pastor Matt occasionally shares his musical talent during services as well.

We are also looking forward to hearing Carol and her clarinet in upcoming services.

Should any of you have musical talent and are willing to share, we would love to hear from you.

Contact Claudia Moorad by phone or text at 757-619-9472 or by e-mail at [Claudiamoorad@gmail.com](mailto:Claudiamoorad@gmail.com)



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

Actual	\$24,525.00
Revised Budget	\$44,419.00

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

Number of Families Helped:	80
Number of People Helped:	289



## **From Your Foundry Chairperson – Finance**

Foundry Family and Friends,

How about some good news your Foundry women and men's groups have done recently in the local community? It's certainly been a challenge for many people during this past year with the virus pandemic. And these local groups have struggled with much needed support (volunteer and financial) during this time. First, the women's group (UMW) have a long-term connection and commitment to Lynnhaven Elementary School, about two miles from the Church. See the separate letter in this Newsletter from the Virginia Beach Education Foundation providing a heart-felt thanks to the Foundry women for support of their Beach Bag program. Second, the men's group (UMM) made their annual financial donations in January/February from the Christmas tree sales last year. Each year \$12,000 is budgeted for donations. At this time, donations have been made to the Seton House, Boy Scouts, Onesimus Ministries, Vets House, Salvation Army, Judeo Christian Outreach Shelter, Samaritan House, YMCA Camp Grom, Equi-Vets/Kids, Shoes for Kids, United Methodist Committee on Relief, Foundry church, and certain families.

On a more personal level, remember the different ways you can give financially to your church, some of which are listed below. And feel free to contact me with any questions on any of these.

Mail a check to the church office

Drop a check off to the church office Monday – Thursday mornings

Donate on-line at the church website [www.foundryumcvb.org](http://www.foundryumcvb.org) via PayPal or credit card

Set-up a regular (or one-time) payment from your personal financial institution

Donate your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

Donate financial assets such as stocks, bonds or mutual funds

God bless, stay safe, and remember to pray for our Foundry family and for our church.

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January 5, 2021

United Methodist Women  
Foundry United Methodist Church  
2801 Virginia Beach Blvd.  
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Dear United Methodist Women,

Thank you for your support of and generous donation to the Beach Bags program for Lynnhaven Elementary School. Your contribution is vital to fill Beach Bags that will be distributed to and nourish students across our city.

During the school year, Virginia Beach City Public Schools distributes weekly 500-700 Beach Bags to our students that would otherwise go hungry over weekends. This assistance is even more imperative for our students during this unprecedented time.

One hundred percent of donations go directly toward funding food for Virginia Beach students, and donations are tax-deductible, as the Virginia Beach Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (#54-1637620).

As the need grows to feed our hungry students each year, we are so appreciative of the continued support of philanthropic people in our community and the organizations in which they are members. Since its inception in 2009, the Beach Bags program has provided more than 154,000 shelf-stable meals to students.

Thank you again for your generosity to and support of our Beach Bags program. Please keep this letter as an acknowledgement of your donation for your tax records. Together, we can work to continue feeding our students throughout the year and show them we care for their overall well-being in addition to their educational success. Thank you so much for making a difference in the lives of the students in our community!

Sincerely,

Debbie G. Hughes  
Coordinator

## VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

### USHERS

- 1st           **Head Usher: Terry Huling**  
Doug and Elaine Hudson, David Way, Beth Workman
- 2nd           **Head Usher: Jim VanArnam**  
Bill and Jamie Shedlock, Nelson Gabriel, David Gillum
- 3rd           **Head Usher: Doug Hudson**  
Gary and Sandy Grover, Watkins Bracey
- 4th           **Head Usher: Bill Crosby**  
Martha Watson, Doug and Elaine Hudson, David Gillum
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There will be a UMM Meeting on Saturday,  
March 6th 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.



### ***March Birthdays***

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|----|-----------------------|
| 01 | Noah Kim              |
|    | Ashley Shedlock       |
| 03 | Ivy Peterson          |
|    | Eion Woods            |
| 05 | Ana Gabriel           |
|    | Flavio Gabriel        |
|    | Nina Gabriel          |
|    | Andy VanVleet, Jr.    |
| 06 | Kyndall Barker        |
|    | Jeff VanArnam         |
| 08 | Buddy Sawyer          |
| 09 | Alison Blalock        |
| 10 | Katie Jones           |
| 13 | John Meyer III        |
| 14 | Mike Hammond          |
| 15 | Art Oman              |
| 17 | Joshua Timms          |
| 18 | Quinn Clevenger       |
|    | Bob Powell III        |
| 19 | Patti Eberhardt       |
|    | Chris Grady           |
|    | Travis Owey           |
|    | Paige Powell          |
| 20 | Tristan Miller        |
|    | Joshua Reuter         |
| 21 | Casey Krampen         |
| 22 | Bobbie Oman           |
|    | John Williams         |
| 23 | Pastor Matt Potter    |
| 24 | Anna Hersey           |
| 25 | Bob Dornbrock         |
|    | Cole Trower           |
|    | Troy Wilkerson        |
| 26 | Ben Gilman            |
|    | Mary Howell           |
| 27 | Katie Hammond         |
|    | John Oman             |
|    | Julie Oman            |
|    | Fred Snody            |
| 28 | Robbie Candelario III |
| 29 | Jamie Castle          |
|    | Diana Cayce           |
|    | Brett Mathews         |
|    | Lynette Schoop        |
| 30 | Joshua VanVleet       |
| 31 | Adam Davis            |
|    | Dawn Evans            |