



FOUNDRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT GUIDE



Foundry
Discipleship

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I'm so glad you picked up this resource, exploring the many ways to wade out, dive in, and go deep as a disciple of Jesus Christ here at Foundry Church. As we often say, whether you've been here five minutes, or fifty years, Foundry is your church and we're here to help you find your place in it.

In a place like Foundry, the opportunities for engagement are ever-evolving. From short-term classes to the emerging needs of Sacred Resistance, you'll find that just around every corner there's a new way to get involved. This resource is intended to provide you with some information about how we operate as a community, spaces where you can begin to engage, and information about who to contact for more information. **I strongly encourage you to contact our Program Staff if you've got questions about how to get involved in their areas of ministry.** Each of us is passionate about our areas of ministry and helping people find their places in them.

Let me also encourage you to consider the following questions as you think about ways to get involved:

- *What questions about faith, belief, or being a part of the body of Christ routinely cross your mind?*
- *What deep passion in the world—from wood-working to ecology to administration—leaves you excited to get out of bed?*
- *What deep hunger do you have at this point in your journey of discipleship, and what do you need to help you fill it?*

These questions are great for considering the ways God might be inviting you to enter or continue your journey of discipleship, whether as a way to live out your passion or challenge yourself to grow more fully into God's call on your life. And they will help you consider which of the many options available to you here are right for you in this season of your life.

Most importantly, be willing to try something new! We encourage a culture of sampling here at Foundry. Our leaders, small group facilitators, teachers, and staff are all here to help you explore these questions and, if something isn't a right fit, to help you think about what will be.

Your presence here at Foundry is a blessing. And I hope that this resource will be a blessing to you as we grow together into the beloved community Christ calls us to be.

Blessings on the Journey,



Pastor Will

Mission

Foundry's mission is based on its statement of call to deepen faith through transcendent worship and challenging study, to create engaged community through inclusiveness and caring, and to transform the world through active service and prophetic leadership.

Vision

To be an intentional covenant community that:

- helps people of all ages connect with God & each other.
 - calls, equips, sends, and supports spiritual leaders to serve the church and world.
 - practices radical hospitality & inclusion.
 - builds partnerships in mission locally & globally to create beloved community (communities of economic, racial, and social justice).
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There are eight different ministry areas, or departments, at Foundry that work together to make our mission and vision possible. They are:



Check out all the opportunities to be involved in these ministry areas below.

Some Helpful Definitions:

1. **Ministry Teams** promote the church's vision strategically relating to specific ministry departments. Any Foundry member, church attendee, or community supporter can join a Foundry ministry team. All teams receive support and guidance from their Equipping Staff Person.
2. **Servant Leadership Teams** promote the church's vision on a tactical or functional level across departments. Examples include: ushers and greeters, prayer teams, and hospitality on Sundays.
3. **Small groups** are ongoing, spiritually-based gatherings organized around the principles of prayer, theological reflection, fellowship, and service. Clergy/Staff do not lead these groups. Each small group is led by a lay-person and engages different levels of Christian education and support.
4. **Fellowship groups** promote the church's vision by providing support for people in similar phases of life. Topic examples include retirement planning, parenthood, or stress management through yoga. Fellowship Groups are not led by clergy or staff; they are lay-led events emphasizing fellowship and community-building with a topical focus.
5. **Classes** promote the church's vision through various learning opportunities. Classes can vary from short-term to longer-term and cater to different ages. Subjects embody a range of faith issues and life-faith interrelated study.
6. **The Foundry Board** is comprised of nine members, nominated by the Nominations Committee and affirmed by congregational vote at Church Conference. The Board works with the Senior Pastor to set the vision of Foundry United Methodist Church, empowering and supporting staff and ministry teams.
7. **Committees of the Board** assist the Foundry Board in achieving the church's vision. They are created and staffed as needed at the direction of the Board. These standing committees provide necessary support for the short-term and long-term operational health of Foundry. These committees are: Personnel, Audit, Finance, Mission Possible, Governance, Facilities, and Nominations.

Family Ministries

Contact Rev. K.C. Van Atta-Casebier at kc@foundryumc.org for more information about Family Ministries or how to get involved.

Small Groups

Interested in hosting or starting a small group? Email Pastor Will will@foundryumc.org for more information.

- Parenting Small Group
- Youth Small Group

Servant Leadership Teams

- Children's Worship Team
- Sunday school Teaching Team
- Youth at Night Team
- Foundry Generations Team
- Library Team
- First Impressions Team
- Nursery Team

Ministry Teams

- [Youth & Youth Missions Ministry Team](#)
- [Kids Ministry Team](#)
- [Parent's Ministry Team](#)

Classes

- Children's Sunday School

Other programs:

- **Valentine's Day Cookie Ministry:** prepares cookies and care packages for Foundry college students and service members.
- **Appalachia Youth Service Project:** annual youth mission trip to Appalachia.

Discipleship Ministries

Contact Rev. Will Green at will@foundryumc.org for more information about Discipleship Ministries or how to get involved.

Small Groups & Fellowship Groups—visit bit.ly/foundrygrows for more information:

Small Groups

- [Adams Morgan](#)
- [Arlington/Alexandria](#)
- [Bloomingdale](#)
- [Capitol Hill/H Street](#)
- [Conscious Contact](#)
- [DC Christ Care](#)
- [LGBTQ+ Small Group](#)
- [NOVA "Way Out West"](#)
- [Shaw](#)
- [Silver Spring](#)
- [Wednesday Evening Small Group](#)

Fellowship Groups

- [Affinity \(People of Color\) Fellowship Group](#)
- [Common Ground](#)
- [Foundry Hub](#)
- [God & the Great Outdoors](#)
- [LGBTQ+ Potlucks](#)
- [PerSisters](#)
- [Sacred Stitchers Fellowship Group](#)
- [Young Adult Fellowship](#)

Ministry Teams

- [Discipleship Ministries Team](#)
- [Leadership Development Ministries Team](#)

Classes—visit bit.ly/foundrylearns for the most up-to-date classes at Foundry.

Other programs:

William Astor Kirk, Jr. Symposium Series: bi-annual lecture series.
Leadership Lab: inaugural cohort launching Spring 2020.
Retreats: visit bit.ly/foundryrests

Worship Ministries

Contact Rev. Will Green at will@foundryumc.org for more information about Worship Ministries or how to get involved.

Servant Leadership Teams

- [Foundry Scripture Readers \(9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.\)](#)
- Foundry Communion Servers (9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.)
- [Altar Guild](#)
- [Creative Worship Ministries Team](#)

Hospitality & Care Ministries

Contact Rev. Dr. Kelly Grimes at kelly@foundryumc.org for more information about Hospitality and Care Ministries or how to get involved.

Ministry Teams

- [Care Ministry Team](#)
- Prayer Ministry Team

Servant Leadership Teams

- [Ushers \(9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.\)](#)
- [Greeters \(9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.\)](#)
- [Sunday Morning Prayer Team](#)
- Card Ministries Team

Support Groups

- Living With Cancer
- Dealing with Loss and Transition
- Community Recovery Groups
 - Alcoholics Anonymous
 - SMART Recovery
 - Depression/Bi-polar Support Alliance.

Classes & Retreats

- [Pastor's Coffee](#)
- [A Disciple's Path](#)
- [Pre-Cana Marriage Retreat](#)

Social Justice Ministries

Contact Rev. Ben Roberts at ben@foundryumc.org for more information about Social Justice Ministries or how to get involved.

Ministry Teams

- [Sacred Resistance Ministry Team](#)
 - Green Team
 - LGBTQIA+ Team
 - [Journey to Racial Justice](#)
 - Washington Interfaith Network

Servant Leadership Teams

- [Books to Prison](#)
- Cooking Ministries
 - [Cooking at Christ House](#)
 - [Saturday Morning Cooking Mission](#)
- English as a Second Language
- [Sandwich 1000](#)
- Great Day of Service (Spring and Fall)
- [ID \(Imago Dei\) Ministry](#)
- Project Transformation

Operations and Impact

Contact Rev. Lani Willbanks at kealani@foundryumc.org for more information about Operations and Impact or how to get involved.

Ministry Teams

- [Archives and History Ministry Team](#)
- [Stewardship Ministry Team](#)

Servant Leadership Teams

- [JobCorps](#)
- [Counting Team](#)

Music Ministries

Contact Stanley Thurston at stanley@foundryumc.org for more information about Music Ministries or how to get involved.

Choirs

[Jubilate \(9 a.m. Worship Choir\)](#)

[Chancel Choir \(11:15 a.m. Worship Choir\)](#)

Women's Choir (seasonal)

[Men's Choir \(seasonal\)](#)

Communications & Digital Engagement

Contact Kaylon Rutledge at kaylon@foundryumc.org for more information about our Communications & Digital Engagement and how you can get involved.

Know where you want to plug in? Email the program director(s) for any of the programs you were interested in to learn more!

Still thinking through where God might be calling you to engage or grow? Schedule a one-on-one with Pastor Will to think through all the ways you might wade out, dive in, and go deeper as a disciple.

Want to explore more on your own? If you own a smart device, consider downloading the Church Center app and exploring our full listing of groups, classes, registration events, servant leadership teams, and more. You can find that listing online at foundryumc.churchcenter.com.

Not sure what to do next? Interested in learning more? Pastor Will is always available to help! Email him at will@foundryumc.org to set up a one-on-one today.



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