Looking Back, Living Forward

20TH CONCERT FOR LIFE
FRIDAY – MAY 17

For the 20th time since 1993, an all-volunteer Foundry-led corps of performers, musicians and organizers have put together a fun evening, of music, mission, and fellowship that has come to characterize the Concert for Life. It takes place at 8 PM, Friday May 17 in Foundry’s sanctuary.

This year will be especially eventful as we Look Back over the last 19 concerts recognizing past performances, performers, and organizers, while Living Forward as the CFL supports, spiritually and financially, our local HIV/AIDs beneficiary service organizations and their ongoing work.

A hallmark of the concert is that 100% of all proceeds go to beneficiaries that serve people living with HIV/AIDS. To date, Concert for Life has raised more than $963,000 for life-saving efforts during a time when HIV/AIDS has reached epidemic levels in Washington, DC.

Music makes the evening and the 2013 Concert is no exception. “Song has the power to move us at a very personal level,” says Foundry’s Music Director Stanley Thurston who also directs Concert for Life.

After the music fades, proceeds from the Concert for Life will provide much-needed resources for beneficiary organizations who serve the neediest, most at-risk HIV/AIDS communities in Washington, DC, including:

Children’s National Medical Center, Project CHAMP - provides direct support services to HIV-infected children and their families in the Washington metro area.

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We sometimes think of faith as a set of ideas or doctrines that we intellectually accept and believe. Ideas are certainly important, but faith is not primarily intellectual assent.

The late Bill Coffin once said that the Latin word credo, which we translate “I believe” should really be translated “I trust.”

We don’t repeat creeds often at Foundry. (We usually recite the Apostle’s Creed on Confirmation Sunday, however, which will be May 19 this year.) When we do recite a creed, it would be appropriate to say “I trust in God, the Parent Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; I trust in Jesus Christ ...”

Learning to trust God, learning to trust life, learning to trust others, is a lifelong journey. Learning to trust is the journey of faith. It is a rugged journey, not for the timid.

Trust is the antidote to anxiety, fear, resentments, regrets, anger, and self-condemnation. It is not too extreme to say that we are saved by trust.

Part of the journey toward trust includes thinking about ideas, because it is hard for us to trust what we find intellectually unacceptable. But fundamentally trust is a decision, an act of will. We decide to trust ... or not ... over and over again.

When we confirm our young people this Pentecost Sunday, we are not inviting them to believe a set of ideas but to trust in God, Christ, the Spirit, and life itself. Confirmation is also a time for all of us to recommit to our faith ... to decide again to trust.
Spring is here, spring is here! I imagine some of you are saying, yeah, yeah, yeah. Snow and 30-40 degrees weather doesn’t feel much like spring. I’m with you. Well, it is warming up outside. I also imagine several weeks from now, many people will be commenting about how hot it’s getting.

Friends, not much we can do about the weather conditions, yet there is plenty of what we can do about our spiritual conditions. For me, I’m going to spring forth and recommit to praying, serving and loving more faithfully. I’m praying for Foundry church. I’m praying that we who love this place will spring forth with our heart, soul, mind and strength in serving and loving God, loving each other and our loving our neighbors. We’ve all heard this familiar saying many times before.

I’m also going to spring forth in re-engaging in my outdoor activities. My physical condition is closely related to my spiritual condition. It’s a powerful and honestly a feeling of jubilant praise when I’m connecting with the great outdoors.

We are an Easter people. We just finished celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And, what a celebration is was. Let’s spring forth with all due diligence and do something great for the kingdom of God.

Blessings for the journey ahead.

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WHO IS FOUNDRY’S MANAGEMENT BOARD?

This is the second article of what we intend to be a regular column about activities of the Foundry Management Board. Last July, 2012, the first Foundry Management Board of nine members was seated after being selected in a church-wide election. The Board has a fiduciary responsibility over the income and assets of the congregation, is responsible for setting the vision and goals of the church, and takes on the duties of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the Church Council, Lay Leadership, Trustees and Finance Committee as outlined in the United Methodist Book of Discipline.

Each Board member is elected to a three year term, except for the first board members who drew lots to determine their length of service. Accordingly, three board members will be rotating off the board as of June 30, 2013. Those whose terms end this June are Vice President and Chair of the Governance Committee, Tara Holeman; Treasurer, Clareice Chaney; and Chair of the Personnel Committee, Larry Slagle.

The Board’s Governance Committee has formed a nominations committee consisting of two members that served last year, Camilla Taft-Hicks and Tracy Collins. These veterans will be joined by Sarah Stiles, Doug Kim, James Abbott, John Parkhurst, Jan Lawrence, Tara Holeman and Jill Barker. The task of the nominations committee is to recruit candidates for these three board vacancies and to oversee the elections process.

The nominations committee seeks applications from anyone that feels a call or is interested in serving on the Board. In addition, the Board will direct the nominations committee to search for candidates with particular skill sets that are necessary for Board effectiveness. The by-laws direct the board to recruit board candidates that are compassionate, competent, creative, have a demonstrated financial commitment to Foundry, a demonstrated commitment to serving in an area of mission or ministry, and are able to devote at least 15 hours a month and one annual retreat to board business. In general, the board seeks candidates that are skilled in the areas of human resource development, operations (facilities, communication) and stewardship (fundraising, budgets financial oversight).

The nominations committee will prepare an application form that is based on the set of questions that are attached to the Foundry by-laws. These questions are designed to elicit thoughtful responses such as “What do you do to stay spiritually fit?” and “Who disciples/mentors you? Whom do you
Two disciples are walking on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus on the first Easter when a stranger joins them. They tell the stranger the story of Jesus’ death on a cross and the astonishing claims of some women who had seen an angel who told them that Jesus was alive. They told the stranger their story.

Then the stranger told them a story … a story that began 1500 years earlier with a person named Moses.

The disciples and the stranger—they told each other stories on the road.

We are going to spend the entire season between Easter and Pentecost—April 7 to May 12—studying the story in Luke 24:13-35 about the disciples and the stranger sharing stories on the road to Emmaus. It will be a deep plunge into one of the most profound Easter appearance in the Bible.

We invite you to join us on our journey to Emmaus.

**APRIL 7:** “Why Emmaus?”

**APRIL 14:** “Christ Incognito”

**APRIL 21:** “Teaching the teacher”

**APRIL 28:** “We’ll understand it better”

**MAY 5:** “The Knowing”

**MAY 12:** “Our burning hearts”

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**FOUNDRY STORYTELLERS CLASS & SHOWCASE**

Storytelling is one of the oldest, most universal art forms that connects people across generations and cultures. Join us Sunday, April 28th for our storyteller showcase. You can be part of the showcase! Pastor Theresa will lead a 3-week storytelling class beginning Wednesday, April 10. Contact Pastor Theresa to sign up: tthames@foundryumc.org.
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**DC Center/HIV Working Group** - The DC Center’s HIV Working Group focuses on HIV/AIDS education and prevention with outreach programs in various venues across the DC area. Concert for Life is pleased to add this beneficiary in 2013.

**Joseph’s House** - In a home-like setting, give compassionate end-of-life care to men and women who are homeless and dying of end-stage HIV disease.

**La Clinica del Pueblo** - The only Latino community-based free health clinic in DC offering comprehensive care for Latino immigrants living with HIV/AIDS in the metro area.

**Metro TeenAIDS** - Ensuring teens and their families receive vital, appropriate, and accessible services—including HIV prevention, health care, and counseling.

**Miriam’s House (N Street Village)** – Provides permanent supportive housing for 20–25 women living with HIV; secondary medical care; and social services addressing the client’s health, recovery, and independence.

**Quality of Life Retreats** - A caring, supportive ministry and direct service that helps HIV-infected persons get needed health and legal services as well as expert counsel on confronting guilt, anger, addiction, loss, death and dying.

**Whitman-Walker Clinic, The Max Robinson Center** - Providing a full range of HIV/AIDS health, social, legal, and vocational services to DC residents who live east of the Anacostia River.

Concert tickets are $25, Concert and Reception tickets are $75, and are available in Fellowship Hall after Sunday services starting April 14th. Tickets, Ribbon Sponsorship, and more information are available online at [www.ConcertForLife.org](http://www.ConcertForLife.org) with online ticket purchases starting April 3rd.
A singer begins belting out the words to the song "Everybody Hurts" by the band R.E.M. and before long people begin lining up to serve each other communion. This is a typical night at SN@F (Sunday Nights at Foundry) in which the lines between the sacred and the secular begin to blur as the good news of God is brought to life with cultural relevancy and fresh understanding.

The Sunday evening worship service of Foundry UMC attracts a wide array of people who might not otherwise step foot inside of a church. Individuals previously bored or burned by the church step inside of the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm and find a space for asking honest questions, participating in high-quality modern worship, and receiving challenging messages designed to weave together the teachings of Christ and the trappings of culture.

The service has recently retooled itself to meet the needs of Washington DC’s diverse and often transient population. The SN@F band reflects this commitment to diversity and has been known to draw material from Bruce Springsteen to Charles Wesley to American Idol winner Phillip Phillips in order to lead the congregation in reflecting on their faith and celebrating their relationship with God.

Social justice plays a huge part of the worship service’s identity. It is not uncommon for folks here to live out their faith by sending valentines to the mayor asking for more affordable housing or by leading and participating in Foundry’s overall social justice programs.

People who are interested in learning more about SN@F can visit www.foundrypm.org for more information.
One in a series of articles leading up to Foundry’s Bicentennial in 2014-2015

During the nineteenth century Methodist pastors served one to three years before moving on to a new church. Some, including six of Foundry’s 44 senior pastors, returned to serve the same church more than once.

One of these, William (Billy) Ryland, was Foundry’s pastor during 1816-1817, 1820-1822, and 1825-1827. During 1827-1828 he was pastor at Ebenezer on Capitol Hill, Senator William Pinckney of Maryland thought Ryland was “the greatest orator he had ever heard.” Pinckney secured him an appointment as chaplain of the United States Senate, a position to which he was reelected three times. He also served one term as chaplain of the House of Representatives.

A descendant, Henry Ryland, writing in 1935, reports that William Ryland “was born in the North of Ireland in 1770. He came to this country at age 18 and settled in Harford County, Maryland. Later he went to Baltimore and engaged in commercial pursuits. In 1802 he was admitted on trial in the Baltimore Conference. ‘Ryland,’ he continues, ‘spoke with great earnestness, but he never lacked in dignity. In listening to him no one would have suspected that he was an Irishman.’

When Ryland entered the ministry in 1802 a skeptical friend told him, “Now, Ryland, I am so confident that you will not continue in this thing, that I promise to send a hundred of my finest cigars every year you remain a minister. The friend, a tobacco merchant, kept his promise for the 44 years. Many of these cigars found their way to Andrew Jackson.

Jackson had first met Ryland when, as a Senator, the future President attended Foundry with his landlady who operated a boarding house on Pennsylvania Avenue. Reportedly, Jackson admired Ryland and they soon became fast friends.

Like Henry Foxall and other prominent Methodist ministers, Ryland was a member of the American Colonization Society.

In 1829 a few days after Jackson was inaugurated as President, he sent Ryland a commission as a chaplain in the Navy and stationed him at the Navy Yard. Ryland served in this role until his death in 1846. It is reported that he had great influence with the president, who would consult him from time to time. During the years Ryland served as chaplain he lived at 715 Eighth St., S.E., across the street from the Marine Barracks. President Jackson was a regular visitor. The building still exists and now houses Homebody on Barracks Row.

Ryland and his wife Joanna are buried in Congressional Cemetery.
Friday mornings at Foundry are never boring.

We open the doors at about 8:45am to welcome 20+ people.

“Are you here for clothing or birth certificate or ID?”

“Come on in! Coffee and hot chocolate (or lemonade in the summer) is brewing!”

When everyone’s settled in the chapel, Kevin gives our introduction and explains our procedures for the morning. If there’s an affordable housing rally or homeless march, he’s sure to mention it. “Voting registration in the back with flyers for other services around the city...” Kevin then gives a short devotional and closes us with a prayer.

Out comes the snack cart and volunteers give out bologna sandwiches (thank you Sandwich 1000!), a nut bar, fruit juice box and big, red apples.

Then the ID and birth certificate side opens up and Benny (our Conductor who “keeps the trains running on time”) begins calling names to come back to the chapel. The chapel is arranged in workstations for each volunteer to interview a client. Most clients only need DC birth certificates and then IDs and their work is complete. Out-of-state birth certificates take longer and paperwork must be perfect. No birth certificate, no ID so we must be careful and meticulous. The birth certificate/ID side sees about 20 people a week.

The clothing side opens about 9:30 by our three Walk-In volunteers who have over 50 years combined volunteering at Walk-In. Each of the 20 clients they see each week come to the clothing room individually and are given a toiletries bag (soap, razor, washcloth, socks) and helped to locate one change of clothing, all clean, folded and sized. Many of these clients are “regulars” and become quite close to the volunteers.

When the clients have been helped with their birth certificates, IDs or clothing, many return to the chapel to enjoy some visit time or sit in peace in a safe place. A client has usually sat down at the piano and is “playing” so it can get pretty loud sometime!

By 11:30ish, most clients have filtered out and the volunteers pack up and clean the coffee pot. All needs to be in good order for the next Friday!

P.S. Did I mention we have 3 volunteers who come every Wednesday to work in the clothing room, to be sure everything is clean, neat and folded? And 2 volunteers who come during the week to work on birth certificates?

Who are these volunteer angels and what are some of the incredible stories of our clients? Stay tuned...

Through your donations to Walk-In on the first Sunday of each month and the Christmas Gift Catalog, you make Foundry’s Friday Walk-In possible. All Walk-In funding comes from Foundry; we have no outside sources of income. Foundry should be proud of it’s Friday Walk-In Mission!

FMI contact Jane Northern at lensrink@yahoo.com or 703-379-8750.
Peace with Justice Thanks You

Thanks from the Peace with Justice Mission to all who participated in getting fair trade products to friends & relatives. The $4,800 spent on these products help insure that small farmers make a liveable wage. Equal Exchange is our UMCOR partner in this, and works with farmers in developing countries who practice sustainable farming. This cooperative arrangement prevents these farmers from being at the mercy of low-paying middle-managers and the instability of the markets.

For all holidays and special occasions (Easter & Mothers’ Day coming up), please keep in mind when buying almost any product, labor is the biggest input, and is often exploited to give you the lowest price. This is especially true in the flower industry (pesticides hurt laborers & the environment), coffee & chocolate (child labor), fruits & vegetables (underpaid agriculture workers), clothes (sweatshops), you name it. Buying fair trade is just one way to avoid this exploitation. You do have an impact.

On February 6, the Trabajadores Unidos (the day laborers’ organization supported by Foundry) and other labor groups demonstrated outside a major Georgetown M Street restaurant protesting allegations of wage theft by the owners. Faced with the demonstration, the restaurant’s owners agreed to full back pay for the workers. The rally was attended by many day laborers and the chair of Foundry’s labor and immigration ministry.
Exciting new books to check out!

We Have Not Been Moved: Resisting Racism and Militarism in the 21st Century, (essays) edited by Elizabeth Martinez…et al. 2012

The authors “have given us this prophetic intervention to keep alive the grand legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. These three legendary freedom fighters bring together the best of the peace movement and the best of the anti-racist movement in our time.” —Cornel West

In this age and in this climate of political posturing and posing, this book’s investigation of the moral issues of our time is so needed. I commend Meyer’s, Martínez’s, and Carter’s insights, their intelligence, and their courage. —Dr. Maya Angelou

Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gay vs. Christian Debate, by Justin Lee.

…Lee offers his readers a wide-ranging discussion of the gay debate in the church today, including very even-handed and brief overviews of the biblical and scientific debates surrounding homosexuality. – from the Arkansas United Methodist


Krik, Krak: The Story of Haiti, by Delia Halverson. [Children’s book] Also recommended by UMW Mission

Wherever You Are, by Mem Fox [Children’s book]

“Exploration of differences between children of the world in light of the more important similarities “Joys are the same, / love is the same. / Pain is the same, / and blood is the same.” – UMC General Board of Church & Society.

THANKS FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS!

When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor…and Yourself, by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert, expanded edition 2012.

All Our Losses, All Our Griefs: Resources for Pastoral Care, by Kenneth Mitchell & Herbert Anderson.
disciple/mentor?” The nominations committee reviews these applications and is responsible for presenting a proposed set of candidates to the Board.

The Board and the nominations committee will be discussing whether to present three candidates for a ratification vote by the congregation, or whether to repeat the contested elections process used last year in which more than one candidate runs for each open seat. The board seeks your input on this question. The election will occur no later than June. The slate will be announced in late May, so if you are interested, please apply promptly. Anyone can attend board meetings which occur on the third Tuesday of the month. After July 1 the board meetings will occur on the fourth Tuesday of the month to accommodate review of the prior months’ financial reports by the Finance Committee in advance of the board meeting.

In addition, the nominations committee will also be reviewing candidates for persons interested in serving on the board’s standing committees: finance, governance, personnel and operations/maintenance. The commitment for committee work is one year, commencing July 1.

Please contact with board with your comments, questions and to express your interest in serving as a board member or committee member: managementboard@foundryumc.org In addition, look for an announcement about a holy conversation that the board intends to organize during the month of May to review Foundry’s finances with the congregation.

The Management Board

Jill Barker, Tara Holeman, Dan Vock, Clareice Chaney, Larry Slagle, Jane Northern, Nicole Woo, Louise Franklin, Bill McLeod

**Baptism Orientation**

Baptism Orientation is for all who are considering baptism for themselves and/or their children. The 2013 Baptism Orientations will take place on the following Sundays in Room 101.

- June 9
- August 11
- October 13
- December 8

All baptism dates and forms are available on the Foundry website www.FoundryUMC.org
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200 Envelopes Fundraising Campaign

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH IN MISSION

Foundry’s Youth are excited about the mission activities that they are planning for this summer. A group of Foundry Senior High youth will journey to Avery County, North Carolina with ASP, a group of Middle School youth will glean with Harvest of Hope and a few of our youth will journey to Turkey with AFS. Your generosity will make a difference as we engage in mission and ministry. Our 2013 fundraising goal is $20,100.

How will we raise $20,100?
Glad you asked! How does this fundraiser work?

• There will be 200 decorated envelopes on display

• Each envelope is numbered 1-200. We chose 200 for Foundry’s upcoming Bi-Centennial celebration.

• Individuals choose an envelope and donate that amount of money.
  
    ❖ For example, if someone chooses envelope #5, they donate $5. If another chooses envelope #156, they donate $156.

    ❖ You can also add a little more if you’d like

• If all envelopes are selected and individuals give the exact amount on the envelopes, the fundraising total is $20,100.

The 200 Envelope Fundraising Campaign will take place in April! Grab an envelope and make a difference!
Family Fellowship

Everyone is invited to the *Foundry Spring Family Fellowship* at Hains Point on Saturday, April 20 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Spend a Saturday afternoon enjoying the beautiful weather, laughter and fun! You and your family will enjoy the activities for children of all ages and a potluck lunch. Save the date! For more information contact Theresa Thames, tthames@foundryumc.org and 202.332.4010

Senior Recognition Sunday — June 9, 2013

Senior Recognition Sunday is when we celebrate our graduating high school seniors at Foundry United Methodist Church. For Youth Sunday 2013, we will continue the theme of journey! Join us on Sunday, June 9 at the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services as we celebrate

Grace Baker
Zane Gavin
Kate Mullins
Michael Mullins

2013-2014 Foundry Scholarship Applications due June 3

The 2013-2014 Foundry Scholarship applications must be returned by U.S. mail, postmarked on or before June 3. If you have any questions please contact Theresa S. Thames at tthames@foundryumc.org.
Confirmation Sunday — May 19, 2013

Twelve Foundry youth will confirm their faith on Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday. Congratulations to our Confirmands and their mentors. Make plans to attend worship on May 19 we welcome these new members into our congregation.

Isaac Benaka  
Aaron Garay  
Alfred Gri-Abbott  
Kyle Hagin  
Addison Konrad  
Jake Konrad  

Caroline Lanford  
Rosemary Marquis  
William McCormick  
Meaghan Mullins  
Joshua Parkhurst  
Jonathan Parkhurst

Summer Sunday School 2013

With what gifts and talents has God blessed you? Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control? You are invited to help plan and coordinator Foundry’s Summer Sunday School. With an increase in the attendance of children during the summer, it would be great to have Summer School available year-round. Those of you who wish to share your gifts, please contact Theresa S. Thames at tthames@foundryumc.org.