

# Fox Point Nessenger

Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus

November 2, 2012

# Holiday Boutique

Shop 'til you drop!

Our annual Holiday Boutique is set for Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10 from 9am to 4pm.

You'll find glorious gifts for everyone on your list: beautiful baskets, hand-crafted, specialties, fabulous foods, hostess thank you gifts plus another exciting silent auction.

Kids can buy gifts for just \$1 in our Secret Santa Shop on Saturday. Santa will be there from 10 to noon.

You can also shop at church on Sunday, November 11 and 18. All proceeds benefit our Outreach partners locally and scholarships for Tanzania.



# **Urgent!**

We need your help to fill lots of boxes for lots of hurting children. Please see page 4 for how you can help!

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#### **Health Ministry**

#### **Living Healthy Is A Prayer**



#### "The Power of Prayer"

#### FPLC Women's Retreat February 1 & 2

Daylight Saving
Time Ends!

Remember to turn back your clocks one hour next Saturday night, November 3 (and enjoy an extra hour of sleep!). It is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Thank You Note

Dear Ladies, Thank you for making the heart-shaped pillows. I am very grateful to you for thinking of people you don't even know and helping them by making these pillows. It is very helpful when I am sleeping.

Thank you. Teresa Greendale Our Women's Retreat will be held at the beautiful Grand Geneva Resort on Friday, February 1 and Saturday, February 2. Please join us for our 6<sup>th</sup> annual women's retreat and experience the joy and peace you will find within yourself. Ladies! It's retreat time! Time to get away and connect with God and each other!

It has been said that prayer should be like falling in love, not like gritting your teeth. Which is it for you? At our retreat called, "The Power of Prayer," we will talk about what prayer is, why prayer matters, and what we can practically do to make prayer a bigger part of our daily lives. We will also study the Serenity Prayer. Join us as we learn to fall in love with prayer.

Elizabeth Murphy will be our speaker this year. Elizabeth is an enthusiastic encourager of women, a gifted storyteller, and a winsome evangelist. Her willingness to be transparent is what makes her relatable to every audience, regardless of their season of life or place in their own faith journey.

Each of her Bible based messages is laced with a dose of reality, personal authenticity, a unique portfolio of compassion and a warm sense of humor. She particularly delights in helping women use their imagination to see themselves in scripture so they can experience its relevance in their everyday lives.

She has been married to her pastor husband Mike for 28 years, is the mother of four sons, an author and an active conference and retreat speaker. Her first book, <u>A</u>

<u>Rollercoaster</u>, <u>A Roundabout and A Road Trip-Three exciting Rides That Will Change Your Life</u>, was released in December 2011.

Registration begins on Sunday, December 16. The cost of this retreat is just \$199.00/double and \$269.00 for a single room. (Sorry, no refunds). Each person is responsible for finding her own roommate. This price includes a reception Friday night and dinner (alcoholic beverages extra), breakfast and lunch on Saturday. If you are able to join us on Saturday only, the cost of the retreat is just \$55.00. The Well Spa and salon will offer a 15% discount on any spa service (please schedule yourself). Feel free to invite a friend. **Payment is required at the time of registration.** Rooms are limited so please sign up early.

**Husbands**, are you looking for that special Christmas or Valentine's gift that says, "I love you"? We can help surprise your loved one with this fabulous Get Away! We can help you make arrangements and package it in a festive gift bag. What woman wouldn't enjoy this experience and a little pampering!

Reservations will be taken in the Welcome area starting December 16. Final registration will be Sunday, January 13. For questions, please contact Joni, your parish nurse at 352-8990 x117 or <a href="mailto:joni@foxpointchurch.org">joni@foxpointchurch.org</a>. A volunteer will be available at the registration table to answer questions also. Hope to see you there...remember, sign up early!!

#### **Fellowship**

#### Young at Heart

Don't miss our delightful "Young at Heart" Christmas celebration on Friday, December 7 at The Town Club.

We will enjoy Christmas music by "Fine Linen", a lovely meal and our special prizes, once again organized by Paul & Nancy Rosenheimer.

Social time and cash bar will begin at 11:30am. Please make your menu choices when you sign up. The complete cost is \$26.00 per person.

Hope to see you there. Questions, please call Judy Clemens, <u>262-242-1692</u>. Absolute deadline for reservations is Sunday, December 2.



Join us Thursday, November 15, for our next Mom to Mom meeting here at church. We meet from 9:30-11:30 for fellowship, food, and Christian learning. Course books and childcare provided.

# Greetings Fox Point Musicians! (that's everyone!)

My name is Jana Larson and as the new handbell director, I would like to invite ALL of you to think about handbells! Ringing bells is a great way to actively serve your church, challenge yourself with something new, and celebrate your faith through music! Our bell choir, Joyful Noise, is looking for some new players to round out the group and grow the program. Please consider joining us for the fast approaching Advent/Christmas season. If you are hesitant because of little or no experience I can assure you it is very easy to learn! I can be available for one-on-one sessions to help you learn this wonderful new skill. We rehearse on Thursdays from 6 to 7pm right before choir. My email is larson@foxpointchurch.org and I would love to hear from you!

Make a **Joyful Noise** unto the LORD, all the earth; make a loud noise, rejoice, and sing praise! Psalm 98:4

#### Men's/Women's Club Joint Meeting

Wednesday, November 14—The Town Club 7950 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Fox Point

11:45 -- Registration/Social (cash bar)

12:15 -- Lunch served

12:45 -- Program; Q&A

1:30 -- Adjourn

#### "The Muslim Religion"

Mrs. Janan Najeeb is President of the Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition (MMWC). "Founded in 1994, MMWC began as a local educational outreach organization dedicated to promoting an accurate understanding of Islam and Muslim women.....Over the years....MMWC has been an active leader and participant in community events, interfaith and interreligious dialogue.....Building relationships among a wide range of community groups (including the Whitefish Bay Women's Club) in an effort to promote peaceful communities....."

The luncheon menu features "Penny's Pick": Town Club chicken salad on top of mixed greens, with apple slices, toasted walnuts, dried cranberries, shredded sharp cheddar cheese, and honey cinnamon vinaigrette. Vegetarian meals are available, if so indicated at signup. Mini muffins, coffee, and tea are included.

The cost is \$15.00/ea., payable in advance at signup. All men and women of the church are invited; their guests are welcomed.

A signup sheet is available at the Welcome Desk on Sundays, and in the church office. Please pay at signup (one name per line, please), preferable by check (for payment verification purposes). Checks should be made payable to "Fox Point Lutheran Church", with the notation "Nov. 14 Lunch" on the "Memo" line. Due to the room size at the club, a maximum of 48 seats (6 tables of 8) are available; "first come, first served" with payment. A waiting list will be provided. The reservation deadline is Sun., Nov. 11.

For further information, please contact either Paul Rosenheimer (262-241-9627) or the church office (414-352-8990).

NOTE: This joint meeting takes the place of the November Men's Club Meeting, usually held on the second Thursday of the month; no meeting on Thurs., Nov. 8.

#### **Outreach**

507 stuffed animals
320 toothbrushes
552 toys
800 boxes of crayons
200 tubes of toothpaste
100 bars of soap

#### But who's counting?

People often ask us what we need for Operation Christmas Child, so we did some counting of what has already been donated. (Thank you!) As you can see, we are doing great, but we are a bit low on our soap and toothpaste donations. (Hotel and samplesize soap and toothpaste are fine.)

Still, whatever you can donate, we can definitely use! For example, we also pack small notepads, pens, pencils, colored markers, combs, brushes, hair ornaments, jewelry, socks, and hard candy.

We are hoping to send shoe box gifts to 1000 children this year, and we are well on our way!

The deadline for donations is November 11. Bins are located at the entrance to Fellowship Hall and Sunday school.

Thanks so much for your help with this growing outreach!

#### Oh How Great to Fill Every Crate!!



It's harvest season......and we are so fortunate to have food to put on our tables. But many in Milwaukee are not as blessed. Many are struggling to make ends meet and buy groceries. As fall is setting in, days are getting shorter and cold is coming, do remember those in need.

Your Outreach Committee has put a stack of crates by the entryways. Let's do our best to fill them every week. Thank you for your continued donations!

#### **Another Thank You!**

Another thank you from one of our seven FPLC Young Scholar Award Winners from our partner churches...

#### Hello!

Thanks again for your... support.... at Bradley. The monetary reward I received from you in August helped pay for all of my books this semester. There was even some money leftover that I can use ... to help pay for my books next semester. I am truly grateful to you all. As for my freshman year, I am staying busy. Since I am a double major in Psychology and Spanish, I have a heavy workload, which means utilizing the books that the FPLC Young Scholars Award helped pay for, so again, thank you! The classes I am taking this semester are Comparative Religion, Communication, Statistics, Intro. to Psychology and Spanish Conversation, meaning the entire class is in Spanish, which is difficult, but great. I spend most days of the week and every Sunday in the lounge across the hall studying for these classes, but I try not to overwork myself so I try to remember to take breaks. Overall I am enjoying my freshman year of college. I have met some great people and made many friends. Even though I study most of the time, I have also joined some clubs here at Bradley including Women In Business, Psychology Club, and Fashion Focus. If there is one thing I miss from home, it's of course my family, but my mom's home-cooked meals! I definitely should have been more grateful when I had them every night because cafeteria food can get old.

Well, I have to get back to homework.... Sincerely, Sojourner

#### Calling all Turkey Chefs!

Turkey pick up is Sunday, November 4 after each service

The Gathering Meal Program will serve Thanksgiving Dinner to 600-700 guests on Saturday, November 17 at three Milwaukee locations.

You can be a part of that celebration by cooking one of the 90 turkeys needed. We have 3 out of our original 25 turkeys remaining for volunteers to take home and cook available in the kitchen after each service on Sunday, November 4. Disposable pans, cooking instructions and zip lock bags come with each turkey. We ask that you bring them back to the church – cooked, deboned and frozen - on Sunday, November 11. If you have never cooked a turkey before or if you have cooked hundreds, this is a simple way to put your faith into action. It will be greatly appreciated.

Please sign up at the Outreach Kiosk or on our church website.

For further information contact Joe Graf at Joe.Graf@4Frontes.com.

## When Bad Things Happen to Good People Book Study

I am pleased that we are beginning some reading circles--discussion groups--etc, around Rabbi Kushner's useful book, When Bad Things Happen to Good People. I have allowed some time for folks to express their interest, and now it is time to take the next step.

#### HERE IS THE DISCUSSION GROUP DESCRIPTION WITH CORRECTED TIMES:

I have looked to see what sort of meeting times might make sense based on what I know of your life circumstances. I want to create possibilities for each of you. Here is what I am envisioning. There will be meeting times in different parts of weeks (days, evenings, weekends).

- On <u>Tuesday nights at 7:30pm</u>, <u>beginning November 13</u>, there is a Men's Study Group that will resume meeting and will begin that night to discuss Kushner's book. They have recently been meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Their approach will probably be a structured one, for example, to read a set number of chapters each week and discuss them together. This group will work as an option for men who work during the day. I, Bruce, will not be at all of those meetings but will plan to attend some of them as needed to lend my voice to the conversation.
- On <u>Thursdays from 11:30am-12:30pm</u>, beginning November 1, there will be brown bag lunch conversation in Fellowship Hall. The format will be casual, come as you are, come as you can, leave when you need to. Read the book at your own pace. Jot down your observations and questions and bring them with you. I, Bruce, am planning to be at those lunches and to serve as the conversation facilitator.
- On <u>identified Sundays from 11:45am-12:45pm</u>, <u>beginning November 4</u> Sunday, November 11 will be another of the identified Sundays. As a group we will choose future Sundays as we go--based on holiday schedules, Packer schedules, and the like. The format, like the Thursday meetings, will be casual, come as you are, come as you can, leave when you need to. Read the book at your own pace. Jot down your observations and questions and bring them with you. I, Bruce, am also planning to facilitate those conversations. You can certainly plan to bring a brown bag lunch with you, or a snack to share.

In addition to these times for sitting together as God's people in caring conversations, our journey into the book will be equipped with some other pieces. With the wise suggestion of some members of our congregation, I am preparing a gently annotated bibliography for those who wish for ideas for related future readings. Also, I will gather together some discussion questions to enrich your reading experience and prompt your thinking. I plan to make those questions available to all of you by way of the FPLC website. I am also considering a virtual online discussion group through something like Wikispaces, though I have not made my final decision on that subject.

Well, there you have it. That is what I am envisioning--a caring community of Christians in conversation as we grow in wisdom and compassion--and all of this, quite powerfully *in Christ*.

Your next step, if you have not already done so, is to acquire a copy of Kushner's book, to find a time and a place for its reading, and to remember please always to pray before and after any time of Christian study.

Please be in touch to share with me your thoughts on my vision for this. Let me know your plans, or what you need.

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." - Teresa of Calcutta

"Be joyful, though you have considered all the facts." - Wendell Berry

**Pastor Bruce** 

#### Serving

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**



Gingerbread House Decorating Event Build the house of your dreams! Saturday, December 1



Family Christmas Caroling Saturday, December 15

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
Kids, Parents, Teens, Seniors...and
Everyone in Between
Watch for more details...

#### **Urgent Need—Holiday Boutique**

We need lots of volunteers —cashiers and people to wrap purchases, sell baked goods, and welcome and help our guests. These are the shifts:

Public sale - Friday, November 9 and Saturday, November 10 - 8:30am-12:30pm and 12:15-4:15pm

Sundays, November 11 and 18 - 8:30-10:30am and 10:15am-12: 30pm

We also need elves to help us set up the Boutique and price items on Wednesday, November 7 and Thursday, November 8 starting at 9am both days.

To volunteer, please sign up at the kiosk on Sunday or contact Margi Will at 262-241-9281 or <a href="Margaretwill52@gmail.com"><u>Margaretwill52@gmail.com</u></a>.

### Serving

November 4	SERVING:	November 11	
8:00 Jayson Hongsermeier 9:00 Mark Fiedler 10:30 Paul Rosenheimer	Lectors	8:00 Lorraine Buehler 9:00 Guy Theune 10:30 Jeff Remsik	
8:00 Christensen Team 9:00 Harms Team 10:30 Sullivan Davies Team	Ushers	8:00 Buehler Team 9:00 Quisler Team 10:30 Gepfert Team	
9:00 Stephen & Marilee Nord 10:30 Guy & Ellen Schaefer	Coffee Hour Hosts	9:00 Tom & Eva Hildebrandt 10:30 Tom & Jenny Kregel	
Julia DeCicco	Welcome Kiosk	Sara Hansen	
9:00 Jena Davis, Julia van Ryneveld 10:30 Callie Donavan, Michael Nelson	Acolytes	9:00 Noah Kirchner, Jonathan Smallpage 10:30 Annie Ricigliano, Greta Ricigliano	
Susan Janik	Worship Assistant	Lori Barrieau	
9:00 Sandy Dunst, Sara Summ 10:30 Bill Krugler, Alan Murphy	Super Greeters	9:00 Tim Callan, Connie Zachowski 10:30 Anne & Chris Noyes	

# November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY: Worship Services: 8, 9, & 10:30am Sunday School: 9 & 10:30am				1 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Mom to Mom 11:30am Kushner Book Study 6pm Joyful Noise 6:30pm Love & Logic 7pm Chancel Choir	2 5:30am Yoga	3 NOOMA Video and dinner group
4 Daylight Saving Time ends Holy Communion Blood Pressure Screening The Gathering Turkey Pick-up 10am Children's Choir 10am Youth Bells 11:45am Confirmation Choir 11:45am Kushner Book Study 7pm HS Youth Group	5 6:30pm Yoga	6 6:30am Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9am Boutique Workshop 9:30am Good Grief Support 7:30pm Men's Bible Study	7 Boutique Set-up 7pm Confirmation	8 Boutique Set-up 8:30am Senior Exercise 10am Luther Manor Communion Service 11:30am Kushner Book Study 6pm Joyful Noise 6:30pm Love & Logic 7pm Chancel Choir Serenity Inn	9 5:30am Yoga 9am-4pm Holiday Boutique	9am-4pm Holiday Boutique 9am Meru Meeting at St. Matthew's
The Gathering Turkey Drop-off Holiday Boutique 9am Scheuer Baptism 10am Children's Choir 10am Youth Bells 10:30 Carlson Baptism 11:45am Confirmation Choir 11:45am Kushner Book Study 7pm HS Youth Group	6:30pm Yoga 7pm Congregational Care	6:30am Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support 6pm AAUW 7pm Knit Wits 7:30pm Men's Bible Study	14 7am Outreach 11:45am Men's/ Women's Club 7pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Confirmation	7am TOP Meeting 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Mom to Mom 11:30am Kushner Book Study 6pm Joyful Noise 7pm Chancel Choir	16 5:30am Yoga Serenity Inn	17
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#### All in the Family



We encourage you to keep these people in your prayers during the week. Please contact the church office to add or remove a loved one's name from the prayer list.

**Prayer List** Steve Heronemus (brother of L. Barrieau) Anne Bob Lynch Kim Stretch Luedeman Sheila Dlugi Deb Deborah Nikki Etheridge Verlie Keehn Clarence Plagens Pam Fuhry Sue Hansen Charlie Burton John Kate

Audrey

Julie Burger

Holly Beard(sister of Wendy Randazzo) Jim Judy Herold Praefke Jason Claudine Hammarlund Dan Jones Anthony Eleanor Diane Richards Sally Jack Tatum Chloe Orvis Marion Pohlmann Andrea

Lee Nelson Ellen Marcia Kaye Jim Krause Glenn Buzzard Jack DeMunck Elaine Zarse Edward Ellen Wavne Mary Schroeder John Schwendel Erik Erlandson Randall Pack Earl Shaw **Bud Miser** Mike Howard Janet Heeren Kay Bilan Shirlee Rosendahl

Our heartfelt sympathy to family and friends of Gladys Downey who passed away October 22, at the blessed age of 96. Gladys was a gracious lady with strong faith. God's peace and blessings be with daughters Mary Downey and Sarah (Christopher) Chenery and grandchildren Caitlin (John) Jackefert, Meghann and Gavin Chenery. Gladys was the beloved wife of Rev. William B. Downey, who was called to serve as the first Pastor of FPLC. Together they served this growing congregation from June, 1947 - June, 1968.

Celebration of Gladys' life was held Saturday, October 27, at Luther Manor. Please keep the Downey family in your thoughts and prayers.

#### **Military**

Samantha Ben Parker David

#### **Congratulations**

Lauren Oldenburg & David Mooney were married October 20.

Tierney and Will Hanigan, children of Don & Elizabeth Hanigan, were baptized October 21.

Linus Lloyd Nelson, son of Jeremy & Jennifer Nelson, was baptized October 21

Emerson June Quisler, daughter of Tim & Julie Quisler, was baptized
October 21.

Bruce Edward Meredith, son of Bruce & Kelly Meredith, was baptized October 28.

In case of urgent pastoral care, call the church office at 414-352-8990.

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