



### Building Faith Forward Congregational Meeting

We held an all-member meeting on Sunday, September 13 via Zoom to vote to accept or reject the proposed mortgage loan approval. The mortgage loan was unanimously approved by the Church Council and will cover cash flow requirements during construction and long-term financing during the building project.

Pastor Bill covered the Mission and Strategy of the project, explaining that now, more than ever, people need to find a place to be inspired, to serve, to learn and to prepare for the future. We want that place to be here at Fox Point Lutheran.

Matt Kirchner gave the building Project Overview, including a broad description of our goals, descriptions and renderings of additions, improvements and floor plans to our church property.

Our fundraising continues to be strong thanks to the generosity of our congregation. We have asked the congregation to extend their pledge to a fourth year to cover our final fundraising goal. The motion for the mortgage loan was approved by the congregation.

The construction will begin by mid-October. Please stay tuned for Building Project updates!

### 4th Year Pledge Responses

You should have received Pastor Bill's letter and a 4th Year Capital Campaign Pledge Response Card, asking you to consider adding a 4th year to your building fund pledge. Please notify the church office at 414-352-8990 or church@foxpointchurch.org if you did not receive it or need another copy.

Please return your Response Card by Friday, October 30. You can mail it or drop it at the church office Monday-Thursday from 8 am – 2 pm. You can also go to our website – [www.foxpointchurch.org](http://www.foxpointchurch.org) and fill out the 4th Year Response Card online.

Thank you! Your support is greatly appreciated.



### FPLC Outdoor Services—October 4

As you know, our church will be closed for some time for the construction project and with COVID-19, it's been quite awhile since we have been able to worship in our sanctuary. A space that has meant so much to so many over the years deserves a proper send off! With that in mind, we are going to have an OUTDOOR service on Sunday, October 4. After the service, there will be a limited amount of time for people to walk through our sanctuary for a last look before our exciting project begins.

We will have a service at 9 am. If that fills, we will consider adding a second service at 11 am.

We are following strict COVID-19 guidelines for this service. While this may sound harsh because we are a social, hugging congregation, we are also full of love for all of you and want to offer this experience in the safest possible way for all who attend!

- **Registration is required** and limited to 80 individuals. Register by clicking [HERE](#).
- Masks are strictly required over mouth and nose.
- Social distancing is required—please keep all members of your family together, including children.
- We will be watching COVID trends. If the numbers deem it necessary, we will cancel this event.
- When you register, you will be asked for contact information (cell phone preferred) so that we efficiently contact you if we need to cancel or if contact tracing needs to take place.
- There is no coffee/donut hour afterward.
- Please bring your own chairs. A limited number of church chairs will be available.
- We ask that you limit your time in the building to approximately 10 min. to allow all to have a turn and to limit your exposure to others.



## Give and it will be given unto you.—Luke 6:38

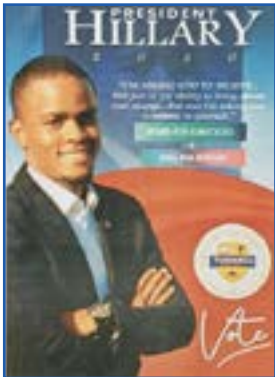
### Give Yourself A Boost By Giving Them A Future

Sounds simplistic, but experts say it works—and it's underscored by Jesus and his disciples in our Bible many times!

Yale Professor Laurie Santos has engaged 2 million viewers since COVID began with her advice on how to stay sane during these stressful times. In her course and Podcast, The Happiness Lab, she recommends three things to help you feel better: socializing—through technology; practicing mindfulness (you can't worry about that next roll of toilet paper when you're meditating); and helping other people. If you do random acts of kindness, do nice things for others like giving money, her research shows it makes you happier.

We have a great way for you to give! Help provide a future for young people in our partner parishes in Tanzania by supporting our Tanzania College Scholarship Program. Since it began in 2014, it has guaranteed a future for 37 bright and grateful young people in our partner parishes. Their families work really hard but survive on very low incomes, and college would be an impossibility without our support.

We have 15 applicants this year. Their parents somehow find ways to cover food and housing in spite of their very low incomes. Each scholarship you help provide will cover tuition, university fees, and books for the full year—a bargain compared to costs here. Our highest request is from Hillary Ndossy—\$1802. A year at UW costs \$11,946.



Hillary is 22 and attends Tumaini University of Dar es Salaam where he's working toward a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Marketing. He is running for president of the university, serves as a volunteer at an autism center, plays soccer, earns a bit of income with his internship, and achieves academically. His GPA is 4.3. The Associate Dean of Business Administration writes that he has proven his capacity to pursue higher academic degrees and produce original work. Hillary's father was never part of his life. His inspiration is his mother who was 18 when he was born, and he has two little sisters. Because of COVID, his mother who had an active career as a tour guide was laid off (the job typically pays \$453 a month). In addition, the personal guest house she and Hillary had just opened had to close. He says that they remain patient and pray his mom will find another job, and he looks forward to showing his family, his country, and the world that nothing is impossible and success is not meant for a few.

### Or Would You Consider Sponsoring One of The Following?

If you would like to help make college possible for one of our candidates, you have several options. You can cover the full amount or join at whatever level works for you. A generous member has just given \$600 toward Hillary's scholarship request of \$1,802. Other options: split the cost with family members or convince your small group or friends at work or neighbors to join you in funding a scholarship. You'll all feel good!

#### **Elibahati Sifueli Mbise**

Dar Es Salaam Inst. of Technology  
Electronics & Telecommunication Engr.  
Scholarship Request: \$390

#### **Aminial Gabriel Unambwe**

St. Augustine Univ. of Tanzania, Arusha  
B.A. in Linguistics with Education  
Scholarship Request: \$647

#### **Joyce Steven Mmary**

Green Bird College of Health and App. Science  
Certificate in Nursing  
Scholarship Request: \$517

#### **Silvia Lawrence Nnko**

Decca College of Health and Allied Sciences  
Medical Laboratory Science  
Scholarship Request: \$1067

#### **Upendo Aminiely Akyoo**

Elijerry College of Health and Allied Science  
Diploma in Clinical Medicine  
Scholarship Request: \$957

#### **Gadiel Nicolaus Marema**

Kibosho School of Nursing, Moshi  
Nursing  
Scholarship Request: \$627

#### **James John Mshana**

Clinical Officer Training Center, Bumbuli  
Diploma in Clinical Medicine  
Scholarship Request: \$965



### All Peoples Church

Our friends and partners at All Peoples Church are having a mini-work day and are in need of some hands-on help the weekend of October 3.

With a grant they have received from the Milwaukee Community Connections Small Grant Program, All Peoples plans to modify a portion of their community garden (located on the southwest corner of 2nd and Clarke in Milwaukee) to construct and install eight 4' x 8' raised beds to make the gardens and gardening experience more accessible to All Peoples members and neighbors who have difficulty helping out in the gardens due to age and disability. The community garden and their produce stand have proven to be a wonderful source of fresh free produce for people in their community.

A work day is planned for Saturday, October 3, from 9 am – noon in the garden and will involve assembling the raised bed structures and helping to landscape the areas around the beds. If you can't make it on the 3rd, they could also use some help preparing the site before October 1. All materials will be provided, but partner helpers are encouraged to bring portable tools.

Volunteers are asking to follow All Peoples protocols for wearing of masks and social distancing.

For more information and/or to sign up for this opportunity, please contact FPLC Outreach Committee member Mark Smith at [markskimail@aol.com](mailto:markskimail@aol.com) or 414-852-1571.

### More from All Peoples

#### More Mini-Work Days

In addition to this garden project, All Peoples has many tasks with which members, friends and partners can lend a hand. Sign up for these other tasks using the Google form (link below).

*All Peoples'  
Google Sign Up*

#### Peeps Academy

All Peoples may invite helpers in to monitor kids (with an All Peoples staff person in the building) who may be using the church as a study space. Strict COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Call or email All Peoples ([414-264-1616](tel:414-264-1616) or [anna@allpeoplesgathering.org](mailto:anna@allpeoplesgathering.org)) if this is something you would like to learn more about.

### Confirmation Starting Soon!

Our 2-year confirmation program is for current 7th and 8th grade students. We held our Confirmation Parent Orientation by Zoom last week, but if you missed it and would like more information, please contact Pr. Bruce at [Pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:Pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org).

### Unconscious Bias Video Available

As you may know, we had a 4-part series with guest speaker Reggie Jackson on race, specifically race in Milwaukee. If you missed the program *Unconscious Bias: Can We See Our Own Blind Spots?* you can watch (or re-watch!) a video of it through **September 24**. Check your e-mail from Pastor Bruce for the link or contact [stacia@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:stacia@foxpointchurch.org) for the link.



### Dinner Fellowship

FPLC members bring dinner 3 times a month. Eat with the men, drop dinner off or even order them a meal to be delivered by a restaurant!

**Dates Most in Need:**

**Fridays:** December 18

**Wednesday:** November 25, December 23

For more information or to sign up, click here:





See our webpage for all information regarding virtual worship, outreach, and children & youth programs. Click →



### Food Collection Mondays at FPLC

**When:** Every Monday

**Time:** 10 am – 2 pm

**Location:** This is a no-contact outreach opportunity. A rolling cart will be outside the back East door.

**What:** Please no glass containers; 15/16 oz sized cans are preferable.

To minimize your time in the store, consider buying multiple cans of 1 or 2 items or buy extra cans of what you are buying already for your family.

**We are also collecting hand crank can openers for All Peoples to give out with their food donations as needed. Please leave them in the labeled box by the food cart.**

### What Items Are Needed:

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| Peanut Butter         | Jelly              |
| Beef Ravioli          | Canned Fruit       |
| Canned Vegetables     | Spaghetti          |
| Pasta Sauce           | Crackers           |
| Pork & Beans          | Spam               |
| Tuna                  | Vienna Sausages    |
| Pancake Mix/Syrup     | Chili              |
| Beans                 | Hearty Soups/Stews |
| Energy Bars           | Sardines           |
| Canned Beef & Chicken | Canned Yams        |
| Boxed Cereal          | Baked Beans        |
| Diapers               | Toilet Paper       |

### Volunteering Is Back at The Gathering—Social Distance Style

The Gathering may have changed their methods due to COVID-19, but the goals are the same...to help feed the hungry in body, mind, and spirit; they've adjusted their methods of sanitizing and preparing/distributing food to ensure we are being safe. **THEY NEED YOUR HELP!**

They'd love to have your help packaging bag lunches. Guests don't come into the building to pick up their food. Volunteers are limited and spaced in a large hall. Please note the requirements on the sign up sheet (click link below).

**Saturday Dates:** October 24 and December 5

**Time:** 9:45 am – 12:00 pm

**Location:** Running Rebels; 1300 W. Fond du Lac Ave., at the corner of 13th and Vine.

There are 5 spots, so sign up quickly [HERE](#):



### Certified Pet Therapy

A note from Donna Metzendorf...

As some of you know, I have a wonderful dog named Sunny. Through hard work and training, Sunny and I are now a certified Pet Therapy Team. I would love to help our church community anyway I can with Pet Therapy. Sunny and I are happy to set up different types of visits depending on your need.

If anyone would like to set up a date/ time, please contact me directly either by email or phone; donna@metzendorffamily.com, (262) 242-3640.



# FPLC COAT DRIVE

## Oct. 5 - 29

We are collecting only **NEW**, cold-weather coats, gloves and scarves this year due to COVID-19.

Please place items in the cart **Outside the Church Office** between 9 am - 2 pm, Monday-Thursday beginning October 5.

Coats will be sorted & given to our partner churches as well as other organizations in Milwaukee. All Peoples Church has a special need for: coats for children ages 4-8 & high school and gloves for Middle and High School aged students.



# PRAYER LIST

## All in The Family

We will see you again on Sunday, September 27 for a virtual Sunday Service!

If you or your family need anything we can help you with, call the office at 414-352-8990 or email church@foxpointchurch.org!

Barbara	Cammy Endres	Nadine Kramer	Nancy Rosenheimer
Dan Barrieau	Erin	Kristine	Jim Schoenfeld
Laurene Bayer	Lu Farwig	Pat Lawless	Peter Stauber
Chris Berge	Rick Frank	Ken Lein	Teri
Bruce	Gene	Leslie	Tim
Cameron	Jerry Gildner	Mary	Brenda Trier
Catherine	Joan Gildner	Matt	Zuza
Chad	Bill Haker	Michael	
John Chamberlain	Steve Heronemus	Miles' Family	
Charlie	Elnamae Heyman	Bonnie Ohman	
Larry Cianciola	Jack	Otto	
Jane D.	Jan	Robert Palmer	
Pr. Dan	Jim	Patty	
Dana	Joel	Perry	
Dave	Don Jones	Dave Petroff	
Deb	Julia	Ron Plietz	
Sheila Dlugi	Jerry Keehn	Grace Root	
Doreen	Ken	Geoff Rose	

### Prayer Requests

Now you can make a prayer request through our website. Click [Prayer Requests](#) to submit a form or submit a request through email—church@foxpointchurch.org.

### Military

Alex  
Cooper  
David  
Grant  
Ian  
Matthew  
Ryan  
Taylor

### Congratulations

A Happy, Happy Birthday and special loving wishes to Marge Cox who celebrated her 99th Birthday, September 16. God Bless.

### Condolences

Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with Marge Ondrejka and family on the death of her beloved husband of 60 years, Armin who passed away peacefully August 31, 2020 in Leawood, Kansas.

One of Armin's greatest enjoyments in life was singing as a member of our Chancel Choir and with a local barbershop quartet "The Hi Brows".

### New Devotional Books

The Devotional Books for October/November/December are now available! They will be available for pick up Mondays from 10 am – 2pm outside the back East church door next to the Food Drive carts. If you need one mailed to you, please call the church office at 414-352-8990. We have a supply of regular and large print options.



For the past 25 years, Outreach for Hope has supported life-giving ministries that serve the people of low income communities in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA. These ministries not only provide help with daily necessities, but most importantly, they are centers in the heart of their communities for providing transformation and hope. Your contributions to this event support grants and funding for 19 Outreach for Hope ministries. Your donation will help support vital local programs in low-income neighborhoods in Southeast Wisconsin.

For more information and to register for this virtual event, click:

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### Online Services

Watch our services through our [Website!](#)

You can watch Sunday mornings or any time that works best for you and those you watch with. We also have Sunday school videos for grade school and preschool children, drop-in videos, service opportunities in our community, and much more on the site!



On our "Kids and Youth" page you can find our new "Little Foxes" videos! The target age for these videos is pre-kindergarten. New videos are released each week and include a song, story, craft, and activity for children to follow along. While we cannot currently hold Sunday School, we hope these continue to teach your preschoolers about God while having fun. Join Stephanie, Grace, and Mia each week for lots of fun featuring our friend, Freddy the Fox!

FPLC Office Hours  
Monday–Thursday from 9 am–2 pm

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Fox Point Church



*This devotion, written by FPLC member  
Mary Buscher, was originally  
sent by email on September 16.*

Hello! I hope it's been a good week for you!

*"Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and  
forever."*

*– Hebrews 3:8*

Words can heal or hurt or make our spirits soar. Recently, I heard a piece about Covid-19 in a Texas town and the devastating outcome for its' Latino families. The reporter concluded the heartbreaking story using these fair-minded

but dispassionate words: "It fits the overall narrative." Just for me, those words stung, but didn't really end the story. Reassurance was close by. The words from Hebrews 3:8 are the good news that Jesus remains our enduring strength and hope in the most difficult moments, even moments when words are difficult to receive, He powers us through them!

*"A person's words can be life-giving water; words of true wisdom are as refreshing as a bubbling brook."*

*– Proverbs 18:4*

Jesus' life illustrates how lovingly infinite God's choices are for us. I could choose to spend time trying to discern the implication in one perplexing phrase or I could go in a different direction. As God's people we can always seek guidance in scripture for yesterday's labors... today's new questions or endeavors and our forever-ness with Him. The Bible, our dictionary, thesaurus and guidebook all in one, holds everything we need to make wonderful choices. Pr. Bill had a sermon about a generator a while ago, how he needed to use it, but sadly had misplaced the instruction manual. Now more than ever, our Bibles, our instruction manuals should be close at hand for directions and action! Talk about GPS... here are some great navigational aids for the road!

*"Kind words are like honey-sweet to the soul and healthy for the body." – Proverbs 16:24*

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." – Colossians 3:12*

*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."*

*– Philippians 2:3*

A closing prayer by John O'Donohue – from "For Solitude"

"May you recognize in your life the presence, power and light of your soul. May you recognize that you are never alone, that your soul in its brightness and belonging connects you intimately with the rhythm of the universe. May you have respect for your individuality and difference. May you realize that the shape of your soul is unique, that you have a special destiny here, that behind the façade of your life, there is something beautiful and eternal happening."

Take good care my dear friends! – Mary