

### Sunday, February 6—An Important Date at FPLC!

Sunday, February 6 we will be back IN church with a great worship service, Sunday school and tours! You'll get to meet our new organist, as well as hear the new organ and experience our terrific FPLC choir! Our special Junior Sermon leader will be none other than Super D!! He'll also be hanging out in Sunday School.

What's happening until then? We'll have new virtual sermons every week and we are doing A LOT of unpacking! We have 7 storage pods to unload, Sunday school rooms to set up and the crew will be finalizing some of the building projects. This extra time will also provide a buffer between the surge of the highly contagious Omicron variant and our in-person worship.

We are excited to be together and to be in our new church home! If you have any questions, please email Pr. Bill at [pastorbill@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:pastorbill@foxpointchurch.org) or call 414-352-8990. To see Pr. Bill's full video about the re-opening, visit our website through the link below.

[Re-Opening Video](#)

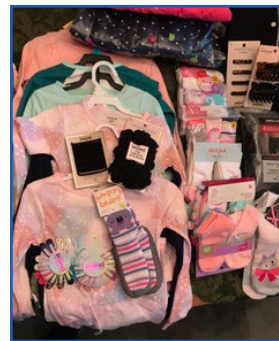
### Afghan Refugee Committee: Good News to Share!

*"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." — John 15:12*

The Afghan Refugee Resettlement Committee has been living this scripture as we continue to embrace and care for our Afghan refugee family! There is so much good news to share with all of you!!

The biggest news is that the brother of the wife and his family have just been resettled in Milwaukee. During one of our initial visits to our family, we were informed that the wife's brother was also coming to Milwaukee. We inquired with our LSS coordinator, who investigated and then was able to arrange for them to move to Milwaukee, so the families could be close. Both families are overjoyed!!

On Saturday evening, John and Debbie McGregor drove our family, along with a meal (including curried lamb and



Bolani) the wife had prepared, to greet her family. All shared in the meal and fellowship. The families were so happy to be reunited and look forward to being able to support each other for the long-term.

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## Stewardship 2022

**2022 will be an important year for our church.**

*We will move into our new building and out into the world. We will work together to discover how powerful life can be as people of faith. — Pr. Bill*

Please click the links below to read Pr. Bill's simple ask for the Stewardship 2022 campaign. After prayerful consideration, please visit the pledge card link with your response. You also should have received this information in the mail. You are welcome to fill out the paper copy of the card and mail it back to the office.

Thank you!

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Special thanks to Bunny Raasch-Hooten, who shopped for and delivered halal meat and fresh vegetables and other staples to our family – making no less than 5 trips – to provide for their meals for the week, and for the meal shared with their family.

Special thanks to Terri Chelmowski, Margi Will, and the entire Clothing committee, who met with the family members to determine their sizes and preferences, and then delivered clothing for the entire family, including four FULL bags of donated, nearly-new clothing, a nice winter coat, shoes, boots, etc. In addition, Terri was able to take the wife shopping for a few items she needed.



The generosity of our group continues to be tremendous, with many additional household items being brought to the home, including a new stove donated, delivered, and installed by Grand Appliance.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and well-wishes to support this work!

While expressing his gratitude, the husband said, *"Thank you. My family loves all of you."*

### Continuing Our Mission and Rising to the Challenge

As you have just read in the Welcoming The Family article, our new neighbors arrived on December 27.

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) had advised us that as part of our commitment to this family we should anticipate expenses of approximately \$10,000.

A group of your fellow FPLC members are "Pastor's Kids" and witnessed how their fathers, mothers and their congregations aided and supported families in need. They are often referred to as "PKs".

The PKs and their families have joined together as a group to challenge other FPLC families to match their \$6,400 commitment to create an "Afghan Family Fund". The funds will be available to cover the current and future expenses of our newly resettled family. Please, if you feel called to help in this way, mail in your donation or drop it off at the new Church Office. Please mark the donation "Afghan Family Fund".

With the exception of Members who are Indigenous People (or a descendant of one) the rest of us are all immigrants or descendants of immigrants. Please pray for the family and our efforts, to help them feel at home in their new community.



### Confirmation Is Underway!

Our program has started! For more information and the full schedule, see our website; [Confirmation](https://www.foxpointchurch.org) If you have any questions, contact Pr. Bruce at [pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org). His phone number is 414-573-4138.

### SCHEDULE

January 12	February 2
January 19	February 9
January 26	February 16
	February 23



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### Dinner Fellowship with Serenity Inns Residents

Take a meal to the men at Serenity Inns and stay to enjoy the meal with them. They share their stories with the group while experiencing valuable social interactions which were often lost during addiction. This is a great activity to do with your middle and high school-aged youth so they can hear the anti-drug/alcohol message.

Serenity Inns provides a safe home for men in Milwaukee to recover from their addiction to drugs or alcohol. FPLC volunteers provide 3 dinners a month for the residents. You can also drop off a meal or order a meal to be delivered.

To sign up click the button below. Do you have questions? Lorraine Buehler, FPLC member & long-time Serenity Inns volunteer can help! Email Lorraine at [lcbuehler@cs.com](mailto:lcbuehler@cs.com).

The dates available for 2022 are:

**Thursdays:** March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11

**Fridays:** February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19

**Wednesdays:** March 23, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24  
Click this button to sign up!

**Friday Meals  
Especially Needed!**

→ [Sign Up](#)



### Cookies for Luther Manor

January is the month that FPLC is scheduled to provide cookies for the 200+ Luther Manor Health Care Center residents. The cookie drive is a way to reach out and make the day brighter for the residents during challenging times.

This year due to Covid-19 Luther Manor is requesting store-bought packaged cookies rather than homemade. Softer purchased cookies without nuts or seeds comply with the dietary needs of many of the residents. Please deliver them to the new Church Office during these hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 8 am – 3 pm through Thursday, January 20.

If you need someone to pick up the cookies, please call Janet Quail, 414-967-7942.



### Piecemakers/Quilters

As the demand for quilts increases, we will meet on Tuesday, January 18.

Join us as we sew warm quilts for those in need. Bring your lunch and enjoy a fun lunch break.

**Date:** Tuesday, January 18th

**Time:** 9:00 a to 2:00 pm

**Place:** Memorial Lutheran Church. 7701 North Green Bay Road

**Contact:** Sharon Hipke 414-352-1605 or [edsharhip@gmail.com](mailto:edsharhip@gmail.com).



### Volunteer at The Gathering!

The Gathering is committed to serving

their guests, even during Covid-19. They've adjusted their methods of sanitizing, preparing & distributing food to ensure safety. They need your help!

If you are healthy and willing, they'd love to have your help packaging bag lunches. This is a great opportunity for Confirmation students to give to their community. We request that an adult either volunteer with each student or that you arrange for them to join another Confirmation family attending the event who can get them home or stay with them until they are picked up.

**5 spots for January 22!!**

### Great for Confirmation Families!

**Upcoming Dates are:** January 22 and February 26. The FPLC dates fill up quickly but check for cancellations: [FPLC Volunteer Dates](#). The hours are 10 am – 1 pm. Additional dates for next year will be added in early 2022.

If the dates are full, dates that aren't specifically for FPLC can be found on their website:

[Community Volunteer](#).





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## Sunday School Is Coming Back!

It's been a very, very long year and a half, but the end is in sight! I am so excited that we will soon be able to gather again in our church and welcome our kids back to Sunday School!

We emailed our Sunday School registration to all parents during the week of November 15. Please take a minute to register so that we can assess our classroom supplies and teacher needs. We ask that you submit your registration as soon as possible.

## It's Time to BE!

We are excited to be launching our new BE! Sunday School curriculum. BE! Sunday School will still teach our kids via 5-week workshops—art, games, values, outreach, and movies. But while teaching Bible stories and Jesus' message, we will work hard to help our kids learn how to BE good Christians in a world that

sometimes makes that difficult. I hope you will BE! as excited as I am to start a new journey with our kids.

## Please watch for online teacher sign-up for 2022!

We have volunteers who have generously offered to teach our kids in December, but we will follow up our registration information with our online teacher sign-up for the remainder of the year.

Our program is a parent cooperative: we ask ALL parents to help with teaching in Sunday School. In fact, our program is large and successful because our parents give so generously of themselves and their time. For 2022, we are asking that each parent with a child in our elementary program offer to teach 2 Sundays. I promise that teaching experience or Bible knowledge is not a prerequisite!

If you have any questions about Sunday School or any of our children's programs, please email me at [julie@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:julie@foxpointchurch.org). Hope to see you and your children very soon!

*Julie Schlifske*



## Need a Little Green During Our White Winters?

Brighten these long winter days with some houseplants! Bayside Garden Center carries lovely (and some exotic!) house plants, home decorations and gifts for all ages.

Fifteen percent of every garden gift card sale goes to our Tanzania scholarship fund. The cards must be purchased at the church office, not Bayside Garden Center, to benefit this fund.



## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Join us for pancakes, games and fun times on the night before Ash Wednesday! There will be a free-will offering.



## Food Drive Update

We are taking a break from food donations while we finish up the renovations. As many of you recall, we usually do a big food drive in January. The plan is to hold the big food drive, but at a later date while we finish up the building, get settled and set up a spot for the donations.

Thank you for your continued support of our food drive efforts!



# PRAYER LIST

## All in The Family

Join us on Sunday, for the virtual 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](mailto:church@foxpointchurch.org)

Carlynn Alt  
Robert Anderson  
Angie  
Barb  
Harry Beaumont  
Kim Bell  
Karen Berg  
Doreen Bill  
Bud Bolling  
Cameron  
Carol  
John Chamberlain  
Chris  
Claire  
Jane D.  
Pr. Dan

Deb  
Sheila Dlugi  
Cammy Endres  
Erin  
Lu Farwig  
Sue Fillinger  
Rick Frank  
Kathy Gebel  
Susan Halling  
Steve Heronemus  
Elnamae Heyman  
Dan Holtz  
Alice Horton  
Ben Iammartino  
Jan  
Jim

Joan  
John  
Jon  
Don Jones  
Julia  
Jim Jurack  
Chuck Knapp  
Nadene Kramer  
Ludvik Krejci  
Bill Krugler  
Barbara Kuehn  
Lane  
Pat Lawless  
Leslie  
Alison LoCoco  
Mark

MaryAnn  
Andy Meser  
Michael  
Michael  
Monica  
Lizzy Nagpal & baby  
Curt Nash  
Ned  
Robert Palmer  
Geoff Rose  
Kathy Schwartz  
Tom  
Brenda Trier  
Pat Viereck  
Candy Whiteside

### 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](mailto:church@foxpointchurch.org).

### Military

Alex Grant  
Cooper Ian  
David Matthew

### Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with Lori (John) Heinrich in the passing of her beloved mom, Linda Marie Nelson, January 1. Loving grandmother of Joe, Max, Jack and Rachel Heinrich.

### Congratulations

Charles Michael Behm, son of David & Brittany Behm, was baptized Sunday, January 9.



### Calling All Babysitters

Are in middle school – high school and interested in babysitting for FPLC members? Click the link to fill out the form. We'll add your name to the list of sitters.

If you would like a copy of the sitter list, contact Lori Barrieau, [lori@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:lori@foxpointchurch.org).

[Baby Sitter Form](#)

### Office Location

The FPLC offices are now located in the church building. Enter the building through the main (south portico) entrance.

Office hours are: M – Th 8 am – 3 pm; closed Fridays

### Collecting Your Christmas Cards!

Bring your Christmas cards to the FPLC (new) office for the Salvation Army's "Big Wrap" Prison Toy Program. Here's how it works:


Every year, the organization purchases gifts for children of men and women who are in Wisconsin's prisons. The inmates choose the toys from a catalog and write notes to their kids which are attached to your cards. For some children, this is the only communication they receive from their incarcerated mothers and fathers all year. Last year, more than 4,000 children received presents and cards.

FPLC Office Hours  
Monday–Thursday from 8 am–3 pm

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Rejoice in hope,  
be patient in tribulation,  
be constant in prayer.  
Romans 12:12

Originally written by FPLC member,  
Mary Buscher, & emailed  
Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Hello!

*"A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." – Proverbs 17:22*

Can you cultivate joy? Can you recognize it when you're in it? We recently woke up to no power, a cold house and pitch-black darkness inside and out. What do you do? You dance! Picture two 70–80-year-olds in jeans, shirts, sweaters, and bathrobes twirling around to music from a transistor radio in a candlelit kitchen...amusing joy! Our Christmas tree uses battery-operated LEDs...one click and we're illuminated...practical joy! We lit lots of candles with names like Christmas Cookies, Salted Caramel, and Holiday Hearth; bakery-like scents filled the house...sweet joy! I looked out the dining room window...first light at last! A little prayer..."Thank you God for the daylight!" ... PURE JOY!

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." – James 1:2-3*

Jesus arrived on this earth in humbleness, facing terrible hardship and death, but also experienced moments of pure joy. Our Holy One reminds us to find peace, grace, and joy by reading scripture, meditating on His word, and refreshing ourselves daily, practicing the habits and ministries to which he committed his life. We can be grateful for the "enough" Our Father gives us as more than enough and cherish each gift as pure joy and abundance!

*"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." – Romans 14:17*

We pray-

*Father, may the wonder of your birth remain with me all through this day as I fix my eyes on you. I quiet my heart, I relax my mind, I slow my pace so that I may meditate on your love, so pure and simple. – Joni Eareckson Tada*

Wishing you the joy and peace of this glory-filled new year! – Mary