

LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of May 17, 2022 Vol 103 Real Faith For Real Life

Beautiful Blooming Hanging Baskets—Sunday May 22—THIS Sunday! Important Church Fundraiser!!

Warmer weather has arrived and so has our annual sale of wonderful hanging baskets! This is another chance to fulfill Jo Ann's wish to support the people of Ukraine in their incredible struggle to make it through this crisis. All of the proceeds are earmarked for that purpose.

The baskets are gorgeous, and we know that they will sell just as quickly as our pansy bowls did. Choose from two sizes—10" and 12"—and several varieties for sun and for shade. Look for them on our new patio to the east of Fellowship Hall. The quality is terrific, and our prices will be very competitive with area businesses.





We'll also have Bayside Garden Center gift cards available for purchase. (Every Sunday and in the church office during the week.) We retain 15% of their value, thanks to our friends at Bayside, and you can use them for all of your other gardening needs—annuals, beautiful pots, tools, even birdseed! You can only get them at church so plan ahead! We can take cash, check

or credit card for the plant and gift card sales.

Plan to shop before and after both the 9 am and 10:30 services and after the 3 pm Confirmation service on Sunday, May 22. We'd like them all to find a welcoming home that day!



School Supply Donations! All Peoples Church

School is still in session this year but shipping delays continue to cause the need for early ordering of school supplies. Many Milwaukee schools have early start dates, the first week in August, so our school supply drive is ON!

Let's help the kids in the All Peoples neighborhood begin their school year with the supplies they need!

Backpacks, Masks, Books, Hand Sanitizers (individual sized) and Scientific Calculators:

We are collecting ONLY these things at the Church office:

- Sturdy backpacks (empty) for kindergarten high school children
- Packaged KN95 masks—both children and adult sizes
- Scientific Calculators—new or used (approx. \$10 at various stores)
- Individual-sized hand sanitizer bottles
- Books—see the list below for specific books we are collecting
- Monetary donations received will be used to buy items as well (Please write All Peoples School Supplies in the memo line.).

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Spots open starting May 29!

Coffee Hour Hosts Who makes the coffee and donuts possible on Sundays? The Coffee Hour hosts! The first-shift hosts cut up the donuts, brew the coffee, and set things out. The second-shift hosts keep the coffee brewing, fill the donut trays as needed and clean up. If you'd like to help with this important part of Sunday mornings, sign up with the link below or contact Mary Altstiel; <u>mary@foxpointchurch.org</u> if you have questions.

<u>Sign Up!</u>

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The above supplies and the books are due at the church office by Sunday, July 24. If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Hickey: stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

Books to Donate

Kindergarten Where Are You From by Yamile Méndez Your Name is a Song by Jamilah Thompkins-Biglow *I Am Every Good Thing* by Derric Barnes & Gordon C. James *Hair Love* by Matthew A. Cherry

Middle School

A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds *The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman

High School

Fights: One Boy's Triumph Over Violence by Joel Christian Gill A Very Large Expanse of Me by Tahereh Mafi Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds Dear Martin by Nic Stone

Elementary

All Because You Matter by Tami Charles *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison The Astonishing Color of After by Emily VR Pan Little Leaders: Bold Men in Black History by Vashti Harrison Dream Building: The Story of Architect Philip Freelon by Kelly Starling Lyons

DANNY GOKEY



Join us for an afternoon of praising and fun with three-time GRAMMY nominee and American-Idol alum Danny Gokey!

FPLC is offering a 20% discount at the time of purchase. Make sure to use this code: FPLC20

Time: Danny begins playing at 1:15pm **Date:** Sunday, July 10, 2022 **Location:** Rotary Park, Meguon Cost: \$32.89 (using FPLC's 20% off code); parking is free! Tickets are now on sale! To purchase, click this

link: Danny Gokey

For more information, please check: Rise and Shine WI







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. 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 Icbuehler@cs.com.

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.

The dates available for 2022 are: **Thursdays:** June 9, August 11 **Fridays:** June 17, August 19

Click this button to sign up!



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. **Great for Confirmation Families!**

Our upcoming dates are: May 21 and June 11. We take a break in the summer and will start up again in September. The FPLC dates fill up quickly. <u>FPLC</u> <u>Volunteer Dates</u>. The hours are 10 am – 1 pm.

If these dates don't work for you or are full, you can sign up for dates that aren't specifically for FPLC. Those dates can be found on their website: <u>Community Volunteer.</u>

> Help Needed THIS Saturday!



Men's Club

All About Rugby: A Ruffian's Sport Played by Gentlemen

Sign Up

Come hear and learn about this international sport from our own

veteran player, Jos. Sauer and find out who else in the congregation has been in a scrum before. Jos. will show game action on the screen and then show our FPLC men some "hands-on" action. (Mouthguards won't be necessary, no mud or blood will be spilled but beer will foam!) He'll also make things merry and teach everyone a couple rugby songs (tame ones) to take home.

Date/Time: Thursday, May 19; 11:30 am Fee: \$10; includes lunch Location: Fellowship Hall Contact: Jim Kimmel; jim.kimmel42@gmail.com or 615-519-4177



Ushers

How do we keep the church running smoothly before, during and after services? That's easy: we have great ushers! We

welcome women, men and high school students for this opportunity! Please call Lori Barrieau at 414-352-8990 or email her at lori@foxpointchurch.org.





Afghan Families Updates

The two Afghan refugee families we are sponsoring are doing so well! Several family members have jobs and are doing quite well. They are wrapping up their first semester of school and MATC English language classes. Also, they are getting needed medical appointments, learning to drive and enjoying their new city.

We ask that you continue to pray for these families and all the other refugee families who have come to the US looking to start a new life here. They face many obstacles but have come so far in rebuilding their lives after their chaotic departure from Afghanistan.

We ask you to specifically pray for legislation to grant asylum to these families.

President Biden has asked Congress to provide tens of thousands of Afghan refugees with a pathway to become legal permanent residents of the United States through the Afghan Adjustment Act.

If passed, the measure would allow Afghan nationals who entered the US between July 31, 2021 and September 20, 2022 to apply to adjust their immigration status to permanent residency.

We thank you for your continued support and prayers through this process.

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Gift Cards Appreciated!

With seasons changing, children growing and jobs starting, members of both Afghan families we are sponsoring could use some new clothes. If you would like to help with this, we welcome donations of Walmart, Target, Kohls, Walgreens and Jo Ann Fabrics gift cards. Please drop them off at the FPLC office. Thank you!

Post High School and College Graduate Degrees

We would like to recognize our members who are receiving post high school degrees: Bachelor's, Master's, Ph.D's, Technical School, etc. A listing will be in an upcoming newsletter. We would love for all receiving a degree this year to complete the form at the link below.

Please fill out the information no later than June 6. If you are unable to fill out the form electronically, please call the church office at 414-352-8990.

Thank you and congratulations!

BLANKET & SHEET SET DRIVE

MACCANON BROWN HOMELESS SANCTUARY We are collecting queen and king sheet sets and queen and king blankets for MBHS. Many of their guests are homeless or staying in underheated or unheated living spaces. Their only bed may be a blanket.

We are accepting new or gently used (washed) items. Please make sure they are in a closed bag so they stay clean and organized while being delivered.

Leave your donations in the marked cart in the FPLC entryway on Sundays or during office hours. Thank you! **Questions?** Contact Stacia Hickey;

Stacia@foxpointchurch.org



Recognition Form

MAY 1 - 29







High School Snack-N-Study Nights Tuesday, May 24 6 – 8 pm

Need a change of scenery for

studying? Join us in The Point Cafe (lower level at FPLC) to get in some study time with healthy snacks and drinks. You don't need to be part of Youth Group to attend. We have plenty of booths and tables (and WiFi!) available to get comfortable!



Our program is wrapping up soon for this year. If you have any questions, contact Pr. Bruce at

pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org. His phone number is 414-573-4138.



May 18; 7 pm – 8th grade only; Confirmation rehearsal **Sunday, May 22; 3 pm –** The Rite of Confirmation Ceremony for 8th Graders



HS Mission Trip—July 23-29

We're going to Nashville! If you missed the parent meeting please see the attached packet for information about the trip. Two important details:

1. Deposit for the trip is due to secure your spot. You can drop off your form and payment to the church office.

2. We are looking for parent chaperones!

To chaperone or for any other info, please contact Stephanie Metzendorf; stephanie@foxpointchurch.org

Info Packet



HS Senior Form

Senior Recognition Service Sunday, June 5 at the 10:30 Service

Please join us for our Senior Recognition Day. We'll recognize your graduate and send them into the world with a service of Blessing and Godspeed. This day is for all high school seniors – not just those in youth group! Please sit together as a family. Graduates will be asked to come forward during the service. RSVP required!

The button at the bottom left will lead you to a response form and will also ask you to list your grad's future plans. We'll include this information in the June 5 bulletin and the Life Together publication. *RSVP deadline is Friday, May 27*.

Can't attend? Please let us know, also by clicking on the HS Senior Form button. We would like to hear from *all* high school seniors, even those who are unable to attend the 10:30 worship service on June 5.

Send a Picture of Your Grad!

Email a picture to diane@foxpointchurch.org. High quality is best but medium will work. We'll include them in a special slide show. The picture should represent their high school years, or a senior picture is just fine. *The deadline for pictures is also Friday, May 27*. We want to include all seniors in the presentation, so please observe this deadline. Congratulations parents on your high school graduate!





Little Lambs

Hey, preschoolers! Join us for adventures in our faith as we sing, play games, and make crafts—all while learning more about God!

This year's Little Lambs will

be led by Jenny Huizenga, a preschool teacher and a member of our church. Our little ones will be in great hands!

Our program is designed for children who were 3 as of January 2022 through those who will be entering a K4 program in the fall of 2022. To ensure a safe and positive environment, our class is limited to 16 students and likely to fill up quickly.

Dates: August 1 – 5 Times: 9:15 – 11:45 am Fee: \$50 Contact: Julie Schlifske; julie@foxpointchurch.org. Registration Forms: Click HERE





Climbing Higher with God! Adventure Bible Camp VBS

Join us for a mountain of games, challenges, activities, crafts, and stories from the Bible that will help us to learn that we can always do more, be more, and climb higher with God.

4th grade in the fall, bring a friend and join us!

Please note that our enrollment is limited and likely to be reached quickly. Registration forms are available at church or at www.foxpointchurch.org.

Dates: August 1 – 5 Times: 9 am – noon Fee: \$50 (Scholarships are available.) Contact: Julie Schlifske; julie@foxpointchurch.org.

Registration Forms: Click HERE

Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers to help teach VBS! If you are in middle school or older and would like to help, contact Julie Schlifske; julie@foxpointchurch.org.



SUMMER

Sunday

SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School

We begin May 29! Join us at 9:00 or 10:30 as we learn through crafts, stories, and games how to love God and our neighbor a little bit better. All kids who are currently in P3 through 3rd grade are invited to join us. Older kids are welcome to worship with their families during the summer.



Roses

To mark a birthday, anniversary, or other special event, you may purchase a rose to be placed on the altar during services on a date you choose. The note you write will

be in the bulletin that Sunday. The cost is \$25: \$5 for the rose and \$20 goes to FPLC's Outreach program. To order a rose click <u>ROSE</u> or call the church office at 414-352-8990.



Infant Massage—In Person!

This 1-hour class is a way for parents and their babies (12 months and under) to connect. All you need is

yourself in comfy clothes, your baby(s) and a blanket.

You'll be taught the head-to-toe infant massage techniques that parents need to comfort, reduce irritability, help baby sleep faster and sleep longer, and to overall connect with baby. Please contact Angie Biersach, FPLC member, parent, and certified infant massage instructor with questions or to RSVP.

Dates: Friday, May 20 Time: 11 am – noon Location: FPLC Instructor: Angie Biersach, MA, CCLS, CFLE, CIMI; angiebiersach@gmail.com or 414-207-2808



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!

Jackie Adam
Allan
Angie
Barb
Harry Beaumont
Kim Bell
Doreen Bill
Bud Bolling
Cameron
Carol
John Chamberlain
Cheryl
Chris
Claire
Jane D.
Lyle Dabney
Pr. Dan
Pr. Dan Deb

Sara Ehr **Cammy Endres** Erin Lu Farwig Sue Fillinger **Rick Frank** Jenny G Kathy Gebel **Steve Heronemus** Dan Holtz Alice Horton Ben lammartino Jan Jeff Jim Joan John Jon Don Jones

Julia Nadene Kramer Krista Rae Barbara Kuehn Lane Laura Pat Lawless Julie Lee Leslie Alison LoCoco Margo Mark MaryAnn Andy Meser Michael Michael Mike Monica Nancy

Curt Nash Ned **Randy Nelson** Scott P. **Robert Palmer** ΡJ Ray Rebecca Richard Rick Geoff Rose **Dave Rotter** Walter Schoenfeld Kathy Schwartz Terry Tom **Brenda** Trier **Mike Wilder**

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
- lan Kyan Matthew

Congratulations

Baptisms

Bodie Brewer Hoeg, son of Carl Hoeg and Chelsea Holtz, was baptized Saturday, May 7.

Briggs Michael Cottrill, son of Brian and Katherine Cottrill, was baptized Sunday, May 15.

Condolences

Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with John and Jim (Middy) Froemming on the death of their mother, Barbara Froemming, on May 12. She was adored by her six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. A devoted member of FPLC for 65 years, Barbara oversaw Kitchen Angels, ran Women's Club and coordinated the Christmas Cookie Exchange. Services will be at FPLC on Monday, May 23. Visitation is 9:30 -11 am; service at 11 am and reception to follow.

Food & Personal Care Drive Update

We have heard from our partners that they have enough non-perishable food for the most part, but have a large need for personal care items. What they are most in need of is:

Diapers	Toilet tissue	Shampoo/
Baby wipes	Facial tissue	Conditioner
Vaseline	Deodorant;	Lotion
Bar soap	mens/womens	Lip balm
Body wash	Toothpaste,	Household
Dish soap	large	cleaners
Laundry soap	Toothbrushes	

The Point Cafe



Sundays, after both services

In addition to coffee and donuts in Fellowship Hall, we offer donuts, drip coffee and a variety of specialty coffees (cappuccino, lattes etc.) in our lower level after services.

The Cafe is staffed by our high school students. While there is no charge for the coffee, they are accepting "trip tips". All money collected will be used to offset the cost of the high school mission trip to Nashville, TN this summer.

FPLC Office Hours Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am-4 pm See our webpage for all information regarding virtual worship, outreach, and children & youth programs. Click \rightarrow





Originally written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher, & emailed Wed., May 11.

If you would like to receive Mary's devotions on a weekly basis, please sign up here: <u>Weekly Devotion</u>

Hello!

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." – Matthew 18:20

There was a great AT & T campaign in the early eighties called "Reach Out and Touch Someone." It was super popular, the slogan continuing "Reach out and Just Say Hi!" What makes an advertisement memorable? The catchphrase, the music, the thought? It's all of it, mostly centered around the emotion triggered in us. It's about grabbing the idea and running whole-heartedly with it. At our church, we have many ways of reaching out, especially when we are tangled up in doubts, when we want to just talk to someone and learn about God's word and Jesus' ministries, and where we fit into the picture. Two words... Small Groups.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching." – Hebrews 10:24-25

When Jesus began his ministry, he put together his own small group, the Disciples. He knew what was coming and wanted to ensure that no one need be alone. A church member reached out to me about joining a group and I thought, UHUH...I don't know the Bible well...I don't know the people... too early in the day... too late in the day ... I'm an introvert at heart...I can't think on my feet...I am not a speaker, and on and on. Excuses abounded and then there were none left. There was only the Holy Spirit waiting for me to accept the invitation, to accept God and Jesus and all that it means. I did just that...and I have never looked back.

In small groups, we pray with and for one another. We share struggles and joys; we shed tears and laugh too. We support and encourage each other. We read and learn. We mess up and clean up. We keep on going with God's help, with Jesus' life before us, with the Holy Spirit as our advocate. As Pastor Bruce put it in a Lenten sermon, "...we try to leave people better than we found them...." If you find yourself needing a lift or a word of prayer or just a welcoming smile this week...think about the gift of our small groups.

We pray-

Lord, today I want to see Your hand in everything that happens. Give me faith to believe that every gift is from You. Help me to recognize the wonderful ways You minister to me today. Give me eyes of faith and I shall be blessed. – Joni Eareckson Tada, Diamonds in the Dust

Let's enjoy and thank God for all the wonderful gifts He brings to us this week! - Mary