

LIFE TOGETHER This Week

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Dialogues On Race

Turn Conflict Into Community

Race and racism are so prevalent in US culture, that few stop to reflect upon what race is, why it was created, and how deeply ingrained race has become in American Christianity. It has left American churches segregated in the pews and divided in faith. Can this damage be repaired? Dialogues on Race explores that very question. With seven essays from leading Christian thinkers, Dialogues On Race asks penetrating questions about how the church in the US got to this point, and how, or if, white supremacy can be expelled from American Christianity.

Dialogues On is an adult small group resource that encourages honest talk about difficult topics. In a time when so many conversations end in conflict, these resources equip readers to share their ideas, listen well, learn from other viewpoints, and develop action plans to bring hope and healing out of the church and into the world. It is published by Sparkhouse, which is affiliated with the ELCA.

Join us for this 4-week program including short videos and small group discussions. The first night will include a light dinner and time to meet each other. Click the button below to sign up!

Date: May, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Time: 7 – 8:30 pm
Fee: Free will offering
Place: FPLC Fellowship Hall

Sign Me Up!



Service Day—Saturday, May 14

Join us at either Serenity Inns or All Peoples Church for FPLC's annual Service Day!

This is a great activity to do with your friends, family, or Bible study. And if you sign up on your own, that's great too—you will be with other FPLC members!

Serenity Inns—9 am – Noon—The projects

at Serenity Inns include carpet cleaning and other general indoor cleaning (like ceiling fans), yard cleanup and gardening work. If you have questions about the work at Serenity Inns, please contact FPLC member Lorraine Buehler; Icbuehler@cs.com.

All Peoples—9 am – Noon—There is something for just about everyone! Bed prepping, planting, weeding, painting, garden repairs, laying wood chips and even some trash pick up!

To sign up or ask questions, please contact FPLC member Mark Smith; markskimail@aol.com.

Are you ready to sign up? Great! Click the button!

Sign Me Up!

— 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; mary@

<u>foxpointchurch.org</u> if you have questions.

<u>Sign Up!</u>









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! Last year we donated over 100 complete school supply sets.

Multiple Ways to Donate! Supply Packages

We are partnering with Winkies Toys and Variety! again this year. Thanks to Winkies' owners and FPLC members Terry and Beth Stuhlmacher, this is a great no-contact way to order supplies through their School Tools Program! They are offering 4 different age-specific school supply "packages" you can order directly through Winkies. Winkies also donates 5% of all School Tools sales to All Peoples Church! You simply order them and you are finished—Winkies and the FPLC staff will take over from there!

For more information and the order forms, click HERE. Winkies forms are due by Sunday, May 22.

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.).

These 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

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**

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





Beautiful Blooming Hanging Baskets—Sunday May 22

Important Church Fundraiser!!

Spring is coming soon—we promise!—and so is 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. 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!



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. FPLC Volunteer Dates. 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>

The More the Merrier

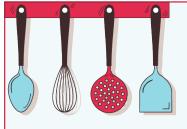
Would you like to meet more women from our church? Do you like to attend tours, go out for a meal, or learn new things from informative speakers? Then consider attending Women's Club functions! Women's Club is open to FPLC women of all ages.

Women may attend as they are able, there is no commitment necessary. Starting in the fall of 2022, there will be different meeting times to accommodate more women. There will be a planning meeting on May 11 for next year's agenda. Even if you are unable to attend that meeting, please feel free to send ideas for speakers, tours, and retreats to Gail Sommerfeld at sommerfeld56@gmail.com or 262-395-0396.

For more details about the May meeting, please look under Women's Club in this church newsletter.







Congregational Kitchen Shower

Now that most of our renovations are complete, it's time

to update many of the supplies in our new kitchen. Some items have been there since the church was originally built! The new items selected are quality pieces that will last for many decades to come.

It's easy to contribute to the kitchen shower! Just click this link or use the QR code below.

Registry

All the items will be pictured and you will be able to pick which item(s) that you would like to purchase and add it to your cart. You will have the option to have it shipped directly to FPLC.

Consider sharing the expense of a pricey item with another person or giving an Amazon gift card (which can be purchased at many retail stores) if that works better for you.

Items ordered will be opened at the Women's Club Kitchen Shower on May 11. See details for the Women's Club meeting in this newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding the Kitchen Shower, please contact Gail Sommerfeld at sommerfeld56@gmail.com or 262-395-0396.

Scan & Click to Take You Directly to the FPLC Registry Page on Amazon.





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, Mequon

Cost: \$32.89 (using FPLC's 20% off code); parking

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Tickets are now on sale! To purchase, click this

link: Danny Gokey

For more information, please check: Rise and Shine WI





Women's Club

Kitchen Shower Gift Opening & Planning for '22/'23 Casual Catered Lunch from Sendik's

Please join us for this pivotal meeting! We will be opening gifts from our Congregational Kitchen Shower and making plans for next year's agenda. We are looking for fresh ideas for meeting topics, places to tour, and we want to talk about having a weekend retreat. We will be looking at different days and times to offer opportunities for more women to participate. Pastor Bill has generously offered to buy our lunch, so instead of paying for lunch, hopefully you'll contribute to the Kitchen Shower. Please see details for the Congregation Kitchen Shower under that heading in the newsletter.

If you have ideas for next year's agenda but are unable to join us on May 11, please contact Gail Sommerfeld at sommerfeld56@gmail.com or 262-395-0396. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend this meeting (so we can accurately plan for lunch) by Sunday May 8.

Date: Wednesday, May 11

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Fellowship Hall

RSVP: Sign up in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, May 8 **Contact:** Gail Sommerfeld; sommerfeld56@gmail.

com or 262-395-0396

& 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



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Men's Club

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

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@qmail.com or 615-519-4177







Peacemakers/Quilters

Piecemakers is back home!!

At long last we will be meeting in Fellowship Hall again! We welcome anyone interested in helping to make quilts for those in need.

Bring your lunch and come and go as your schedule permits. We'll teach you what needs to be done!

Date: Tuesday, May 17th Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Place: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Sharon Hipke. 414-352-1605 or edsharhip@

gmail.com



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.



Spring is Here!

We know, it's still cold, but spring has arrived and plants are starting to sprout and trees to

Whether you are ready to purchase some plants or need supplies for your spring yard cleanup, Bayside Gardens has what you need!

They also carry a lovely selection of flowering plants, home decorations, bird seed and gifts for all ages.

Fifteen percent of each garden 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.



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 location.

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

→ Sign Up







High School Snack-N-Study Nights

Tuesdays, May 10 & 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

<u>pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org</u>. His phone number is 414-573-4138.



May 11; 7 pm – 8th graders only May 18; 7 pm – 8th grade only; Confirmation rehearsal **Sunday, May 22; 3 pm –** The Rite of Confirmation Ceremony for 8th Graders



Youth Group

Sunday May 15; 6:30 – 8 pm

Youth Group is for grades 9 through 12. Join Pastor Bill and Stephanie Metzendorf at FPLC. Email or call Pastor Bill with questions! pastorbill@fox-

pointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.



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





$\underline{\text{HS Senior Form}}$

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.

If you're entering K5 through

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.



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 ROSE 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.

Pr. Dan

Deb

Lyle Dabney

Sheila Dlugi

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 lan Kyan Cooper David Matthew Grant

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 8. If you are unable to fill out the form electronically, please call the church office, 414-352-8990. **Recognition Form**

Thank you and congratulations to all!

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:

Toilet tissue Shampoo/ **Diapers** Conditioner Baby wipes Facial tissue 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.



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., April 27. If you would like to receive Mary's devotions on a weekly basis, please sign up here: Weekly Devotion

Hello!

In this second week of Easter, I am reminded that the liturgical calendar is sometimes called the "Dance of Days" because unlike Christmas, Easter's calendar date changes every year, but never diminishes the great joy we feel as we worship our resurrected Savior...Alleluia!

"This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." – Psalm 118:24

How good a cup of hot coffee feels in my hands at daybreak-really takes the chill off! Online newspapers are an early morning habit too – fine for daily updates, but I also need another kind of news...the Good News. I mostly read morning devotions while sipping from my favorite Washington Island Red Cup mug. That mug is perfect for me! There's a nice weight to it, a thick handle and it's sturdy. It keeps my hands warm with an insulated handle, so I don't burn my fingers and it shows off a colorful design. Hot things stay hot, fingers remain safe, coffee's good and the day starts with Our Father's Good News...exactly right!

This Wednesday morning we continue to rejoice with the good news that the tomb is empty... Jesus has risen...God's mercy and salvation for us is now accomplished...our Redeemer lives! We remain forever seekers of His word, and also know the warmth of His forgiveness as we try our hardest yet often fail to execute His plan for us...no worries...He always holds us gently in the palm of His hand!

"I give them eternal life and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." – John 10:28

God is with us when we are not very lovable yet continuing to offer us love – with us when our lives overflow with sadness, offering consolation and comfort – with us when we flounder, offering us support. Like that mug, God gives us structure and protection and rich and colorful goodness in our lives. Like the Good News, God gives us His infinite love, grace, forgiveness, and blessings forever!

We pray-

Lord, I want to thank you for every good and perfect gift with which you've blessed my life. For friends and family...for smiles and sunny days...for the promise of heaven...for your grace which gives joy and peace...Amen. – Joni Eareckson Tada, Diamonds in the Dust

We rejoice as we share the enduring joy of Easter together! – Mary