

LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Fall Festival—THIS Sunday!!

As you may recall, Celebration Sunday was a rainy day, so while we still had 600 balloons in the sanctuary, we didn't have our fun bouncy house and inflatable slide. That all changes THIS Sunday, October 2 with our Fall Festival!

After both services we'll have:

- A bouncy house and a GIANT inflatable slide
- Officers from the FPPD will stop by and mingle with the kids
- A fire truck from the North Shore Fire Department the kids can explore
- What's the Scoop Ice Cream Truck
- Yes, we'll still have donuts and coffee inside!







Winter Is Right Around The Corner!

Help keep our neighbors safe and warm this year by donating coats, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves. Please read below to find out what we are collecting. If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Hickey; <u>stacia@</u> <u>foxpointchurch.org</u> or 414-352-8990. If you would like to order items online and have them shipped directly to FPLC, you are welcome to do so!



FPLC COAT DRIVE October 2 – 23!

Coats: No light or rain jackets just warm winter coats please. If not new, they must be clean and lightly worn.

What sizes?? ALL sizes! Infant – high school sizes are appreciated for children. Men's coats (large to 3X) and women's coats in larger sizes are always in demand.

Coats will be sorted and given to our partner churches as well as other organizations in Milwaukee.



it's already **COLD** by then! So let's fill our tree with all kinds of colorful fall foliage in the form of NEW hats, mittens, gloves & scarves!

Put items in the basket by the tree in Chapel Hall or leave in the coat cart.



Volunteer at The Gathering! Good for middle school students and older!

The Gathering is committed to serving their meal guests by preparing & distributing food, but need your help packaging bag lunches. This is a great opportunity from middle school-aged students (with a parent) through adults to give to their community.

FPLC dates are October 15 and November 12 from 10 am – 1 pm. To sign up click here:



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







Gratitude for Giving Hearts!

Charity is the matter of the heart, not of the pocket. - Swahili proverb

In two weeks, 58 of our generous members (couples, individuals and 2 groups!) answered our call and are providing college scholarships for 14 young people from our partner parishes in Tanzania.

It's an impoverished country, and without our members' support, their futures would be very limited. Our donors' gifts will cover a year of tuition, fees and books as well as help ensure a brighter future for the students, their families, and, we believe, the country itself.

Our scholarship program is now in its 8th year, and so far, our members have provided a college education for 62 young people. It's under the umbrella of our Jo Ann Berdelman Education Fund, newly named in honor of our dear friend. Jo Ann cherished the people in the Meru District. She taught us about their love for life and for God, sharing stories and pictures from her many visits. In spite of their poverty, the people greet everyone with smiles! They love their families and their church and find joy in their lives in spite of working from dawn to dusk raising small crops, their income even more meager than usual due to COVID and the recent droughts.

Most of all, they want a better future for their kids, and Jo Ann inspired us to make sure that their children can have the education we take for granted. Early on, we built a preschool, then progressed to providing college scholarships and also \$5,000 twice a year to cover students' high school tuition. You make the latter possible by purchasing Bayside Garden Center debit cards at church and supporting our spring plant sale, as well as taking part in special celebratory and fundraising events.

Speaking of celebrations and fundraising ...

Tanzania Sunday, October 23!!

Enjoy special music, learn about our partnership, and bring your coins for the Noisy Offering. (We welcome "quiet" donations, too—any size bills!)

Stay after church for our voice and silent auctions after both services featuring Jo Ann's Tanzania treasures and gifts from her fellow travelers and other members.

Meet An Outstanding College Candidate

An easy way to support our scholarship candidates is by joining with other people—friends, family, fellow church members. We are honored that the six families in Jo Ann's long-time small group have signed on to provide a year of tuition for Prisca Mbise who's working toward a degree in pharmacy. We hope you will consider being part of this rewarding project next time around!



Another wonderful example is the Tuesday Morning Eye Opener Bible Study Group. Its 20 members are sponsoring two students again this year, one of them is Caroline Kumbi.

Caroline is already a success story. She earned a diploma in nursing education in 2012. It took some time, but she eventually landed a job as a nurse midwife with

Student Caroline Kumbi

the Ministry of Health, a job she will keep while she continues to study for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at Aga Kahn University in Dar es Salaam so she can pay for her housing, food and transportation. That is necessary because her parents are very old and very poor.

Aga Kahn is a highly respected and expensive school with campuses in four countries. Her first semester, Caroline earned B's in 8 courses—including biochemistry and microbiology—all while working full time. One of her teachers gave her a top recommendation. "Caroline is a hardworking student with good discipline and collaboration with other students and faculty. She has demonstrated a love of learning and level of commitment necessary to succeed. I have profound respect for her and cannot think of anyone more deserving."





Good for middle school students and older!

SEREN

Dinner Fellowship Oct-Dec dates now available!

When you take a meal and eat dinner at Serenity Inns, you will enjoy food and fellowship with the

residents, all of whom are working on their recovery from the disease of addiction. The beauty of the dinner fellowship is that residents develop the socialization skills lost during their active addiction. Volunteers are helping as well as learning the real ramifications of addiction. The residents especially welcome young people to the table, and their anti-drug message is a timely one for teens and pre-teens. (Yes! This is a Confirmation service opportunity!)

Open Dates:

Thursdays – December 8 Fridays - December 16 Wednesdays - Nov. 23, Dec. 28

Sign up:

To take a meal, sign up on our website (under Serve) or in Fellowship Hall (paper version) or contact FPLC member Lorraine Buehler at lcbuehler@cs.com or text at 414-630-8933.

There are 10-12 men at Serenity Inns (2825 W. Brown St.). You should arrive with dinner by 6 pm. If you have questions, please contact Lorraine.

Food Donations

Our partners still need personal care items, but now the need for food is increasing. Covid relief programs have mostly ended. There is an increased number of people seeking donations. Because food is more expensive, donations are down and pantries are running low.

Keep in mind that filling meals are what will do the most good, not snacks and sweets:

Canned beef and chicken Spam Sardines Vienna sausages **SpaghettiOs** Mac & cheese **Dinty Moore Stew**

Tuna Baked beans Canned yams **Honey Nut Cheerios** Canned vegetables

Our food collection cart is just inside the main entrance. Please—no clothing donations at this time.

2 opportunities at church! Instruction provided!



As the temperature falls the need for warm guilts rises. We will meet on Tuesday, October 18 to make guilts. We invite you to join us. Bring your lunch and enjoy a fun break. Come and go as your schedule allows.

Date: Tuesday, October 18 Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Place: Fellowship Hall Contact: Sharon Hipke at edsharhip@gmail.com or 414-352-1605





Let's Talk Turkeys!

The Gathering Meal Program will be serving Thanksgiving Dinner to 600 - 700 guests. This celebration serves 90 turkeys and all the fixings, prepared by volunteers like you, at three Milwaukee locations. FPLC has committed to bring 25 turkeys for this dinner. We are asking members to purchase their own turkeys this year like we did last year. This helps The Gathering save funds they can use toward the rest of the meal!

- Sign up to cook a turkey(s) HERE
- Purchase your turkey(s)
- Once your turkey(s) is cooked, de-boned and sliced, pack it in gallon-sized Ziplock bags and freeze. (You have the option to freeze the juices; they will use it for gravy, but it's not required.)
- Deliver your frozen bags to FPLC on Monday, November 14; 9 am – 12 pm. If you need to make other arrangements for drop off, contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org, 414-352-8990.
- Can't cook turkey but want to help? Make a donation for The Gathering's Thanksgiving meal expenses by donating online HERE or by mailing a check to FPLC with "Turkeys" in the memo line. We'll combine the donations and send them to The Gathering!





Pet Blessing Sum. October 9 2pm Control of CHURCH -

Pet Blessing—Sun, Oct 9, 2 pm For Pets & The Whole Family!

Whether they joined us as babies or came to us as adults, are well-trained or trained "good enough", are large or small, working animals or snugglers, we love our pets!!

We'll meet outside and will begin with a "meet and greet", then your pet will receive an

individualized blessing by the Pastors.

If you're interested in donating to the Wisconsin Humane Society, feel free to bring a donation item.

There will be water and treats for pets and their owners. Water dishes will be available for pets.

Raffle and prizes, too!

We hope to see you—and your furry (or not so furry) friend there! Sign up in Fellowship Hall or on our website; <u>Sign Up</u>.



Men's Club—Thurs, October 20 Business Field Trip

Jason Brunner will be giving us a tour of Olympus Group. In 1893 they started as a manufacturer of American Flags. Since then, they have grown into four business units, which provides the capabilities to pull off the coolest projects in the US. From largescale custom-print projects, to the world's most recognizable mascot characters, their unique business model allows their clients to dream up limitless ideas.

Time: 11:00 am; meet at FPLC to carpool Cost: \$10

Signup: Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office at 414-352-8990

Contact: Jim Kimmel at <u>jim.kimmel42@gmail.com</u> or 615-519-4177



Women's Club Finding, Buying and Running a Small Business with Amy Osborne

After teaching and coaching, and several moves around the country, Amy

Deadline is

Osborne and her husband Chris, an attorney, (and son of Jerry and Sandra Osborne, who are long-time members of Fox Point Lutheran Church) moved to Wisconsin in 2004. They have 6 children and just celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary. Since moving to Wisconsin, she has bred golden doodles and golden retrievers for 10 years. She coached a high school mountain bike team for 7 years, was a math interventionist at Nicolet HS and Bayside MS for 5 years, and now owns and runs the Rosati's Pizzeria in Fox Point. Come hear her story about opening and running a small business!

Date: Tuesday, October 4

Time: 5:30 pm – Arrival and social time

- 5:45 pm Eat tasty Rosati's pizza & fixings
- 6:30 pm Speaker, Amy Osborne

Fee: \$10:00

Location: Fellowship Hall

Signup: Sign up by noon on Sunday, Oct. 2 by contacting Gail Sommerfeld; <u>sommerfeld56@gmail.com</u> or 262-395-0396



Men's & Women's Clubs Coat Sorting Lunch—Thurs, Oct 27; 10:30 am - 1 pm

All members of the Men's and Women's Clubs are invited to sort donated coats and pack them up for delivery to our partners.

FPLC will be providing lunch! Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the office; 414-352-8990.

Date: Thursday, October 27 Time: 10:30 am Cost: Free! Thanks for helping! Signup: Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office at 414-352-8990 Contact: Stacia Hickey; <u>stacia@foxpointchurch.org</u> or 414-352-8990







Caregivers Support Group

Led by FPLC member Susan Halling, a marriage and family therapist, this weekly support group will provide support for caregivers dealing with changes in

family dynamics. Common challenges include: role reversal, juggling multiple responsibilities, dealing with dementia and loss and making necessary transitions as we move into uncharted territory. All new members are welcome!

Date: Every Friday Time: 10:30 am Location: The Heritage Room Contact: Susan Halling; 262-241-5197; <u>halling@wi.rr.com</u>



Come learn the basics of Baby Massage Best for babies 6 months and younger and their parent(s)/guardian(s)

This is a great way to connect and bond with baby! Infant massage can relieve fussiness, pain and discomfort for the baby as well as help babies fall asleep sooner and sleep more restfully.

When: 1st Fridays of the month; October 7, or November 4 or, December 2. You only need to attend one class, but can come to more if you would like. Time: 11 am – 12 noon

Place: Fox Point Lutheran Church Registration: Please call or email Angie Biersach, 414-207-2808 or <u>angiebiersach@gmail.com</u> to RSVP or with any questions.

Notes from Music Ministries Children's Choir

Children's Choir will begin on Sunday, October 16! The K5-3rd grade choir will begin first. Please fill out the form <u>HERE</u> or email Jeff Shoemaker before Oct 9; jeff@ foxpointchurch.org. The K5-3 director is Mr. Paul Corrao, who led the group before our remodel. He is looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

Our Grades 4-6 choir will be starting in January. If your child is interested in joining us, please fill out the form <u>HERE</u>. Contact Jeff Shoemaker with any questions; jeff@foxpointchurch.org.



Joyful Noise Handbell Choir

Come ring with us! Our Handbell choir is looking for new members, could it be you? If you have ever watched the bells and thought they looked fun, you are *right*!

Even if you have never held a bell or played an instrument, we welcome you to give handbells a try, no experience required. We rehearse on Thursday nights at 6 pm for one hour and we generally play once a month in church. Please contact Jana Larson at <u>larson@foxpointchurch.com</u> for more information. We hope to see you!

Chancel Choir:

Join us in Chancel Choir! Our choir is open to all! No previous experience is required. We rehearse Thursdays from 7 – 8:15 pm and sing primarily at the 9 am Sunday services but also during special services throughout the year. Contact Tony Mudra at tony@foxpointchurch.org for more information.

And YES, you can be in both the Handbell and Chancel choirs if you'd like because we have back-to-back rehearsals!







Blooms & Supplies

Are you looking to add a little more to your patio or garden? Bayside Gardens is the place to go! They

also carry a lovely selection of indoor plants, home decorations 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.

Service of Christian Healing

During both services on October 9, we will be taking time to pray for and to lay hands on those who need God's healing touch. In years past this service has had a powerful and profound impact on the lives and health of those who attend.

['] Healing comes through the ministry of the body of Christ, and we invite everyone to come forward to the altar rail during the service to receive the laying on of hands for the healing of body, mind, or spirit. Others may prefer to remain in their seats and to join in with words of prayer. Those coming forward may wish to mention the names of others for whom they are concerned.

Through the love and care of us all, God can act and become present to those in need, both healing and restoring. We trust God to answer our prayers for healing, but we do not know how or when our prayers will be answered. We simply trust God to act in love for us, out of a deeper knowledge of our needs than we ourselves have. We know, too, that to be involved in the healing ministry requires our willingness to be involved in the process of change – change which may involve us in action as well as prayer. Our worship and daily lives belong together.

Please join us for this powerful worship experience.



Only 2 spots left!

Let's Do Some Painting! Saturday, October 22; 8 am – 3 pm

Grab a paintbrush and help make a house a home for a new homeowner in Milwaukee!

FPLC has signed up to bring a crew of 6 to paint a new home in the Harambee neighborhood near Keefe and Holton. We'd love to have you on our team. We'll be there with two teams from other churches, the homeowner and a few Habitat staff members to get the work completed. Lunch is provided. Please bring a water bottle.

Click the link below to sign up. Please read the instructions carefully:

Online sign-up for each team member:

- Team members start by going to: <u>http://groups.</u> <u>mkehabitat.volunteerhub.com/events/index.</u>
- Use the join code "FPLC" when prompted.
- Please note that each volunteer will both "create an account" as a user (or sign in if the system has been used previously) AND register for an event.
- Volunteers will receive one email about creating an account.
- During the registration process volunteers will have the opportunity to receive an email with confirmation materials.
- A reminder email with the same information is also sent 2 days ahead of the event.
- By having each individual's contact information it allows us to be in contact in case of changes in the day or bad weather.
- Volunteers can contact Beth at <u>bvangorp@</u> <u>milwaukeehabitat.org</u> if they have any problems with the system.







Sunday School Has Started!!

We are so excited to welcome your children back for another year to learn more about Jesus, the Bible, and their faith. It will be a fun year with lots of games, stories, movies, and art projects—all designed to help your child grow in their relationship with God.

To register for Sunday School, please click on the link below. Please complete a new registration form even if none of your information has changed. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Schlifske at <u>julie@foxpointchurch.</u> org. Be sure to check out our website for lots of information about Sunday School and our other children's programs.



And We NEED Your Help!

We are so fortunate to have a strong children's Sunday School program. We can continue to provide a powerful Sunday morning experience for your children because you are all so generous with your hearts and time. Every year we have to fill over 600 teaching slots between our 9:00 and 10:30 services, and every year you all have made that possible!

If every family teaches just 4 Sundays this year, we can cover our teaching needs for the 2022-2023 year. By sharing the teaching with others, you allow your child to see your commitment to your faith, and you make it possible for other parents to be able to worship upstairs.

To register to teach Sunday School, just click on the appropriate link below and choose your preferred teaching dates. If you have a preschool child, we ask that you ONLY teach in our preschool Sunday School program—even if you also have older children. Please contact Julie Schlifske at <u>julie@foxpointchurch.org</u> if you have any questions. Thank you so much! We are so grateful for your support!



First Communion Save the Date We will be having our First Communion Workshop for 5th graders on Saturday, January 7 with the First Communion service on Sunday, January 8th. Stay tuned for more information, but mark the date on your calendars!!



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!

Robbie Abernathy	Lyle Dabney	John	Chris Moertl	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Jackie Adam	Pr. Dan	Jon	Nancy	Prayer Requests
Julie Anderson	David	Donna Jordahl	Curt Nash	Now you can make
Angie	Deb	Julia	Ned	a prayer request
Barb	Sheila Dlugi	Randy K.	Jerry O.	through our
Harry Beaumont	Sara Ehr	Nadene Kramer	Robert Palmer	website. Click Prayer
Kim Bell	Cammy Endres	Kathy L.	PJ	Requests to submit
Doreen Bill	Erin	Lane	Ray	a form or submit
Susie Blake	Lu Farwig	Pat Lawless	Rebecca	a request through
Bud Bolling	Sue Fillinger	Leslie	Richard	email—church@
Lynn Butenhoff	Rick Frank	Alison LoCoco	Rick	foxpointchurch.org.
Cameron	Jenny G	Margo	Geoffrey Rose	
Carol	Sherry Husting	Mark	Dave Rotter	
John Chamberlain	Ben lammartino	MaryAnn	Walter Schoenfeld	Military
Charles	Jan	Joanne Massey	Steve M.	Alex Grant
Cheryl	Jane	Andy Meser	Terry	Ben lan
Chris	Jeff	Michael	Tom	Cooper Kyan
Claire	Jessie	Michael	Brenda Trier	David Matthew
Chrystal	Jim	Mike	Bob V.	
Jane D.	Joan			

Congratulations

Mavis LeeAnn Uphaus, daughter of Joseph and Kirsten Uphaus was baptized September 25.

Quote of the Week

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. – Micah 6:8

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 <u>lori@foxpointchurch.org</u>.



Communion Aides

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday, Fox Point Church has communion at both the 9 am and 10:30 am services. To assure that this portion of the service

proceeds smoothly, we need volunteers to help with communion set-up on Saturdays (the time is up to you); and then two more people to refill the trays and to help in the Sacristy during the 9 am and 10:30 am services. Sign up on our website. If you have any questions, contact Lori Barrieau at lori@foxpointchurch.org.

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

Hello!

"The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise,

as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." – 2 Peter 3:9

One of the new toys on this computer is a feature called "Editor" and I must admit it's helpful for grammar and punctuation issues. In college I remember the red pencil marks on exam bluebooks that would likely point out items that were wrong or perhaps warranted a remark by the instructor, acting as an editor. The definition for edit I'm thinking of today reads..."a change or correction made as a result of editing." So, if the editor is editing and the result changes something in your own actions, I'm thinking that perhaps Our Father has a job as an editor too!

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." – Proverbs 16:9

In our very human hearts, the Holy Spirit is continually checking in with us, inviting us to make sometimes miniscule, sometimes major changes in our own earthly habits so that we can understand how God wants to work in our lives. Our Holy One gives us free will with an editor function standing by to show us options. On the desktop, I can click on Editor and the possibilities fall into place. In life, it's more about God's grace and guidance versus our own wavering acceptance. Maybe if you've ever done a rolling stop and been pulled over, you know the feeling. A full stop was the right thing to do...but we wavered and settled for a hasty fix. God's editing is perfect, no quick fixes. Maybe more like that college instructor helping you to answer the question better the next time. Thank you, God, for your carefully crafted editing called forgiveness...for all the next times!

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless. Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you." – Psalm 84: 11-12

We pray-

Father, help us to dismiss our earthly wavering, so that we can build a new and grace-filled reliance on our faith and trust in your guidance for our lives. Thank you for your love and wisdom and for all of the next times, all of the days we are given and all of the moments that you walk alongside us. Amen.

Let's be thankful for all the next times! - Mary