

# LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of January 16, 2024 Vol 144 Real Faith For Real Life

#### Lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary

Sunday, January 28; 10 am
Each person comes to MBHS
with a different story, yet
each one receives food,
compassion, love and a
helping hand. When they



arrive at the food pantry on Tuesdays, they also receive a bag lunch for that day.

#### **Lunch Makers:**

After the 9 am service on Sunday, January 28, help us make 150 bag lunches for MBHS—no need to sign up, just come down to the lower level Commons.

This is a great service opportunity for Confirmation students! It's a short project to help our neighbors before you continue with the rest of your day!

#### **Grocery Shoppers:**

The week before each sandwich-making Sunday (choose the date that works for you), we need a volunteer who will purchase the groceries and deliver them to FPLC. You will be reimbursed for your expenses and we give you a detailed shopping list!

#### **Lunch Delivery Drivers:**

The Tuesday after each sandwich-making Sunday, we need someone to pick the finished lunches up at FPLC and drive them to MBHS for delivery between 10:15 and 10:45 am. You choose the week that works for you and we'll provide the directions. MBHS is located at 2461 W. Center St. No need to leave your car—volunteers will unload the lunches for you! We still need a driver for January 30.

Click the sign-up link to see all dates through April of 2024. Contact Stacia Hickey through the link below with questions.

Sign Up

**Email Stacia** 





### Flip Some Pancakes! Tuesday, February 13

We're having a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at FPLC (see page 3 for details). To make this the fun, family event it's always been, we need your assistance: set up, cook, help at the food tables and clean up.

For info and/or to volunteer, contact Sarah Vant Hul; <a href="mailto:tsvanthul@yahoo.com">tsvanthul@yahoo.com</a>.

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  $\rightarrow$ 







#### Serenity Inns Dinner Fellowship

What is Serenity Inns?

It's a residence for men in recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse in

Milwaukee. FPLC has had a long volunteer relationship with SI.

#### What to expect when volunteering?

You will make dinner for the Inns at home & take it to the Inns on your chosen date. You deliver it warm by 5:45pm (for a 6pm start time) and join them for dinner and conversation. Because the number of residents is around 8-12, two families may want to volun-

teer together. You will cook for yourselves, the men and the innkeeper. You're usually on your way home by 7 pm.

Sign up on the website under SERVE (see link below), on the sign-up in Fellowship Hall or contact FPLC member Lorraine Buehler; <a href="mailto:lcbuehler@cs.com">lcbuehler@cs.com</a>.

Lorraine is happy to answer any of your questions.

Click here to sign up!





#### FPLC Blood Drive—January 17; 1-6 pm

Did you know that every ONE blood donation goes on to help THREE patients in need? Isn't it amazing how generosity multiplies?

Reserve your spot for our January drive now!

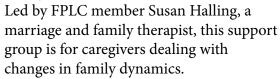
Click the heart to register for the January 17 date!



**January 17; 1-6 pm** March 21; 1-6 pm May 23; 1-6

July 23; 1-6 pm September 24; 1-6 pm November 26; 1-6 pm

#### **Caregivers Support Group**



Challenges include: role reversal, juggling responsibilities, handling dementia, loss and transitions as we move into uncharted territory. This group meets Fridays at 10:30 am in FPLC's first floor Heritage Room. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please call the FPLC office at 414-352-8990.



#### **Quilters/Piecemakers**

Join us as we make quilts for those in need. New members are always welcome and we'll teach you what to do. Bring your lunch and enjoy a break with other

quilters. Come and go as your schedule permits.

**Date:** Tuesday, January 16 **Time:** 9 am – 1:30 pm **Location:** Fellowship Hall

Contact: Ellen Feider; 414-435-8440; efeiderwi@gmail.com



#### **Kitchen Angels; October Slot left**

Kitchen Angels are a dedicated group of women who assist in keeping the Fellowship Hall Pantry in good, working condition. Each "Angel" chooses one month during which she checks the

kitchen supplies and launders the towels. They meet once a year as a group to give the kitchen a thorough cleaning. Sign up in Fellowship Hall, there is a list of instructions next to the sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Gepfert at (414) 351-0374.

#### Learn the Basics of Baby Massage

Best for babies 2 weeks to under 12 months and their parent(s)/guardian(s). Infant massage can relieve fussiness, pain and discomfort for the baby as well as help babies fall asleep sooner and sleep more restfully. Bring your baby, wear comfy clothes and bring a blanket to class as we will be on the floor. Handouts will be provided.



When: January 19, 11 am – noon. Additional sessions are the 3rd Friday of the month. You only need to attend one class, but can come to more if you would like. Limit of 6 families per session.

Registration: Call or email Angie Biersach, 414-207-2808 or angiebiersach@gmail.com to RSVP.







FOOD | FUN | FRIENDSHIP

FEBRUARY 13 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Join your friends,
family & neighbors
for a festive evening
for all ages!
Plenty of pancakes &
all the extras.
Put on your Mardi Gras Beads
JOIN THE PARTY!

Gluten Free Avail.
Free Will Offering (Rec \$5/Person)

Sign up by clicking this link, scannng this QR code or on the form in Fellowship Hall.

Sign Up!





#### Coffee Hosts Needed! MANY 2024 dates are yet to be filled

#### beginning on January 21.

Hosts make the coffee and serve the donuts on Sundays. You are still able to attend the church service. Just slip in at the back as the service is starting and slip out as it's ending. Families are welcome to volunteer



with their kids! It's also a great Service Opportunity for our Confirmation students (with an adult).

#### What's involved?

Each of the two shifts have slightly different needs. When you click into the Signup Genius, there is a link for the instructions. Keep in mind that for an hour of the time listed, you are in the church service, if you wish.

First Shift: (Approx 8:15 am – 10 am) Cut up the donuts, brew the coffee, and set things out.

**Second-shift:** (Approx 10 am – 11:45 am) Keep the coffee brewing, fill the donut trays as needed and clean up afterwards.

If you'd like to help with this important part of Sunday mornings, please sign up with the link below or contact Lori Barrieau in the church office if you have any questions; 414-352-8990.

Click here to sign up and read the instructions!









#### **Drink Mt. Meru Coffee at Home!**

You can purchase Mt. Meru Coffee (beans, ground, regular, decaf, Christmas Traditions, k-cups) at church to brew at home. Don't let the Christmas Traditions name fool you—this is a delicious blend

you will enjoy any time of year (while supplies last).

Not only is the coffee delicious, but your purchase helps support the growers running small coffee farms in the Meru District of Tanzania.

Stop by the Welcome Desk on Sunday morning or in the office during the week to make your purchases.



#### **Cookies for Luther Manor**

January is the month that FPLC provides cookies for the 200 plus Luther Manor Health Care Center residents. The cookie drive is a way to reach out and make the day brighter for their residents. Softer cookies

without nuts or seeds comply with the dietary needs of many of the residents. Luther

Manor welcomes home-baked or packaged, store-bought cookies. Please deliver them directly to the church office by noon, Friday, January 19.

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



### January Women's Club with Pastor Bruce Confirmation, Then and Now

As you may know, Pr. Bruce runs our Confirmation program for 7th and 8th grade students. He will give us a look inside our

Confirmation program and how it's evolved and adapted over the years.

Date: Wednesday, January 31

**Time:** 11:30 am

**Location:** Fellowship Hall **Cost:** \$10; includes lunch

**Sign up:** In Fellowship Hall or on our website HERE by

Sunday, January 28 - noon

**Contact:** Gail Sommerfeld at <a href="mailto:sommerfeld56@gmail.com">sommerfeld56@gmail.com</a>

or 262-395-0396.



#### Men's Club with Dave Hanson A.I., Copyright & the Future of Human Creativity

In the 13 months since the world was introduced to ChatGPT, with its stunning

ability to "generate" eerily human-like responses to all sorts of user "prompts," what (if anything) has changed in the way we treat copyright-able expression and patentable inventions? What larger questions are emerging about innovation, ideas, and inspiration?

Attorney and FPLC member Dave Hanson will give us a snapshot of the legal landscape before inviting us to consider creativity itself, and the role creativity plays in human identity.

Date: Thursday, January 18

**Time:** 11:30 am

**Location:** Fellowship Hall **Cost:** \$10; includes lunch

Contact: Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Jim Kimmel; jim.kimmel42@gmail.com; (615) 519-4177.



#### **February Women's Club**

Deacon Ruth Schmidt will share challenges from her own personal faith journey to become a Deacon. Together we'll look at:

- What it means to receive a call from God
- What it means to be rostered in the church
- How important a name is
- A surprising relationship in the Bible
- The role of a Church Deacon
- Benefits: The joys of being together with other Christians

Date: Thursday, February 15

Time: 11:30 am

Where: Foxtown Brewing – 6411 W. Mequon Rd. (There

are 6 steps leading to the lower level.)

Cost: Lunch off the menu – pay on your own

**Sign up:** In Fellowship Hall or on our website <u>HERE</u> by

Sun. Feb. 11th - noon

**Contact:** Gail Sommerfeld at <a href="mailto:sommerfeld-6@gmail.com">sommerfeld-6@gmail.com</a> or 262-395-0396. \*Please let Gail Sommerfeld know if you want/need to carpool. She will arrange and let you know.







#### **Food Needs Rising**

Our partners are seeing many more guests at their weekly food pantries. This list includes items our local food pantry partners say are the

items most preferred by their guests. The collection cart is just inside the main FPLC doors.

#### **Food Needs:**

Bush's Baked Beans Baby Formula

Canned Black Eyed Peas Spam
Ensure Sardines
Dinty Moore Stew Tuna

SpaghettiOs Vienna sausages Canned ravioli Mac & cheese

Canned fruit Honey Nut Cheerios
Canned pasta sauce Canned vegetables
Canned beef and chicken 16 oz Oatmeal

Soup (not tomato)

#### **Personal Care Items:**

(Regular full-sized preferred, not bulk size)

Men's Deodorant Conditioner
Women's Deodorant Body lotion
Toilet paper
Toothpaste Lip Balm
Shampoo Bar Soap



#### Sheepshead Group at FPLC

All Are Welcome!! Upcoming Dates: Fridays, January 26 & February 9, 23 Declared the official card game of Milwaukee in 1983, Sheepshead is a

staple to Wisconsin card players.

Are you interested in joining a group of Sheepshead players to meet at church for some friendly competition? We play in Fellowship Hall, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We will have "learning aids" available to help with the basics, and experienced players to guide you.

We are looking forward to sharing the fun! For more information, contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org or call: 414-352-8990.



#### Women's Book Club

This group meets approx every 6 weeks and reads a variety of genre depending on interests in the group.

It's an informal, fun time together. We take turns leading the discussion.

**Date:** February 19; *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara

Kingsolver **Time:** 7 pm **Location:** FPLC

Contact: Joanne Ginster; <a href="mailto:jmginster@yahoo.com">jmginster@yahoo.com</a>
March Meeting: Dinner with Ruth by Nina Totenberg



#### **Bayside Garden Cards**

You'll find everything you need, including indoor home decor, pots,

tools, soil, indoor plants and bird feeders at Bayside Gardens.

Bayside Gardens helps us send teens in Tanzania to high school—an FPLC commitment of \$10,000 a year. All you have to do is purchase Bayside gift cards at church (NOT at the garden center). We retain 15% of each card's cost, which helps us keep our promise to our partner dioceses in Tanzania.

Cards can be purchased at the Welcome Desk on Sundays or in the church office during the week. *Cards purchased at Bayside Gardens do not benefit our program.* 



#### The Point Cafe—Lower Level

Did you know our lower level Point Cafe is open most Sunday mornings? Grab a donut, coffee or a specialty coffee after services. It's a great place to catch up with friends after

church. The cafe is staffed by our high schoolers. There's no charge for the coffees, but they accept "trip tips". Tips collected help offset the cost of the '24 Mission Trip!



#### **FPLC Annual Meeting**

The FPLC Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 18 in the sanctuary after the 10:30. Service. We'd love to see you there!

### The Rite of Holy Communion



Grayson Adam Dominic Biancuzzo **Charles Bruett** Henry Camp Lauren Camp Ian Carlson Addison Caulfield Cole Cherveny Charles Christenson Elizabeth Christenson Alec Cooper Charles Gefke Giana Gemignani Alexandra Grassl Henry Guinane Hazel Haan Peter Hayden Elise Huizenga

Aidan Kraus Eleanor Krueger Harrison Leibham Ann Neely Linus Nelson Carson Paul Camille Pecoraro Eli Peterson Moses Ramirez Lila Scheuer Henry Seidemann Peter Theune Ashley Todd Gabriella Toth George Trower Everett Van Engel Reese Weber Chloe Wier

Congratulations to all our students who received their First Communion on Sunday, January 7.





#### Sunday School Teachers Needed Sunday School Needs Your Help!

We are so fortunate to have a large and lively Sunday morning program for our children. We have about 300 children enrolled in Sunday school, and we provide classes at both the 9:00 and 10:30 services. This creates a great demand for teachers. We need 11 volunteers every Sunday!

If you sign up to teach, you are helping us to create a system where all parents can both worship and play a role in their child's spiritual development.

Looking forward into 2024, we are in serious need of more teachers. If you haven't signed up to teach Sunday school, could you please see if you could find 3 or 4 Sundays to help us out? If you have already taught 3 or 4 Sundays, thank you! (Of course, we would be thrilled if you wanted to teach 1 or 2 more.)

And no worries about teaching: we provide the curriculum, set up the classroom, and make it easy for you to teach—even if you have had

absolutely no experience with the Bible or teaching! Our teachers say that they enjoy being with their kids and learn a lot as well!

The links to sign up is below. Please help fill some of the teaching vacancies!!

Many thanks!

**Teach Preschool** 

<u>Teach K5 - 6th Grade</u>



#### **Fox Point Moms**

Are you a mom or grandma or know someone at Fox Point Church who is? We are starting a new moms group called Fox Point Moms (FPM)! This is for moms of all ages with children or grandchildren of all ages.

We're creating a judgment-free time to mentor each other, vent, ask parenting or spousal questions and be a support to each other. We will also focus on a devotional and discuss it at each meeting. Whether you are a mom or not, please help us spread the word by sharing this email.

If you're a mom, we have a very brief survey to see how many of you are interested in being part of this amazing and spiritual group and to find what days and times work best for the majority of you.

Click the survey link below. There is space at the end of the survey for additional comments or questions as well. If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Hickey; <a href="mailto:stacia@foxpointchurch.org">stacia@foxpointchurch.org</a>.

Thank you! We hope to see you soon!

**Survey** 

#### **New Dates!!**



#### Save the **NEW** Dates for VBS!

We had to change the dates for VBS from what has been previously promoted. These are the NEW dates!

FPLC's popular Vacation Bible School (VBS) will run the mornings of **June** 17-21!

Mark these dates on your calendar and watch for more details and registration information!







#### **High School Youth Group**

Hang out with friends, make new friends and have fun while learning about your faith. The group meets on Sundays from 6-7:30 pm. Contact Hannah Knapp with any questions; <a href="mailto:hannah@foxpointchurch.org">hannah@foxpointchurch.org</a>.

#### January 28: Rage Room

We will learn to get all of our frustrations out and then open ourselves to what God has in store for us in 2024. Come break a few things and let the peace flow through your soul!

#### February 11: Youth Group Bachelor Bachelorette party

It's that time of year again as we "fake" marry another Youth Group couple. This Sunday we will get together and talk through the best and worst of the opposite sex. Learn what makes the other side tick and how to use that to improve all of your relationships.

#### February 25: Youth Group Wedding

This is the big "fake" wedding we have all been waiting for. Watch two of your friends get "fake" married and learn from young couples how to eventually find a great partner to marry. Pastor Bill will be presiding with wedding food, and surprises!



#### January Schedule Changes!

Confirmation meets on Wednesdays from 7 - 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Our schedule through January is as follows:

January: 24 & 31 (The 31st is a NEW date.) **NOTE:** Our Confirmation workshop on January 17 is canceled due to the Blood Drive.

February: 7, 21 & 28

All Confirmation-related dates are also on our website through the link below.

You'll find all things Confirmation on our website here: **CONFIRMATION**. Have questions? Please call Lori Barrieau; lori@ foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

#### **Confirmation Service Opportunities**

As our Confirmation families know, each student is required to participate in a certain number of service opportunities as part of their Confirmation experience. Ideally, they will participate in 3 opportunities per year that help FPLC and 3 per year that take place out in our community.

This time of year is the perfect time to make sure your student is on track with their SOPs! We have plenty of opportunities coming up.

Following are some popular SOPs in which your student can participate:

#### **Internal to FPLC:**

Contact Lori Barrieau for info/sign up: lori@foxpointchurch.org

- Volunteer at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- Chili Cook-off volunteering
- Ushering on Sundays
- Coffee Hosting with a parent(s)

#### **Community SOPs:**

- Serenity Inns Dinner Fellowship; click: Serenity Inns
- Lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary; see page 1
- Cookies for Luther Manor; see page 4



### 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 <a href="mailto:church@foxpointchurch.org">church@foxpointchurch.org</a>!

We encourage you to keep these people in your prayers during the week.

Teddy A. Sheila Dlugi Jennifer Doss **Julie Anderson** Artie Eden Tina B. Cammy Endres Dan Barrieau Erin Kim Bell Lu Farwig Gabby Biancuzzo Rick Frank Andrea G. Brenda Christine Brown Jenny G. Brian John Chamberlain Joan Gildner Cheryl Guy Chris Anna H.

Sue Hiller

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Christine Jayne Christine Jim Claire Joan Chrystal John Craig Jon Danielle D. Donna Jordahl Jane D. Julia Lyle Dabney Randy K.

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Charlotte Kinney
Jennifer Kramer
Nadene Kramer
Corrine Kraus
Pat Lawless
Leslie
Linda
Steve M.
Mary Clare
Andy Meser
Pat Meyer

Michael Mike Dr. Mark Mitchell Nancy Curt Nash Ned Nita

Peter

Robert Palmer Peter Rachel Chris Randazzo

Rebecca Mary Ellen Resenhoeft

Mary Ellen Res Rick Robert Geoffrey Rose Dave Rotter Jim Schmidt Erik Scribner Stephen Katy Strande Jane T. Janelle T. Terry Tom

Tom Mike Umland Betsey Woody Cory Zamora **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 Ian Ben Kyan Cooper Matthew

David Grant

Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32

#### Appeal for Space Heaters

#### **MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary**

MBHS is located in the impoverished 53206 zip code. They are seeking small portable space heaters because many of their outreach guests are:

- At risk of homelessness
- "Doubled-up" homeless (people living under one roof in crowded conditions)
- Living in under-heated or unheated living spaces

#### How can you help?

While you can purchase a space heater and bring it to FPLC, the most efficient and timely way to help is to order a space heater on our MBHS Gift Registry. It will be sent directly to MBHS's shipping address.

If you would like to have a space heater sent from a different online store, ship items to:

MBHS c/o 15000 W Mark Drive

New Berlin, WI

53151 Go to the Registry:





Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, January 10. If you would like to receive Mary's devotions on a weekly basis, please sign up here: Weekly Devotion

#### Hello!

"Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight." – Romans 12:16

Watching people work in harmony is a beautiful thing! Observing a certain couple working in sync was a privilege...helping one another...making little jokes...smiling...indulging two others with their happy mood...it was harmony! We all know it when we see it or hear it...our choir on Sunday mornings, a family pitching in on a project, a C Major chord on the piano, or a perfect blend of spices in a recipe. We find it in music, design, art, and hopefully in our lives. Harmony in relationships is not always achievable, but when things are pleasing and in agreement, it can be life-changing.

"And above all this, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Colossians 3:14

One steadying a ladder, one giving direction, one accepting it – moving forward, getting on with their busy schedules in harmony. It was in the little things in this couple that we saw...a silence.... a knowing smile...trusting that one would follow through...no sarcasm when someone fumbled something. Between them it was something intrinsic and natural, but perhaps honed by years of faith in God, love and its offshoots, kindness and tolerance. Look at this preface to Colossians 3:14 – the "how to" for achieving harmony:

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, bearing with one another, and if one has a complaint against another, forgive each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. "- Colossians 3: 12-13

Our Father invites us to live our lives in harmony by using our individual gifts to benefit His creation. We don't need to look far to see what the opposite of harmony looks like...resentment, conflict, rebellion, racism...the world turned upside down. God delights when we choose a different path...when His love changes and softens our hearts and souls. The result can be... life-changing.

"How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony." – Psalms 133:1

#### We pray-

Father God, help us to remember that harmonious living can be something as simple as listening with a humble heart and birthing a forgiving soul. Amen.

Be encouraged and have a great week! – Mary