

Mission Trip to Tanzania Informational Meeting—**TONIGHT!!**

January 30, 7 - 8 pm; Fellowship Hall

IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

Come and explore the possibility of joining Pastor Bill on our next (adult) trip to Tanzania and come back as a new person!

It's your chance to see first-hand the positive difference our congregation makes in the lives of our friends in the Meru Diocese—people who have next to nothing but still find joy in each and every day.

During this two-week life-changing, spiritual experience you will:

- Meet the people, experience life in their culture and learn about their lives, hopes and dreams.
- Visit the preschools we built...Malaika in Usa River and Ikunda in Ngarenanyuki and see how the students are thriving. (Second classroom for Ikunda is in the works.)
- Spend time with Mama Marcy Mariki and experience the joy of distributing dairy goats to the widows whose families benefit from the hundreds of goats you have provided. Help build required goat structures.
- Spend time at Nkoaranga Orphanage giving hugs, feeding, holding, reading books and playing games.
- Meet with our Scholarship Students.
- Visit the Hospital.
- Visit the Coffee Project.
- Go on a 3-day/2-night safari at the Tarangire National Park and Ngorogoro Crater National Park.



We are looking at going the last week of September and the first week of October, 2024.

Cost of the 2-week trip will be approximately \$5,000 that includes everything. We will have more details once we

choose our dates.

If you are coming to the meeting please sign up by clicking: [SIGNUP](#) or email Pastor Bill; pastorbill@foxpointchurch.org.

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:



Are you a coffee drinker?

Do you like to help make other coffee drinkers happy?

See page 5 to find out how!!

CHILI THROWDOWN

YOU BE THE JUDGE!

Come to sample tasty, homemade chili at our Annual Chili THROWDOWN competition. Rate your favorite recipes and help determine the winning chefs. There will be a beer tasting station for adults and hot dogs & chips for the kiddos.

It will be a great night of eating chili and connecting with friends.
We offer childcare for ages 4 and under.

Everyone is welcome, but we do appreciate knowing in advance how many to prepare for, please click below to RSVP.

**SAT.
FEB. 3
5-7 PM**



Attendee Sign Up

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 volunteer 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; lcbuehler@cs.com. Lorraine is happy to answer any of your questions.

Click here to sign up!

Sign Up!

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.

Date: February 16; 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.

Time: 11 am – noon.

Limit: 6 families per session.

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

FPLC Blood Drive—March 21; 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 February drive now!

Click the heart to register for the March 21 date!

March 21; 1-6 pm

September 24; 1-6 pm

May 23; 1-6

November 26; 1-6 pm

July 23; 1-6 pm





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!



Women's Book Club

This group meets approximately 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; jmginster@yahoo.com

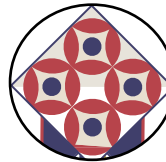
March Meeting: *Dinner with Ruth* by Nina Totenberg



Caregivers Support Group

Led by FPLC member Susan Halling, a marriage and family therapist, this support group is for caregivers dealing with changes in family dynamics.

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

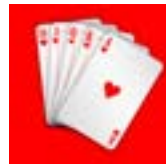
quilters. Come and go as your schedule permits.

Date: Tuesday, February 20

Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

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



Sheepshead Group at FPLC

All Are Welcome!!

Upcoming Dates: Fridays, 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.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

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,
scanning this QR code or
on the form in Fellowship Hall.

Sign Up!



Ash Wednesday Services

February 14: noon & 7 pm

We hope you will join us for
this moving service.

The imposition of ashes will
take place at noon and 7 pm.

If you have any questions,
please call the church office:
414-352-8990.



Maundy Thursday

Join us for a communion
service on
Thursday, March 28 at 7 pm.



Drink Mt. Meru Coffee at Home!

You can purchase Mt. Meru Coffee (beans, ground, regular, decaf, Seasonal Premium Mr. Meru coffee, k-cups) at church to brew at home.

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.



Coffee Hosts Needed!

MANY 2024 dates to fill!

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! →

Sign Up!



Hospital Visits

If you or a loved one is ever hospitalized and would like a visit or phone call from a pastor (or just for them to know you are hospitalized), please call the church office to let them know; 414-352-8990. Due to Hipaa rules, hospitals are not allowed to share with us that you are a patient.



Men's Club State of the Church

Guest Speaker: Pastor Bill

Pastor Bill will share the vision for FPLC this year. What challenges are we facing in a new landscape for churches and their members?

How do we meet these challenges and continue the growth and excitement we are experiencing at FPLC?

Date: Thursday, January 15

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 [HERE](#) by Sun. Feb. 11th – noon

Contact: Gail Sommerfeld at sommerfeld56@gmail.com 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
Body Wash	Toilet paper
Toothpaste	Lip Balm
Shampoo	Bar Soap



150 lunches packed up and ready for delivery to MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary.



Pictures from our events last fall packing 150 lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary. We do this after the 9 am service on the 4th Sunday of every month downstairs in the Commons. It takes about 25 minutes to make the sandwiches and pack the lunches. To find out how you can help, see our website [HERE](http://www.foxpointchurch.org) or contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org.



Two weeks ago these food and hygiene products were delivered to All Peoples Church and MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary by one of our fantastic FPLC volunteer delivery drivers. If delivery driving is something you'd be interested in helping with, contact Stacia Hickey at stacia@foxpointchurch.org.





See our webpage for all information regarding virtual worship, outreach, and children & youth programs. Click →



Fox Point Church

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](#)

[Teach K5 - 6th Grade](#)



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; stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

Thank you! We hope to see you soon!

[Survey](#)

New Dates!!



Save the Dates for VBS!

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!



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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; hannah@foxpointchurch.org.

February HS Youth Group Events

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!



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

January: 31—this date was not on our original schedule.

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 our website [HERE](#).



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!

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

Julie Anderson
Artie
Dan Barrieau
Robb Bartelt
Kim Bell
Gabby Biancuzzo
Brenda
Christine Brown
Brian
John Chamberlain
Cheryl
Chris
Christine
Christine
Claire
Chrystal
Craig
Danielle D.
Jane D.
Lyle Dabney

Pr. Dan
Sheila Dlugi
Jennifer Doss
Eden
Cammy Endres
Erin
Lu Farwig
Frank
Rick Frank
Andrea G.
Jenny G.
Joan Gildner
Guy
Anna H.
Heidi
Sue Hiller
Jim
Joan
John
Jon

Donna Jordahl
Julia
Randy K.
Karan
Kath
Kaylynn
Nadene Kramer
Corrine Kraus
Pat Lawless
Leslie
Linda
Steve M.
Andy Meser
Pat Meyer
Peter
Michael
Mike
Nancy
Curt Nash
Ned

Nita
Robert Palmer
Rachel
Rebecca
Rick
Robert
Geoffrey Rose
Dave Rotter
Jim Schmidt
Erik Scribner
Stephen
Jane T.
Janelle T.
Terry
Thad
Tom
Mike Umland
Camp Van Dyke
Cory Zamora

Prayer Requests

Now you can make a prayer request through our web-site. 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	

'FOR IN HIM
WE LIVE
AND MOVE
AND HAVE
OUR
BEING. . .'

Acts 17:28



Condolences

Our prayers are with Mark and Sandy Grady on the death of Mark's mother, Barbara Grady, on December 20.

Our prayers are with Mary and Charles Buscher on the death of Mary's brother, Ned Dorau, on January 23.

Our prayers are with Rick and Jodi Houge on the death of Rick's mother, MaryJane Houge, on January 24.



FPLC Annual Meeting

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

FPLC Office Hours
Monday–Thursday from 8:30 am–4 pm

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Fox Point Church



Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, January 24. If you would like to receive Mary's devotions on a weekly basis, please sign up here: [Weekly Devotion](#)

Hello!

“So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” – Romans 10:17

Our Black and Decker coffee maker provides a noisy greeting in the morning. It's nothing fancy, a \$19.95 Kohl's special that fffts and hisses, skuzzas and gu-lunks a little, that “music” coming from start to finish in the brewing cycle. Rich, dark and hot, it's magic...water through the filter, saturating the ground coffee, first trickling, then streaming into the carafe, ready for me in minutes. My faith is like that-it came to me in fits and starts – and just sometimes a seemingly natural outpouring of wonderful. As our dear Jo Ann Berdelman would say, “it's all good.”

“The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” – Luke 17:5

My own situation is likely typical; baptized, confirmed and married in the Lutheran church. Faith, though, while having a firm foundation with Sunday School and encouraged through Bible reading, was absent for much of my life. Looking back, I can see that it went quietly underground for years. Life happened...a divorce, loved ones passing on, friends passing through, fear about finding employment, and that iffy sense about getting older all rising to the surface. Always within me, though, lived that stubborn and wonderful faith, that little kernel being polished in me from childhood. The process didn't take minutes like morning coffee...it took years of God prevailing and walking with me. Faith really never left me at all. Because God's love and patience never left me either...not once.

“Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of any things prematurely. Let it do its work, so you become mature and well developed, not deficient in any way. If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help.” – James 1: 2-5 The Message

We pray-

O God, in me there's darkness, but with you there's light; I'm lonely but you don't leave me; I'm feeble in heart, but with you there's help; I'm restless, but with you there's peace; In me there's bitterness, but with you there's patience; I don't understand your ways, But you know the way for me. – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Blessings for a wonderful week! – Mary