

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday—March 28

7 pm: Communion Service

Good Friday—March 29

10 am Children's Service: We present the story of Holy Week and the resurrection followed by an egg hunt.

Noon: In person

7 pm: In-person and live-streamed on our website

Easter Sunday—March 31

8:00 am

9:00 am

10:00 am (Also live-streamed on our website)

11:00 am

There will be no Sunday School or coffee hour on Easter Sunday, but new this year:

**Nursery care IS available at every service
on Easter Sunday!**



Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

Want to put your faith into action?

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity partners with faith-based organizations like FPLC to help families in need achieve the goal of obtaining safe, affordable housing. The "Faith Build" is a house built by a variety of faith-based groups working together

throughout the year.

There are many historical factors that have caused a housing crisis in Milwaukee, and they impact the ability of residents to obtain adequate housing. Habitat works to provide a path to affordable housing for families, which in turn helps to stabilize neighborhoods.

By working together, we can be part of the housing crisis solution! We're putting together a group of members (and their friends!) who are interested in helping with a Faith Build home in Milwaukee this year.

On April 14, a representative from Milwaukee Habitat will be in Fellowship Hall to tell you more about the Faith Build experience and answer any questions you have. She'll also have 2 x 4s for us to decorate which will be used in a Habitat House. See Spring into Service on page 2 for more information.



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!





Spring Into Service!

Some of you may recall FPLC once held an annual “service day” in the spring when we volunteered at multiple locations on one day around Milwaukee. In an effort to provide a mix of service options and times, we’re shaking things up. We now have three different service opportunities and one event to learn more about a service partner. More information for each is provided on the sign-up sheets. Just click the link to learn more and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

Habitat for Humanity Info Day

Sunday, April 14 between services

A representative from Habitat will be in Fellowship Hall to talk about the Faith Build project and how you can be involved! Just stop by the display on the 14th. If you would like to be sure to get info on the Faith Build project, you can sign up through the link. This is for those 18 and over.

[Habitat Info](#)

MacCanon Brown Fantastic Fridays Lunch

Friday, May 3: 11 am – 1:30 pm

We will be serving lunch during MBHS’ Fantastic Friday lunch program at Hepatha Church. We serve guests as they arrive and pack up a “to go” lunch for them as well. Most of the meal will be provided by another group, but we will be providing salad, rolls and cookies. You can sign up to help serve that day and/or supply part of the meal. See the sign up for more details. Adults only for serving please.

[MBHS Lunch](#)

All Peoples Garden Work Day

Saturday, May 4: 9 am – noon

All Peoples Church has a large garden where they grow fruits and vegetables for the community. All the seedlings have been started indoors. We’ll be prepping the beds and planting the seedlings to ensure an abundant harvest. This is a good opportunity for families, especially our for Confirmation students who need SOPs. (They must come with a parent.)

[All Peoples](#)

Serenity Inns Cleaning Day

Saturday, May 18: 9 am – noon

Every year the Inn gets a good cleaning from top to bottom, including cleaning the carpets. Work with FPLC members and men living at the Inn to make it sparkle. Middle school and high school helpers (with a parent) and adults are needed! We generally work until we’re finished but we ask you stay until noon.

[Serenity Inns](#)



High School Youth Trip

Monday, July 22 – Sunday, July 28

Minneapolis has so much to offer—beautiful lakes, a wide range of entertainment and recreation options, even a mall with its own indoor theme park. But the city has its challenges too: people who are homeless, families struggling to pay bills, elderly homeowners unable to keep up their houses and children at risk of falling into bad situations.

On our summer youth trip you'll have the chance to minister to the "least of these" that Jesus described in Matthew 25. They are the homeless and hungry,

living on the streets, the senior citizens in need of help with home care, the children who need help learning to read, the members of a small inner-city church who want to make a difference in their community but don't have the resources to do it on their own.

There is always room for opportunities to make great friends on this trip and to strengthen your student's bond with their church community. Important lessons and memories stick with these kids for a lifetime! We hope you will join us on this faith-building, service-providing, friendship-boosting adventure!

Important Trip Info:

- When both the Registration Form (see link below) and deposit (\$350) are submitted, a spot will be secured for your student, provided there is space available (limited to 56 spots for the trip).
- The deposit of \$350 is refundable until May 1.
- Final payment will be due on Wednesday, May 1. An invoice will be sent for the remaining balance of \$350.
- We'll be staying in the Springhill Suites, four miles west of downtown.
- We'll be traveling in groups by van.

[Registration Form](#)



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.

We've created some great events for the rest of the year!

Upcoming Dates:

April 7: Good Deeds Scavenger Hunt – This is both a competition and a way to be a blessing in other people's lives. We'll break into teams in cars and do good that will change people's lives.

April 21: Ax Throwing – Find out what ax throwing can teach you about life and faith. We'll throw in the parking lot at church and YES, we'll use REAL axes!

May 5: Activity TBD

May 19: Senior Recognition services: 9 or 10:30 am; choose to attend either service time.

May 19: Senior Celebration Night!

Summer Youth Trip Dates: Monday, July 22 – Sunday, July 28



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. There is a special need for the items in bold. The collection cart is just inside the main FPLC doors.

Food Needs:

Bush's Baked Beans	Sardines
Canned black eyed peas	Tuna
Ensure	Vienna sausages
Dinty Moore Stew	Mac & cheese
SpaghettiOs	Canned vegetables
Canned fruit	16 oz oatmeal
Canned pasta sauce	Canned Pasta
Canned beef and chicken	Pasta Sauce in cans or plastic
Soup (not tomato)	Honey Nut Cheerios/
Baby formula	Cereal
Spam	

Personal Care Items:

(Regular full-sized preferred, not bulk size)

Men's deodorant	Baby diapers
Women's deodorant	Body lotion
Body wash	Toilet paper
Toothpaste	Lip balm
Shampoo/Conditioner	Bar soap

Lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary

Lunch making: Sunday, April 28; 10 am

Help us make 150 bag lunches for MBHS—no need to sign up! Just come down to the lower level Commons.

Delivery Driver Needed: Tuesday, April 30; delivery time is between 10:15 am and 10:45 am

Pick up the 150 bag lunches at FPLC and take them to MacCanon Brown Homeless sanctuary. They unload for you! If you are able to do this, please contact Stacia Hickey;

stacia@foxpointchurch.org or sign up by clicking [HERE!](#)

BLANKET & SHEET SET DRIVE

MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary

We are collecting queen and king sheet sets and queen and king blankets for MBHS. (Including electric, but no smaller sizes at this time.)

Many of their guests are homeless or staying in under-heated or unheated living spaces. Their only bed may be a blanket, so donations are needed year-round.

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!

Contact Stacia Hickey with any questions:

stacia@foxpointchurch.org



APRIL 1 - 30



150 LUNCHES
FOR MBHS



Fox Point Moms—New Group!

Friday, April 5: 9:30 am – 11 am

This group is for moms of all ages with children and/or grandchildren of all ages! We'll support each other on mom and family issues and discuss a short devotional at each meeting. We're

creating a judgment-free time to mentor each other, vent, ask parenting, family or spousal questions and be a support to each other. We meet every other week.

RSVP if you can (so we can plan the space) but feel free to just show up! Just click the link below. If you have any questions, contact the church office; 414-352-8990.

We are working on an evening group as well! If you are interested, please click this link for a brief survey:

[EVENING GROUP.](#)

Friday RSVP

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: April 19; 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: 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Limit: 6 families per session

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



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 5:45 pm (for a 6 pm 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 (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!



FPLC Blood Drive—May 23; 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 May 28 drive now!

Click the heart to register



2024 Dates:

May 23
July 23; 1-6 pm

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

**Summer Dates
Now Available!**



Bayside Garden Cards

Spring has sprung and your garden needs your help! You'll find everything you need, including pots, tools, soil, seeds, and plants as well as indoor plants/decor 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.*



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.

No meeting in March, join us in April!

Date: April 8; *Dinner with Ruth* by Nina Totenberg

Time: 7 pm

Location: FPLC

Contact: Joanne Ginster; jmginster@yahoo.com



Women's Gathering

We're going to have a Women's Gathering at FPLC—we hope this fall! If you are interested in helping with this event in big ways or small, please contact Kathi Behm; kathibehm@gmail.com.

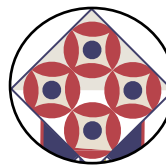
The leaders are off to a great start putting together a meaningful event!



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, April 16

Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

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



Drink Mt. Meru Coffee at Home!

You can purchase Mt. Meru Coffee (beans, ground, regular, decaf, Seasonal Premium Mt. Meru coffee, k-cups) at church to brew at home. We also have "Specialty 6-Packs" with smaller packages of flavored coffee blends. All of these can be found in Fellowship Hall and the Point Cafe.

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 mornings or in the office during the week to make your purchases.



Coffee Hosts Needed!

Many Summer Dates Open!

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).**

10:30 am 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; lori@foxpointchurch.org or 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.



Sheepshead Group at FPLC

All Are Welcome!!

Upcoming Dates: Friday April 12 & 26

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.



April Men's Club

The Topic Is Under Construction!

Thursday, April 18, 11:30 am

Please stay tuned for information on April's Men's Club meeting—they're working on it! It's sure to be something interesting and a great time to be with friends!

Date: Thursday, April 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.

April Women's Club

Learn how The MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary and its staff are transforming lives in Milwaukee. Sister MacCanon Brown will share how they turned an abandoned warehouse into a vibrant refuge and resource center.



Sr. MacCanon Brown

When: Wednesday, April 10

Times: 11:30 am: fellowship

Noon: lunch

12:45 pm: speaker

Where: Fellowship Hall

Cost: No cost for the lunch, due to a Thrivent Action Team Grant, however, please bring personal hygiene products, baby diapers (size 3-6) or nonprescription glasses (“readers”) in the amount equal or more than you would normally pay for lunch (\$10.00).

Sign up: In Fellowship Hall, through the link below or through the church website (Connections – then Women's Club) by Sun. April 7th at noon.

Contact: Gail Sommerfeld at sommerfeld56@gmail.com or 262-395-0396.

RSVP



Vacation Bible School Registration is OPEN!

June 17-21

9 am – Noon

Are you currently in K4-3rd grade? Then bring lots of friends and join us for this fun and faith-filled week!

Imagine! Create! Build! Even Break!

We will be making lots of things, but whatever we make: we will make it FUN, we will make it GOOD, and we will make it for GOD!

Register by clicking the gear:



Fee: \$75 per child

*Scholarships available, contact the church office.

We are looking for volunteers! If you can help for a few hours or every day, please contact Julie Schlifske; julie@foxpointchurch.org

Little Lambs Registration is OPEN!

June 17-21

9:15 – 11:45 am

Little Lambs is designed for children who have turned age 3 by January 1, 2024, through those currently in a P3 program.

Join us as we sing, play games, make crafts and investigate how to follow Jesus.

Register by clicking the lamb:



Fee: \$75 per child

*Scholarships available, contact the church office.



Confirmation meets on Wednesdays from 7 – 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Our last two regular workshop dates are April 3 & 10.

8th Graders Only:

Confirmation Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 15: 7 – 8 pm; for 8th graders and their parents

Confirmation Ceremony

Saturday, May 18: A special Rite of Confirmation Ceremony for our 8th Graders

Arrival time: 2pm

Time of Ceremony: 3pm

Location: FPLC Sanctuary

This is a change of day of the week from past years.

Questions? Contact 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.

We have plenty of opportunities coming up. These are excellent projects for your students:

Internal to FPLC:

Contact Lori Barrieau for info/sign up:

lori@foxpointchurch.org

- 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](#)
- All Peoples Garden Work Day and/or the Serenity Inns Cleaning Day (See “Spring Into Service” on page 2 of this newsletter.)



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.

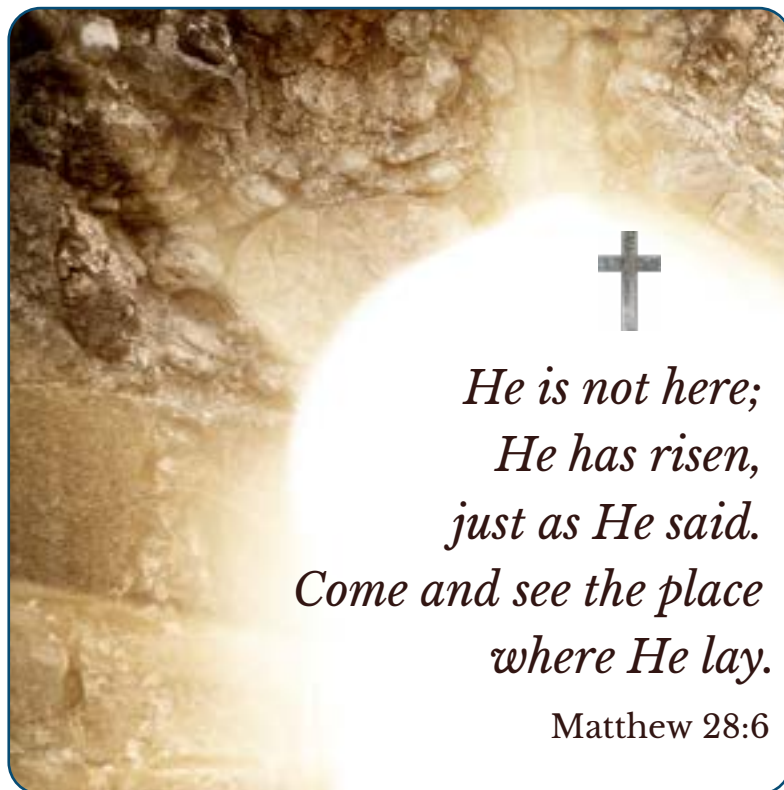
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Artie	Jennifer Doss	Jon	Nita
Woody Barksdale	Eden	Donna Jordahl	Robert Palmer
Rob Bartelt	Cammy Endres	Julia	Patrick
Kim Bell	Erin	Randy K.	Paul
Gabby Biancuzzo	Lu Farwig	Helen Kappmeyer	Peter
Jay Blair	Frank	Karan	Rachel
Mary Ellen Bloomquist	Rick Frank	Kath	Rebecca
Brenda	Andrea G.	Nadene Kramer	Rick
Charley	Jenny G.	Corrine Kraus	Robert
Kathy C	Joan Gildner	Leslie	Dave Rotter
John Chamberlain	Gregg	Linda	Ruth Schmidt
Cheryl	Guy	Steve M.	Erik Scribner
Chris	Anna H.	Andy Meser	Stephen
Christine	Heather	Pat Meyer	Jane T.
Claire	Heidi	Michael	Terry
Chrystal	Sue Hiller	Mike	Thad
Craig	Sally Hook	Pastor Gerry Miller	Tom
Jane D.	Jim	Michael Miller	Mike Umland
Lyle Dabney	Joan	Nancy	Cory Zamora
Pr. Dan			

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	Grant
Ben	Ian
Cooper	Kyan
David	Matthew



Condolences

Our sympathies and prayers are with Karen Sullivan and family on the death of Karen's mother, Nancy J. Koepke, March 8.



Grief Support at Fox Point Church

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Do you need encouragement and support as you navigate your grief? Would you be interested in participating in a facilitated twelve-session grief support group with others who are also grieving? If so, or to learn more, please reach out to Pastor Bruce by phone or by email; 414-352-8990; pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org.

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 →



Fox Point Church



Written by FPLC member,
Mary Buscher. This devotion was first
shared on Wednesday, March 20. If you
would like to receive Mary's devotions
on a weekly basis, please sign up here:
[Weekly Devotion](#)

Hello!

"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." – Isaiah 40:31

Daily Hope by Pastor Rick Warren is an online devotion I read every morning. I never gave the title too much thought but consider that name for a minute. Daily Hope. Trusting in God's love and protection every day...in difficulty, in ease, always riding on a cushion of faith, of hope that is sometimes pocket-sized.

Recently a family member became critically ill, and I needed to find God in all of this...I needed direction, I needed hope for something. My own vision was so finite, so earthbound, so linear, cloudy like a pair of eyeglasses needing cleaning. But my God doesn't limit hope. In searching I found that His love and energy expand it beyond this place and time. Hope has protective arms and does not leave us floundering, but rather lifts us up. He has an inexhaustible buoyancy and wings to carry us. His hands grasp our own and His light opens our eyes...His power fills that pocket-sized cushion giving us hope!

The loss can be raw...but over, under, and around it is a fortress of comfort. I prayed for a recovery, but I was praying for my own, single-minded version of recovery. God gently encouraged me to think bigger...to enjoy the gifts of my loved one every moment and leave the rest of the moments in His care. My faith may not be great, but I sure have a great God!

Ancient words that helped me gain perspective:

"Call on me when you are in trouble, and I will rescue you." – Psalm 50:15

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." – Psalm 147:3

"But as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him.'" – 1 Corinthians 2:9

We pray-

Dear God, From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for loving me, forgiving me, healing me, and never leaving me. Amen. – St. Therese

As we continue our Lenten walk with Jesus, we walk toward the end of something...and the beginning of something far greater. – Mary