



Christmas Eve Service Times:

- 9 am:** Communion Service
- 10:30 am:** Communion Service
- 3:30 pm:** Children's Pageant in a Bag Service
- 5:30 pm:** Communion & Candlelight Service
- 9 pm:** Communion & Candlelight Service

Christmas Eve Ushers Needed: 10:30 am & 9 pm

With so many services and people coming to church on Christmas Eve, we need extra ushers to keep the Christmas services running smoothly. If you can usher for one of these services (or others throughout the year), please click the link below to sign up! We welcome women, men, high school students and families (even with little kids) for ushering! Thank you for considering this much needed position!

To sign up and access the Usher Guide, please click →

Usher

Communion Servers

Are you a past or present Council member and would like to serve Communion on Christmas Eve? We still need servers at 10:30 am and 5:30 pm. Contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org.

Communion Aides:

To assure that Communion proceeds smoothly, we need extra volunteers on Christmas Eve. You'll be refilling the trays and helping in the sacristy during the 9am, 10:30 am, 5:30 pm and 9 pm Christmas Eve services. Please contact Lori Barrieau to sign up; lori@foxpointchurch.org.

Pageant in a Bag Helpers

Would you like to help at our Pageant in a Bag 3:30 pm service? We need adult helpers to make this touching and fun service come to life (literally). We also need adults to play wisemen/women. These are non-speaking roles. To volunteer, please contact Julie Schlifske; julie@foxpointchurch.org.



* Return the Gifts *

If you signed up to purchase a gift for a resident of Serenity Inns, they are due today—December 17. Place them in the cart labeled Christmas Angel Tree.

Questions? Contact Emily Silverson; esilverson@gmail.com.



Kitchen Angels Needed

Kitchen Angels are a dedicated group of women who assist in keeping the Fellowship Hall Pantry in good, clean, 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.

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall, where you will be able to choose which month you would like. There will be a list of instructions next to the sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Gepfert at (414) 351-0374.



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MACCANON BROWN HOMELESS SANCTUARY, INC.

MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary's Fantastic Fridays Lunch Program

Do you enjoy cooking for others or do you prefer serving food to those in need? Either way, we have the volunteer opportunity for you! FPLC members will be providing a meal and serving lunch at MBHS's Fantastic Fridays lunch program held at Hephatha Lutheran Church. There are two ways to help:

Supply Part of the Meal:

On the sign-up page, choose which part of the meal you'd like to supply. We're

providing chili, rolls, fruit salad, butter, shredded cheese, hot sauce and homemade cookies. If you are signing up to make the chili, you will be sent a recipe to use, as all the chili will be combined. If you would like to be reimbursed, just let Stacia Hickey know. Meal items are due to FPLC by Thursday, January 9 at noon. Sign up through the link below.

Serve the Meal with FPLC Members:

Join us on Friday, January 10 from 11 am – 1:30 pm to serve lunch to the guests. Just sign up on the SignUp Genius link below.

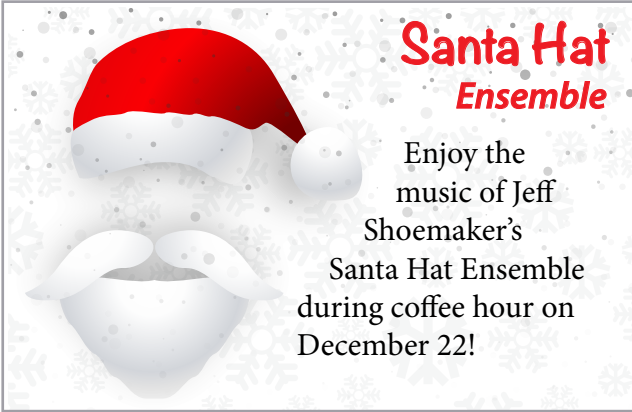
Contact Stacia Hickey with any questions at stacia@foxpointchurch.org. If you are making cookies for this lunch, would you consider making a dozen or two extra for the residents of Luther Manor? See page 7 for details.



Women's Book Club January 13; 7 - 8:30 pm

The January book is *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel. We meet in the lower

level in the Meeting Space (next to the lower level Cafe). For a full list of the books, see our [website](#). Questions: contact Joanne Ginster; jmginster@yahoo.com or (414) 491-8939.



Santa Hat Ensemble

Enjoy the music of Jeff Shoemaker's Santa Hat Ensemble during coffee hour on December 22!



Hospital Visits

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



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 like an opportunity to meet with others on a similar journey? If so, please reach out to

Pastor Bruce by phone or by email; 414-352-8990; pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org.



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Fox Point Church

Kids' Church!

Our new Sunday morning program for kids, **Kids' Church**, has started! If your children are participating in Kid's Church and haven't been registered yet, click the appropriate button below to fill out the registration form ASAP.



 **Our preschool friends–Little Foxes**–will continue to meet in the lower-level Preschool Room.

 **Our younger elementary friends (K5–3rd grades)–our Faith Explorers**–will meet in the Movie Room in the Sunday School hallway. We will use a variety of rooms in this area, based on our different activities each Sunday.

 **Our older elementary kids (4th–6th grades)–our Faith Builders**–will now meet in the Café area, which gives them the space they need to build their faith and community in new and varied ways.

If you have questions, contact Julie Schlifske, Director of Children's Ministries; julie@foxpointchurch.org. Of course, you are welcome to come downstairs on any Sunday to meet our new teachers and see our programs in action.

Preschool Registration:

Do you have a child who will be age 3 as of September 1 through 4 years old?

PRESCHOOL

Elementary Registration:

Do you have a child who is in K5 – 6th grade this fall?

ELEMENTARY

<p>FIRST COMMUNION</p> <p>5th Grade WORKSHOP</p>		<p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>Sat, Jan 4 8:45 - 12:15</p>
		<p>FIRST COMMUNION SERVICES</p> <p>Sun, Jan 5 9:00 or 10:30</p>
		<p>REGISTRATION</p> <p>Click HERE</p>



Fox Point Moms Fridays, Dec. 20; 9:30 – 11 am

This is for moms of all ages with children 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 twice a month. Haven't joined us before? No problem, join any time. Thanks!

If you have any questions, contact Diane Knapp; diane@foxpointchurch.org.

Join the Group



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, a blanket and wear comfy clothes to class as we will be on the floor. Handouts will be provided.

Date: December 20; additional sessions are on the 3rd Friday of the month. It's a one-session class, but can come to more if you would like.

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Limit: 6 families per session

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



A New Additional Way of Donating to MBHS

Good news! MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary was nominated and then accepted into the catalog of non-profit organizations to receive Thrivent Choice dollars from people who are members of Thrivent Financial Services!

It's easy to donate; simply log into your Thrivent account, find Thrivent Choice dollars. It will tell you how much you have available to donate and then allows you to type in the name of the organization that you'd like to support and they will send the funds directly to that organization within the next month. MBHS is new to this list, but there are other organizations to choose from as well.

Another opportunity to give through Thrivent is Thrivent Action Plans. The Action Plan allows you to apply for two projects each year, for up to \$250 in seed money to kick start a fundraiser, educational program, or service project.

If you have never given in these capacities, you can contact your Thrivent Representative for help or you can contact FPLC member Gail Sommerfeld. She has volunteered to walk you through the steps to get started. Her contact info is sommerfeld56@gmail.com or 262-395-0396.



High School Youth Group

At Youth Group, our vision is to create an atmosphere for high schoolers to grow, connect, worship and serve.

We welcome all! Whether you go to church every Sunday, or have never stepped foot inside FPLC, if you're interested in exploring your faith, fellowship and having some fun—come join us!

If you need a ride, we encourage carpooling (responsibly). If anyone needs a ride, please let us know and we WILL figure something out so all can attend. We do need people to RSVP to these events; a link to do so will be sent out ahead of time. If you have any questions about Youth Group, please contact Hannah Knapp; hannah@foxpointchurch.org.

Jan 12: Chicago Mini-Mission Trip

We will be taking the train to Chicago to serve those in need! Come travel in the city, serving those who need help; 8am-5pm, estimated time.

RSVP is required for this event:



Help Needed:

December 22 and January 5 and Beyond!



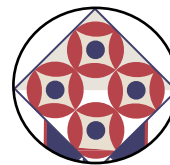
Coffee Hosts Needed!

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).**

9:00 am shift: (Approx 8:15 am – 10:15 am) Cut up the donuts, brew the coffee, and set things out.

10:30 am shift: (Approx 10:15 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.



Quilters/Piecemakers – Join Us!

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 21

Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

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

Volunteers needed: 2025 dates
Great SOP for Confirmation Families!

Serenity Inns Dinner Fellowship

Serenity Inns is a residence for men in recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse in Milwaukee. FPLC has a long volunteer relationship with SI.

What to expect when volunteering?

Volunteers make dinner and take it warm to the Inn by 5:45 pm (for a 6 pm start time). You join them for dinner and conversation. The number of residents is around 12-14. Two families can volunteer together! You'll be cooking for yourselves, the men and the innkeeper. You're usually on your way home by 7 pm.

"Dinner Fellowship taught me things about myself I never knew. Serenity Inns changed my life. Serenity Inns saved my life."

Please prayerfully consider volunteering at Dinner Fellowship. Sign up on the website (see link below) or on the sign-up in Fellowship Hall. Questions? FPLC member Lorraine Buehler is happy to answer any of your questions; lcbuehler@cs.com

Have a buddy? Feel free to sign up with another person or family to prepare the meal and go to dinner together!

Click here to sign up!

Sign Up!



Sheepshead Group at FPLC

Taking December Off

Dates: January 10 & 24

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 Jim Schmidt at schmidtyjim@aol.com.



Knitters and Crocheters Needed!

Soap Sacks

Soap Sacks are hand-knit or crocheted drawstring bags that hold a standard size bar of soap. The sacks can be used simply to hold the soap or people can leave the soap in the bag and use it as a soap-filled wash cloth. FPLC will fill each bag with a donated bar of soap and deliver them to our partners in Milwaukee to give to their pantry guests. Some of the

guests are homeless or move frequently. They may not have access to soap or washcloths on a regular basis. If you can't make these but would like to help, donate standard-sized bars of soap in our food carts.

If you wish to include a standard-sized bar of soap with the Soap Sacks you donate, please keep the soap in its wrapper before putting it inside the sack. That way it stays clean until it reaches its recipient. Donations can be left in our food donation carts.

See the links below for instructions. If you have a pattern you'd prefer to use, that's fine! We just ask that they be similar in size, have a drawstring or tie to close the sack and that you use cotton yarn.

A sample will be in Fellowship Hall on the Sign Up Tables!

If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

Directions



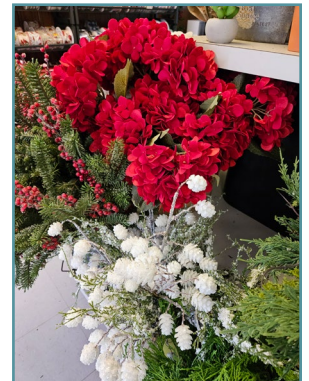
Bayside
garden center

Bayside Garden Cards

You'll find everything you need for holiday decorating and gift-giving at Bayside Garden Center—poinsettias, wreaths, centerpieces, ornaments, trees, bird feeders and more!

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 Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.



Meru Coffee at Home!

Makes A Great Hostess Gift!

You can purchase Mt. Meru Coffee (beans, ground, regular, decaf, sample flavor packs, 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.



Caregivers Support Group

Led by FPLC member Susan Halling, a marriage and family therapist, this 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. The 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.

M B H S
R E G I S T R Y



Help the guests of MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary stay warm and well-fed this winter.

- Go to our registry (use the QR code below or search Amazon's custom gift registries for MBHS)
- Select and pay for the items you choose
- They will be sent directly to MBHS's delivery address

OR

Purchase items where you like and deliver to FPLC by November 30.

- Crock pots
- Toaster ovens
- Space heaters
- Electric skillets
- Electric hot plates
- Blenders (for those who have trouble chewing)

Point your camera at the QR code to access the registry; or click on the Amazon logo.




Q U E S T I O N S ?

✉ stacia@foxpointchurch.org



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All the information you need can be found on our website here: [Confirmation](#). If you have any questions regarding confirmation, please contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org.

Upcoming Dates:

December 18—Workshop

January 22—Workshop

January 25—SOP volunteering at Soles for Jesus (see below)



Soles for Jesus Confirmation SOP

Space is limited to 25 students, sign up soon!

Soles for Jesus is a Milwaukee-based non-profit which collects new or used shoes and ships them to impoverished areas in Africa. They rely heavily on volunteers to make this work happen!

Confirmation students have the opportunity to work together organizing, cleaning and packing shoes for shipment. They'll also hear more about the organization and the people it serves—the millions of people living a barefoot life. They are exposed to illness & injury daily without shoes. People cannot go to school or get a job; shoes are required in those places. Even worn shoes are a treasure in a developing country.

We'll need 4 FPLC adults with 25 students. Although you don't need to attend with your student, we do need 4 adults to supervise. Once the parent and student slots on this form are full, we are at their group capacity.

Date: Saturday, January 25

Time: 9:00am – 11:00 am

What to Wear: This is a hands-on job, so all should dress appropriately in clothing that can get dirty and damp.

Location: (We'll meet there): Soles for Jesus
8835 W Heather Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53224

Sign Up: You must RSVP to attend. Click the link to register: [Soles for Jesus](#)



Cookies for Luther Manor

January is the month that FPLC is scheduled to provide 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 the residents during challenging times. Luther Manor is requesting either store-bought packaged cookies or homemade cookies. Softer purchased cookies without nuts or seeds comply with the dietary needs of many of the residents. Please deliver them directly to the church office by noon, Friday, January 24. If you need someone to pick up the cookies, please call Janet Quail, 414-967-7942. Oh and if you can bake an extra 2 dozen for our MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary Fantastic Friday lunch at the same time that would be great! See page 5 for details.



FPLC '25 Blood Drives

Tues
January 28
1 – 6 pm

Thurs
March 27
1 – 6 pm

Thurs
May 22
1 – 6 pm

Tues
July 22
1 – 6 pm

Thurs
October 30
1 – 6 pm

Despite 65% of the population being eligible, only 3% of Americans currently donate blood. Be a hero and donate blood to help save lives! Thank you for donating. Never donated before? Become a first-time donor!!

FPLC is offering Blood Drives in Fellowship Hall throughout 2025. These dates are open to the public as well, so invite a friend to donate with you!

To sign up: Click [HERE](#)



Soles for Jesus

Shoes. They are a basic luxury that we take for granted every day as we choose our favorite pair from our closet. Millions of people across our globe live barefoot lives. Not only does this cause health issues, it makes injuries more prevalent. It also keeps people from work and school, where shoes are required.

In January (please not before!) we will be holding a shoe drive for Soles for Jesus. They accept new and used shoes for children or adults, male or female. All sizes and types of shoes are welcome donations. Shoes not appropriate for others to wear are recycled and turned into other materials, like playground flooring. The shoes are sent to developing countries in Africa.

At the end of January, some of our Confirmation students will be going to the Soles for Jesus warehouse to learn more about their mission and to volunteer sorting, washing and packing shoes. (Confirmation families, see page 7 for details and to register.)

Stay tuned for more information on the work of Soles for Jesus. A donation box will be in the Welcome Area starting the first Sunday in January. Questions? Contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org.



Keep the Pantries Stocked

Your generous donations allow FPLC to continue donating nutritious, filling and culturally-appropriate food to our partners. Each of the 3 pantries we support receive at least one delivery of food & personal care products a month.

All Peoples Church has served 16,000 individuals at their pantry this year. MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary serves 200+ households and individuals weekly. It's easy for their supplies to dwindle each week, so it's important we help them restock on a regular basis.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

Note: We cannot accept any expired foods; check labels. We are looking for filling and culturally-appropriate foods, not specialty items.

Food Needs:

Baked Beans	Chicken Noodle Soup
Canned black-eyed peas	Tuna
Ensure Infant Formula	Salmon
Dinty Moore Stew	Vienna sausages
Canned fruit	Mac & cheese
Canned beef and chicken	Canned vegetables
Soup (not tomato)	16 oz oatmeal
Baby formula	Canned Pasta
Spam	Pasta Sauce in cans or plastic
Sardines	Honey Nut Cheerios/Cereal
Peanut butter	Hamburger Helper
Canned Yams	Jelly

Personal Care Items:

(Regular full-sized preferred, not bulk size)

Men's deodorant	Diapers sized 4-6
Women's deodorant	Body lotion
Body wash	Toilet paper
Toothpaste	Lip balm
Shampoo/Conditioner	Vaseline
Feminine products	Dish soap
Razors	

****Standard-sized Bar soap:** We have a special need for bar soap to fill the soap sacks our knitters/crocheters have been busy making. See page 5 for info on those.

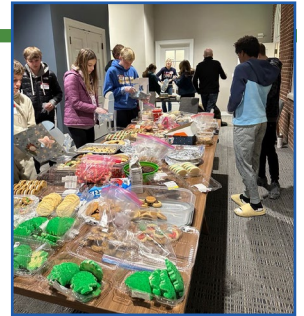
Holiday Helpers

At FPLC, we live by the phrase “many hands make light work”, especially when it comes to helping those experiencing food and resource insecurity.

A summary of what you accomplished in November and December:

- Confirmation students baked or purchased about 45 pies for All Peoples Church to hand out with their Thanksgiving meal kits.
- FPLC members donated about 15 turkeys, turkey breasts and chickens, 20 Thanksgiving meal kits and 20 hygiene kits to All Peoples Church.
- FPLC members purchased, cooked, and sliced over 25 turkeys for The Gathering's Thanksgiving meal.
- On Dec. 6, approximately 65 students made 150 bagged lunches (and made Christmas cards for them), donated and packaged 85 dozen Christmas cookies, donated food for and packed 70 meal kits and donated well over 100 children's gifts! MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary and All Peoples Church were the recipients of these items.
- During both months, our regular food drives were as strong as ever, serving 3 different pantries.
- All these donations total thousands of pounds of items that need to be delivered. A team of 12 FPLC volunteer delivery drivers made run after run making sure all these items got to the various locations in good shape and on time.

None of this could be done by just a few people. Many hands and hearts helped ensure our brothers and sisters had food to eat and could share in the joy of the season. Many thanks now and always.





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Fox Point Church



Year-End Reminder

Year-End Contributions for 2024 tax purposes are due on or before December 31. All contributions that are sent in the mail, must be postmarked by December 31, 2024.

Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving!

- We offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You can set up automatic withdrawals using your checking or savings account, or a credit or debit card.
- Here is the link to set up an automatic donation giving plan, or make a one-time donation to your designated fund of choice; <https://secure.myvanco.com/YJFG/home>.
- Also, authorization forms for online giving and additional information are available from the church office.

Any questions? Please contact Kelly, 414-352-8990 or kelly@foxpointchurch.org.

Are you considering donating gifts of stock to the church?

Giving long-term, appreciated, publicly-traded stocks/securities is a tax-efficient way for members to make gifts to their congregation.

Transferring securities from your existing brokerage accounts to Fox Point Lutheran Church is easy!

1. Fox Point Lutheran Church currently has an established account set up with LPL Financial. Call Kelly to obtain the transfer information needed to complete the donation of stock.
2. Notify the church office of the incoming stock gift so we can credit your account with the donation.

Please contact Kelly in the church office, 414-352-8990 or kelly@foxpointchurch.org if you have any questions or to assist you with making a gift of stock.

No Bag Lunches in December, But You Can Help in Another Way!

Our confirmation students are making the 150 lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary in December, so we won't be making them again until January 26. We do need a grocery shopper and a delivery driver for that date. For info and to sign up, click [HERE](#).

Special Donations Needed

One of our members, Whitefish Bay HS Junior, Kennedy Knapp was given the opportunity to create a "passion project" for a final exam in one of her classes. She wanted to conduct an essential-item drive for a Milwaukee homeless shelter, and chose FPLC partner MacCanon

Brown Homeless Sanctuary. For the rest of December and the beginning of January, she will be collecting full-sized shampoo, conditioner and body wash for MBHS. The last day for donations is January 5. A drop-off box is located next to the Welcome Desk. Kennedy said, "I am so thankful to take this on and help the greater Milwaukee community!

Thank you for your help!"





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!

Prayer Requests

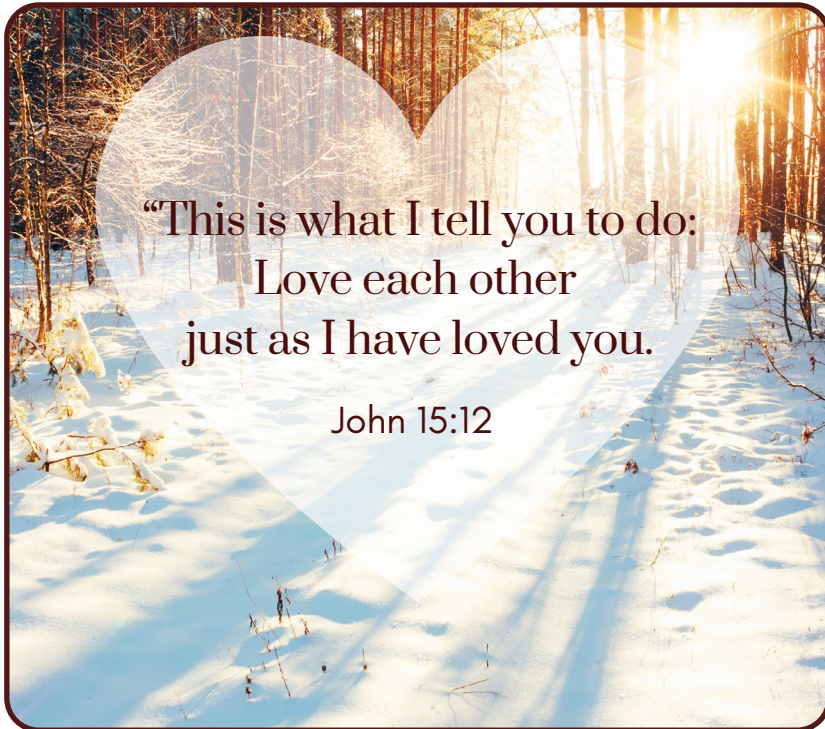
Now you can make a prayer request through our website. Click [Prayer Requests](#) to submit a form or submit a request through email—church@foxpointchurch.org.

Military

Alex	Grant
Cooper	Ian
Danny	Kyan
David	Matthew

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

Woody Barksdale	Ellen	Julia	Nancy
Kim Bell	Cammy Endres	Randy K.	Curt Nash
Jay Blair	Paul Erickson	Helen Kappmeyer	Marla O'Brian
Brenda	Erin	Karen	Robert Palmer
Kathy C	Frank	Kath	Patrick
John Chamberlain	Rick Frank	Jim Kimmel	Peter
Charley	Andrea G.	Peter Kolb	Tan Popatas
Cheryl	Jenny G.	Corrine Kraus	Mary R.
Richard Choi	Joan Gildner	Leslie	Rebecca
Christine	Guy	Linda	Rick
Chrystal	Anna H.	Pr. Luke	Robert
Claire	Heidi	Jan M.	Dave Rotter
Curt Claus	Sue Hiller	Laurie M	Mark Selander
Colin	Lila Jerabek	Steve M.	Stephen
Rosie Conaway	Jim	MaryEllen	Jane T.
Craig	Joan	Matt	Terry
Danielle D	Joeli	Pat Meyer	Thad
Lyle Dabney	John	Michael	Tom
Pr. Dan	Jon	Mike	Mike Umland
Lois Doss	Donna Jordahl	Michael Miller	



Congratulations

Elizabeth "Betsy" Ellen Bomhack, daughter of Patrick & Micaela Bomhack was baptized December 15.

Blaine Matthew Curtis, son of Andrew and Lauren Curtis, was baptized December 15.

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

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Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, December 11. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: [Weekly Devotion.](#)

Hello!

"Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful." – 1 Corinthians 12:7-8 *The Message*

Favorite hymns and songs have a way of sticking with us. Sometimes I wake up to a lyric or melody playing a little concert in my head – it was *Of the Father's Love Begotten* today. A love of music has followed me all my life. In high school I was the accompanist from audition to show time for our annual Broadway-based musical productions and I fell in love with many Broadway tunes. God gifts some with incredible talents in the arts and channels them into those meaningful and unforgettable melodies, not altogether unlike our Sunday morning hymns.

His Word tells the story...then His children weave the wisdom, joy, solace, comfort and love into beautiful sacred music and also in the wonderful music that thrills Broadway audiences. Inspiration from the pages of the Bible is closer than we think! Look at a handful of these Broadway hits and their inspirational counterparts in Our Father's stories – it's surprising how they click...even a Christmas lullaby! From our instruction book, the Bible...to our own hearts and minds, God is at work all the time...everywhere!

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." 1 John 4:1 **To love another person is to see the face of God** – from *Les Misérables*

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil for you are with me." – Psalm 23:4
You'll Never Walk Alone – from *Carousel*

"The sun rises, and the sun sets and hurries back to where it rises." – Ecclesiastes 1:5 **The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow** – from *Annie*

"And Mary said, 'my soul glorifies the Lord...From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the mighty one has done great things for me'." – Luke 1: 46, 48-49 **Christmas Lullaby** – from *Songs for a New World*

Father, thank you for the gifts given to your children to artfully pay your love and understanding forward through the singing of ancient hymns of praise and the new and contemporary words of our brothers and sisters. Amen.

Advent blessings for a wonderful week...maybe even filled with song! – Mary