### LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of December 3, 2024 Vol 164 Real Faith For Real Life



A glance through today's newsletter will show you that there are many ways you can serve and celebrate your way through the holidays. We also have the Christmas Open House, special music during and after services and of course, Christmas Eve services to help us realize the joys and meaning of the holidays.

#### Help Needed!

#### **Ushers**

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



#### **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

#### **Communion Servers**

Are you a past or present Council member would like to serve Communion on Christmas Eve (at any service other than the Pageant in a Bag)? Contact Lori Barrieau: 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.



#### **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.



#### **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.

**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  $\rightarrow$ 











### CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

# **OPEN HOUSE**Where the STAR Shines Bright!

#### Saturday, December 7; 9 am - Noon



Join us for a morning full of bright Christmas Spirit at FPLC. Whether you are a tiny tot or a full-grown elf, there is a little something for everyone at this event.

#### **Gingerbread Street**

Decorate a pre-assembled gingerbread house while visiting Gingerbread Street! Be sure to register online to reserve and pay for your house. There is a 2-house limit per family. \$16/house. We may have a very limited number of houses for walk-ins. Register in Fellowship Hall or here: <u>HOUSE</u>

#### Reindeer Road

Swing by Reindeer Road to play fun reindeer games and win light-up prizes with the rest of the herd! School-aged kids as well as your little elf-lets are welcome!

#### **Cocoa Court/Angel Alley**

Head to the corner of Cocoa Court where you can enjoy a specialty coffee and hot chocolate. Stop by Angel Alley to purchase kringles to benefit our Youth program or Christmas coffee packages and goats to benefit our Tanzania scholarship fund.

#### **Elf Avenue**

Make sure to stop by Santa's Secret Gift Shop where kids can shop for \$2 gifts for their family members. (Special elves will wrap their selected gifts for them.) Need gifts for your furry friends? Make a stop at our Pet Shoppe.

#### Wise Men's Way

Walk in the steps of the Wise Men as you follow the star to Bethlehem! A special light show will guide your way!

#### **Photo Booth Boulevard**

Looking for a backdrop for a quick family portrait? Our Photo Booth will give you a chance to let your family shine!

#### **The North Pole**



And, of course, be sure to make your way to the North Pole to visit our favorite resident of FPLC's Christmas Village—SANTA CLAUS! Be sure to visit Santa— and learn about the true meaning of Christmas and the real star of Christmas—Jesus!







#### **Nov 24 Recap**

November 24 was quite a Sunday! Not only was painter, Paul Oman painting during the services, we had our Thanksgiving pie social and made 150 lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary!

We served well over 400

pieces of pie from 45 donated pies and 5 extras the church provided. The lunches were made in the typical 20 minutes by 15-20 volunteers and FPLC now has two beautiful new paintings on display.





# Christmas Choir; Sunday, Dec. 8 Enjoy the music of the season! The Chancel Choir will perform a combination of classic Christmas carols and original/ contemporary Christmas songs at both the 9 and 10:30 am services.



#### 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 <u>website</u>. Questions: contact Joanne Ginster; <u>jmginster@yahoo.com</u> or (414) 491-8939.



#### \* Return the Gifts '

If you signed up to purchase a gift for a child through the Next Door Foundation or for a resident of Serenity Inns, please make note of the due dates. All items can be returned to FPLC and placed in the cart labeled for the Christmas Angel Tree.

#### **Due Dates:**

Next Door Foundation: Tuesday, December 10 Serenity Inns: Tuesday, December 17

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





#### **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?



#### **Elementary Registration:**

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







#### **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:** 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.



Our next workshops are Weds, Dec 4 and 18; 7 pm. Don't forget to bring in your cookie and gift donations on Dec. 4. Not sure what this is? All the information you need can be found on our website here: Confirmation.

Questions, contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org.

#### **Confirmation Fall Dates:**

Here are all of our workshop dates through 2024:

December 4

December 18





#### 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 <a href="mailto:sommerfeld56@gmail.com">sommerfeld56@gmail.com</a> 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, fellow-

ship 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; <a href="mailto:hannah@foxpointchurch.org">hannah@foxpointchurch.org</a>.

#### Dec 15: Christmas at FPLC

Come for a feast, Christmas White Elephant Exchange, and time to discover the reason for the season; 6pm-8pm!

#### 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:





#### 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 <a href="mailto:stacia@foxpointchurch.org">stacia@foxpointchurch.org</a>. 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 9 for details.

Friday Lunch Program





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. We have 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; <a href="mailto:lcbuehler@cs.com">lcbuehler@cs.com</a>

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!



#### Men's & Women's Club

#### **Cool Beans Quartet**

The Men's & Women's Clubs will be celebrating Christmas together this year! We will meet in Fellowship Hall and the entertainment will be "Cool Beans", an all women's quartet that will entertain us with their beautiful harmony and Christmas music. Please note that this is not a usual/traditional date for Women's Club—it's the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Date: Wednesday, December 18

Times: 11:30 am – Meet for fellowship

Noon – Lunch

12:45 pm – Entertainment

Cost: \$10; includes lunch

**Sign up:** In Fellowship Hall or on the FPLC Website (Connecting; then Women's Club) by Sun. Dec. 15; noon **Contact:** Gail Sommerfeld at <a href="mailto:sommerfeld56@gmail.com">sommerfeld56@gmail.com</a> or 262-395-0396.

Sign Up Here!



#### **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, December 17 **Time:** 11 am – 1:30 pm **Location:** Fellowship Hall

**Contact:** Ellen Feider; 414-435-8440;

efeiderwi@gmail.com



### **Sheepshead Group at FPLC Taking December Off**

Next Sessions: 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 <a href="mailto:schmidtyjim@aol.com">schmidtyjim@aol.com</a>.





#### The Poinsettia Garden

Poinsettia plants will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas season. If you would like to participate in this part of the Christmas celebration, please fill out this form and mail it along with a check to the church office, or leave it at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings. You may also sign up through this link: <a href="Poinsettia">Poinsettia</a> or through this QR code. The firm deadline for submission is Sunday, December 15.



### Christmas Poinsettia Garden

Poinsettia plants will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas season.

If you would like to participate in this part of the Christmas celebration, please fill out this form and mail it along with a check to the church office, or leave it at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings.

You may also sign up through the link on our website under Events.

Cost: \$25 per plant Firm Deadline: Sunday, December 15

A list of donors and those they listed to honor or to share their memory, will be published in the Christmas Eve *Bulletin*. If you wish, you may specify the person being honored or memorialized.

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Please write the name(s) as you would like them to appear in the Bulletin:	
Name:	
Person(s) You would like to Honor or list In Memory of: (Please circle one)	
	In Honor or Memory of
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	In Honor or Memory of
How many Poinsettias? One Two	
Email/Telephone:	

#### 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.









#### **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.



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



#### REGISTRY

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

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)

QUESTIONS?



stacia@foxpointchurch.org





#### **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

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!

Signups will be coming soon.

Did you know each time you donate you are helping to save 3 lives? That's pretty remarkable for about 45 minutes of your time!

Thank you for donating.

Never donated before?

Become a first-time donor!!



#### **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 men and women of all ages. 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.

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; <a href="mailto:stacia@foxpointchurch.org">stacia@foxpointchurch.org</a>.



#### **Fox Point Moms**

Fridays, Dec. 6 & 20; 9:30 - 11 am

This is for moms of all ages with children/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 plan to meet twice a month. Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect. Thanks!

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









#### **Keep the Pantries Stocked**

Your generous donations make it possible for FPLC to provide food and personal care products to a continually-increasing number of visitors to the three pantries we serve in Milwaukee. We continue to donate nutritious, filling and culturally-appropriate food to our partners.

All Peoples Church sees over 90 guests at their pantry and 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; <a href="mailto:stacia@foxpointchurch.org">stacia@foxpointchurch.org</a>.

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** 

Canned black-eyed peas

**Ensure Infant Formula** 

**Dinty Moore Stew** 

SpaghettiOs

Canned fruit

Canned beef and chicken

Soup (not tomato)

Baby formula

Spam

**Sardines** 

**Canned Yams** 

**Chicken Noodle Soup** 

Tuna

Salmon

Vienna sausages

Mac & cheese

Canned vegetables

16 oz oatmeal

Canned Pasta

Pasta Sauce in cans or plastic

Honey Nut Cheerios/Cereal

Hamburger Helper

Help Needed: December 8, 22

and 29!

**Coffee Hosts Needed!** 

Hosts make the coffee and serve the donuts on

Jan-March dates available! 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.

\*\*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 7 for info on those.

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

(Regular full-sized preferred, not bulk size)

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

**Razors** 



#### **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.







#### **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; <a href="https://secure.myvanco.com/YJFG/home.">https://secure.myvanco.com/YJFG/home.</a>
- 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 <u>kelly@foxpointchurch.org</u> 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 between services. Our next lunchmaking opportunity will be January 26.

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 collection will begin this Sunday, December 8 and end January 5. A drop off box will be next to our regular donation cart or you can add it to the regular cart if you don't see it. 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!

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

Woody Barksdale Cammy Endres Kim Bell Paul Erickson Jay Blair Erin Frank Brenda Kathy C Rick Frank John Chamberlain Andrea G. Charley Jenny G. Cheryl Christine Guy Richard Choi Claire Heidi Curt Claus Chrystal Iim Colin Joan Ioeli Craig Danielle D **John** Lyle Dabney Ion Pr. Dan

Joan Gildner Anna H. Sue Hiller Donna Jordahl

Lois Doss Julia Ellen

Randy K. Helen Kappmeyer Karen Kath Iim Kimmel Peter Corrine Kraus Leslie Linda Pr. Luke

Ian M. Laurie M Steve M. MaryEllen Matt Pat Meyer Michael Mike

Michael Miller Nancy

Curt Nash Marla O'Brian Robert Palmer Patrick Peter Kolb

Tan Popatas Mary R. Rebecca Rick Robert Dave Rotter Mark Selander Stephen Jane T. Terry Thad Tom Mike Umland

**Military** 

Alex Grant Cooper Ian Danny Kyan David Matthew

**Prayer Requests** Now you can make

a prayer request

through our web-

site. Click **Prayer** 

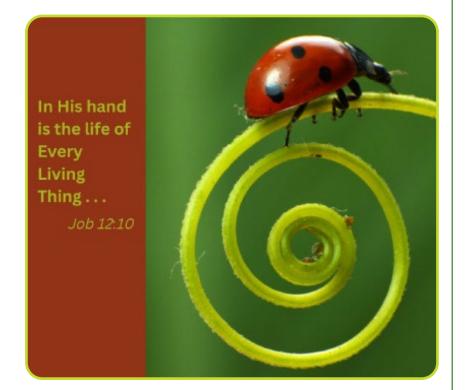
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Requests to submit



#### Congratulations

George Raymond Hayden, son of Michael and Alexandra Hayden, was baptized November 24.

Henry Robert Uhen, son of Benjamin and Britt-Marie Uhen, was baptized December 1.

Hayden Michael Hoell, son of Dayton and Jaclyn Hoell, was baptized December 1.

Margot Katherine Rue, daughter of Ryan and Hayley Rue, was baptized December 1.



Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, November 27. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: Weekly Devotion.

Hello!

"Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord."
- Proverbs 16:20

Police calls and airport control towers use shortcuts like "10-4" — message received and understood, to share information. Referred to as "ten codes" like "10-20" — where are you and "10-7" — out of service, they are also used by ham radio operators and dispatchers. Those numeric codes could apply to everyday interactions — maybe even God's communications with us. Do we listen and receive or are we out of service? Do we need encouragement just to take it all in?

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

– 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Even listening can be overwhelming and without it, encouragement takes a back seat. We need something or someone to inspire us or peel away a layer that's making us stick to something unwanted or unnecessary. Our encourager could be a pastor, a friend, even a stranger...it could be God. I know that when I accept His guiding hand, His wisdom and His love, it is deeply humbling for me, and I am instantly grateful. It is a time of joy and giving thanks. Whatever it is that God's encouragement brings to you...grab it!! Instead of being out of service, we can say, "message received" and walk with Him in "real time"...anytime!

On this day may we all-

Love God...Love Others...Be Kind...Make Good Choices...Keep Promises...Seek Tolerance...Seek Justice...Seek Truth...Open Our Hearts...Be Encouraged... Wonder... Wander...Show Grace...Be Thankful. Practice. Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving! – Mary