



Summer Help Needed: 9:30 service time!



Ushers Needed!

Would you like to join our usher team? It's open to Confirmation students with a parent, and high school kids through adults. Sign up with the QR code or contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org.



BLANKETS • SHEETS • SLEEPING BAGS COLLECTION MAY 1 - 25

MACANON BROWN HOMELESS SANCTUARY

Some of MBHS's guests are homeless or move between temporary housing situations. These items are in need all year round.

Please put your bagged donations in the cart by the Welcome Desk.

BLANKETS:

King, queen & full; new or used (clean w/o stains or tears)

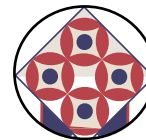
SHEETS:

King & queen, new or used (clean w/o stains or tears)

SLEEPING BAGS:

New or used (clean w/o stains or tears, w/working zippers)

Questions? Contact Stacia Hickey:
stacia@foxpointchurch.org



Quilters/Piecemakers

We're meeting twice this month to finish up the quilts for our HS seniors' Sending Service. 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, May 13

Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Ellen Feider: 414-435-8440

efeiderwi@gmail.com





Tanzania Sunday!!

Be Here to Celebrate Our Incredible Partnership on Sunday, June 8

June 8 is also the start of our summer service time of 9:30 am, so don't miss it!

This is your chance to learn more about the 21 years of financial support you've given our friends in the Meru Diocese. The total of your generosity so far – \$585,137!

During the service, Pastor Bill and his three fellow travelers will share their experiences on their recent visit to our partner parishes in the Meru District.

Plan to stay after church at 10:30 for snacks, delicious Mt. Meru coffee, and short live and silent auctions with the gifts they brought back. The

proceeds will benefit the people we support. It's an extremely poor area, but as our team experienced, they find joy in their lives every single day.

Women and men, children, farmers, and coffee growers welcomed our team with open arms. So did several of the 84 young people that have been able to attend college, thanks to your generous scholarships.

Your amazing generosity will continue to improve life dramatically for our friends and their families in the small villages and towns and countryside.

Be ready to bid high to raise money for our friends with all of the proceeds going to the high schools.

Saturday Morning Volunteers at Serenity Inn

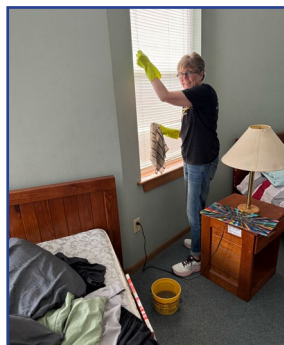
A small team of volunteers from FPLC gathered at Serenity Inn on Saturday, May 3 for Spring Cleaning. In 3 hours, they vacuumed and shampooed carpets, washed ceiling fans, venetian blinds, and lamp shades and otherwise spiffed up the 5 bedrooms, 3 offices and the gathering room in this annual spring cleaning.

FPLC members Kathi Behm, Bill & Lorraine Buehler, Gayle Coleman, Tom Dunst, Nate Wischnewski and Scott Van Why were joined by a member of the Board of Directors, and 5 residents of the Inn to accomplish the day's task. The satisfaction of leaving the Inn looking and smelling fresh is the best part of the day.

Thanks to everyone for demonstrating once again that "many hands make light work"!



Bill Buehler, left, & Al Walters, the new SI Maintenance Manager!



Gayle Coleman



Kathi Behm



Nate Wischnewski



Scott Van Why, left, & Tom Dunst



All Creatures Great and Small, The Lord God Made Them All

We had a surprise this week when the office staff noticed a small bird's nest with eggs in the wreath on the front door. It's a rather busy place,

especially on Sunday mornings, so what should we do?

With the help of the Wisconsin Humane Society, we have a lot more knowledge than we started with, and we need your help!



Who Made the Nest?

The nest is likely that of a mourning dove, but it's still up for debate. In the nest (pictured above) you see the dove's two white eggs. Now there are four white eggs!

While the nest looks small for the good-sized bird, that's how they do things and it works for them (they're part of the Tiny House Nation)! The incubation for these eggs is about 10-14 days, then it takes another couple of weeks before they leave home.



Uh, What About That Other Egg???

Those of you with a keen eye will notice the larger brown-speckled egg. That is *not* a mourning dove egg. That belongs to a cowbird.

Those scoundrels lay their eggs in other birds' nests and have those birds raise them! Depending on the host bird, this custom can be helpful or detrimental to both species. Some hosts may knock the Cowbird eggs out of the nest. Cowbird hatchlings have been known to do the same with eggs or newly hatched birds. Cowbirds have a similar incubation time and leave the nest after a couple of weeks or less.

How can you help?

As you are facing the church, please avoid using the left door. We can't help the people-traffic much, but we can reduce the movement of the door. If you see babies with no parents, don't worry—that parent bird is nearby. Please avoid getting any closer to the nest, eggs and eventual birds (hopefully) as you can.

Helpful Information

- Did you know that it is illegal to move or disturb this nest, birds or eggs? They're protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act!
- We've had this happen a couple of times before at FPLC. There are predators, weather and all kinds of things that can cause the eggs to fall out or never hatch at all. We have only seen the parent on the nest once, but they are nearby; probably because so many folks are using the door. So while we hope the birds hatch and thrive, you never know.
- While we contacted the Wisconsin Humane Society and did some internet research, we're not bird experts. Just some folks trying to help out some of the littlest creatures in God's great big world!



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 contact Susan Halling; halling@wi.rr.com.



Women's Book Club

May 19; 7 - 8:30 pm

The last book club meeting before a summer break is May

19. We're discussing *While You Were Out* by Meg Kissinger. We meet in the lower level in the Meeting Space (next to the lower level Cafe). Questions: contact Joanne Ginster; jmginster@yahoo.com or 414-491-8939.



Serenity Inns Dinner Fellowship

Why is Dinner Fellowship So Necessary?

Serenity Inns is a residence for men in recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse in Milwaukee. FPLC

members provide 3 dinners a month and share the meal and conversation. Providing and sharing a meal with the residents enables the men to share their stories with others, feel the compassion of a caring community and build their communication skills that have suffered during their times of isolation and addiction.

What to Expect When Volunteering

- Make dinner and take it warm to the Inn by 5:45 pm (for a 6 pm start time). The men will carry your items inside.
- Prepare the meal in your cookware (vs buying aluminum pans) if you like because the men will wash it and carry it to the car at the end of the meal.
- You'll receive an email a week before your date with the number of residents; right now the number is between 9 and 12. You'll be cooking for yourselves, the men and the innkeeper.
- You're usually on your way home by 7 pm.
- Two families, friends, small group members, etc. are welcome to volunteer together to share the meal prep and dining experience.
- This is a popular SOP option for Confirmation students with their families.

How To Sign Up and Ask Questions

Sign up on the website (with link below) or on the signup in Fellowship Hall.

Do you have questions? FPLC member and long-time SI volunteer, Lorraine Buehler, is happy to answer any of your questions; lcbuehler@cs.com.

Summer Dates Open

Click here to sign up!

Sign Up!



Serenity Inns:
2825 W. Brown St.



Sending Care in Every Stitch

The knitters at FPLC have made many (thousands?) of prayer shawls over the years

for members experiencing difficulties of any kind. We also have members knit or crochet soap sacks for bars of soap donated to the food pantries we serve. These creative people have mostly been making them at home, but would now once again like to meet in person to work on their projects. (They met in person pre-Covid.)

Do you crochet or knit? Join the group to work on some projects and enjoy conversation! They'll have patterns for prayer shawls and soap sacks (and we'll post them online) but you are welcome to bring any project you like and enjoy the company of others while you knit! Come when you are able, no need to sign up.

Date: Thursday, May 22 (4th Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.)

Time: 11 am – 1 pm

Location: FPLC's Heritage Room

Contact: Stacia Hickey with any questions; stacia@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

For pattern information, click here and scroll to the Knitting & Crocheting Group links:

Patterns



All Peoples: Community Garden



planting seedlings in warm row tunnels.

It's that time of year when there's so many garden jobs to get done, but honestly, the garden needs volunteers all season long! If some of these dates work for you, that's great, but if not or you're looking for more, you can schedule another time to work in the garden either as a group or individual/family.

Spring Work Days, May 17 & 18: They'll clean up the garden for spring by pulling last year's tomatoes, trimming vines, taking down old trellises and helping to install the new row tunnels. They may even be



Call Office Manager Anna Lamer to schedule a time—even an hour helps!
office@allpeoplesgathering.org or 414-264-1616 x1001. Learn more about All Peoples Church on their website: <https://www.allpeoplesgathering.org>

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Coffee Hosts Needed!

Hosts make the coffee and serve the donuts on Sundays. You are still able to attend the church

service! Families are welcome to volunteer with their kids too. **It's**

also a great Service Opportunity for our rising 8th grader Confirmation students (with an adult).

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.

Sign Up!



Post High School and College Graduate Degrees

We would like to recognize our members who are receiving post high school degrees: Bachelor's, Master's, Ph.D's, Technical School, etc. A listing will be in an upcoming newsletter. We would love for all receiving a degree this year to

complete the form at the link below.

Please fill out the information no later than Monday, June 9. If you are unable to fill out the form electronically, please call the church office at 414-352-8990.

Thank you and congratulations!

Fill Out Form



Bayside Garden Cards

Spring is *officially* here even if it doesn't quite *feel* like it—yet. It's time to think about your garden plans. Do you need

new gardening equipment, some new plants? Food for the bird feeder? Bayside Gardens has you covered!

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.

Interfaith Green Team's Electronic Recycling Day a Success!

Thanks to all who contributed to the Interfaith Green Team's Electronics recycling event on April 26-27 which took place at St Joseph Parish in Grafton and at Congregation Shalom in Fox Point. According to Elite Energy Distribution, a Milwaukee-based recycling company and our partner, 20,000 pounds of electronic materials and batteries were diverted from being dumped in landfills. The Interfaith Green Team meets monthly to share successful conservation practices, features local speakers in this field and to learn more about each other. It is comprised of the following North Shore Congregations:

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

Fox Point Lutheran Church

Christ Church Episcopal Whitefish Bay

Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid

Faith in Place

Congregation Shalom

St Joseph Catholic Church

If you are interested in learning more or wish to get involved with this group, please contact Anne Noyes; noyesanne6@gmail.com.



FPLC Member Chris Noyes lending a hand at Congregation Shalom



Interfaith Green Team members and volunteers at Congregation Shalom



Over 16,000 pounds were collected between the Fox Point and Grafton locations.



Men's Club

Our guest speaker in May is Ozaukee County Supervisor, Pat Foy. He'll be speaking on the role and responsibilities of an Ozaukee County Supervisor and the issues facing the county.

Date: Thursday, May 15

Time: 11:30 am

Location: FPLC

Cost: \$10, includes lunch

Signup: In Fellowship Hall

Contact: Call the church office, 414-352-8990



Sheepshead at FPLC

May 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 Jim Schmidt at schmidtyjim@aol.com.



Fox Point Moms—Friday Mornings

May 9 & 23; 9:30 – 11 am

Meet in the lower level

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

Join the Group



Fox Point Moms—Tuesday Evening Group

May 6 & 20; 6:30 – 8 pm

Meet in the Heritage Room

This adult group offers a safe, open space to support moms of any age.

We will begin with the podcast *Revived Motherhood* by Becky Thompson, who offers realistic and supportive faith-based advice for today's busy moms. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. This will be a time to mentor and support each other and discuss parenting and family issues. Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect. If you have any questions, contact Diane Knapp; diane@foxpointchurch.org.

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The Basics of Baby Massage: A Parent/Infant Class

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: May 16; it's a one-session class, but come more if you would like!

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Limit: 6 families per session

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



Vacation Bible School

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

We Have a SUPER God Who Asks Us to Be SUPER Friends!

Join us for lots of games, crafts, Bible stories and a secret super hero who will help us learn more about our super God and how to be a super friend to others!

Date: June 16-20

Time: 9 am – noon

Registration: Click [HERE](#)

Fee: \$75 per child

*Scholarships available, contact the church office.



Little Lambs

Little Lambs is designed for children who have turned age 3 by January 1, 2025, through those currently in a P3 program.

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

Date: June 16-20

Time: 9:15 am – 11:45 am

Registration: Click [HERE](#)

Fee: \$75 per child

*Scholarships available, contact the church office.



Our regular workshops are finished for the year. The rest of our meetings are for

those being confirmed this spring.

May 7, 7 pm: Confirmation Rehearsal with 8th grade students and their parents; meet in Fellowship Hall

May 17, 2:15 pm: students arrive

3 pm: Confirmation Ceremony



Meru Coffee at Home!

Support Mt. Meru Coffee farmers by purchasing Mt. Meru Coffee (beans, ground, regular, decaf, Seasonal Premium Mt. Meru coffee, k-cups) at church to brew at home.

The coffee is delicious and 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.



Food Needs Continue to Rise

MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary is one recipient of the food we collect each week at FPLC. The guests come to their pantry to be given a week's supply of food, hygiene products, coats, blankets, sleeping bags and other essentials. They also receive a bag lunch assembled and delivered by several groups, FPLC being one of those.

In the area surrounding MBHS, over 44% of residents were already facing food insecurity. With loss of food banks, school lunch programs, Meals on Wheels, SNAP funds and school closings the people they serve are facing mass hunger. MBHS does not depend on federal funding for their operation and programs. They are thankful that some of their weekly food sources are not in peril. All Peoples Church has seen a decrease in the food available (or available at a low price) from some of the federal-

ly-funded organizations that help supply their pantry.

The people both organizations serve are in compounding crisis. The federal funding cuts to the programs mentioned above cause a greater number of people to rely on food pantries. If a pantry is seeing a decrease in donations, they have less food to give an increasing number of people.

Please look for these items when planning your food/hygiene donations and consider donating to the blanket, sheet and sleeping bag drive for MBHS. See page 1 for details.

Pancake mix and syrup

Peanut butter and jelly

Cereal and oatmeal

Canned pasta (Spaghetti-O's, ravioli)

Tuna and Tuna Helper

Baked beans

Canned fruit

Spam and canned beef stew

Pasta and canned pasta sauce

White rice (1 lb bag or instant)

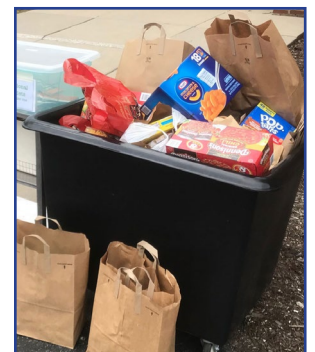
Hamburger Helper

Canned greens (collard, turnip etc)

Toothpaste, deodorant, feminine products

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

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



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.

Sidnie Anthony	Andrea G.	John	Michael
Woody Barksdale	Jenny G.	Jon	Mike
Kim Bell	Joan Gildner	Donna Jordahl	Nancy
Jay Blair	Gregg	Randy K.	Curt Nash
Shelley Burns	Guy	Kath	Robert Palmer
John Chamberlain	Anna H.	Kevin	Rebecca
Cheryl	Claire H	Kelly	Rick
Richard Choi	Hetty	Corrine Kraus	Dave Rotter
Christina	Sue Hiller	Pr. Jane Kunzie-Brunner	Lynn S
Claire	Charlotte Hughes	Leslie L.	Ruth Schmidt
Rosie Conaway	Jack	Laurie M	Lynn Steinke
Craig	Harlow James	Steve M.	Stephen
Pr. Dan	Janis	Matt	Jane T.
Richard E.	Jenny	Roger Matzke	Terry
Cammy Endres	Jim	Max	Tom
Erin	Joan	Pat Meyer	Mike Umland
Rick Frank	Joeli		

Prayer Requests

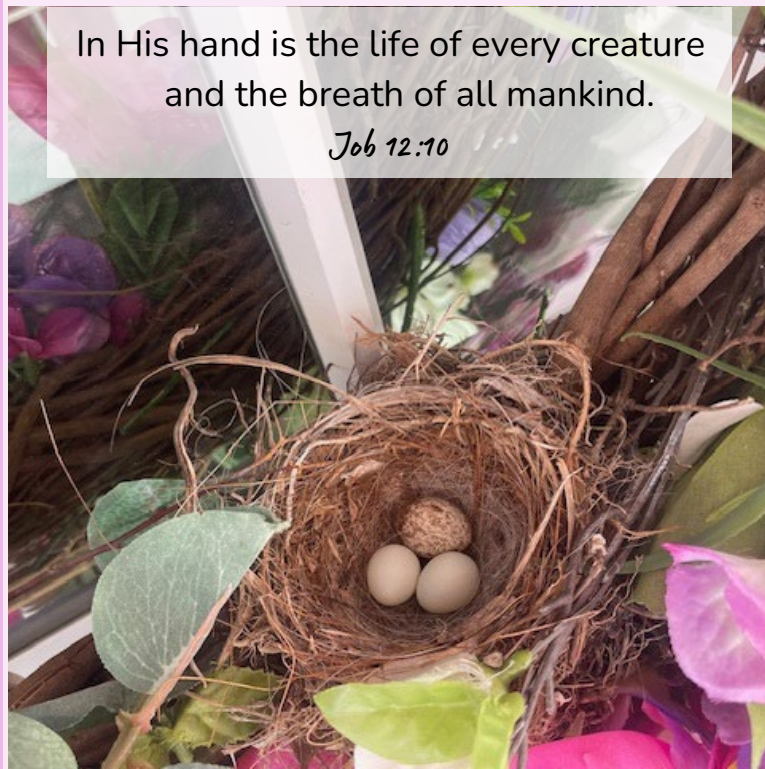
Now you can make a prayer request through our web-site. Click [Prayer Requests](#) to submit a form or submit a request through email—church@foxpointchurch.org.

Military

Alex	Grant
Cooper	Ian
Danny	Kyan
David	Matthew

In His hand is the life of every creature
and the breath of all mankind.

Job 12:10



Congratulations

Baptisms

Ivy Onella, Selene Alexandra and Malcolm Danko Taylor, children of Evelyn Pollack and Derek Taylor was baptized May 4.

Olivia Joy Marcks, daughter of Annie and Brian Marcks, was baptized May 4.



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.





Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, April 30. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: [Weekly Devotion](#).

Hello!

"If any of you needs wisdom to know what you should do, you should ask God, and He will give it to you." – James 1:5

We pulled up to a broad and busy intersection that had received new stoplights and walk signs. Even with improvements pedestrians had to almost run to make it from one side to the other in the allotted time. Imagine... there's a "walk" sign, but you have to run! It could be intimidating and dangerous, especially in winter. Being prepared to change direction and practice your walking skills might be prudent at intersections of many kinds.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." – Joshua 1:9

Our days take us to many intersections — mess-ups at work, great joy, bad relationships, new friendships, bouts of anger, falling in, or losing someone or something we love. We need a crossing guard, the kind we see protecting children in school zones... we need God! He is in every zone we live in — always with us — everywhere, every time, protecting us through those crossings. Once we arrive do we hinder, help or just hover over those we encounter? Do we try to push past God in our eagerness to keep moving? We can walk with ease and comfort because with Him, we can learn to support, guide and love ourselves and others by following His word and letting our actions reflect the best in Him. God meets us...at every intersection in our lives.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." – Psalm 32:8

Lord, even if I lose my way, please help me to find safe passage over whatever hill or mountain looms above me. Thank you for always protecting me and making your presence known to me. Amen.

Be encouraged! – Mary