

Create YOUR OWN MEMORIAL SERVICE W/ PASTOR BILL

Plan the Celebration of Your Life (literally!) Think of this workshop as planning the best party you'll never attend. It is for anyone but especially for 50 years on up. We'll laugh, we'll share stories, and we'll actually get some important stuff done:

- Pick your favorite songs and scriptures for your memorial service
- Write your "greatest hits" obituary
- Organize your passwords (yes, even Netflix!)
- Record a message that will make your kids laugh and cry
- Dream up a legacy gift that will live on



Date: Sunday, October 5

Time: 3 – 5 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Registration: Click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code

Because leaving your family peace of mind
is the best mic-drop moment of all.



HEY KIDS!
Sign up &
Join now!

Children's Choirs

K5-6th Grades

Children's Choir has just begun, so join now! We will generally follow the Sunday School calendar. Our two amazing directors, Anne Earnhart and Paul Corrao, will hold rehearsals Sunday mornings between the worship services, from 10 am-10:25 am.

What to Expect

Children will learn songs that they will perform in worship 4-6 times per year. Click the button below to complete the registration. More details provided on the form. If you have questions, Jeff Shoemaker, our Director of Music and Technology, will be happy to help you.

[Registration](#)

[Email Jeff](#)



our next generation

WE SEE THE POSSIBILITIES

Tutors and Subs

If you have signed up to be a weekly tutor or a substitute tutor for Our Next Generation at Congregation Shalom, orientation is scheduled for October 9 at 4:30 pm. It will be held at Congregation Shalom in Klurfeld Hall. Please enter through the back entrance (alley.)

La Toya Sykes, president of ONG, will be leading the discussion and will provide a handbook and volunteer form. All new volunteers must fill out the form prior to working with the children. We will also provide a calendar once we confirm all of the dates with ONG.

Please RSVP before October 1. If you cannot make it, please contact Sandy Paler, sandp8083@gmail.com. She'll send you a volunteer form to fill out and return to ONG.

It's going to be a fun and productive year working with the children!



Bayside Garden Cards

As fall approaches, it's about time for garden cleanup and fall florals, perhaps seed or a new feeder for the birds too! 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.

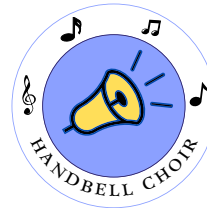
Music Ministries



Chancel Choir Come Sing with Us!

Our choir is open to all! Rehearsals have just started, so now's the time to join us! We meet Thursdays from 7 – 8:15 pm in the music room. We sing primarily at the 9 am Sunday services, arriving at 8:30 am to warm up, but also during special services throughout the year. Contact Tony Mudra for more information.

[Email Tony](#)



Joyful Noise Handbell Choir Join Us!

New members welcome—previous experience is NOT required! Handbell Choir is a wonderful way to share your talents with the church in a new, unique way. We practice Thursdays from 6 – 7 pm beginning September 18. We play at least one Sunday a month and attend occasional workshops and festivals as a group. We have members that have played for decades and some that had never held a bell before! All are welcome! Contact Jana Larson for more information.

[Email Jana](#)



Serenity Inns: 2825 W. Brown St.

Volunteers Needed:

October 17 & 22

Signup sheets have dates through Dec., 2025

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 and share a meal and conversation. This 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 or purchase (see info below) 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.
- Any cookware you bring will be washed by the men.
- You receive an email a week before your date with the number of residents; now the number is between 9 and 12. You cook for yourselves, the men and the innkeeper.
- You're usually on your way 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 for Confirmation students (with their parent(s)).

How To Sign Up and Ask Questions

Sign up on the website (with the 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.

Click here to sign up!

Cooking for a crowd: Stressful? Time-consuming? Not your thing? That's okay!

By FPLC Member Barbara Frank

If you are too busy to cook, it's JUST FINE to buy a good dinner and bring it to share with residents. Several possibilities are suggested below, but you can pick your own! Two of the residents' faves are KY Fried Chicken and Mac & Cheese. You can just add salad and dessert!

My children have talked for years about the deep impression serving dinner to those less fortunate made on them. Help your family develop empathy and understanding of others by serving dinner at Serenity Inns.

Consider buying a meal or parts of it from the following:

Costco
Out & Out Catering (Cedarburg)
Bunzel's Meat Market
Kentucky Fried Chicken
Glorioso's Italian Market
Metro Mart Deli
Woodman's
Sendik's
Karl's Country Market
Qdoba
Piggly Wiggly
Jimmy John's
Jersey Mike's



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Fox Point Church



MOUNT MERU COFFEE
PREMIUM TANZANIAN COFFEE

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.



Sheepshead Group at FPLC Is Back!

Next Date: Friday, September 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! Interested or would you like more information? Contact Jim Schmidt at schmidtyjim@aol.com.



Women's Book Club

This casual and fun book club meets every 6 weeks from 7 pm – 8:30 pm

(approx) and take turns leading the discussion and bringing snacks. Here are the books they'll be reading this year. If you have any questions or would like to join (even if you can't make every date), email or call Joanne Ginster; jmginster@yahoo.com or (414) 491-8939.

Dates and Books:

October 20: *Boat Baby* by Vicky Nguyen

December 1: *Absolution* by Alice McDermott

January 12: *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

February 23: *The Best Minds* by Jonathan Rosen

April 6: *Every Note Played* by Lisa Genova

May 18: *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick



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.



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; hallings@wi.rr.com.



Welcome To Another Year of Kids' Church!

We are so happy to have your child join us for a new year of games, crafts, special outreach projects, and kid-appropriate videos—all designed to help your child learn about the Bible and grow their relationship with God and Jesus.

Kids' Church is held during our regular worship services at 9:00 and 10:30. Our kids are taught by specially screened and trained teaching staff so that you can sit back and enjoy worship!

Please take a minute to register for Kids' Church even if you have enrolled in previous years. Please register ASAP.

Nursery

(birth to 3 years)

Drop your little one off any time before the service in our nursery, which is located in the lower level. Relax and enjoy worship. We can text you during the service if we need you!

**Nursery
Registration**

Preschool

(age 3 by Sept 1 – 4K)

A special name tag is available for registered kids at our preschool table just inside the front entrance to the church. Grab a name tag and bring your child down to our preschool classroom when kids are released to Kids' Church after the pastor's Junior Sermon. The preschool classroom is in our lower level near the main staircase on the south side of the building. Please pick up your child after worship concludes.

**Preschool
Registration**

Faith Builders

(5K – 6th grades)

Our elementary kids meet in the lower level in the far north hallway. Just turn left at the bottom of the main staircase.

**Faith Builder
Registration**

Why register?

Visitors and guests are always welcome to join Kids' Church and our nursery. If you are a member or more than an occasional visitor, we ask that you register so that we can plan for our class sizes and teacher and supply needs. If you are registered, you will also be able to receive emails that will keep you informed about current kids' (and church) events and programs.

Not sure whether you're a 9 or a 10:30 am family?

That's ok! We know some families change their minds about service times or switch back and forth throughout the year. Just make your best guess about your most likely service time so that we can make our best guess about average class sizes!

Questions?

Contact our Director of Childrens' Ministries, Julie Schlifske.

**Email
Julie**



Help Make Sundays Special—Volunteer with Us

Now that we're back to 2 service times, we need to add more Coffee Hour Hosts and Ushers to our schedules or as subs.

Try something new this fall!



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.

You can sign up now for dates through the end of 2025!



Usher Help Needed

Ushers are vital to keep our Sunday services running smoothly. We'd love to have you be one of our FPLC ushers! Ideally you'd choose to be part of a regular rotation, but we also need subs. Who can usher? Confirmation students (with a parent), high school students and all adults. Contact Lori Barrieau at lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990 to learn more or sign up.



Donate Blood at FPLC on October 30

Some patients with breast cancer need blood transfusions to recover from chemotherapy, while others need transfusions during surgery.

Date: Tuesday, October 30

Time: 1 pm – 6 pm

Location: FPLC's Fellowship Hall

Registration: Click Sign Up: [Donate October 30](#)



Beach Cleanup THIS Saturday!

Join the Alliance for the Great Lakes at Bradford Beach for a hands-on way to protect our waters. Over the past 30 years, this program has removed more than 10 million pieces of litter—and you can be part of the impact!

- ✓ All equipment provided
- ✓ Dress for the weather & bring your water bottle
- ✓ Meet in front of the restroom building (map provided after registration)

Be one of thousands across the 8 Great Lakes states making a difference through more than 1,000 cleanups every year.

Sign up, show up, and help keep Bradford Beach beautiful!

Click here to sign up:

<https://adopt.greatlakes.org/s/cleanup/a2oPm000001MmS1IAK/aab25016>

Women's Club & Men's Club September Recap: Foxtown Brewing & Beer Cave Tour

It was a great way to kick off the 2025-26 season with our combined outing to Foxtown Brewing in Mequon on September 10! Twenty-two people came to the event. All enjoyed lunch and fellowship. Most stayed for the guided beer cave tour which also included a choice of two samplings of the many Foxtown Brewing craft beers. Ein Prosit!

We look forward to our next combined outing to Holy Hill Basilica & Shrine on Wednesday, October 8. See the article below for all the details!!

Any questions, please contact Carrie Doss; carried748@gmail.com, 414-840-3687 or Patty Roberts; paroberts63@yahoo.com, 262-278-7005.



Women's & Men's Clubs: Holy Hill Tour—Basilica and Shrine

Enjoy the fall colors with an outing to Holy Hill. We'll meet at church to carpool (we'll need drivers) and have lunch at the Holy Hill Cafe. After lunch, tour the Basilica and Shrine at your own pace. Wear comfortable shoes—there are steps.

Date: Wednesday, October 8

Time: 10:30 am at church to carpool (drivers needed!)

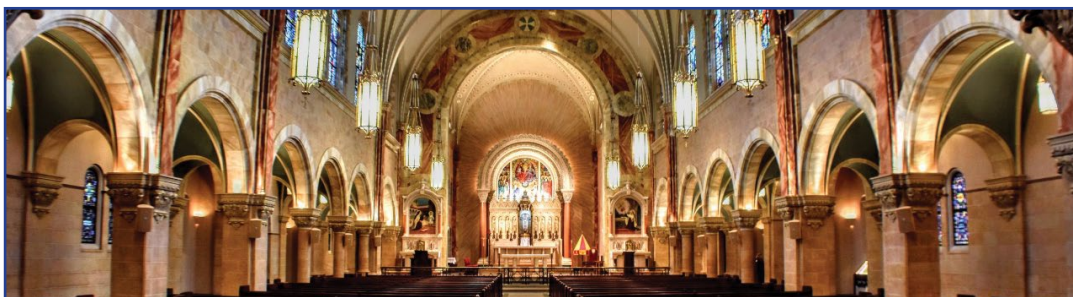
11:45 am lunch at Holy Hill Cafe

Tour the site after lunch

Price: Pay for your own lunch; no tour cost

Registration: Click [HERE](#) or sign up in Fellowship Hall

Contact: Patty Roberts, 262-278-7005, paroberts63@yahoo.com.





CONFIRMATION

7th & 8th Graders

What is Confirmation?

FPLC's 2-year Confirmation program is a time for both faith formation and spiritual exploration for the student and the whole family. The hope is that all involved will grow in their love of God, become familiar with the essential teaching of the Christian faith and form authentic, affirming friendships with one another and with Christian mentors.

The Confirmation program is to inspire "Real Faith, for Real Life". The program starts them on a process of growing their faith, not just through 7th and 8th grades, but continuing their whole lives.

Where Do I Find Information, Schedules, and Registration Forms and Permission Slips?

Whether you are new or returning to the Confirmation program, our website is the place to go for all of these things! Use the link below to find everything you need. If you have any questions, contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

[Confirmation](#)

Wednesday Workshops: Our workshops take place on Wednesdays from 7 – 8:30 pm. Schedule changes due to weather or any other reason will be communicated to parents. This is our schedule for the entire year and is also on our website.

October

October 1
October 15

November

November 5
November 19

December

December 3
December 17

January

January 7
January 21

February

February 4
February 18 *No workshop due to Ash Wednesday service.

March

March 4
March 18

April

April 8
April 22 – 8th Graders Only, Affirmation Workshop

May

Wednesday, May 6; 7:00-8:00 pm
Confirmation Rehearsal for both 8th graders and their parents.

Sunday, May 17; 3:00 pm
Rite of Confirmation Ceremony

Fox Point Moms—2 Groups!



Tuesday Evenings

This adult group offers a safe, open space to support moms of any age. This will be a time to mentor and support each other and discuss parenting and family issues—learning realistic and supportive faith-based advice for today's busy moms. Spread the word, this will be a great group!

Leaders: Mary Beth Scalise and Meghan Langlois

Dates: Sept. 23. Regular sessions are the first and third Tuesday evenings of most months.

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Location: Heritage Room (main level)

Signup: Use the QR code or click [HERE](#). No need to RSVP for each session.



Friday Mornings

This group is open to all moms of any age and provides a safe, supportive environment. We will focus on a devotional and discuss it at each session. Whether you are a mom or not, please help us spread the word by sharing this opportunity to get together.

Leaders: Angie Biersach & Tracy

Christenson

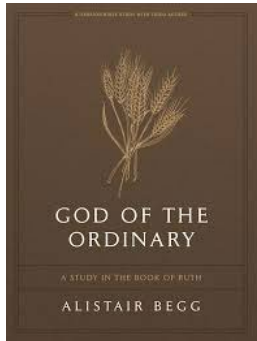
Date: Sept. 26! We meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 am

Location: FPLC, next to the Point Cafe; lower level in the room next to the Cafe.

Signup: Use the QR code or click [HERE](#). No need to RSVP for each session.





Come Grow With Us: Monday Evening Bible Study Begins a New Topic

This is the perfect time to join this ongoing group, but new members are always welcome! Against the backdrop of strife and chaos, Ruth is a story of ordinary people in Bethlehem making the most of their bad situation—and finding God in the midst of it. In *God of the Ordinary*, Alistair Begg reminds us that no matter how dark or dramatic our days may seem, God still protects His people and accomplishes His purposes. Within life's humdrum and routine events, we discover His loving hand at work.

Date: Monday, October 6; meets weekly

Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: TBD

Contact: If you would like to join the group or have questions, please contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

Two Study Groups, One Topic

Mixed Group (Mondays) & Women's Group (Wednesdays)

We would love to have you join one of our groups for learning, friendship, and most of all, an opportunity to grow closer in your relationship with our Lord. (Includes some fun and laughter too). If you are interested please be sure to send Ruth Schmidt a message or give her a call (see below).

Monday Morning Study Group

This long-standing group is starting a new topic and welcomes you to join them! The first two sessions will be a Baptismal refresher. We will look at different practices in other churches and discuss the Baptismal services at Fox Point.

October 6 – February 9 we will follow *The Bible Jesus Read* by Philip Yancy. (The purchase of this book is strongly recommended).

Yancy gives a whole new way of looking at various books of the Bible as Jesus heard them read and often used in worship. Yancy delves deeper into some of the Old Testament characters and looks closer at the important role these Old Testament messages play in our faith and life today.

Date: September 22, meets every other week

Time: 10 – 11:30 am

Location: FPLC's Heritage Room

Contact: Group leader, Deacon Ruth Schmidt; schmidttyruth@aol.com.

Women's Wednesday Evening Study Group

This group is starting a new topic this month, so this is the perfect time to join this women's study. The first two sessions will be a Baptismal refresher. We will look at different practices in other churches and discuss the Baptismal services at Fox Point.

October 8 – February 11 we will follow *The Bible Jesus Read* by Philip Yancy. (The purchase of this book is strongly recommended).

Yancy gives a whole new way of looking at various books of the Bible as Jesus heard them read and often used in worship. Yancy delves deeper into some of the Old Testament characters and looks closer at the important role these Old Testament messages play in our faith and life today.

Date: September 24, meets every other week

Time: 6:30 – 8 pm

Location: FPLC's Heritage Room

Contact: Group leader, Deacon Ruth Schmidt; schmidttyruth@aol.com.



Food Needs Continue to Rise

Cuts to several food assistance programs are projected to affect 48 million Americans. Some of the organizations supplying food to pantries we serve are federally funded, and they have less food to share with the pantries.

If you are able to donate, our pantries prefer items from this list—especially the items listed in bold.

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.

Items currently most needed are in bold:

Protein

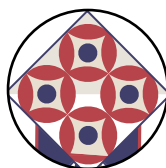
Sardines; canned
Chicken; canned
Tuna; canned
Beef Stew; canned
Salmon; canned
Meatball Spaghetti-O's
Canned pastas w/meat
Peanut Butter

Food Items

Canned corn
Baked beans
Cereal
Pancake mix and syrup
Jelly
Peanut Butter
Oatmeal
Tuna Helper
Canned fruit
Pasta and canned pasta sauce
White rice (1 lb bag or instant)
Hamburger Helper
Canned greens (collard, turnip)

Hygiene

Shampoo; full size
Conditioner; full size
Lip balm
Body wash; full size
Vaseline
Toothpaste; full size
Lotion
Deodorant
Feminine products
Vaseline
Nail clippers (new)
Diapers size 4-6
Throat lozenges



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, October 21

Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Ellen Feider: 414-435-8440

efeiderwi@gmail.com



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: Friday, October 17; 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.

Crossroads Women's Retreat

Crossroads is offering a ladies retreat featuring a simulcast with Beth Moore on Friday evening October 24 and Saturday morning October 25. Proceeds benefit Milwaukee's Cathedral Center Women's Shelter.

Use this link to sign up: [Retreat](#)



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

Military

Alex	Grant
Cameron	Ian
Cooper	Jonah
Danny	Kyan
David	Matthew

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

Anna	Rick Frank	Randy K.	Paul
Woody Barksdale	Andrea G.	Kath	Rebecca
Kim Bell	Jenny G.	Corrine Kraus	Rick
Jay Blair	Kathy G.	Bonnie L. & Family	Dave Rotter
Shelley Burns	Joan Gildner	Leslie L.	Kathy S.
Kathy C.	Gillian	Makenna M.	Ruth Schmidt
Candee	Grant	Steve M.	Jerry Schoenike
Cheryl	Gregg	Matt	Sue Sommer
Richard Choi	Anna H.	Roger Matzke	Stephen
Claire	Sue Hiller	Michael	Jane T.
Rosie Conaway	Harlow James	Mike	Terry
Dale	Jim	Nadine	Tom
Pr. Dan	Joan	Nancy	Mike Umland
Dan C.	John	Curt Nash	Wayne
Dawn	Jon	Robert Palmer	
Fleming Family	Donna Jordahl		

Do not be
overcome by
evil, but
overcome evil
with good.

Romans: 12:21

Congratulations

Memphis June Ruch, daughter of Michael and Marielle Ruch was baptized September 14.

Condolences

Our prayers and condolences are with the family of Roger Harlyn Schroeder, who passed away Sept. 6.

Our prayers and condolences are with Arlene Erickson and Elyse and Andy Danckers on the death of Arlene's husband and Elyse's father, Paul Erickson on September 8. A service will be held at FPLC on Friday, September 26 at 1 pm with a gathering to follow at FPLC.

Our prayers and condolences are with John Endres on the death of his wife Cammy Endres on September 11. A services will be held at FPLC on Tuesday, September 30. Visitation is at 10 am with an 11 am service.

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

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Fox Point Church



*Written by FPLC member,
Mary Buscher. This devotion was first
shared on Wednesday, September 10.
If you would like to receive Mary's
devotion on a weekly basis, please sign
up here: [Weekly Devotion](#).*

Hello!

"For thou wilt light my candle; the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness."

– Psalm 18:28

Have you ever watched a candle burning low, all the way to the end of its beautiful life? It's a treat to see it brand new, standing tall in a glass jar, perhaps your favorite scent, the wick snipped and ready for you to strike a match and see it ignite! From the first flame to the last spark, the warmth and glow is captivating, and the smell of cloves or lemon or holiday cookies can stir up wonderful memories.

As we watched our Sunday service online, something was missing...we needed a candle, actually, the light of a candle. A candle not yet lit, is not yet living...it needs a flame, it needs to burn brightly to come alive. Our spiced pumpkin variety had very little wick left, the flame barely flickering above the thin coating of wax. Without the flame it could offer just color and scent, but the burning, the life of it, now that was the intent of the beautiful design of the maker all along.

"No one, when he has lit a candle, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a candlestick, that those who come may see the light." – Luke 11:33

Like our Heavenly Father, designing us to burn bright...to live well...to savor every moment, we are a little like candles. Perhaps it's simply about sharing and showing...our light, our love, our grace illuminating and brightening the way for others. One candle lighting another...one love for Our Father and one another burning brightly!

Let's pray-

Dear God, help us to keep the light going, as we reach out to each other in kindness and love. Please grow our faith and trust in You and enable us to show and share all of that goodness to the rest of our world. Amen.

Share the goodness this week! – Mary