

Spring Into Service—Partner Preview

FPLC once held an annual “service day” in the spring when we volunteered at multiple locations on one day around Milwaukee. But life and schedules have changed so much in the last 4 years! (Ya’ll know why, no need to explain that!)

Bottom line, it doesn’t work for everyone to meet on the same day at the same time these days, so let’s shake it up! We have three different service events and an opportunity to learn more about a great project with Habitat for Humanity. See page two of this newsletter to read about each of the these and for the sign-up links.

MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary’ (MBHS) isn’t a new partner for FPLC, but their Fantastic Friday program is a new event for us. FPLC partnered with Habitat for Humanity a number of years ago to sponsor and build a house. Now they have a program called Faith Build. Read on for more information!



Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

Put your faith into action!

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity partners with faith-based organizations like FPLC to help families in need achieve the goal of obtaining safe, affordable housing. The “Faith

Build” is a house built by a variety of faith-based groups working together throughout the year.

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

By working together, we can be part of the housing crisis solution. We’re putting together a group of members (and their friends!) who are interested in helping with a Faith Build home in Milwaukee this year. See Spring into Service on page 2 for more information and the link to fill out a short interest form. If you sign up for the group, you will receive emails with upcoming work days and the specifics of the project. Sign up if it fits your schedule and interest.

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



MBHS Fantastic Fridays

MBHS hosts this event every week at Hepatha Lutheran Church. Hepatha and MBHS are located in the poorest zip code in the state of WI. Food

and housing insecurity are *everyday* problems for the residents in this area.

When neighborhood guests come in the building, they receive two meal tickets—one for a meal to eat there and one to take a meal “to go”. Providing and serving the meal is what FPLC will be helping with in May. See page 2 for more information.

They often are taking this meal to share with other family members. Sister MacCanon Brown holds a brief meeting for the guests and volunteers before the meal is served. Prayers and important news is shared with the group. Guests have the opportunity to “shop” for fresh produce and other perishable items and hygiene products. They can access community resources like legal assistance and creative activities like jewelry making. Learning programs are an important part of the afternoon—access to tutoring in reading and math, classes about lead poisoning (which is prevalent in this neighborhood) and nutrition classes.

Fantastic Fridays offer inter-faith prayers, a warm meal, friendship and support for the neighborhood.

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Spring Into Service!

Gather your family and friends and join FPLC members for one or more of these spring service opportunities. More information for each is provided on the sign-up sheets. Just click the link to learn more and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

Habitat for Humanity Info Day

**This
Sunday!!!**

Sunday, April 14 between services

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

[Habitat Info](#)

MacCanon Brown Fantastic Fridays Lunch

Friday, May 3: 11 am – 1:30 pm

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

[MBHS Lunch](#)

All Peoples Garden Work Day

Saturday, May 4: 9 am – noon

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

[All Peoples](#)

Serenity Inns Cleaning Day

Saturday, May 18: 9 am – noon

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

[Serenity Inns](#)



Coffee Hosts Needed! *Many Summer Dates Open!*

Hosts make the coffee and serve the donuts on Sundays. You are still able to attend the church service. Just slip in at the back as the service is starting and slip out as it's ending. Families are welcome to volunteer with their kids! **It's also a great Service Opportunity for our Confirmation students (with an adult).**

10:30 am shift: (Approx 10 am – 11:45 am) Keep the coffee brewing, fill the donut trays as needed and clean up afterwards.

If you'd like to help with this important part of Sunday mornings, please sign up with the link below or contact Lori Barrieau in the church office if you have any questions; lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

Click here to sign up and read the instructions! →

Sign Up!

Attention all Women:

If you are spring cleaning and run across some gently used purses that you no longer want, *please hold on to them for a collection that the Women's Club will hold later this summer.* The purses need to be large enough to hold approximately 14 travel size items.



Sheepshead Group at FPLC

All Are Welcome!!

Upcoming Dates: Friday April 12 & 26

Declared the official card game of Milwaukee in 1983, Sheepshead is a staple to Wisconsin card players.

Are you interested in joining a group of Sheepshead players to meet at church for some friendly competition? We play in Fellowship Hall, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We will have "learning aids" available to help with the basics, and experienced players to guide you.

We are looking forward to sharing the fun! For more information, contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org or call: 414-352-8990.



Men's Club; April 18

We'll be meeting at Jose's Blue Sombrero for lunch.

Bring your ideas for future programs as we

enjoy some fellowship time and lunch (pay for your own) at Jose's.

Date: Thursday, April 18

Time: 11:30 am

Location: Jose's Blue Sombrero; 8617 N Port Washington Rd

Fee: Purchase your lunch from the menu

Contact: Jim Kimmel; jim.kimmel42@gmail.com;

615-519-4177

Signup: In Fellowship Hall

May Women's Club with a Special Invitation to Men's Club

"Lincoln's Funeral Lite"

Funeral home president and former FPLC member, Mark Krause, will share his love of history with us. He will mention some of the key people or conspirators of the 16th president's assassination, how John Wilkes Booth traveled to escape capture, the final railroad journey, plus the competition among cities where the funeral procession took place.



Mark Krause

When: Wednesday, May 8

Times: 11:30 am: Fellowship; Noon: Lunch;

12:45 pm: Speaker

Where: Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00 - payment with registration is preferred

Sign up: In Fellowship Hall or through the church website (Connecting, then Women's Club) by Sun. May 5, noon

Contact: Gail Sommerfeld at sommerfeld56@gmail.com

or 262-395-0396.

RSVP



High School Youth Trip

Monday, July 22 – Sunday, July 28

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

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

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

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

Important Trip Info:

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

[Registration Form](#)



High School Youth Group

Hang out with friends, make new friends, and have fun while learning about your faith. The group meets on Sundays from 6-7:30 pm. Contact Hannah Knapp with any questions; hannah@foxpointchurch.org.

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

Upcoming Dates:

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

May 5: Activity TBD

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

May 19: Senior Celebration Night!

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



Food Needs Rising

Our partners are seeing many more guests at their weekly food pantries. This list includes items our local food pantry partners say are the items most

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

Food Needs:

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

Personal Care Items:

(Regular full-sized preferred, not bulk size)

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

Lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary

Lunch making: Sunday, April 28; 10 am

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

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

Pick up the 150 bag lunches at FPLC and take them to MacCanon Brown Homeless sanctuary.

They unload for you! If you are able to do this, please contact Stacia Hickey;

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

BLANKET & SHEET SET DRIVE

MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary

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

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

We are accepting new or gently used (washed) items. Please make sure they are in a closed bag so they stay clean and organized while being delivered.

Leave your donations in the marked cart in the FPLC entryway on Sundays or during office hours.

Thank you!

Contact Stacia Hickey with any questions:

stacia@foxpointchurch.org



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**Summer Dates
Now Available!**



Fox Point Moms—All Moms Welcome!

Friday, April 19: 9:30 am – 11 am

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

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

Feel free to just show up! If you have any questions, contact the church office; 414-352-8990.

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

[EVENING GROUP.](#)

**Learn the Basics of
Baby Massage**

Best for babies 2 weeks to under 12 months and their parent(s)/ guardian(s). Infant massage can



relieve fussiness, pain and discomfort for the baby as well as help babies fall asleep sooner and sleep more restfully. Bring your baby, wear comfy clothes and bring a blanket to class as we will be on the floor. Handouts will be provided.

Date: April 19; Additional sessions are the 3rd Friday of the month. You only need to attend one class, but can come to more if you would like.

Time: 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Limit: 6 families per session

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



**Serenity Inns
Dinner Fellowship**

What is Serenity Inns?

It's a residence for men in recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse in Milwaukee. FPLC has had a long volunteer relationship with SI.

What to expect when volunteering?

You will make dinner for the Inns at home & take it to the Inns on your chosen date. You deliver it warm by 5:45 pm (for a 6 pm start time) and join them for dinner and conversation. Because the number of residents is around 8-12, two families may want to volunteer together. You will cook for yourselves, the men and the innkeeper. You're usually on your way home by 7 pm.

Sign up on the website (see link below), on the sign-up in Fellowship Hall or contact FPLC member Lorraine Buehler; lcbuehler@cs.com.

Lorraine is happy to answer any of your questions.

Click here to sign up!



FPLC Blood Drive—May 23; 1-6 pm

Did you know that every ONE blood donation goes on to help THREE patients in need? Isn't it amazing how generosity multiplies?

Reserve your spot for our May 28 drive now!

Click the heart to register



2024 Dates:

May 23
July 23; 1-6 pm

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



The Point Cafe Lower Level

Did you know our lower level Point Cafe is open most Sunday mornings? Grab a donut, coffee or a specialty coffee after services. It's a great place to catch up with friends after church. The cafe is staffed by our high schoolers. There's no charge for the coffees, but they accept "trip tips". Tips collected help offset the cost of the '24 Mission Trip!



Bayside Garden Cards

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

Bayside Gardens helps us send teens in Tanzania to high school—an FPLC commitment of \$10,000 a year. All you have to do is purchase Bayside gift cards at church (NOT at the garden center). We retain 15% of each card's cost, which helps us keep our promise to our partner dioceses in Tanzania.

Cards can be purchased at the Welcome Desk on Sundays or in the church office during the week. *Cards purchased at Bayside Gardens do not benefit our program.*



Women's Book Club

This group meets approximately every 6 weeks and reads a variety of genre depending on interests in the group. It's an informal, fun time together. We take turns leading the discussion.

Date: May 13; *Hello Beautiful* by Nina Neapolitano

Time: 7 pm

Location: FPLC

Contact: Joanne Ginster; jmginster@yahoo.com



Women's Gathering

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

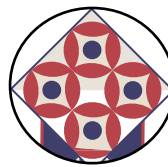
The leaders are off to a great start putting together a meaningful event!



Caregivers Support Group

Led by FPLC member Susan Halling, a marriage and family therapist, this support group is for caregivers dealing with changes in family dynamics.

Challenges include: role reversal, juggling responsibilities, handling dementia, loss and transitions as we move into uncharted territory. This group meets Fridays at 10:30 am in FPLC's first floor Heritage Room. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please call the FPLC office at 414-352-8990.



Quilters/Piecemakers

Join us as we make quilts for those in need. New members are always welcome and we'll teach you what to do. Bring your lunch and enjoy a break with other quilters. Come and go as your schedule permits.

Date: Tuesday, April 16

Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

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



Drink Mt. Meru Coffee at Home!

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

Not only is the coffee delicious, but your purchase helps support the growers running small coffee farms in the Meru District of Tanzania.

Stop by the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or in the office during the week to make your purchases.



See our webpage for all information regarding virtual worship, outreach, and children & youth programs. Click →



Vacation Bible School Registration is OPEN!

June 17-21
9 am – Noon

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

Imagine! Create! Build! Even Break!

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

Register by clicking the gear:



Fee: \$75 per child

*Scholarships available, contact the church office.

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

Little Lambs Registration is OPEN!

June 17-21
9:15 – 11:45 am

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

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

Register by clicking the lamb:



Fee: \$75 per child

*Scholarships available, contact the church office.



Confirmation for 7th graders has ended for the year, but get a jump on SOPs for next year. Need ideas? See the article to the right.

More confirmation information is on on website [HERE](#).

8th Graders Only:

Workshop: April 10; 7 pm

Confirmation Rehearsal

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

Confirmation Ceremony

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

Arrival time: 2pm

Time of Ceremony: 3pm

Location: FPLC Sanctuary

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

Questions? Contact Lori Barrieau:

lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

Confirmation Service Opportunities

As our Confirmation families know, each student is required to participate in a certain number of service opportunities as part of their Confirmation experience. Ideally, they will participate in 3 opportunities per year that help FPLC and 3 per year that take place out in our community.

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

Internal to FPLC:

Contact Lori Barrieau for info/sign up:

lori@foxpointchurch.org

- Ushering on Sundays
- Coffee Hosting with a parent(s)

Community SOPs:

- Serenity Inns Dinner Fellowship; click: [Serenity Inns](#)
- Lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary; see our website [HERE](#)
- All Peoples Garden Work Day and/or the Serenity Inns Cleaning Day (See “Spring Into Service” on page 2 of this newsletter.)



PRAYER LIST

All in The Family

Join us on Sunday, for the virtual service. If you or your family need anything we can help you with, call the office at 414-352-8990 or email church@foxpointchurch.org!

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

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

Prayer Requests

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

Military

Alex	Grant
Ben	Ian
Cooper	Kyan
David	Matthew



Congratulations

Delilah Eve Cooper, daughter of Allyson and Jason Cooper, was baptized on April 7.



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? Are you interested in participating in a facilitated

12-session grief support group with others who are also grieving? If so, or to learn more, please reach out to Pastor Bruce by phone or by email; 414-352-8990; pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org.

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.

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, April 3. If
you would like to receive
Mary's devotions on a
weekly basis, please sign
up here: [Weekly Devotion](#)

Hello!

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins.” – Colossians 1:13-14

Easter Sunday! As children our Easter baskets were on chocolate egg overload! Relatives squeezed into the dining room feasting on ham and special German dishes like blitz torte and red cabbage perfected by our grandmas. Springtime dresses from Schusters for the ladies and Dad saw to it that his “girls” each received a pretty corsage. Our church, Unity, was decorated with a large cross of fragrant pure white Easter lillies. We sang *Christ is Risen...* the darkest days were over—Christ is Risen, indeed!

“We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

– Romans 6:4

Fast forward to Easter Sunday 2024! Our family is smaller, hand-crafted decorated Easter eggs fill our basket, we sport comfy jeans and jackets and enjoy a delicious brunch at Pandl’s. Our Fox Point Lutheran sanctuary, always breathtaking, is befitting the joy of Christ’s triumph over death. It may be years later, but some things do not change—Our God...Our Jesus...the promise of eternal life...unchanging, always with us. Jesus continues to lead us into the glorious light of Easter, all His promises fulfilled. We remain with Him...forever on the other side of death. With Him...forever.

We pray this beautiful prayer written by Reverend Michaela Youngson-

Gracious God, we praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus. We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection. We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today. We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others. Amen.

Happy Easter! – Mary