

New Life Together Newsletter Schedule

We're changing things up a bit with the *Life Together* newsletter! Beginning in October, the newsletter will be published once a month during the first week of the month. Later in the month, we'll send a one-page Highlights email with reminders about upcoming events and any new information that has come up since the newsletter was published.

This new schedule allows us to continue sharing stories, program information, and updates each month while reducing repetition and making the most of our communication.

Remember, *Life Together* is always available on our website under the Life @ FPLC tab, so you can access it anytime. Our website is also a great resource for staying up-to-date on events, programs, and services.

You may have noticed that we've also been posting more on social media. Following FPLC on social media is another great way to stay connected and see what's happening at church.

Visit our website: <https://foxpointchurch.org/>



Main Insta:
@FOXPOINTCHURCH



Youth Insta:
@FPLC_YOUTH



Facebook:
Fox Point Lutheran Church



Programs for Children—Register Now!

During the school year our Kids' Church is held in our lower level during our regular Sunday morning worship services at 9:00 and 10:30. In addition to our Children's Choirs (see page 2), we offer three different programs

depending on the age of your children. If you haven't already, please register your children for these programs as it helps us plan class sizes and curriculum.

Nursery

Birth – under 3 years old

Our nursery cares for our youngest members—those under 3 years old—so that their parents may fully participate in and enjoy worship.

[Nursery Registration](#)

Preschool Kids' Church

P3/4K this school year

Our preschool Kids' Church program is a fun, lively, and loving introduction to God and our church. If your child is nervous about coming to church, no worries! They

will soon be having a great time and making lots of new friends. We write our own curriculum to make sure it exactly fits the needs of our kids.

[Preschool Registration](#)

Kid's Church

Grades 5K-6th

Through age-appropriate art projects, videos, and games, your child will explore the most important stories in the Bible and the teachings and message of Jesus.

[5K - 6th Registration](#)

For More Information

To read more about our Children's Ministry programs, please see our website by clicking the button below.

[Children's Ministry](#)

Have questions?

Be sure to email Julie Schlifske, our Director of Children's Ministries, julie@foxpointchurch.org.





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5K-6th Grades

What do we do? We learn lots of action songs, scripture songs, and songs to share in worship. We sing during worship services 4-6 times per year.

When do we practice? Sunday mornings between the worship services, from 10-10:25 am. Please remember, we have just 25 minutes to sing together each week, so we need you to come every week if you can. Even if you can't be at the next performance, we will be learning other songs that you will want to know, so come and sing with us!

Location: We will rehearse in the Music Room and Movie Room in the Lower Level.

When do rehearsals begin? Rehearsals launch with a "Get to Know You" kick-off on Sunday, October 4. Weekly rehearsals generally follow the Sunday School calendar.

How do we join? You can complete the form (click below), or email Jeff Shoemaker.

[Registration](#)

[Email Jeff](#)



Confirmation Orientation & Registration

Orientation: 7th Graders, new 8th Graders & Parents

If your student is entering 7th grade or an 8th grader new to our Confirmation program, please join us for this brief orientation meeting to hear all about the program. If you didn't receive an email regarding the Confirmation program, please contact Lori Barrieau (see below).

Date: Wednesday, September 23

Time: 7 – 8 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Questions: Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org.

Registration: All 7th and 8th Graders

It's time to register for Confirmation! Click the links below for the Permission Slip and Registration form. Scan the QR code for the upcoming year's schedule, and to learn what Confirmation is all about!

[Registration](#)

[Permission Slip](#)



HS Youth Group; Sunday, September 20; 6 – 8 pm

Let's Kick Off the Year... Messy!

Meet new people, have fun, and make a glorious mess! Life can get messy—and sometimes so can faith.

Together, we'll explore what God can teach us about navigating the messiness of life and discovering beauty, grace, and possibility right in the middle of it. For one night, the church is a Splatter Paint Room! Lean into the

mess, get creative, laugh, and celebrate the unique beauty that can come from a little chaos.

We provide the space, paint, tools, and canvases. You're welcome to bring an object to splatter, paint, and make uniquely yours. Come as you are. Meet someone new. Make a mess. Create something beautiful.

[RSVP](#)



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Dinner Volunteers at Serenity Inn

What is Serenity Inn?

Serenity Inn is a residence for men in recovery who have completed treatment and are working to maintain sobriety, find employment, and rebuild life skills. Typically, 9-12 men and an

Innkeeper live at the Inn at any given time.

What's Involved for Dinner Fellowship Volunteers?

Prepare or purchase (see ideas below) a meal and bring it warm to the Inn (2825 W Brown St, Milwaukee). Volunteers are encouraged to stay, share the meal, and hear the residents' recovery stories, though meals may also be dropped off or delivered. One of the men will guide the evening. The residents handle setup assistance, cleanup, and carrying items to and from your car. Families with middle-school-aged children and older are welcome, and friends can team up to prepare and serve a meal together.

Why You Should Sign Up

Any number of residents at the Inn have told volunteers that they rarely, if ever, sat down for a meal with their own families growing up. Creating a "family environment" for the men in recovery at the Inn sets the program apart from any other in the area and helps the men realize "they are somebody." People care about them! Their openness and appreciation for the meal and your company is visible.

The Next Step

We have 3 September dates to fill! Could one of those dates work for you? Please sign up using the link to the right or in Fellowship Hall on Sunday.

For questions, contact FPLC member Lorraine Buehler at lcbuehler@cs.com or 414-630-8933.

Click here to sign up!

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

If you are too busy to cook, it's JUST FINE to buy a good dinner and bring it to share with residents. Here are several possible suggestions, 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! Buy a meal or parts of it from the following or a place of your choosing:

Costco
Out & Out Catering;
Cedarburg
Bunzel's Meat Market
Kentucky Fried Chicken

Metro Mart Deli
Woodman's
Sendik's
Karl's Country Market
Qdoba

Piggly Wiggly
Jimmy John's
Jersey Mike's
Pick n' Save's Mequon location,
fried chicken

Volunteers Needed:

October, November & December dates need to be filled!



Women's Book Club

October 26; 7 pm

Join us to discuss *Whistler* by Ann Patchett. See our website for the full list of books. Questions? Want to join? Contact Joanne Ginster; jmginster@yahoo.com or (414) 491-8939.



Women's & Men's Club

**Schlitz Audubon Nature Center
Outing: The Joy of Birding**

Enjoy lunch and a presentation at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center in Bayside. Learn about the joy of birding from a center expert and get

up close with a guest raptor!

Please check the church newsletter, bulletin, or the FPLC website (click [HERE](#)) for the entire schedule.

Date: Thursday, October 22

Time: 11:30 am lunch and program

Location: Schlitz Audubon Nature Center Auditorium; 1111 E. Brown Deer Rd, Bayside

Fee: \$15, plus a nonperishable food item or monetary donation for the pantry

Contact: Gary Mudra; garymudra@gmail.com; 414-218-2829

Registration: Registration is coming soon. Keep an eye out for it in Fellowship Hall, on our website and through a newsletter link.



Fox Point Moms—Two Groups

FPM is for moms of all ages—with children or grandchildren of all ages! This is a judgment-free time to mentor each other, vent, ask parenting or spousal questions and

be here for each other. The groups provide a safe, supportive environment. They each focus on a devotional and discuss it at each session. Please help us spread the word by sharing this opportunity.

Friday Morning Group:

Date: Fridays, September 25, October 9 & 23; meets every 2 weeks; 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month

Time: 9 – 10:30 am

Location: FPLC, lower level Point Cafe

Leaders: Angie Biersach; angiebiersach@gmail.com

Friday: Signup

Tuesday Evening Group:

Date: October 6 & October 20; then meets every 2 weeks; 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: FPLC, lower level Point Cafe

Leaders: Meghan Langlois; melanglois78@gmail.com and Mary Beth Scalise

Tuesday: Signup



Paws, Prayers, and Prizes: Join Us for Pet Blessing Day!

Calling all pet parents! Bring your furry, feathered, or scaled family members to Fox Point Lutheran Church (FPLC) for an hour of fun, fellowship, and celebration.

We will gather outside for a casual "meet and greet" to socialize with fellow pet lovers, followed by a special, individualized blessing for your pet from our pastors.

 **Raffle & Treats:** Every attendee will be automatically entered into a raffle to win fun, pet-sized prizes! Plus, we will have plenty of water and tasty treats available for both humans and animals.

♥ Support a Great Cause: We are collecting donations for the Wisconsin Humane Society. Please consider bringing dry dog or cat food, treats, or new toys to help animals in need. Tap the paw to RSVP and let us know you and your pet are coming!



Lend a Hand with FPLC's Sunday Services

We have returned to two service times and we need YOU to keep things running smoothly before, during and after the services!

Communion Aides; Two Different Options

Confirmation Students (w/parent) and Older Saturday Set Up—Set up for Communion on the Saturday before a Communion Sunday, including filling the cups with wine and grape juice. It takes about an hour any time between 9 am and 4 pm on a Saturday that you choose.

Sunday Mornings—Refill the wine trays, give the servers new trays and help in the Sacristy during one of the Communion services. Sign up for the dates that work for you. Confirmation students can volunteer with a parent. Time: during the church service.

Ushers

Confirmation Students (w/parent the first time they usher) and Older

Keep church running smoothly before, during and after services. Ushers hand out bulletins, help with the offertory and direct people for communion. Have young children with you? They can help you. Join a schedule or help out as a sub or on holidays. Ushers arrive 20 minutes before the service. Clean up the pews after the service, which takes about 10 minutes.



Coffee Hour Hosts

All Ages (children with an adult)

There are two shifts for Coffee Hour Hosts. The first shift cuts up the donuts, brews the coffee, and sets everything out. The second shift keeps the coffee brewing, fills the donut trays as needed, then cleans up and puts everything away. Each time slot is about a two hour commitment, which includes attending the service, if you choose. Confirmation students and families with young children are welcome, with a parent. Times: approx. 8:15 – 10:15 am and approx. 10:15 – 11:45 am.

Ask Questions and Sign Up:

For more information or to sign up, scan the QR code, click the links below, or contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org. Lori can answer any questions you have.



[Communion Aides](#)

[Coffee Hour Hosts](#)

[Ushers](#)



Food Pantries: Crucial Food Safety Nets

Food scarcity is a constant concern for many in Milwaukee. New cuts in food stamps went into effect this month. This is why food collection drives like those done at FPLC are more important than ever.

MBHS is a crucial food resource to 200+ households and individuals per week who go to their 6-7 weekly outreach events. All Peoples Church's food pantry is seeing about 100 people a week. By donating food, we have this opportunity to feed truly food-scarce and hungry people. Nutritious food helps reverse the toxicity of lead poisoning in all ages. Lead toxicity is a very common issue in the neighborhoods served by MBHS.

Filling and culturally-appropriate foods are needed and remember to check expiration dates! *We cannot accept items which have expired or are nearly expired!* Contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org with any questions.

Items Always Needed Include:

Canned Beef, Chicken and Salmon
Sardines, Spam, Vienna Sausages
Canned Collard or Mustard Greens
Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Chicken Noodle Soup, SpaghettiOs
Canned Yams, Mac & Cheese, Rice, Baked Beans
Canned Fruit
Granola Bars and other Energy Bars
Cheerios & other cereals (12-18 oz)
Syrup
Ensure and Infant Formula



Additional Items:

Household cleaning items
Hygiene and grooming products

These items are too costly for many. To be well-groomed is so helpful to self-esteem and confidence!



WINTER ❄️ GEAR DRIVE

October 4 - November 2

**Hats, Gloves
Scarves, Mittens
& Warm Socks**

(New only)
Infant - Adult

**heavy men's work
gloves always needed!*

Winter Coats:
(New or like new)
Infant - Adult

**adult size L and XL
always needed*

Questions? Contact Stacia Hickey;
stacia@foxpointchurch.org

Please wait until October 4 to
drop off your items!



Northshore Interfaith Green Team Instrument Drive

Northshore Interfaith Green Team, of which FPLC is a member, has held electronic drives, educational programs and now is holding an instrument recycling drive with a dual purpose. Not only will it move the unused instruments out of your homes (and keep them from the landfill), the instruments will be refurbished and distributed to Milwaukee-area students in need. Exclusions: please no keyboards or song flutes.

Please drop off your instruments at FPLC on Sunday morning, October 11. Unfortunately, FPLC cannot accept instruments before or after that date. Feel free to contact Brass Bell directly about bringing items to their store.



NORTHSHORE INTERFAITH GREEN TEAM PRESENTS:

INSTRUMENT RECYCLING DRIVE

ONE INSTRUMENT. ONE CHILD. ONE GREENER PLANET.

Do you have a gently used musical instrument that is no longer being played?
Instead of letting it collect dust - or end up in a landfill - give it a second life.

YOUR DONATED INSTRUMENT WILL BE PROFESSIONALLY REFURBISHED AT BRASS BELL MUSIC STORE, THROUGH A PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE KIWANIS, AND DISTRIBUTED TO A CHILD IN NEED.

WHEN: OCTOBER 11, 2026
WHERE: Fox Point Church, Welcome area
TIME: 8:45 am – Noon
WHAT: USED BRASS, WOODWINDS, STRINGS, PERCUSSION, GUITARS
PLEASE NO KEYBOARDS OR SONG FLUTES

HELP US KEEP REUSABLE INSTRUMENTS OUT OF THE LANDFILL AND SUPPORT MUSIC EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN IN NEED.

Recycle with purpose. Share the gift of music. Care for our Earth.

A Year of Biblical Womanhood

Two Study Groups

A Year of Biblical Womanhood by Rachel Held Evans will be the study for two different groups this fall. Both groups will travel with Rachel from the Old Testament to the New Testament, from Genesis to Revelation, from the Levitical code to the letters of Paul. Rachel will make this study come alive and laughingly enjoyable by observing the Biblical practices for women, sometimes only once and sometimes all year.

However, this is to be much more than a history lesson. This is to get us thinking about what faithfulness looks like for women and men today.

Author Ian Morgan Cron wrote, *"This Magnificent achievement should be required reading in every church, home, student ministry, college and seminary in the world."*

Monday Mornings (every other week)

All adults are welcome – men come too

Beginning September 14th—join any time

10:00 – 11:30am

Meeting in the lower level at church, in the area just outside the Cafe.

Wednesday Evenings (every other week)

All women are welcome

Beginning September 16th—join any time

6:30 – 8:00pm

Meeting in The Heritage Room, southwest of Fellowship Hall

We'd love to have you join us for either class. Please email, text or call Ruth Schmidt for more information and to sign up. You will need to purchase a copy of Rachel's book.

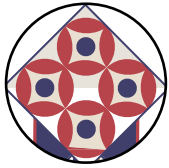
Deacon Ruth Schmidt; 262-424-3344;
schmidtyruth@aol.com



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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 20

Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Ellen Feider: 414-435-8440;

efeiderwi@gmail.com



Sheepshead Group at FPLC

Dates: September 25, October 9 & 23

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 look forward to sharing the fun! Interested or would you like more information? Contact Jim Schmidt at schmidtyjim@aol.com.



MACCANON BROWN
HOMELESS SANCTUARY, INC.

MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary Friday lunches; Friday, December 11

FPLC members provide and serve lunch at MBHS's

Fantastic Fridays lunch program throughout the year. (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. The main dish recipe and the side items for December will be available in November. Sign up below.

Serve the Meal:

Join us for one or more of the Fridays from 11 am – 1:30 pm to serve lunch to the guests at Hephatha Lutheran Church. (Corner of Locust and 18th). Just sign up on the SignUp Genius link below. Hephatha is located at 1720 W Locust St, Milwaukee. Street parking and the entrance are on 18th St.

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

Remaining 2026 FPLC Meal Dates:

December 11

Sign Up!



FPLC Drives are Making a Big Impact!

This October, let's stand together in support of everyone impacted by breast cancer. While there are many ways to make a difference, donating blood is one simple act that helps provide lifesaving support for patients receiving treatment. Schedule your appointment and help bring hope to those who need it most.

October 29 is our last drive for 2026. We'll post all of our 2027 dates soon. They are scheduled so that you can sign up for them all and still have the required space between appointments. We'd love to see you there!!

Click the sign-up link TODAY to schedule an appointment!
Thursday, October 29 at FPLC

Signup



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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: Friday, September 18; it's a one-session class, but come more if you would like! Additional date: Oct 16

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.



Grief Support at Fox Point Church Tuesday, September 22; 5:30 – 7 pm

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Do you need encouragement and support as you navigate your grief? We invite you to join us for a 12-session, facilitated support

group beginning September 22. You'll be with others who are also navigating grief. Not sure if a grief support group is right for you? Come to the first meeting to learn more, meet the group, and then decide what feels right for you.

There is no cost for the program. A book will be used during the sessions and is available for \$25, payable at the end of the first meeting.

Ready to join us? Click the link below to register.

Questions? Please reach out to Pastor Bruce; 414-352-8990; pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org.

Registration



Purchase Gift Cards at FPLC

Do you have some garden maintenance to do or things you need to prepare for fall in your yard? Bayside Garden Center is the place to go for all your garden needs and you can benefit students in Tanzania!

By purchasing Bayside gift cards at church (*not* at the garden center) you help us send teens in Tanzania to high school. We retain 15% of each card's cost, which helps cover tuition. Cards can be purchased at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.



Mt. Meru Coffee at Home

You can support the 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.



Hospital Visits

If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like a pastor visit or call (or just to let them know you are hospitalized), call the church office; 414-352-8990. Hospitals cannot share that information.

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

AJ	Grant
Alex	Ian
Cameron	Jonah
Cooper	Kyan
Danny	Matthew
David	Wyatt

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

Lane B.	Rick Frank	Jon	Steve M.	Rick
Woody Barksdale	Fredrick	Randy K.	Mary Jane	Dotty Roth
Kim Bell	Andrea G.	Helen Kappmeyer	Matt	Dave Rotter
Ed Bill	Jenny G.	Karin	Pat Meyer	Roy
Dan C.	Kathy G.	Kath	Michael	John S.
Joe Camp and Family	Tommy G.	Kathy	Mike	Lynn S.
Caesar Chavez	Joan Gildner	Charlie Kinney	Nadine	William Skasick
Kristofer Chavez	Kelly Grebe	Corrine Kraus	Nancy	Stephen
Richard Choi	Sue Hiller	Leslie L.	Curt Nash	Jane T.
Rosie Conaway	Jen	Lisa	Scott P.	Terry
Pr. Dan	Jill	Makenna	Bretton Pierce	Al Z.
Ruth E.	Jim	Robert M	Mike R.	Rick Zamora
	Joan			



Congratulations

Baptisms

Reid John Schlifske, son of Mark Schlifske and Bridget Meaney, was baptized August 29.

Jack Charles Oldenburg, son of Ryan and Rose Oldenburg, was baptized August 30.

Weddings

Congratulations and best wishes to Courtney Wiencek and Joshua Becker, who were married September 12.

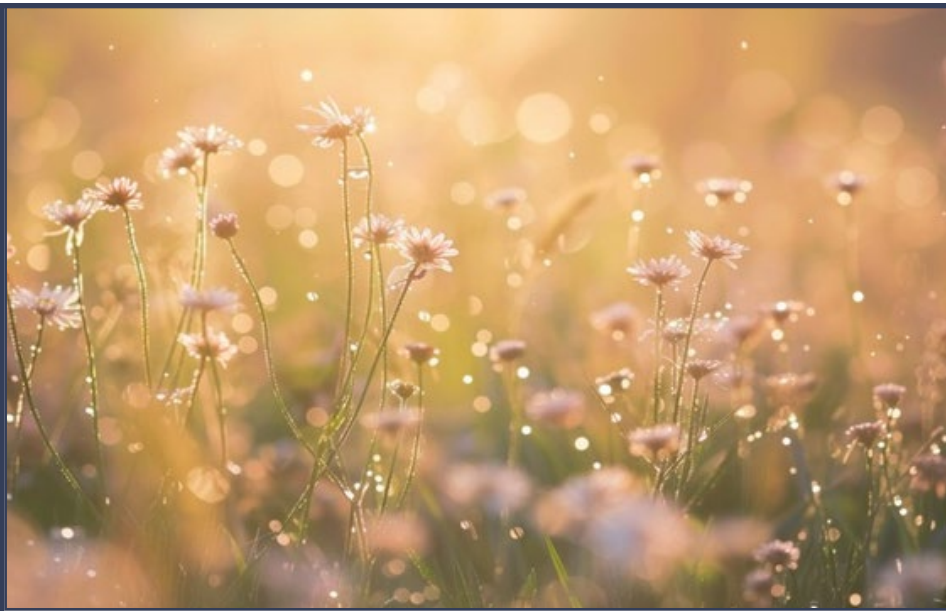
Condolences

Our condolences and prayers are with the family, friends and the FPLC Chancel Choir friends of Cheryl Rausch, who passed away on August 30.

Our condolences and prayers are with Judy Ostrowski on the death of her husband, Gary Ostrowski, who passed away on September 8. Visitation at Feerick Funeral Home in Shorewood on Thursday, Sep 17; 4 – 7 pm. Services at FPLC on Friday, Sep 18 at 10 am.

Our condolences and prayers are with Elizabeth and Alan Sherwood on the death of Elizabeth's mother, Connie McCall.

Our condolences and prayers are with Arlene Remsik on the death of her husband, Jeff Remsik on September 15.



Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. The devotion was first shared on Wednesday, September 9. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: [Weekly Devotion](#).

Hello!

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow or turning." – James 1:17

"God Sightings" is a term I found online at a church website. Their youth group recorded moments from a summer mission trip when they either felt God's presence or saw God at work in and with them. At times, it's difficult for me to notice the quiet ways God is working in my own little space, even when it's right in front of my nose! But one day this week, it was apparent that God was working hard behind the scenes...here we go!

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good!" – Chronicles 16:34

First, God, thank You for a beautiful summer day. Looking out of a back porch window I gasped....in glee! Our rarely used bird bath was occupied by a robin happily paddling around with a tiny sparrow ...God's little miracle! My morning glory, that because of intense heat, no shade, a brick wall and small pot was MIA this summer, had suddenly bloomed with one tiny but exquisite purple flower... God providing a one-blossom wonder! While eating breakfast, we heard a loud thud on our French door living room window. Unfortunately, one of God's beauties did not survive his morning flight. I wrapped him in flowers and greens before taking him away, but I got to hold this little creature and see the beauty that God had created. Later, we received news that my friend's cancer continues to be in remission, and while watering garden flowers, I watched the sun glimmering on the droplets like a sheer curtain of liquid gold. God Sightings!

I whispered to myself, "Remember this day, Mary." God Sightings – reminders that might have gone unnoticed...but God in His grace saw to it that I did notice.

Father, we thank You for every time You enter into our lives, and especially every time we notice your presence. Please help us to always remember who we are and to whom we belong. Amen.

I pray that we will all see our God Sightings this week! – Mary