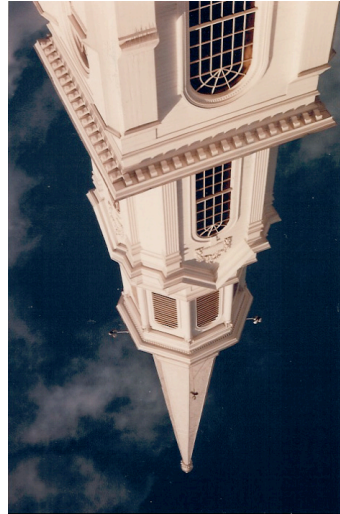


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Join Us This Sunday at First Baptist Church In Beverly!

9:30 AM — Education Hour for All Ages

11:00 AM — Worship



**Love The Challenge:
 The In-Between Years**

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23

Rev. Beth Loughhead, preaching

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering will be collected during worship.

Greeters this week are **Gloria & Rachel Stoneham**.

Ushers are **Bryan Vosseler** (Marshall), **Larry Nelson**, **Doris-Ann Vosseler** and **Bettie Loughhead**.

4:00 PM — Middle School Fellowship

6:00 PM — Senior High Fellowship

Take the 2012 Polar Plunge!

Every Super Bowl Sunday, our plungers gather with friends & families to raise funds to build affordable housing and end homelessness with the North Shore Community Development Coalition and River House.

On Sunday, February 5th take the plunge into the Atlantic Ocean at Beverly's Woodbury Beach at Lynch Park. Check in at 11:00 AM (FBC'ers can head down to check in immediately following worship!), Plunge at 12:30 PM, and Celebrate with us afterwards at the Vittori Rocci Post in Beverly for awards, t-shirts, and refreshments, but don't forget to grab your Mission Trip-made soups before you leave FBC for

**Everyone can show support:
 Sponsor, Cheer, Jump!**

Getting Started is Easy:

1. Register online at <http://www.firstgiving.com/nscdc/polar-plunge-2012> as an individual by clicking "Register"
2. Select the Beverly location to participate in & create a team or join one!
3. Create your own personal fundraising page!
4. Ask family & friends to sponsor your icy jump into the ocean!

Supporters can securely pay online by credit card. They can also mail cash or checks (payable to North Shore CDC) to our offices. Please ask them to write the name of the plunger they are supporting on the check. For more information visit www.northshorecdc.org

Save the Date!

First Baptist Church Mid-Year Meeting

Sunday, February 12th

12:00 PM

immediately following worship

Stay with us just after worship for this all-important Mid-Year Meeting. Members, friends, and visitors alike are all invited to attend the meeting and listen, ask questions, and offer feedback to current topics we are facing as the church program year marches on. We ask for your attendance on February 12th and hope to see [you here to help shape the future of our church.](#)

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The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering
 RMMO *connects generations*



This Sunday, January 29th, 2012 our congregation will receive the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO). The RMMO is an annual ABCUSA offering that provides (1) "Thank You" checks to more than 3,000 retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries and their widowed spouses, based on 20 or more years of ABC service, and (2) emergency and other financial assistance based on need. Please help us to remember them with love and to give with gratitude this Sunday.

Celebrate "Souper" Bowl Sunday with FBC!

Well folks, they've done it again! The New England Patriots delivered after a strong start, murky middle, and a stop-your-heart field goal kick from Baltimore that ended the game in victory for the Pats! So now that New England is going to the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 5th, we invite all to add a little bit of FBC to your game day festivities!

The South Dakota Mission Trippers will be making and serving up hot and delicious soups to-go following worship on the fifth, turning the Patriots' Super Bowl Sunday into *FBC's Souper Bowl Sunday!* There will be chilis and chowders and many varieties of soups to choose from and take home with you to enjoy while watching the game. Or, if those soups smell so good you just have to dive in, grab a spoon and head over to Woodbury Beach at Lynch Park in Beverly to watch the 2012 Polar Plunge! FBC'ers **Anna Mei Gubbins** and **Jessie Renfro** will be diving in to the Atlantic to help raise money to end homelessness and build affordable housing in our community. They'll need YOU there to cheer, jump, clap, and congratulate them as they dive in and (quickly) emerge from the chilly waters, and those FBC soups will definitely help keep you warm as you celebrate from the shoreline! Stay tuned to next week's *Bulletin* for more details!



Youth Fellowship News

Middle School

A small but mighty group of Middle School youth and advisors gathered on Sunday afternoon to try our various renditions of famous television games shows. The group was first given a taste of what it was like to be on **The Price is Right** (Laura Blanchard, we needed you!) – although it was the **Rhys Thomas** edition of the game, so it had some hilarious and unexpected twists and turns. Then the group moved downstairs for **Heidi Keating's** version of the current ABC show **Wipe Out** which found the youth running on balance beams (thanks **Harborlight Nursery School** for the use of this equipment!), dodging playground balls thrown by the advisors, and crawling under a very low sheet to get back to the Youth Lounge. There was also time for a really fun version of Family Feud, hosted by **Joyce Hersey**. The group discovered that **Lydia Saltzman** is really good at the Feud and that **Lorna Brennan** gives some of the funniest answers ever! The afternoon closed with **Win, Lose or Draw!** Hosted by **Julie Flowers**. Thanks to the youth for being such amazing participants and to the advisors for all their work!

Coming Up on January 29th for Middle School:

Top Chefs

The Middle School will take to the kitchen to work together at creating a culinary masterpiece that everyone can enjoy! Bring a friend or two along to share in the fun (and the joy of eating the delicious results of the work!).

1/21/12!

We had the event, we ate the food, we laughed, we talked, we learned about our church in ways of growing and aging. We rejoiced that we are not dead nor dying, but living out a strong maturity with challenges that are attainable and invigorating. For those unable to attend there is available the PowerPoint outline and illustrations printed in a document you may pick up at the church office. Although this does not include the rich and enthusiastic conversation, it will help if you want to know what someone is referring to in saying the church is on a "bridge" from "maturity" to "adulthood." This assessment is a very strong place to be as a congregation on the "vision cycle" of life. The action steps and decisions to lead us into the future in the next year through the coming three years are actively on the agendas of Staff Administration, Deacons, Church Council, and other church groups and committees reflecting our work on 1/21/12.

As I mentioned on Sunday morning I wanted to hug corporately the entire church family after experiencing such a great turnout (65+) on a snowy Saturday. That alone was testimony to our strength and commitment to this church's ministry and mission. What happened was a vibrant, living example of what this church is all about!

THANK YOU!

Blessings,

Rick

Senior High

The Senior High Fellowship gathered on Sunday evening for theme night. By the request of some of the youth, a program was created that focused on budgeting/looking at how difficult budgeting is, as well as looking at how easy it is for families to have great need even when two parents are working. The youth and advisors were divided into several groups, and each group was given a scenario of a different family's life. The youth then had to work out a monthly budget for their families – but as they were working, they were asked to periodically draw cards that represented different types of changes in a family's life (a car accident, inheritance from a relative, the birth or adoption of a child, for example) and to take those into account in the budget. **Courtney Bennett** seemed to have the knack of always drawing the cards for new children, resulting in a family of seven in her group (much to Courtney's delight and the rest of the group's dismay!). One of the most eye-opening moments of the night was when the group with the lowest income level and two children learned that, despite having far too little income for their family and modest lifestyle, they were not eligible for food stamp assistance, Head Start, or a free emergency cell phone. Thanks to all the youth and advisors for working so thoughtfully (and humorously as well!) on this program! After some free time, the evening ended with Concerns and Celebrations, led by senior **Anna Mei Gubbins**.

Coming Up on January 29th for Senior High: **Allagash Night**

Rachel Schneider and **Kara Constantine** will once again be putting their heads together to come up with a fun and fantastic **Allagash Night** for the group! This program is for everyone – those who plan to be a part of **Allagash 2012** and those who are not sure and those who do not wish to or cannot go. No matter what, it is sure to be a lot of fun – so come and be a part of it!

Attn: Sr. High & Men's Fellowships


Save the Date for...the Senior High Fellowship/Men's Fellowship Ski Trip! Saturday, February 4th Under the direction of **Kara & Dave Constantine**, the group will meet at the church at 6:15 AM to head north (most likely to Waterville Valley or Loon Mountain). Sign up for the trip by calling the church office (978-922-3295) or e-mailing **Julie** at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org.

in the family....

The following is a note of appreciation the church received from The Board of Directors of Harborlight Nursery School: "Thank you for sharing your resources with the families of the Harborlight Nursery School. Your generosity allows us to host a variety of events for the children and fundraisers! These things would be much more challenging without your support. Thank you!"

We celebrate with **Karen & Bob Popadic** as they welcome a new granddaughter into their family. **Lou Baziadoly Popadic** was born to **Camille & John Popadic** at 1:11 AM on Monday, January 23rd. Karen reports that "She is sleeping soundly after feeding, as are her parents."

We continue to ask for prayers for **Helen Fisher** and her family as her daughter, **Janet**, has encountered some set-backs from her recent brain surgery and will be returning to the hospital for more medical testing.

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<p>5 9:30AM-Education Hour 11:00AM-Worship NOON-"Soupertown" Sale 12:30PM-Polar Plunge 4:00PM-Middle School F'ship 6:00PM-Senior High F'ship</p>	<p>6 6:00PM-Monday Night Supper</p>	<p>7 9:30AM-Staff Meeting 12:30PM-Lunch Program 6:30PM-Bible Study 201 7:00PM-Missions 7:00PM-HNS Parents' Night</p>	<p>8 6:15PM-JoyRingers 7:00PM-Youth Choir 7:45PM-Harborlight Ringers</p>	<p>9 6:00PM-Celebration Ringers 7:30PM-Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>10 6:00PM-Celebration Ringers 7:30PM-Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>11 6:00PM-Celebration Ringers 7:30PM-Sanctuary Choir</p>	
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Greeters for February are:

**Leslie & Ron Brennan (2/5),
Andy & Laurie Mott (2/12),
Jeanne Fonda & Sergio Cordoba (2/19),
and Lois Gallo & Beth Garry (2/26).**

Ushers for the month are:

**Jeff Harig (Marshall on 2/5 & 2/19),
Elly Flowers (Marshall on 2/12 & 2/26),
Karen Wood, Judy Colby, & Dave Constantine.**