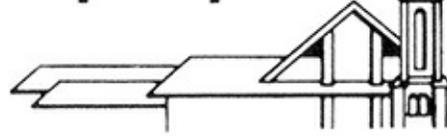


# THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



*A progressive and welcoming Christian community!*

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Join Us On Sunday at First Baptist Church in Beverly

**Sunday, October 21, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.: Worship and Celebration  
and Multi-age Children's Class**

(Childcare is provided throughout the service for our youngest children, through Kindergarten. Our children in Grades 1 and up are encouraged to begin worship in the sanctuary with us - either in the Prayground space or with families in the pews - and then will be dismissed to their class time following Stepsitters!)

*Sermon: God Can Still Be Found*

*Rev. Julie Flowers, preaching*

*Scripture: Isaiah 40:28-31*

*The sermon will feature a blending of spoken word and song, as some of our choir members assist with the preaching moment.*

IN THE MIDST OF CHANGE



GOD CAN STILL BE FOUND

## Forum on Ballot Question #3 October 23rd 7:30 p.m.

This question challenges current law that protects transgender people's rights and safety in Massachusetts.

Sponsored by The Beverly Multifaith Coalition  
At Temple B'nai Abraham 200 East Lothrop Street, Beverly

In 2016, Governor Charlie Baker along with a supermajority in the Massachusetts State House signed into law that people cannot face discrimination in public places (i.e. doctors' offices, restaurants, hotels) because of their gender identity. Voting no on Question 3 in November would dismantle these laws and protections. Voting yes would keep them in place.

Come learn legal, religious, and personal perspectives on this ballot question, and why your vote matters so much. Bring your questions and thoughts.

Follow The Beverly Multifaith Coalition on Facebook! Contact us there with any questions.

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## Women's Fellowship's Wicked Rustic Workshop: October 27th

Wicked Rustic Workshops is very excited to be teaming up with The First Baptist Church for their Wood Sign Workshop!

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

Join us on **October 27, 5pm-8pm, at Acapulcos** and create your very own wooden sign - four fall and holiday designs to choose from! This was a really fun and popular program last year so sign up to be creative, enjoy warm fellowship and share a meal!

**Registration deadline is this Saturday, October 20!!**

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### Sunday 9 a.m. Early Morning Class: Unpacking Jesus with Kent Harrop

Our new class is gaining momentum and new participants are welcome. October 23<sup>rd</sup> our theme is 'Free Will and God's Will', we begin with a brief provocative film by theologian and filmmaker Rob Bell and then discuss. Hope to see you!

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### Morning Cafe at FBC is a Hit

Stop by before and after Worship to enjoy yummy breakfast muffins, great coffee and juice. The best part is enjoying new and longtime friends.



### Stewardship Season Begins

It has been said that FBC is a co-op. A sharing of time, talent and treasure that results in that which is life-giving. We do so much more together than we do apart. To that end, beginning on October 28<sup>th</sup> in worship and culminating on November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will hear inspiring stories of how together we become a blessing to those around us and around the world. Change for the common good happens through humble efforts like ours. Our theme for this Stewardship Season is *Change for Good*. On November 11<sup>th</sup> we will be invited to make our financial pledges towards our shared work. The budget for 2019 will arise from the generosity of this congregation. In anticipation, thank you for your generous spirit.

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## Youth Fellowship Notes

This Sunday our **Senior High** youth will meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. to head out for an afternoon of horseback riding.

**Middle School** will meet from 4-6 p.m. as usual for a Not-Quite-Halloween Event – they can wear costumes for this, if they wish, although we ask that any costume weapons or similar items remain at home!

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## October Opportunities to Give

Throughout the month of October, there are two more opportunities being offered for members of the church family to give to support the outreach work of the church.

1. Throughout the month, we will be collecting the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering which is an ecumenical offering (churches from many denominations participate in this offering). The funds collected will be used toward hurricane relief.
2. And finally, on the last Sunday, October 28, all are invited to bring in their **Change for Good**. Our Rally Day Gift this year is a coin bank (if you have not picked one up yet feel free to stop by church and grab one!). At the end of every month, we will be collecting the coins and designating the funds for outreach. This month the funds will go to relief and support work in the Merrimack Valley.



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## Family Promise

Family Promise Sign Up Link for the November 25 - December 2 host week is below. Volunteers will need to use this link to sign up for whatever days/activity they choose; i.e. meals, overnights, hosting, etc. I want to thank volunteers ahead of time for their generosity working with this program.

<http://signup.com/go/rVTRXJO>

If you need help with the link, you can email me at [roberta.grant614@gmail.com](mailto:roberta.grant614@gmail.com) or call 978-927-2549 or [joyceprior@me.com](mailto:joyceprior@me.com).

Thank you and Blessings to you all!  
Peace and Love, Bobbie Grant♥♥♥

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## A Celebration of Community Partnerships:

*Home is Where Our Story Begins*

**Thursday, November 8, 2018**  
**5:30 Cocktail Reception**  
**7:00 Dinner**  
**Kernwood Country Club, Salem**

Don't miss this evening to gather with friends, community and business leaders as we reflect on the work of Harborlight Community Partners over the past year and look forward to what lies ahead.

Neiland Douglas will be thanked for his many years of service on the HCP board. Beth Loughhead will be organizing tables for church members. Email Beth if you would like to sit at a table with fellow FBC'ers: [bloughhead@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:bloughhead@fbcbeverly.org)

[Link here for event sponsorship and program book opportunities.](#)



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Everyone deserves a home, a place to begin, a place to thrive. Join us to reflect on the work of HCP to create homes for all, and honor those who make this work possible.

More information coming soon.



Harborlight  
Community  
Partners  
Providing Homes & Community Support  
[www.harborlightcp.org](http://www.harborlightcp.org)

[Register for Tickets Here](#)

## Twenty Years of Making our Hearts Sing!

Over the weekend, First Baptist Church in Beverly had the opportunity to celebrate twenty years of Esther Chang's work and music here in our midst as our Church Organist and Choir Director. From the roast – emceed and extremely well-researched! – by Bob Stoneham and barbecue on Saturday night, to the incredible service of worship filled with gifts of music from individuals and all the choirs and a sermon on gratitude, to the reception after church on Sunday, it was a weekend filled with joy and with song and with celebration!

Thank you to the Committee that worked so hard on this event: Luella Hayes, Heidi Keating, Cindy Shupp, Dianne Cashman, Debby Blanchard, Tricia Harrop, Duane Anderson, and Bob Stoneham; thanks to everyone who came and celebrated, who sang or rang or played, who donated to the gift for Esther; and a very warm thanks to Esther herself for the many years of amazing music.

Here's to all that is yet to be!



## Coming Up at FBC!



### Saturday, October 20

12:30 p.m. Lunch Program

### Sunday, October 21

9:00 a.m - Spiritual Seekers Class

10:00 a.m. - Worship and Celebration

Multi-Age Children's Class

11:20: Adult Education Classes and Children's Choir

3:00 p.m. - Joyringers

2:30 p.m. - Senior High Fellowship

4:00 p.m. - Middle School Fellowship

### Monday, October 22

6:00 p.m. - Monday Night Supper

7:00 p.m. - Missions Committee

### Tuesday, October 23

9:30 a.m - Staff Meeting

12:30 p.m. - Lunch Program

7:00 p.m. - Deacon's Meeting

7:30 p.m. Forum on Ballot Question 3

### Wednesday, October 24

4:30 p.m.. - Lectio Divina

7:15 p.m. - Harborlight Ringers

### Thursday, October 25

4:00 - Downtown Trick or Treating

6:00 p.m. - Celebration Ringers

7:30 p.m - Sanctuary Choir

### Saturday, October 27

12:30 p.m. - Lunch Program

5:00 p.m. - Women's Fellowship Wicked Rustic Workshop

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## Check Out Last Week's Service at [www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons/](http://www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons/)

Rev. Beth Loughhead preaches: In the midst of a weekend celebrating the hard work and musical talent of Dr. Esther Chang, our Music Director, Beth preaches a sermon on the importance of giving and receiving expressions of gratitude.



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