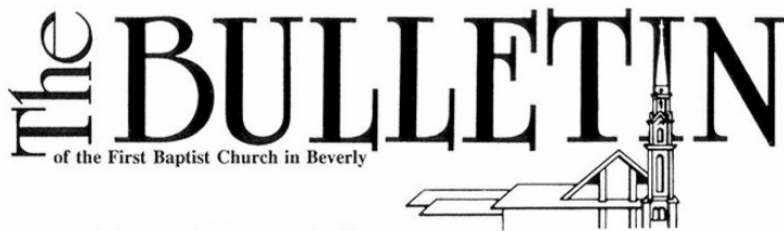


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

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[Worship with Us](#)

We had a wonderful time observing World Communion Sunday in worship last week (you can catch some of the highlights here in this edition of *The Bulletin*!), as well a wonderful time connecting in moments of fellowship and fun together! This week and weekend ahead we look forward to continuing to explore "How to be Faithful," as we find ways to connect in moments of service, caring, and play. It may seem hard to believe, but details and Save the Dates for the holiday season are already emerging, so get out those calendars and get ready to note such upcoming programs as a Women's Fellowship Events (11/1), a Save the Date for a Women's Fellowship Retreat (3/6/26 – 3/8/26), Applepalooza (11/8), the Holiday Fair (setup 11/14 and the Fair 11/15), and MORE! It's a frolicking fall at First Baptist – won't you join us in the fun and in the faith-filled connections?!

Worship With Us!

Join us for our Worship Service this **Communion Sunday, October 12th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**, either in person or via our [FBC YouTube Channel](#).

Notes for Sunday:

- The Infant/Toddler room will be open during worship.
- Littlest Learners will meet during worship.
- The Playground will also be open for the enjoyment of our Elementary and younger friends & their families to use.
- Elementary-age friends can go to their Christian Education class after the Stepsitters moment in worship.
- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.

Precacher: Dr. Daniel Johnson
Sunday, October 12, 2025

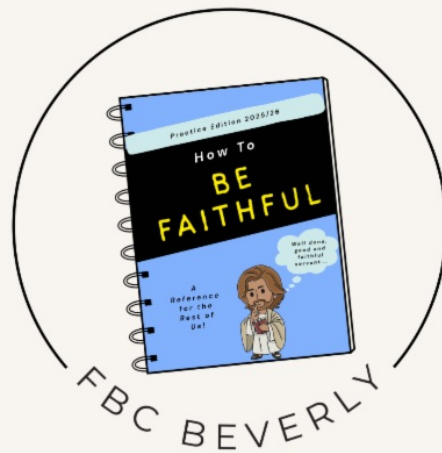


Scriptures:
Deuteronomy 13: 1-4
& 1 John 4: 1-7



[Click HERE to join
Worship via Livestream
Sunday](#)

- Middle School Fellowship meets at their regularly scheduled time at the church from 4:00-6:00 p.m. & Senior High from 6:00-9:00 p.m.



Youth Fellowship Notes for Sunday:

Middle School Fellowship

Sunday, October 12th: Advisor Surprise!

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Meet in the Youth Lounge at First Baptist

The Middle School Advisors are dreaming and scheming up a special surprise program to run for this Sunday afternoon, and you know that means it's sure to be a fun one! Youth should arrive ready for an afternoon of fun, games, silliness, connection, and ANYTHING else creative the Advisors can toss in the mix! Those planning to attend should wear sneakers or comfortable shoes and should bring one tiny or comically small item for a Show and Tell (whatever it means to you that something is tiny or comically small!). Bring a friend along for the fun!

Sr. High Fellowship

Sunday, October 12th: Service Project – Making Blankets for Project Linus

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge at First Baptist

Please note that because of a challenge getting the needed materials for the service project, the plans for last Sunday and this coming Sunday were swapped – meaning that last week the group watched a movie (*Coco!*), and this Sunday the group will try, try again with the service project originally planned for last week! The Sr. High Fellowship group will be getting into hands-on service project mode this Sunday, working on creating handmade blankets to be donated to Project Linus. Project Linus is an organization that works to collect and then to distribute these blankets to children who have experienced trauma in their lives, offering them comfort the way that Linus from *Peanuts* (for whom the organization is named) takes comfort in his own trusty blue blanket. In the past, blankets created by our youth have been donated to children in hospital units, including children staying at the Shriner's Hospital for Children due to severe burn injuries. This week's program is an invitation for the high school fellowship members to give of their time and energy and efforts to help others, all while also having fun working together as group. Youth are invited to bring a friend along for the fun! Dinner will be provided, and the evening will end with the traditional sharing of Concerns and Celebrations, as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW FEATURE Christian Education Spotlight



Emily Feldman, Infant and Toddler Room Coordinator

With the start of a new program year, it is a good time to (re)introduce the various members of our Christian Education team, who work diligently to help keep our young people safe, engaged, and learning in appropriate ways about the things of God. This week's spotlight falls on our Infant and Toddler Room Coordinator,

Emily Feldman!

Emily is a former FBC Youth Fellowships member who today works full-time as a Critical Care nurse at a local hospital. She also serves as a Senior High Fellowship advisor, while also working to provide a joyful and safe space for the youngest members of our church community to settle into every Sunday morning. She is joined in that effort by the team of ten selected and specially trained room volunteers that she manages.

Emily is currently enjoying parental leave from her regular duties at the church. But we eagerly await her return at the turn of the new year, and all the more since she will be bringing with her the newest addition to our troupe of infants and toddlers—her (and her husband Alex's) daughter Evangeline, who was born on July 17. How fortunate we are to have such a dedicated professional tending to our very smallest friends, her own included!



FBC's *Wit & Wisdom*: Let The Games Begin!

Calling all retirement aged friends to engage in some wise and witty fun on Monday, October 20th at 11:30 a.m.! We have designed a couple of games with the goal of fun and community spirit in mind. Please join us. This luncheon will be pot luck! When you decide to bring an appetizer, a main course, salad, dessert (or accompaniment like chips or pickles), **please RSVP to Elly** (ellyflow09@comcast.net) so she will know we will have a balanced meal!

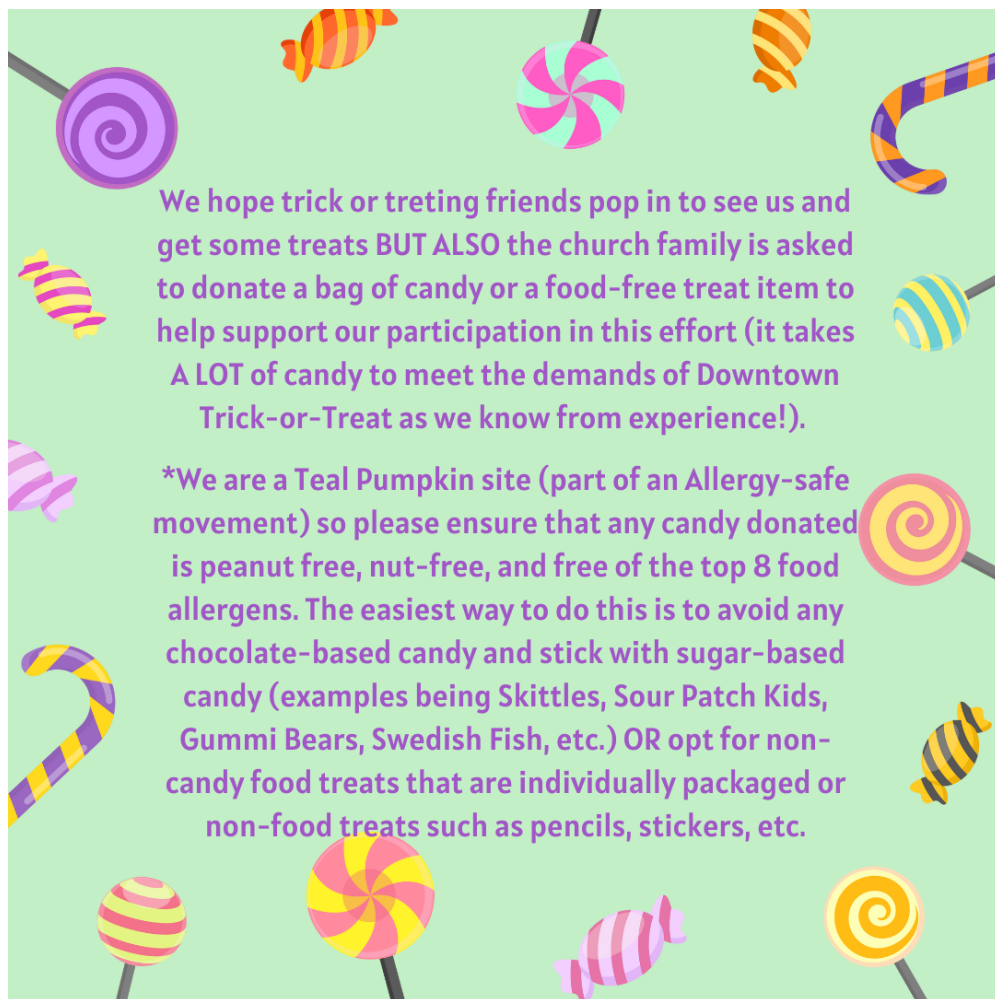
We are always looking for ideas for subsequent meetings, so if you have one, *let Elly know*.

Book group will be the following Monday morning (10/27) at 11:30 a.m.. You can bring your own lunch if you wish. The book up for discussion this month is The Lion Women of Tehran, by Marjan Kamala.



Get Your Treats in ahead of Beverly's Downtown Trick-or-Treat





We're Lending A Hand To Our Friends At Second Congregational Church. See How You Can Help & *RSVP to Daniel* if you are in!

Nearly two years ago now, our friends at Second Congregational Church, UCC, made the agonizing decision to close their church after over three centuries of impactful ministry from their location on Conant St. in North Beverly. Since then, they have been working diligently to discern how to do so in a way that honors the legacy of the church and provides a lasting benefit to the local community, taking great care along the way to ensure that they are proceeding in compliance with state laws governing the dissolution of an established church.

That process has advanced to the point where they are ready to clean out their building. To that end, they are planning a big work day on the afternoon of Sunday 10/26, and they are asking for volunteers from a few partner churches in the area to join them for it. In the words of their Legacy Pastor, Rev. Adam Isbitsky, "We're hoping a handful of good schleppers and/or cleaners might be available to help. We need to empty our attic and move a lot of other items around. Much is going to a dumpster; other things that will be sold or donated

are going to a staging area in another part of the building. Basically, we need people who can take direction and aren't afraid to put things in trash bags and throw them away if that's what's decided. Could FBC help out?"

If you would like to be part of the team of volunteers from FBC who respond to this call for help from a neighbor in need, *please let Daniel know.*

Soup for the Soul (& Card Making!) Women's Fellowship Event

FBC Women's Fellowship is holding their next event on Saturday, November 1st, 2025 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Tracey Armstrong's home. Join them for *Soup for the Soul, Community and Card Making Fun!* Card Making will be led by Doris-Ann Vossler!

Soup will be provided -- please bring a salad/side, drink or dessert to share.

We will focus on three Christmas / Winter card themes with a choice of different papers – you can take your cards home or donate them to the FBC Church Fair for sale at our craft table. If you just want to sip soup (or wine) and visit, that is fine too!

Please RSVP to the Church Office at office@fbcbeverly.org by Monday, October 27th to let us know you are in!



Time to write in APPLEPALOOZA on the Calendar!

Here we go apple peelers! We are looking for YOU to help us peel many, many apples for our famous, fair- bound Crispy Top Apple Pies. On Saturday, November 8th at 9:00 a.m. we will meet in the FBC kitchen and gym. Please join us for an hour or two of peeling with friends! The apples have been procured. Just bring a trusty peeler or knife of your choice and maybe even a cutting board. Many hands make light work,

so the more helpers we have the faster it goes and the more fun (and undoubtedly laughs!) can be had.

Hope to see you around the table!

It's Almost Holiday Fair Time & YOUR Gifts & Talents make the Fair!

The Plant Table is BACK!

If you don't have a green thumb, you can still help FBC! Tracey Armstrong and Glen Johnstone are putting together this table and could use help with the following donations:

- Plants dropped off to the church office as soon as possible or to Tracey/Glen (Glen can pick-up if needed)
- Empty pots to put plants into (drop at church office or to Tracey/Glen - Glen can pick up if needed)
- Small cardboard boxes for people to take home plants they purchase
- Any plant / garden themed gifts or treasures



Thanks in advance for your contributions, Friends!



A Heartfelt Call-to-Action to Lend *YOUR* Gifts for this year's Annual Holiday Fair

We will really need all helping hands at-the-ready to support one another, come together as a community, and run a wonderfully welcoming and successful Fair this year, especially in the absence of our hard-working and beloved Fair Coordinator, Pam.

Please save the date now and begin to consider ways you might add your gifts and talents and time to the mix: including saving the date for Friday

evening, November 14th, to help with Fair setup... volunteering for a shift or two the day of the Fair... being willing to come and help clean up after the Fair and get the church back to its usual self and state ahead of Sunday worship...baking for the bake table... crafting lovely handcrafts for the Church craft table... donating a special SUPER RAFFLE ITEM (or being willing to be a donor to help fund such a SUPER RAFFLE item)... helping to head up Grandpa's Attic this year while usual Grandpa John Thomson is away... there's so many ways that you can help us make it a success!

Stay tuned for more details and signups, which will be released shortly!

THE
CABOT



Save-The-Date for our
SECOND ANNUAL
\$1 Community Movie Night
of ELF at The Cabot – hosted by
our very own FBC Fun Squad! –
this year on Wednesday,
December 3rd, 2025!



**Speaking of Dates for Saving: Pencil in our
next Women's Retreat this Spring!**



Some Moments Captured from World Communion Sunday Preparation and Celebration

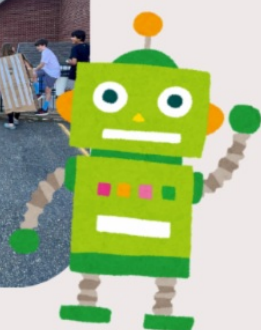
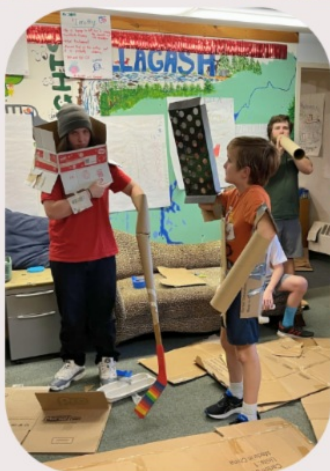


The abundance of the table reminds us of God's call to us to set the table wide and with abundant welcome for all; to faithfully prepare the elements; and to share the bread and the cup with generosity and love. God's economy is not a zero sum game – instead, in God's economy, we are reminded to share freely and fully, because we rise together by lifting one another in love.

Sunday School Action Shots from Last Week!



Thank you Lauren Costa, one of our Elementary Sunday School educators, for capturing these moments of learning and joy from Sunday's class time! Our Elementary Class will meet each week during the worship hour following the Stepsitters Children's Message. Children in Grades 1-4 are warmly invited to come and be part of learning, thinking, playing, singing, and growing together!



MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

MOVIE AFTERNOON &
ROBOT GAMES FROM SUNDAY



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FBC's

Senior High



Fellowship Crew from last Sunday

Whether watching Coco ahead of Dia de Los Muertos or playing some guitar, this group always has a great time together.

Looking at the week(s) ahead at
FBC Beverly...

Together Again!

**Zoom Coffee
Hour
Thursdays
@ 10am**



**Lectio Divina
continues Friday
with Daniel &
Friends at 5 pm.**

**Join us in the
Lounge!**



Word Searchers

Join the Word Searchers after worship this Sunday as we continue to dig into Acts chapter 13! Last week we considered the circumstances leading to the first missionary journey of the Apostle Paul and then dove into the first part of the first ever recorded sermon of his. This week we will get to hear the end of his sermon and witness the dramatic impact it had on all who were there for it.



OCTOBER 13, 2025

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AND WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH AT REGULAR TIME. ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY WE HONOR THE HISTORY, RESILIENCE, AND RICH CULTURES OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES. MAY WE CONTINUE TO LEARN, RESPECT, AND UPLIFT THEIR VOICES.



**WHAT
WILL
YOU
BRING?**



**Games & Potluck Luncheon!
Monday, October 20th at
11:30 a.m.!**

WIT & WISDOM



“

The Lord your God you shall follow, God alone you shall fear, God's commandments you shall keep, God's voice you shall obey, God you shall serve, and to God you shall hold fast.

”

—Deuteronomy 13:4

PENCIL IN FBC

October

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Monday

Church Office is Closed

The Church Office will be closed in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

October

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Friday

The + Club Meets

FBC's LGBTQIA+ group meets at their regular time and place~ 7:30 p.m. in the FBC Lounge.

October

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Monday

Wit & Wisdom Games and Luncheon Potluck!

Come ready to game and have fun if you are part of our Wit & Wisdom retirement-group crew (or if you care to join!). Circle up with Elly at ellyflow09@comcast.net to let her know what you'll share at the potluck!

October

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Tuesday

T3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast Group Meets

The men of FBC will gather this month at Stephy's at their usual 7:00 a.m.

October

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Thursday

Beverly's Downtown Trick-or-Treat

We'll be participating once again in Beverly Main Streets Downtown Trick of Treat event from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.! Stop by if you're out and about downtown, or consider getting into costume to help Julie and our Harborlight Nursery School friends give our candy and treats and greet those who come by -please contact Julie if you're interested in helping out. Bonus: if you come by or help volunteer, you'll get to hear Esther on our special "haunted organ" - a fan favorite in recent Downtown Trick or Treats years!

Esther's Sing-A-Long Children's Choir Meets

Elementary-age youth are invited to sing (& play!) with Dr. Esther Chang immediately after worship for a half hour. This is the perfect way for youth to gain more exposure to music, and maybe even meet a new friend or two, along the way! Accompanying adults get the chance to sip their coffee and chat too!

October

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Sunday

Helping Our Friends at Second Church

For those who signed up with Daniel, we'll be headed over to lend a hand at Second Congregational Church this afternoon.

October

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Monday

Wit & Wisdom Book Group

Wit & Wisdom will discuss The Lion Women of Tehran, by Marjan Kamala for this month.

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